

Muleshoe Journal

School Board Approves New Salary Scale

By Larry Thornton
 Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees approved a new salary scale aimed at attracting quality instructors and retaining those already employed by the district during Monday's

renovate the districts four campuses.

Then, following the expansion project — and before the board could address its earlier hopes, Sheets noted that the State of Texas dramatically cut school funding, making it necessary for the idea to be postponed, again.

“It’s going to have a huge impact...”

regular meeting.

“It’s going to have a huge impact on the school district,” Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said after the school board approved the recommended scale change, “maybe even more than the campus expansion projects.”

During his initial presentation, the superintendent reminded the school board that its members asked about increasing teacher salaries several years ago — prior to the decision to expand and

However, Monday the superintendent said Business Manager Daniel Harper had been working on the issue, and had come up with a viable proposal.

According to the proposal, about \$380,000 would be needed per year to fund the salary scale increase. Of that amount, about \$275,000 was in the budget and the remaining money would come from the district's general fund — which Sheets said currently stands at \$9 million.

With local teachers making \$3,000 more than the state minimum, the proposal approved by the school board Monday would increase that amount to \$4,500.

“We want to give something to everybody,” Sheets

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I Think I Can... I Think I Can... I Did!

Like the “little engine that could,” Muleshoe varsity powerlifter David Rodriguez — who is not so little — put everything he’s got into his lift at the recent Levelland powerlifting meet, proving he may be “more powerful than a locomotive.” If he can only leap a tall building in a single bound, Rodriguez may be on a heroic career path.

Photographs by Gabby Perez



Racial Profiling ‘Not A Problem’

By Larry Thornton
 Editor

Racial profiling is not a problem in Bailey County, according to reports presented to both the Muleshoe City Council and the Bailey County Commissioners Court.

The reports also noted that no complaints alleging racial profiling were received.

As required in Texas since 2002, both the Bailey County Sheriff's Department and the Muleshoe Police Department prepared and presented their annual reports concerning the numbers of traffic stops made, the race or ethnicity of the drivers and additional information.

According to Sheriff Richard Wills, his department made a total of 2002 traffic stops during 2013, in which a total of 171 citations were issued, and 31 arrests were made.

Of those traffic stops, just under 52 percent were Hispanic, and 43.6 percent were Caucasian.

In both reports, the information presented indicated that racial profiling was not an issue about which the governing bodies responsible for the agencies needed to be concerned.

And, of those traffic stops a total of 35 vehicle searches were made — with 17 conducted with the driver or vehicle operator's consent.

While it wasn't related to the report, Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan Chavez asked the sheriff about the responsibility for

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Council Balks At Baseball Request

By Larry Thornton
 Editor

The Muleshoe City Council balked at a \$109,860 request from Muleshoe Youth Baseball to be used to renovate the Roger Miller Baseball Park during Monday's regular meeting.

account.”

“What are you going to do?” he asked Kerby, referring to the steps the MYB was willing to take to raise the funds needed to replace the

“I'd like to help in some way, but not to this extent,” the mayor said.

Other members of the council expressed similar concerns.

and softball programs were the major youth-oriented programs in Muleshoe.

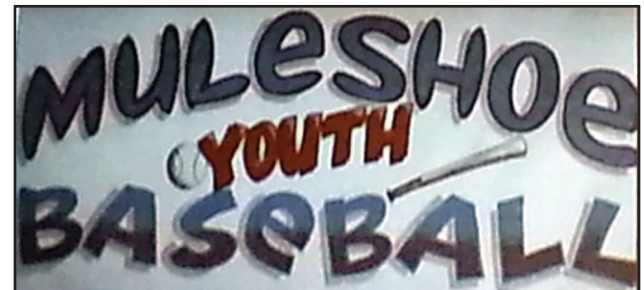
According to Kerby, about 350 kids were involved in the baseball program alone. A total of 55 youngsters participated in the baseball camp the MYB held last year, he said.

During a season he said he didn't think it was far-fetched to say that at least 10 percent of the Muleshoe community was involved in the MYB activities.

“There's no better way to use the funds than this...” Kerby said.

However, he also said the MYB request wasn't an “all or nothing”

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In voicing his concerns to MYB vice president Rhett Kerby, Mayor Cliff Black compared the request to a mile race with a bottle of water in which all of the water was drank at the halfway point.

Black said he understood the organizations desire for financial assistance from the city's motel / hotel fund, but added, “I never dreamed you want to drain the entire

ball park's deteriorating infrastructure.

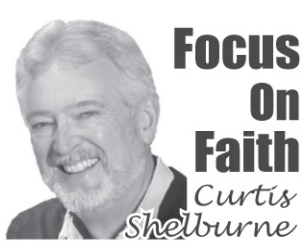
Black also noted that the city has other obligations — such as events held by the Rotary Club, the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, the Muleshoe Roadriders, for which motel / hotel funds are used.

“My big concern is the amount,” said Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason.

“There are many organizations in the community that do things for the youth,” she added in response to statements from Kerby who suggested that the youth baseball

OPINION

Christians Should Not Be Surprised By Faith Struggles



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

I want, I strive, to be a person of faith.

Given that I'm a Christian pastor, you'd sort of hope so, right? I don't expect any "attaboys" from the stands.

I know you know that having real faith implies an on-going struggle — whoever you are, whatever your vocation.

Pastors are not exempt.

I well remember talking to a ministerial mentor about some hard "faith questions" I was struggling with, when he replied, "Where do you think many of my sermons come from? My own questions and struggles, exactly like the one you've just laid out. Why would you think having faith means not having deep questions?"

He's right. The One who affirmed that we should "love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind" is not averse to our using our minds.

We should apologize for not using them enough — as long as we don't forget that, at the end of the inquiry, it's childlike faith Christ

values most.

Real faith is not unquestioning. By all means, use every tool available to hone your mind. Read. Study. Learn how to ask the right questions.

But do so in the full realization that no bridge of logic will extend across the whole chasm.

Eventually, everybody has to make a choice and take a leap of faith, even if it's the negative faith that chooses to believe in unbelief.

Choosing not to choose is its own poor choice. Instead of "minding the gap," as the London Tube (subway) signs admonish, being careful when you cross the space between the platform and the subway car, choosing not to choose is trying to camp in the gap.

But even those who've made, I think, the best choice, agree that it's not easy.

C. S. Lewis, almost certainly the greatest defender and expositor of Christian belief in the past century, once said that no proposition of Christianity ever seemed less likely to

be true to him than at the very moment he had just supposedly successfully "defended" it.

That's just the nature of the beast we call faith. Sometimes it purrs. Sometimes it growls.

Lewis also noted that believers should not be surprised if faith is at times difficult or fleeting. We are humans, after all, whose feelings are affected by everything from the weather to the state of our digestion.

Refreshingly realistic, Lewis said that when he was an atheist, he had moments when he suspected that Christianity just might be true. Why should he be surprised to find that as a Christian, he

had moments when he wondered if there was really anything to it?

In such moments, it's good to remember that, at a particular time, you've already, for good reasons, taken the leap, made the jump, sealed the promise, committed to the journey.

Don't navel-gaze too much in times when just hanging on to the precepts of faith seems difficult.

The good news is that those times pass.

The bad news is that living out the faith is a lot harder than just holding to its central beliefs.

The best news of all is that Christ understands our faith struggles and will buoy us up in the midst of them all.

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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

Library Storytime, Movie Night

Storytime for children 2 and older at the Muleshoe Area Public Library is Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.

The books being read this month are *Andrew's Angry Words*, by Dorothea Lachner, and *I'm Sorry*, by Sam McBrantney.

Movie nights are Feb. 10 and 12, from 3:45-6 p.m. These movies are for high school age and adults only.

The movie being shown this month is *Warm Bodies*.

There are 10 books to be given away this month.

Sophomore Fund Raiser

The Muleshoe High School Sophomore class is currently conducting a gourmet frozen cookie dough and pie fund raiser until Feb. 14

The cookie dough comes in 10 flavors and is packaged in three-pound tubs that will stay fresh up to 90 days in the refrigerator or six months in the freezer. Each tub sells for \$14.

The pies come in 10 flavors, also. Each Pie ranges in price from \$14 - \$16. Each pie will keep in the freezer for up to six months and in the refrigerator for 4 - 5 days.

To order your cookie dough and pies, contact any Sophomore class member or sponsor, or call the high school at 272-7303. The class sponsors are Jim Daniel, Josie Guerrero, Libby Herrera, Maria Sierra, Melody Robinette and April Smith.

ESL Classes

"English as a second language" classes are being held at the Muleshoe Area Public Library, 322 W. Second St., every Thursday, a 1 p.m. Call 806-272-4707 or 806-544-7441 for additional information.

Spring Break Program

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will be hosting a special program during spring break, March 10-12, focusing on "bullying."

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

The program for two-year-olds through kindergarten students will be from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The time for elementary grades is 11 a.m. until noon, and for junior high and high school from 2-4 p.m.

The books that will be read include: *Teeth Are Not for Biting*, by Elizabeth Verdick, and *No Biting*, by Karen Katz; *No Hitting*, by Karen Katz, and *Hands are Not for Hitting*, by Martine Agassi; and *Feet Are Not for Kicking*, by Elizabeth Verdick, and *No Fighting, No Biting*, by Else Holmeland Minark.

Call 806-272-4707 or 806-544-7441 for additional information.

County EMS School Is Under Way

By Larry Thornton
Editor

During Monday's regular meeting of the Bailey County Commissioners Court it was reported that EMS Director Kevin Baize is currently teaching a basic emergency medical technician course.

The 228-hour course — which has 25 students enrolled, with some from Sudan and Farwell, but with the majority from Muleshoe — is taking place in the meeting room of the Five Area Telephone Cooperative, and runs from Jan. 30 until June 12.

"We hope to do this every winter," Baize told the court members.

"I like to talk, but after four hours of teaching (per session), I'm tired of talking," he joked.

He noted that it was a tough course, requiring dedication from the students involved.

In other business, the commissioners court:

- Approved the minutes from the Jan. 13 regular meeting.
- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$401,250.29
- Approved the county treasurer's report from December, and received January's report for review.
- Approved three soil conservation worksheets totaling \$2,155.
- Received a

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Baseball Request... Continued From A1

proposal. While Kerby said it would be "nice to do it in one year," he added, "We would be honored to receive anything the council provides." Another major obstacle was brought up by City Manager David Brunson, and the city's legal advisor — Slater Elza of the Underwood Law Firm. They pointed out that

from its newest board member, Colt Ellis, who said, "Essentially, the youth baseball is going to have some help getting the lights fixed." During the council's discussion, and presentation by Kerby, it was pointed out that the greatest problem with the ball park was its lighting — the replacement of

community-wide effort was needed to raise the funds for the MYB project. "I don't think there's anybody on this council or in this city that doesn't want a place for the kids to play," Parker said. "I think there's more that needs to be done," added Mason, including gathering additional information and project estimates, and better prioritizing. "If we need to do it on a year-by-year, field-by-field project, that would be acceptable," Kerby said. "We're willing to work together as a partner." Although the council didn't approve the MYB's infrastructure request, at the recommendation of the city manager, it did approve a total of up to \$8,900 that the organization could be reimbursed for its promotion of three tournaments later in the year. Elza and Brunson also said they would continue looking at the issue regarding funds for infrastructure projects. "We would like this as much as you do," said the mayor, "we just need to make sure we do it right." In other reports, the city council:



Mason Honored

Mayor Pro Tem Irene Mason was presented with a Certificate of Outstanding Accomplishment through the Texas Municipal League Institute by City Manager David Brunson during Monday's meeting for completing 72 or more CEUs in one calendar year. This is her fourth such presentation.

Field, PC, for the year ending Sept. 30, 2013. "It's what we call an unmodified opinion," Field said. "It's what you want."

Both Field and the mayor thanked the city's staff for their assistance in preparing the audit.

• Approved the minutes from its Dec. 9 meeting

• Approved the appointment of Joe Osterkamp to a position on the MEDC board.

• Approved a \$188,099.41 bid from Large Brush Truck for a new fire truck. According to Brunson, \$100,000 of the funds for the truck were donated by Ray and Donna West.

• Approved a resolution suspending

the effective date for a rate increase by Southwestern Public Service.

• Approved election service contracts with the Muleshoe

Independent School District and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

• Ordered the city's general election to be held on May 10.

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according to the state statutes guiding the use of motel / hotel funds work on infrastructure that wasn't specifically owned by the municipality wasn't allowed.

And, Brunson said the motel / hotel funds were primarily to be used at promoting an event.

Elza also noted funds from the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation probably couldn't be used because those funds were primarily intended to promote industry.

"It's not something that you can do," he said.

The least opposition to the MYB request from the council came

which was estimated at \$76,000.

Ellis said he would like to find "creative opportunity" that would allow the city to help with the MYB's problems, adding that he thought the organization accomplishes more for the motel business in Muleshoe than do the team ropings held locally.

"I think we're all in agreement that something needs to be done," said board member Gary Parker.

However, he also said the council doesn't want an organization of any kind "coming in here and saying, give us the money to do it."

Parker suggested that a more broad-based,

Racial Profiling Reports...

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While Chavez didn't provide any other details, he appeared to be asking if the county was responsible for making repairs to the door.

In his reply, the sheriff — who also didn't provide additional information, said that such an entry would have only been made after an affidavit for a search warrant had been approved by one of the local magistrates, and that in such an

instance — even though contraband was not located, repairs would not be the county's responsibility.

If, however, the officers "kicked down" the wrong door, the sheriff said, "that would be another matter."

"In that case, we'd try to make them happy as much as we can," he said.

As for the police department's report, a total of 662 traffic stops were made by the officers in 2013, with 51 arrests.

Of those traffic stops, 445 — or 67 percent, were Hispanic. Thirty percent of the contacts — or a total of 199

individuals, were Caucasian.

The police department's report also noted that 34 of the traffic stops resulted in a search of the vehicle being conducted, with 18 being consensual and 16 based upon probable cause.

Seventeen of the consensual searches were Hispanic, and 12 were listed as "PC searches." Of the five Caucasian searches, one was consensual.

It was also noted that in only 34 instances was the race or ethnicity of the individuals contacted known to the officer prior to the traffic stop.

Commissioners Court Acts...

Continued from A2 departmental report from Sheriff Richard Wills which noted that Bailey County Law Enforcement Center is currently holding 20 county prisoners, and 50 out-of-county prisoners.

The sheriff also noted that he will be meeting with officials from the county jail in Clovis regarding the possibility of additional prisoners being transferred for holding in Muleshoe.

• Received a departmental report from Baize which noted Bailey County EMS had responded to 52 calls in January, from which 40 transports were made. The EMS billed \$28,844.15 in January,

and collected a total of \$31,854.44

• Ratified Judge Sherri Harrison's signature on three documents related to county roads.

The first of the documents was a retainer agreement with Allison, Bass & Associates to assist with the Texas Department of Transportation's county road grants.

According to the judge, Bailey County may be eligible for \$123,360 in TxDot grants, of which the \$5,000 retainer fee would be out of the grant.

The second document was an interlocal agreement with Parkerhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., for assistance with the

2014 Group Seal Coat Program for county precincts 1 and 2.

The third document was an agreement for professional services with Parkerhill, Smith & Cooper related to the seal coating project.

The court also discussed the road maintenance reports required to be submitted with the grant request, including the major roads within each precinct and the projected maintenance expenses.

"Wouldn't that be your (the precinct's) budget amount?" asked Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle. "That's what you are projecting," he added.

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Senior Citizen News

This Friday, Feb. 14, is Valentine Day. Bring your special person with you to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center for some very special entertainment during the lunch time.

Thursday, Feb. 20, will be a special day at your senior center. The lunch time will be a celebration time for our senior folks who have a birthday during the month of February.

Come for lunch and the celebration with a birthday cake. Then stay for the Bingo games starting around 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, is a **Thank you for reading the Journal!**

Bunko morning which starts about 10 a.m. So if you like an exciting challenging game, you should be here on that Tuesday morning.

Then, of course, coming the first Saturday of March which is March 1, at your senior center, there will a fund raiser.

The fund raiser will be a pancake breakfast, consisting of pancakes, bacon, sausage, various syrups toppings with milk, coffee, orange juice.

Mark your calendar so you will not miss this special time.

Feb. 17-21 menus:
Monday, Feb. 17 — Vegetable beef stew, zucchini squash, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie french dressing, whole wheat rolls, and

apricots.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Smothered pork chop, southwest potatoes, squash casserole, carrot and raisin salad, cornbread, and sliced peaches.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Grilled steak, mashed sweet potatoes, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie french dressing, cornbread, and tropical fruit salad..

Thursday, Feb. 20 — Charbroiled hamburger, tomatoes/pickles and onions, herbed potato fries, berry cobbler, and a wheat bun.

Friday, Feb. 21 — Fish or chicken strips, borracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie french dressing, whole wheat rolls, and tropical fruit mix.

Publications In The Muleshoe Journal

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

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

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

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

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

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

be published.

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

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

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

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

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

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Death Notices

Rebecca Deleon

Muleshoe resident Rebecca Deleon, 45, died on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, in Farwell. She was born on July 21, 1968, to Gil and Lupe DeLeon in Muleshoe. Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 10, at St Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Burial followed in Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell.

Dorothy Morton

Edmondson resident Dorothy Morton, 86, died on Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, in Olton. She was born on March 2, 1927, in Bailey County to Carl and Mary Evans. Funerals services were held on Monday, Feb. 10, at the First Baptist Church in Edmondson. Burial followed in Parklawn Memorial Gardens.

Carl Jacobs

Canyon resident Carl Lee Jacobs, 66, died on Feb. 8, 2014, in Amarillo. He was born on June 30, 1947, in Dougherty. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Bailey County Cemetery.

Thoughts Offered About Muleshoe ISD's Eighth Grade Tournament

Watson Junior High recently hosted the Muleshoe Eighth Grade Basketball Tournament.

It has been quite a while since Muleshoe has hosted a basketball tournament, and the coaches and staff did an outstanding job organizing and running the event.

The Muleshoe Lady Mules eighth-grade team was the girls' tournament champion!

The Muleshoe Mules eighth-grade team won third place for the boys!

By
Superintendent
Dr. Gene Sheets

Super news from MISD

Congratulations to all of the players and coaches for a very successful tournament.

The atmosphere and positive energy was incredible.

Everyone worked together to do the thousand details that need to be done to run a basketball tournament like that.

Jalissa King, Edie Niblett, John Jay, and Albert Lopez did a great job of organizing and running off the tournament.

Cindy Bessire and Erin Boatmun did a great job with all of the administrative details of the tournament.

We had several Muleshoe ISD staff members who helped by working in the foyer as a monitor, working the gate, and keeping the books.

The Student Council, along with Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Sealy, did a super job with the hospitality room.

I heard many people brag about the food.

Tommie Stiles and her art class did an awesome job with the posters and artwork in the gym.

We had custodians working the entire tournament, and they did a great job!

We had coaches and community members helping to referee the games and we appreciate the time they dedicated to the school.

We had a trainer that was available the entire tournament in case he was needed.

Another school said they wished their school was able to do this.

We had Delton Wilhite and Frank Wurflein with the Muleshoe Sports Network and *Muleshoe Journal* at the games watching and taking notes.

We also had Gabby Perez at the games taking pictures for the

Muleshoe Journal.

The Athletic Booster Club did a great job with the concession stand.

The junior high students organized some really fun activities and contests during half-time of the games.

The junior high faculty and staff, like all of the Muleshoe ISD faculty and staff, are

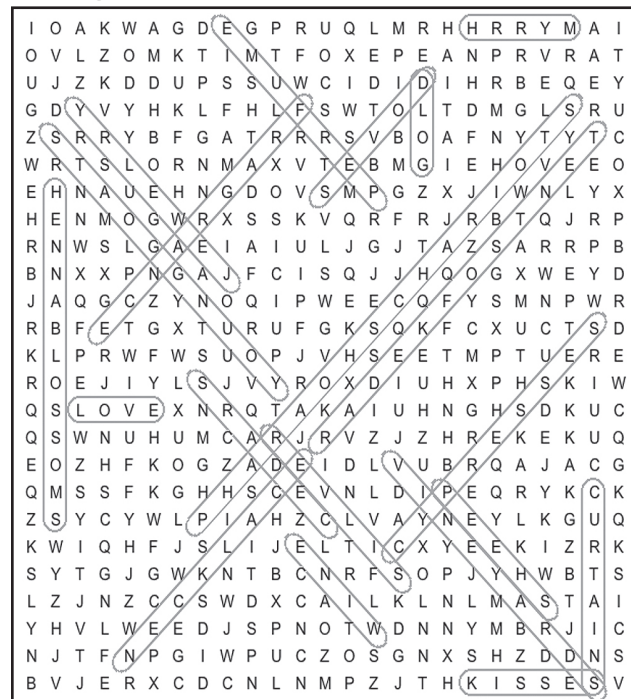
caring, compassionate, and wonderful people.

They are willing to do whatever it takes for our students, both in the classroom and with extra-curricular activities.

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and caring people to work with our children in Muleshoe.

It's a great time to be a Mule!

Song of Solomon 1



Ask A Lawyer... By Richard Alderman

When It Comes To The Law, Marriage Is Marriage

Q. I have a common law marriage. Does a common law wife have the same rights to her husband's property as a wife by a formal marriage?

A. As I have said many times before, a common law marriage basically is no different in legal effect than any other form of marriage.

The parties to a common law marriage have the same rights as any other married couple.

If your husband dies or you are divorced, property will be divided as it would be in a more formal marriage.

Q. I had an accident. The police said it was the other driver's fault. His insurance company says I was 20 percent at fault and will pay only 80 percent of my damages.

What can I do? The damage to my car is almost \$4,000.

A. First, the approach the insurance company is taking is supported by the law.

Under a doctrine know as "proportionate responsibility," the person who caused the accident is liable for only the damage that was his fault.

If you were in fact partially responsible, you could not collect that portion of damage from him.

If you believe, however, that you were not at fault, I suggest you ask for an explanation of why the insurance company disagrees.

Because the amount of your damage is less than \$10,000, justice court may be the best place to have an impartial judge decide who is right.

Let the insurance company know you are considering justice court, if you can't work things out.

If you don't resolve the matter you should consider filing a claim against the person who hit you.

He will bring his insurance company into the dispute.

Q. My wife and I

have been married and lived in Texas for over 30 years.

We know Texas is a community property state and we are considered to own our property jointly.

We are thinking about moving to another state that is not a community property state. How is ownership of our property handled after we move?

A. Basically, when it comes to determining ownership of your property, the new state will look to Texas law to determine ownership.

If the property was community when you moved, it will be considered half owned by each of you in the new state.

Q. How much notice is an employee entitled to before she is fired?

I showed up for work this morning and was told tomorrow would be my last day.

Am I entitled to two week's notice? This doesn't seem fair.

A. As a legal matter, you are not entitled to any prior notice.

Unless you have an employment contract or union agreement that says otherwise, you may be fired with no prior notice.

Your employer may not have treated you fairly, but from a legal standpoint, it had the right to do what it did.

Q. I have been having some trouble getting credit. I checked my credit report and found that I have several problem debts from about six years ago.

Since that time, I have paid all my bills on time

and done everything I can to get a good credit rating.

What can do to have these old bad debts removed from my credit report?

A. There is probably nothing you can do to have this information removed.

Under the law, if the information is not accurate or complete you can insist that the credit-reporting agency re-investigate, and removed the information unless it is substantiated.

On the other hand, if the information is accurate, there is no way to have it removed simply because it is negative.

Credit reporting agencies are in the business of reporting information.

All the law requires is that the information they report is accurate and complete, not necessarily favorable.

I should point out that after seven years the information will become obsolete and will no longer be reported.

It sounds like within a short period of time your credit history will again appear very good.

In the meantime, be sure to emphasize that your credit has been excellent for the past five years.

Maybe offering a higher down payment or agreeing to a higher interest will help.

Do you want to know more about your legal rights? Check out my website, www.peopleslawyer.net

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Muleshoe Chamber Honors Employee Of The Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Mart Long of DeShazo Elementary as the January Employee of the Month.

Pictured on the right, with Long are Sam Whalin, Dr. Gene Sheets, chamber president Gina Wilkerson, and students at DeShazo.

Photograph by Rhea Gonzales



Muleshoe Chamber Honors Business Of The Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Pestex as the January Business of the Month.

Pictured below are the owners of the business, Kenneth and Toni King, along with D'dee Ellis, Gina Wilkerson, Becky Hoksbergen, and April Gonzales and her daughter Marianna.

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Salary Increase... Continued From A1

said, pointing out that it was the people who have been at MISD awhile that gives the district much of its educational stability.

But, he added that an incentive was also needed to attract quality teaching applicants.

"We've got to give them something to get them here," he said.

Sheets continued, saying that if the school district could do something to give new teachers a little higher starting salary, it would go a long way toward attracting teachers to Muleshoe first.

Sheets said that when the plan was recently presented to the district's teachers, three — who were considering applying elsewhere, said it was enough to keep them at Muleshoe.

"We want to put in as much as we can without endangering our long-term financial condition," the superintendent said.

During discussion about the proposal, board member Kelly Kettner asked about decreasing property values, due to the area's decreasing water supply, and how the decreased values would impact to district's funding.

According to the superintendent, unless the state changed its current funding process, it shouldn't be a problem.

Currently, if the school district's valuations decrease the state replaces those funds to keep the district at the same funding level. What would impact the district's funding the most would be a decrease in the student census.

"The way I see it, you've got to," board member Curtis Preston said about the proposed salary scale increase.

"All you have to have... is a few of the good ones stay," said board president Thurman Myers.

"I agree with Curtis," board member Carroll Precure, who said he's seen the same thing in his business.

"If you're going to attract them (quality instructors), you've got to pay them," Precure said.

"I don't think we can better use our fund balance, then invest in our personnel," Precure added,

"We all have kids or grandkids, who we'd like to come here and teach, but they're not looking at us," Sheets said. But, this plan, the superintendent said, could change that.

"We're not going to get the bang for the buck, if we don't do it at

this meeting," he said. "I think it's a great plan for our teachers."

"I wish we'd done it a couple of years ago," said Precure.

In other business, the school board:

- Approved the second amendment to the district's budget, which according to Harper moved funds between accounts at each of the campuses, but didn't impact the district's budget.

- Approved the minutes from the Jan. 27 meeting as distributed.

- Toured the school district campuses.

- Received the financial report from Harper which noted that the district had expended about 55 percent of its budget for FY 2013-14, leaving slightly more than \$8 million.

News about your college student

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

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used for the Primary Election, for early voting beginning February 18, 2014, will be tested on Thursday, February 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bailey County Courthouse, 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast.

Also, the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used on Primary Election Day, March 4, 2014, will be tested on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 West American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas.

Anyone wishing to observe the testing is welcome.

Robin Dickerson, Bailey County Clerk

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Robin Dickerson, Secretaria de Condado de Bailey

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The Sudan Buzz

Hornets Finish Regular Season; Move Into Playoffs

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Hornets have finished their regular season and look forward to playing in the playoffs.

Sudan has had some good wins and one tough loss leading to the end of their district play.

The Hornets took on Farwell at home. They had previously beaten Farwell in an away game and went in to the contest undefeated in district.

The Hornets struggled in the first quarter to set up their offense. A majority of their points in the first quarter came from foul shots.

Farwell had several 3-pointers and led the Hornets with a score of 20-11.

In the second quarter, Farwell kept on making about everything that they threw up. Sudan struggled to get points to fall and racked up more foul shots that got Farwell in to some foul trouble.

The half ended with a score of 35-20.

Tanner Fisher came out of the locker room ready to put up some numbers as he scored 11 points in the 3rd quarter alone.

The Hornets found some momentum to take them in to the fourth quarter but were still down 10 points with a third quarter score of 48-38.

The Hornets could not overcome the huge halftime lead and fell to Farwell with a score of 58-52.

The next district game

for Sudan was Friday night when they took on Morton.

The Hornets did not have a great start as they found themselves down by one after the first quarter of play with a score of 14-15.

The second quarter once again saw Fisher put up some good numbers as he added 10 points to his total helping the Hornets gain the lead before half with a score of 30-28.

The Hornets pulled away in the third quarter with several Hornets contributing to put points on the board.

The second string helped bring Sudan a sizeable lead. Tommy Whitehurst made some key jumpers while Luke Tiller and Case Vanderlei made a couple

of free throws to end the third with a score of 46-35.

The Hornets took the momentum and increased their lead in the fourth giving the Hornets the district win with a score of 70-44.

Fisher led all scorers with 25 points followed by Reece Harper with 13 points, Stephen Schovajsa with nine points, Luke Tiller with seven points, Ty Shaw with six points, and Tommy Whitehurst with five points.

The last district game was played on Monday night in Bovina, so the fans would not be split between the boys' and girls' games.

The Hornets won that game with a score of 48-42 giving them an outright piece of the district championship.



Photograph by Cheri Sain

Hornet Reece Harper shoots a quick jumper during the recent game against Morton.

Nettes Tie For District Championship

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

After the Nettes lost their last game of the season to Farwell, Sudan walked away tied for the district championship.

In order to decide seeding for the playoff brackets, both teams agreed to play in an in-district playoff game at Muleshoe the Friday before the girls' playoffs began.

The game started out much like the game at Sudan. The gym was packed, and there was definitely tension in the air.

It was a major defensive battle until around the four minute mark when the Nettes started making some

key points in the paint.

The first quarter ended with the Nettes on top with a score of 16-8.

Farwell would come back and put up nine points in the second quarter and held Sudan to just 5 points.

The half ended with a score of 21-17.

Both teams came out ready on defense. Farwell saw plenty of shots hit the rim and would not fall, but they managed to put 8 more points on the board.

Sudan had trouble shooting long range and found some needed points on some break aways and offensive rebounds.

The third quarter ended with Sudan up

by only three points with a score of 28-25.

The fourth quarter turned to be a battle of wills.

The Nettes had good moments of defense but missed some key shots on their end. Farwell fought back and came within one point of the Nettes with less than 30 seconds left in the game.

With only four seconds left on the clock and after three timeouts called, Jarman was fed the ball under the basket for a short jumper and brought Farwell up by one point.

The Nettes called a timeout. The Nettes threw the ball in and the Nettes threw up a last second shot towards the

goal and it circled the rim and bounced out.

The final score was 33-32 as Farwell beat the Nettes.

The Fillies won the first seed position while the Nettes took the second seed.

Ashton Sawyer led the Nettes with 13 points. Madi Edwards ended the game with six points while Kimberlee Gonzales had five points.

Other scorers include Allison Black with two points, Madison Chester with two points, Ashton Shultz with one point, and Shaylee Johnson with three points.

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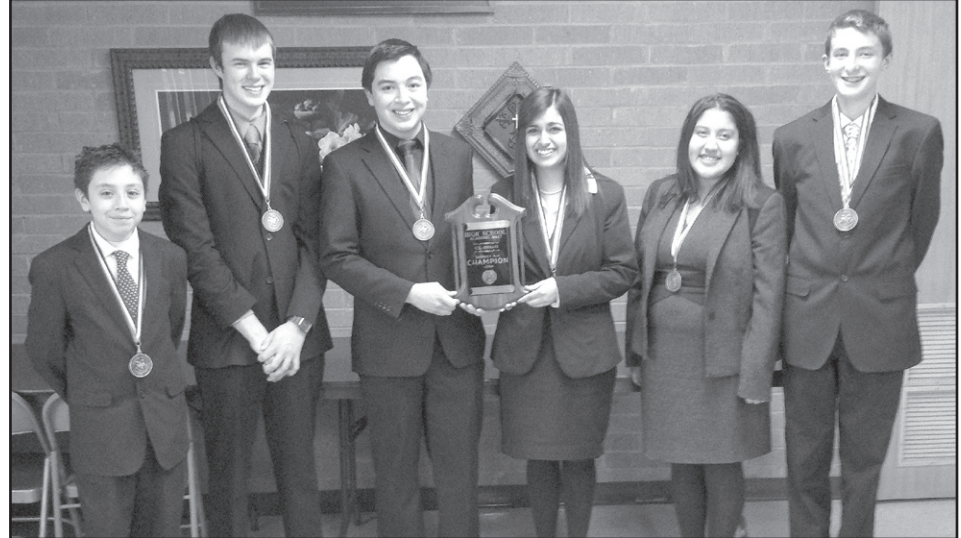
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CX Debate Team Sets New School Record

At the District 5-1A UIL CX Debate District Tournament this past Thursday, the Sudan CX Debate teams set a new school record as they won first, second, and third place sweeping the top spots.

The top two teams have earned the right to compete at the State UIL CX Debate Tournament in Austin in March.

The third place team was freshmen team of Anakin Cantu and Andrew Harper, second place was Seniors Alex Hernandez and Deric McCurry, and first place was Junior Brianna Azua and Sophomore



Anakin Cantu, Deric McCurry, Jose Luis Melendez, Brianna Azua, Alex Hernandez, and Andrew Harper go first, second, and third place at the district CX debate tournament.

Jose Melendez.

Fourth place was awarded to Morton.

This win begins

the District Academic contest with Morton at 10 points, all other schools at zero points,

and Sudan at 48 points going in to the district UIL contests in March.

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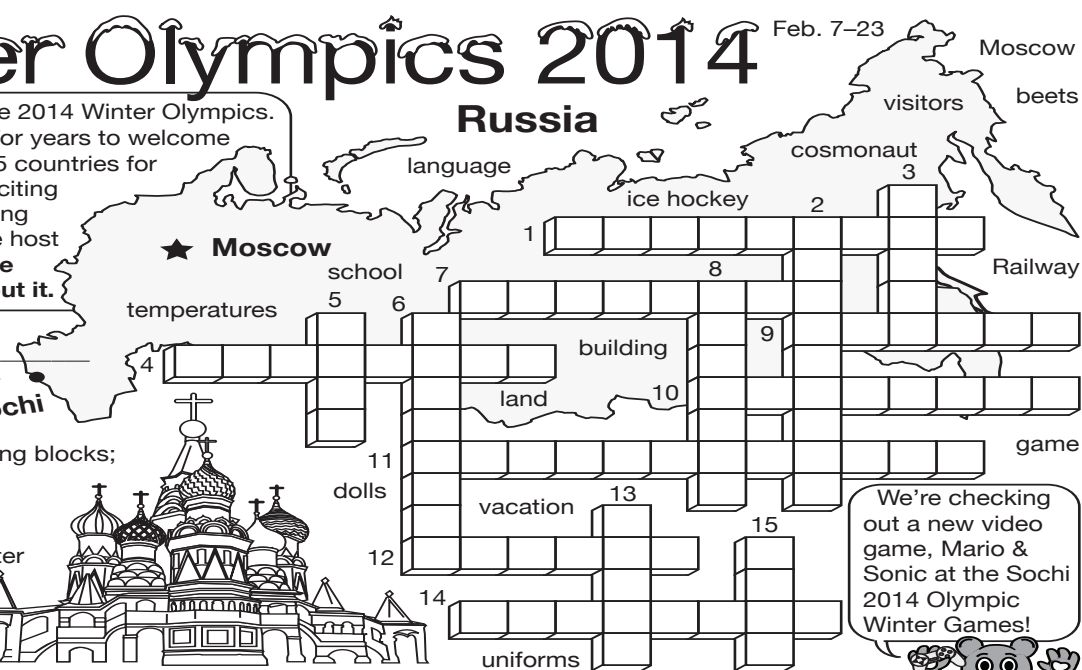
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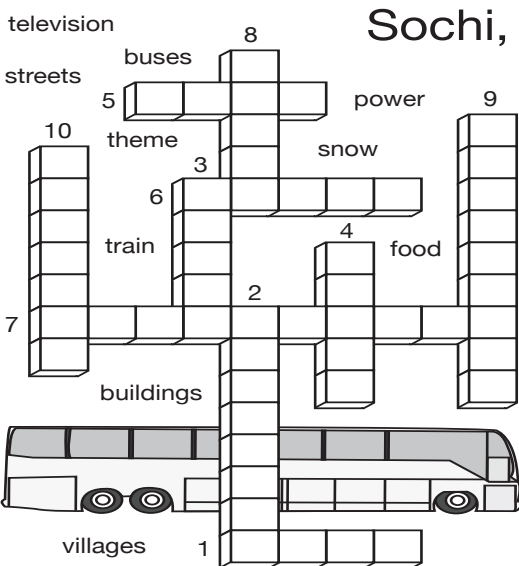
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- borscht soup is made out of _____, potatoes and cabbage
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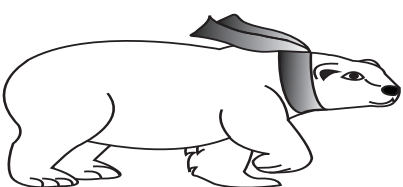
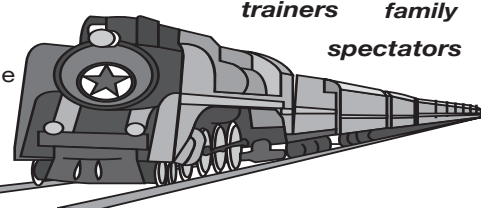
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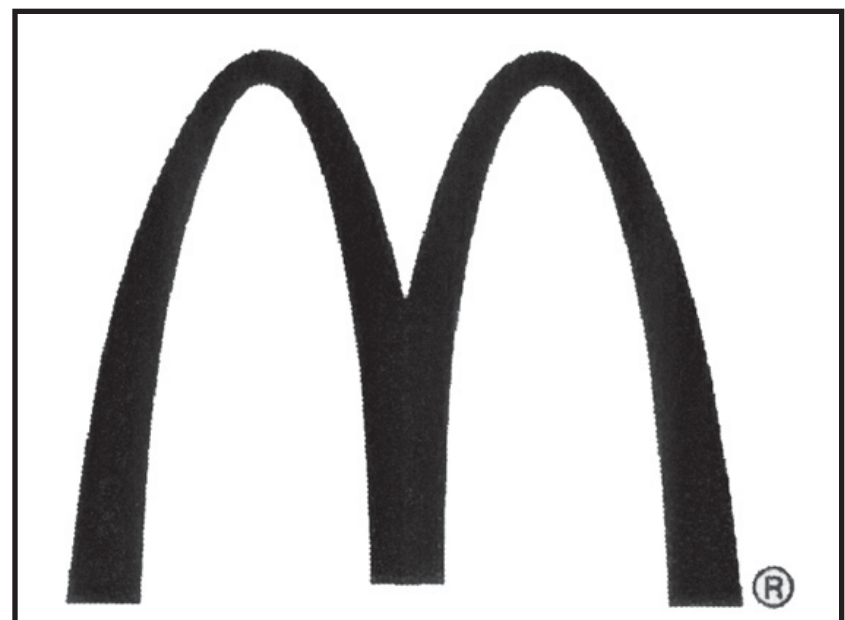


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SPORTS NEWS

Varsity Mules Fall To Lopes' In Away Game

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Dagen Dunham hit a turn-around jump shot early in the Mules game in Abernathy against the Lopes and put the Mules ahead.

In fact the Mules continued to lead through the first four minutes of the game with Eli Leal going on a quick scoring rampage for three driving hoops.

Then the whistles began to be heard and Dunham had to go to the bench with two quick fouls.

Matt Barron and Danny Campos each scored before the period ended. Abernathy finally took the lead and led 16-14 after one period.

Abernathy went on to a 62-42 win over the Mules.

The Mules continued to battle through the second period with Dunham getting an early basket.

Jason Florez made a free throw and finished the half with a fast break. Leal mad a free throw before converting an old-fashion 3-point play. He finished the half with a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

The Lopes had built a 38-26 lead at the intermission.

The second half was not a good one for the Mules.

Leal led the Mules with 23 points and he made three treys. Dunham finished with eight points and Florez scored five.

Barron, Campos and Shipman chipped in two points each.

The Mules filled their open district date with a practice game against the Whitharral Panthers.

The much smaller Panthers were no match for the bigger and faster Mules.

Dunham got a lob pass from Nacho Elizalde over the Panther defense. Dunham kissed the ball off the glass for the first two points of the game.

The Mules never trailed in the game. Dunham put back a rebound on the Mules next trip down the floor.

Barron led Elizalde with a pass down the floor for a fast-break hoop.

Elizalde was fouled on drove from the left side and he made one free throw for a 7-0 Mule lead just two minutes

into the game.

Whitharral hit a trey before Leal drove the baseline and dished to Elizalde for the open shot from eight feet.

Dunham put back his own shot before the Panthers made another hoop. Blaine Hurtado drove the baseline for a lay up and Florez grabbed a loose ball at mid court and drove for a lay up.

The Mules led 15-5 after one period.

Leal picked off a Panther pass and drove the floor for a hoop. Panther made a free throw.

Dunham blocked a Panther shot and Elizalde drove the floor and was fouled. He made both free throws for a 19-6 Mule lead.

Dunham cleaned the offensive board and put the ball up and in the hoop.

Whitharral made their second trey. Elizalde drove the baseline for a hoop and Barron stole the in bound pass and found Leal for an easy hoop.

Barron made a second steal and drove the floor for a 27-9 Mule lead.

Dunham cleared the offensive boards and scored before Barron scored on a fast break.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Eighth Grade Ladies 'Take No Prisoners'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules took no prisoners in their quest for the Championship Plaque of their own tournament.

They plowed through the Littlefield Lady Cats 35-6 in the opening round.

The Trinity Christian Lady Lions were no match for the Lady Mules and went down to defeat 40-17.

The Nazareth Swiftettes did not get run out of the gym by the Lady Mules but were defeated 37-25 in the championship game.

The Lady Mules jumped on the Littlefield Lady Cats early to take a 12-1 lead in the first period.

The Lady Mules backed off on the scoring in the second period and only put four points on the board but only gave up two to lead the Lady Cats 16-3 at the half

Conley Niblett led the charge for the Lady Mules in the first half with four baskets and two free throws for 10 points.

The Lady kept the heat on the Littlefield and out scored the Lady Cats 17-3 in the second half.

Niblett led the Lady Mules in scoring with 16 points and Yvonne Diaz added 10 points.

Lili Barrera dropped in four points, Noa Rojas made three points and Melody Moran chipped in two.

Florez tipped a Panther pass and drove the floor. He missed his lay up but Leal was there for the put back.

Hurtado was fouled shooting and made both free throws. Florez finished the half with a steal and drove the floor. The ball fell through the hoop with one second

on the clock.

The Mules had built a 37-9 lead at the intermission.

The second half was more of the same for the Mules as they out score the Panthers 18-12 in the third period and 20-8 in the last quarter.

Hurtado set the scoring pace for the

Mules with 15 points and Elizalde added 13 points. Dunham and Barron round out the Mules in double digits with 12 points each.

Leal dropped in eight points and Campos scored all seven of his points in the third period.

Florez finished with

six points and Shipman

chipped in two points. The Mules completed their district schedule on the road in Friona against the Chieftains Tuesday evening.

The Mules will finish no worse than third in the district and will advance to the post season.

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SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Close Their Season Against Lady Lopes

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules closed out their basketball season on the road in Abernathy against the Lady Lopes.

The Lady Mules were playing for pride while Abernathy had slim hopes of securing the fourth spot in the playoffs.

The Lady Mules owned a 9-7 lead at the end of the first period after both teams got off to a very slow start but firing away from behind the arc.

The Lady Lopes broke the scoring ice with a trey almost half way

through the opening period.

Adrienne Precure answered a minute later and Daniela Diaz put the Lady Mules ahead with back-to-back 3-pointers.

The Lady Mule defense held Abernathy to just two baskets in the second period while the Lady Mules built a 20-11 lead by the intermission.

The Lady Lopes returned to the floor a different team and out scored the Lady Mules 32-12 in the second half to defeat the Lady Mules 43-32.

DonAnn Rempe

opened the second period with a basket for the Lady Mules. Precure and McKenna Dunham made two free throws each.

Rempe converted a free throw to finish a 3-point play and put back a rebound to cap a seven-point quarter.

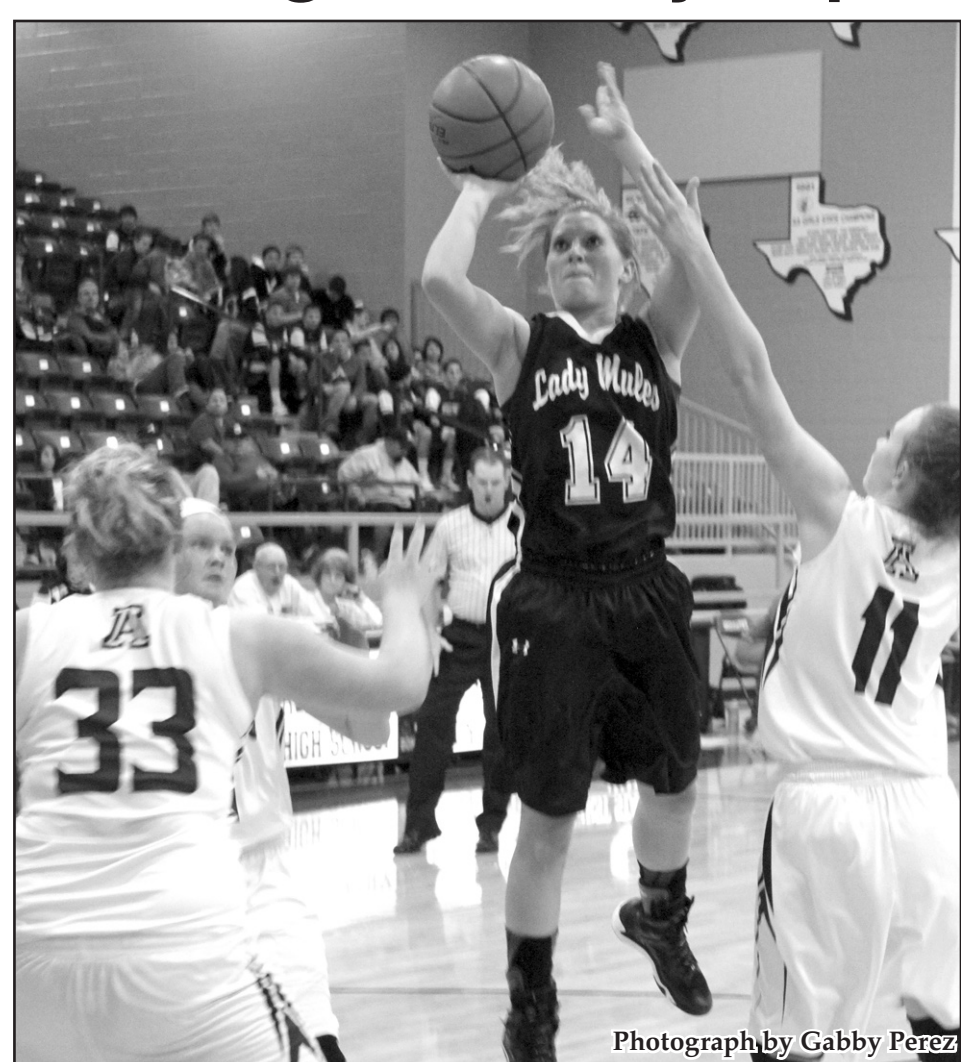
Precure tied the game at 22-22 with the Lady Mules first basket of the second half with 3:15 left in the third quarter.

She also made three free throws for all five Lady Mule points in the quarter and hang on to a 25-23 lead.

The Lady Lopes exploded for 20 fourth period points with 10 coming from the charity line, four from inside the arc and six from behind the 3-point line.

Rempe was fouled while shooting and converted one free throw almost two minutes into the final frame.

Sadie Sudduth scored from inside the arc with a pull-up jump shot.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Lady Mule Adrienne Precure takes a jump shot.

Dunham added a pair of baskets.

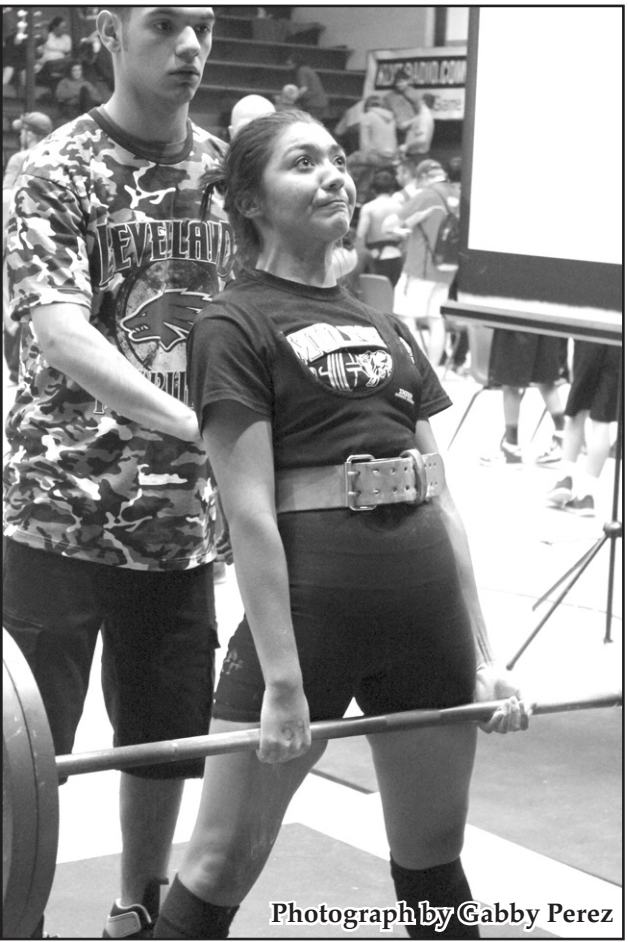
Precure led the Lady Mules in scoring in her final game of her high school career with 10 points. Rempe

completed her career as a Lady Mule with eight points and Dunham closed out her career with six points.

Diaz made all her six points with the two

trey in the first period. Sa Sudduth will return next season and she chipped in two points.

The Lady Mules will now move on to their spring sports.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

A Lady Mule completes her lift at the Levelland meet.

Powerlifters Compete At Levelland

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe Powerlifting team were in Levelland Saturday for a meet.

Four lifters brought home medals and the team finished tenth. Four Muleshoe lifters brought home medals from the meet.

"All our lifters improved at this meet," said Muleshoe Powerlifting coach Kirk Byrd. "We have one meet for the boys and one for the girls remaining for them to qualify for the regional meet. Currently David Rodriguez, Evan Paez and Katelyn Gable have a chance to qualify but anything can happen with just one meet left."

The remaining girls meet is scheduled for Feb. 15 in Andrews. The boys will have their final meet at Friona on Feb. 22.

Evan Paez led the team with a fourth place medal in the 114 pound class. He had a squat lift of 220 pounds and bench pressed 130 pounds.

E Paez had a dead lift

of 170 pounds for a total weight of 520 pounds.

David Rodriguez brought home a fourth place medal in the 275 pound class. He had a squat lift of 475 pounds and from his back he bench pressed 300 pounds.

Rodriguez finished the meet with a dead lift of 480 pounds for a total of 1,255 pounds.

Aimee Rosas won a fifth place medal with a total weight of 545 pounds in the 132 pound. She squat lifted

190 pounds and bench pressed 100 pounds.

A Rosas had a dead lift of 255 pounds.

Carlos Martinez rounded out the Muleshoe medal winners with the fifth place medal in the 220 pound weight class.

He had a squat lift of 425 pounds and bench pressed 215 pounds. Martinez reached a total of 1,080 pounds with a dead lift of 440 pounds.

Cristian Paez was just out of the medals

in the 148 pound weight class with a total of 895 pounds for sixth place.

He had a squat lift of 315 pounds and bench pressed 195 pounds. Cristian Paez had a dead lift of 385 pounds.

Jorge Martinez placed seventh in the 181 pound class. He started with a squat lift of 315 pounds and then bench pressed 190 pounds.

Martinez finished with a dead lift of 400 pounds for a total

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JV Mules Come Up Short Against Lopes

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules scrapped their way back from a 15-point deficit after three quarters to fall one point short of a win.

Back-to-back last second fouls were called on the Mules and allowed the Abernathy Lopes creep in front of the Mules.

The Mules were leading by two points and Abernathy missed a shot from point blank range and the Mules grabbed the rebound when the first foul was called.

Only one free throw was good but the Lopes grabbed the rebound and missed the put-back attempt and again the Mules had the rebound when the whistle blew.

Tony Castillo broke the ice for the Mules with a free throw to start the final period. He made two more baskets and a free throw before the period ended.

Roman Franco made a charity toss and converted a second free throw to complete an old-fashion 3-point play before he fouled out.

Kevin Mendoza hit a bucket and Triston Boehning chipped in a free throw. JJ Gandara made two treys as the Mules pumped in 19 points and take the lead before the final two fouls were called on the Mules as time was

running out.

The Mules scored two minutes into the first period with Castillo scoring a hoop. He added a second hoop before the period ended.

Antonio Vasquez drained a 3-pointer and later chipped in a free throw.

Boehning made a free throw and Gandara finished a fast break. The Mules led 11-9 after one quarter.

The Mules duplicated their 11-point performance in the second period but Abernathy scored 17 to lead the Mules 26-22 at the half.

Vasquez led off for the Mules with a hoop

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- 5-3-2+2 carport home, Cent. Air & Heat, approx. 3124' lv. area, FP in den, WB stove in lv. area, 2 large workshops, stor. bldgs., +1 bdrm aptmt., corner lot. MUCH MORE!! \$140,000!! \$120K!!!
- VERY NICE - 3 - 2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, WB stove, nice flooring, utility, thermal win. & doors, fans, fence yd., stor. bldg.!! \$99K!!
- 3- 2 1/2 - 2 carport HOME, corner lot, 2301' living area!! \$80K!!! **REDUCED \$72K!!**
- 4-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, DW, fans w/lights, lg. util., fenced yd., auto. sprklr. approx. 1962' lv. area!! \$89.5K!!!
- Very Nice 3-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 1653' lv. area, total electric!! \$59,500!!!
- Nice 3-2-2 Home, approx. 1974' lv. area, built-ins, corner lot, workshop/storage, fenced yd. MORE!! \$80K!!!

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- VERY NICE 3-2.5-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2749' lv. area, lots of storage, nice courtyard & landscaping, workshop/storage/ fenced yd., Much More!! **Reduced-\$155K!**
- 3-2 BDRM. DUPLEX UNITS, TOTAL ELECTRIC!! \$180K!!!
- 2-1 Home, wall furnace heat, window evap. air!! \$30,000!!!
- **CUSTOM BUILT 3-2.5-2 Brick Home** on corner lot, 2608' lv. area, built-ins, FP, covered patio w/ grill, fenced yd., auto spklr., numerous amenities!! \$270 K!!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, Built-ins, FP, thermal windows & doors, approx. 1876' lv. area, workshop/storage, fenced yd.!! \$119,500!!!
- NICE 3-2-2+2 carport Home, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, ceiling fans w/light kits, storm doors, & windows, covered patio, tile block fence, auto. spklr., workshop/storage. MUCH MORE!! \$135K!!!

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- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!!
- 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!! \$155,000!! \$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/corral, hay & tack room!! \$105K!!!
- 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!! \$69,500!!!
- 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, loft storage, 220 electric, 14.68 acres on Hwy.84 close to town!! MUCH MORE!! \$157,900!!!
- STEGALL 3-2-2 Austin Stone Home on 3.67 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, gas log FP, approx. 3064' living area, workshop/storage, 24'x36' metal shed, MORE!! \$125K!!!
- MAPLE - 3-2.5-2 Brick Home on 2.48 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, gas log FP, approx. 2557' lv. area, (garage enclosed), storage unit!! MORE!! \$65K!!!

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- Approx. 1080' metal bldg. w/off. & 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! \$39,500!!!
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- 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!! **Price Reduced \$18K!!**
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- NICE 1680' office, Cent. A&H, plus 1120' storage/workshop w/gar. door + 2 carport!! \$30K!!!

Eighth Grade Ladies... continued From B1

Niblett led off against the Trinity Lions with the first three hoops. Diaz scored after the Lions had made their first basket.

Brianna Barron scored on a baseline jump shot on an in bound play and was fouled.

She converted the free throw to give the Lady Mules an 11-2 first quarter lead.

The Lady Mules poured in 14 points in the second period and gave up seven to lead the

Lions 25-9 at the half. The second half was more of the same by the Lady Mules.

Niblett again led the Lady Mules in scoring with 16 points Barrera and Diaz added seven points each.

Rojas had four points, Barron and Moran dropped three points each and Brianna Velasquez chipped in two points.

The championship game pitted the best two teams in the tournament

against one another.

Nazareth scored first but Barron got Barrera the ball on the blocks for a short shot to tie the game.

Diaz scored on an in bound play to briefly put the Lady Mules in front 4-2.

The Swiftettes made a trey but Niblett hit a free throw to tie the game.

Nazareth made a free throw to take a 6-5 lead to end the first period.

Barron stole the ball and got the ball to Niblett for a fast break hoop.

Barrera passed to Niblett on the blocks for a turn-around jump shot.

The next trip down the floor Barrera again fed the ball to Niblett for a hoop. Nazareth hit a trey to climb back in the game.

Niblett fed the ball to Diaz for a short shot and a 13-9 Lady Mule lead.

The Swiftettes made a basket before Barrera drove the right side for a lay up to end the half with the Lady Mules leading 15-11.

Nazareth cut the Lady Mule lead to 16-15 early in the third period but then the Lady Mules took over the game and finished the third period with a 27-17 lead.

The Lady Mules managed to extend their lead to 12 points by the final buzzer.

Niblett finished the game with 13 points and Diaz added nine points.

Barron dropped in seven points and Barrera had six points.

Velasquez chipped in two points.

The Lady Mules went on the road to Littlefield to close out their season against the Lady Cats.

The Lady Mules scored eight points in each of the first three quarters and 10 in the final period to defeat the Lady Cats 34-19.

"We went on the road to end our season in Littlefield with a win," said Lady Mule coach Edie Niblett.

"These girls had an awesome season with only one loss. Yvonne Diaz and Conley Niblett gave them trouble on offense and they could not shut down either one of them," she said.

"Hallie Myatt did a great job of taking care of the ball and running our offense. This has been a fun season and have loved working with such an energetic and competitive group. Every member of this team contributed to make the season a success," the coach said.

Yvonne Diaz led the Lady Mules in scoring with 12 points and Conley Niblett added 11 points.

Lili Barrera finished with five points, Barron made four and Cassidy Cage chipped in two points.

The B-Team 1 Lady

Mules defeated the Littlefield Lady Cats 16-12.

"We ended our season with a very exciting game," said Coach Niblett. Littlefield made a come back in the fourth quarter but our girls were able to hang on for the win. This group has been fun to work with and I appreciate all their hard work to help make their season successful."

Madison Lutz and Ricarda Elizalde led the Lady Mules in scoring with four points each.

Laura Chavez, Maddison Price, Haley Hunt and Nancy Martinez scored two points each.

The seventh grade Lady Mules downed the Littlefield Lady Cats 34-13 to finish their season at 13-4.

The Lady Mules jumped in front early by out scoring the Lady Cats 12-5 in the first period and continue to add to their lead in every quarter.

"These girls have really shown great improvement this year," said Lady Mule coach Jalissa King

"The first time we played Littlefield we only won by three points. The second time we played them we only won by seven points. To come out our last game and beat Littlefield by 21 points shows how far they have come. What a great way to end our season."

The B-Team 2 Lady Mules held Littlefield scoreless in the first half and allowed only four points in the second half.

The Lady Mules defeated the Lady Cats 32-4.

"Every girl contributed to the win with steals, rebounds or points," said Coach King.

"This team has really improved this year. The last time we played Littlefield at the beginning of the season we lost by six points. As the score show this game was significantly different," she said.

Leading the Lady Mules in scoring was Liliana Martinez with eight points.

Alexis Campos, Ab Mendoza and Sophie Reyna added four points each in the win.

Mule Powerlifters...

Continued from B2

weight of 905 pounds. Krystin Gonzales finished eighth in the 114 pound class with a total of 465 pounds. She squat lifted 175 pounds and bench pressed 90 pounds.

Gonzales finished with a dead lift of 465 pounds.

Jordan Russell placed ninth in the 275 weight class. He squat lifted 380 pounds and bench pressed 215 pounds.

He had a dead lift of 450 pounds for a total of 1,045 pounds.

Nate Rosas finished eleventh in the 165 pound weight class with a total of 830 pounds. He had a squat lift of 310 pounds

and bench pressed 170 pounds.

N Rosas closed his competition with a dead lift of 350 pounds.

Raul Trevino was 13th in the 148 pound weight class.

He had a squat lift of 275 pounds and bench pressed 160 pounds.

Trevino's dead lift of 305 pounds gave him a total weight of 740 pounds.

Dominik Hasley finished seventeenth in the 165 pound weight class.

He had squat lift of 250 pounds and bench pressed 110 pounds.

Hasley's 300 pound dead lift gave him a total of 660 pounds.

JV Mules

Continued from B2

and then dropped in a trey before the quarter ended.

Castillo and Dustin Smith made two free throws each.

Boehning put back a rebound.

After the intermission the Mules did not seem to be able to buy a basket while the Lopes went wild.

Smith made the Mules first hoop of the period, added two from the charity line and dropped in a long distance trey at the buzzer.

Franco made a hoop and Boehning chipped in a free throw.

Some Mules may join the Mules for their playoff run and others will move on to compete in the spring sports.



Slash Hat Boutique Grand Opening

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture welcomed Slash Hat Boutique with a grand opening ribbon cutting on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Pictured above with owners Luis and BreAnn Saenz are son Ayden, Kris Philips, Rachel Toscano, Gina Wilkerson, Terry Brewster, and Becky Hoksbergen.

More Classifieds

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Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and are due no later than 4:00pm. est. Thursday February 27th. at the M.I.S.D. administration building located at 514 west Ave. G. Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Information and viewing of sites may be arranged by calling Sam Whalin (806)272-7400 Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 am. and 4:00 pm..

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- Teacher Aides
- Bus Aides

Minimum Qualifications:
Teacher - AA/BA in Early Childhood Education or Child Development or AA/BA in related field (related field is defined by the Head Start Act of 2007 is a degree with 18 credit hours equivalent in Early Childhood Education).
Teacher Aide - High School Diploma AND Child Development Associate credential (CDA Preschool or ECC) that will be completed within one year, or be enrolled in a program leading towards an AA or BA degree in Early Childhood Development.
Bus Aide - Experience working with preschool children in a Head Start program or day care setting. Must be 18 years of age and be able to read and write English and Spanish.

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