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Frank Wuerflein: Man of the Year



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## Chamber scores again

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture "kicked a field goal" during this year's annual chamber banquet honoring this year's awards recipients and entertaining those in attendance with speaker Ruffin McNeill, the defensive coordinator of the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

In his speech, McNeill

encouraged Muleshoe's business community with some of the words he often uses with his defensive players, urging teamwork, sacrifice, pride, love and caring.

"I'm too blessed to be stressed," McNeill said about his work, and urged those in attendance at Saturday's banquet to adopt the same attitude. "Coaches don't cry," he added, "their eyeballs sweat."

McNeill said the acronym "ACOP," which he uses with the Tech defensive players, should be applied to the business community:

- A for attitude
- C for confidence
- O for organize and prioritize
- P for Preparation

This year's chamber honorees included:

Frank Wuerflein as the 2009 Man of the Year; Jean Allison as the

2009 Woman of the Year; Bailey County Electric as the 2009 Business of the Year; David Wood as the 2009 Employee of the Year; and Jim Pat and Susie Claunch as the 2009 Farm Family of the Year.

Chamber president Celie Parham and vice president Cory Collins presented this year's recipients with their awards.

Area donors were also honored at the event.

## Out-going CEO shares good news

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

With the current economic gloom besetting the country, a bright financial moment is hard to find, but such wasn't the case at Thursday's meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

As retiring hospital administrator Ray Mason prepared for his final days as CEO of the hospital district, he presented an entire basket of financial encouragement to the board.

In an interview Monday — the staff of the *Muleshoe Journal* weren't able to attend Thursday's meeting as they were attending the Panhandle Press Association's annual convention, Mason discussed the \$235,620 "Health Care and Other Facilities" grant which the district is to receive.

Added to a grant of up to \$80,000, recommended for approval by the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation for landscaping at the rural health clinic, the hospital is looking at about \$315,620 off the top of its planned expansion.

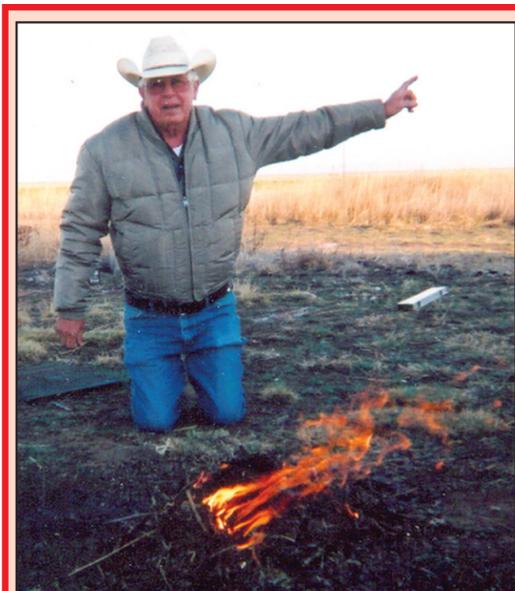
Initially looking at about \$1.6 million to complete the expansion

project, these figures were reduced tremendously when the low bidder on the project submitted figures that were almost half the amount of the high bidder.

Although the hospital district has yet to reach a decision concerning the project's builder, the figures suggest that with the HCOF and MEDC grants in place, the hospital district could be looking at additional financing slightly under \$900,000 — an amount possibly within the reach of a banking institution instead of through the issuance of certificates of obligation, according to Mason.

Mason's second bit of economic news dealt with a \$26,878 grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the purchase of a Dexa Scan that will allow local physicians to measure bone density without sending their patients to Lubbock.

According to Mason,  
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Weldon Crim without his traditional headdress and garments due to the strong West Texas wind.

## More dry weather predicted for Panhandle

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Since the amount of sunshine on Groundhogs' Day can reportedly influence the results of Punxsutawney Phil's forecasting abilities, it only stands to reason that such outside factors can influence similar abilities on the part of former Lazbuddie farmer Weldon Crim

as well.

On the first day of spring, March 22, Crim determined that "it ain't gonna rain much here."

"Take the squaws and papooses and head for Oklahoma," Crim said.

Crim, who uses forecasting techniques passed down to him by his father and

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## Journal receives PPA awards

The *Muleshoe Journal* returned from the annual Panhandle Press convention with several awards honoring the newspaper's writing, photography and ad design efforts.

The *Journal's* top award for entries published in 2008 was for the newspaper's web page, the second award it has received for its online effort. "Great use of photos!" the judge said.

The newspaper also received several third place awards including editorial writing, sports

writing and sports photography.

The judge described managing editor Larry



Thornton's editorial urging the Muleshoe School Board to allow students who had completed curriculum requirements but failed to pass their TAKS test

to walk across the dais at graduation as "an honest statement about a local issue." "Good to take it on," the judge wrote.

While the judge also commended the *Journal* for its editorial efforts toward "openness" in government.

Stacy Conner's sports photography efforts pulled in a third place award and the comments "Nice action... nice work."

While sportswriter Delton Wilhite received yet another third place

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## So much drama...

Tartuffe (Roper Kerby) attempts to seduce El Mire (Natalie Head) while Orgon (Robert Brewster) listens from below, during the one act play "Tartuffe" presented as part of Monday's Fine Arts Night to Shine.

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**Computer class for beginners**

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The first class will be on Thursday, April 9, and the final class will be Thursday, April 30. There are no grades and no tests. The instructor will be April Smith. Class size will be limited to six students. Tuition is \$84.

Register at our SPC Muleshoe Center (enter the double glass doors by the helicopter pad behind the hospital) from 9-10:30 a.m. or 4:30-6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7.

**Concerned Citizens to meet**

Concerned Citizens of Bailey County will be meeting on Thursday, April 2, at 6 p.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum.

**Prairie Progress deadline**

The final deadline for the Parmer County History book, *Prairie Progress*, second edition is May 31, according to the Parmer County Historical Commission.

To submit family histories with pictures, information about veterans, business histories and stories, or reserve space in the memorial section contact Gladys and Don Spring of Bovina at 806-251-1552.

The book scheduled to go to publisher in June, and should be available by Thanksgiving 2009.

**Alzheimers support group to meet**

The Bailey County Alzheimer's Disease Support Group will meet on Thursday, April 9, at noon, in Park View Nursing Care Center's conference room. Contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Joy Stancell at 272-7578 for additional information.

**Bailey County Relay for Life**

The Bailey County Relay for Life will be hosting a "kick-off" event Sunday, April 5, at Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the relay, sign up teams and register survivor.

The Bailey County Relay for Life has been scheduled for Friday, June 12, from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m., at the Muleshoe High School Benny Douglas Stadium.

Last year, the Bailey County Relay raised \$32,000, a higher goal has been set for this year, according to county chairperson Jill Morris.

**Newspaper awards**

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award for his efforts to keep local readers informed about Muleshoe's student athletes.

"Interesting leads," the judge wrote.

The *Journal* also received a third place award for its ad design efforts, with the judge commending the *Journal* staff for their work, commending especially the use of photographs, fonts, type size and borders. "Nice design on Devotional Page ads and sponsors, they are

easy to read and very noticeable," the judge said.

The *Journal's* "Honorable Mentions" were received for its Muleshoe Moments column written by Muleshoe High School student Alicia Porter, and Larry Thornton's feature photography.

"Good insights, good writing," the judge for the Serious Columns category said about Alicia's work.

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**One preacher father and four preacher sons**

People are sometimes surprised when they learn that I am not only a minister, I am the son of a minister and the brother of three ministers.

You should have been at the wedding when my widower father in his eighties married a slightly older but wonderful woman.

There we were — one preacher father, pretty sure he knew how to conduct a proper wedding, himself getting married.

Four preacher sons, each one pretty sure he knew how to conduct a proper wedding, jointly conducting the service. It's a wonder the wedding ended while the bride and groom were both still breathing.

Of the five kids in our family, four of us went into the ministry. The other one probably would have and might have been spared a good bit of emotional suffering if we'd been part of a denomination that allowed women to preach. (For pay, that is. Ask any of our guys. Our gals preach for free all the time.)

As it was, our Sis, though she could hold her own just fine preaching with (and to) the best preacher you ever saw, was by fate denied official ordination.

She over-compensated by beating the socks off of all comers academically, being her university's valedictorian, and generally achieving far more than is good for you.

Folks often remark how unusual it is that all four of a preacher's sons also entered the ministry. I think one reason is that Mom and Dad didn't



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particularly expect us to.

Being free not to, we found ourselves free in a different and agreeable way. Dad was good at what he did, loved what he did, endured a lot of pain to do what he did, was greatly respected for all of the above, and, most of all, was completely devoted to the One he did it for.

The fact that my two older brothers opted for professional ministry a good while before my younger brother and I faced the same choice also meant that quite a trail was already blazed.

In my early years in ministry, I spent a good bit of time wondering if I'd become a minister just because it was sort of the family business.

Eventually, I learned the answer and have found peace in afflicting long-suffering church members now for many years.

I just thought I had a choice. One look at my closet and you'll know I never really did. It's just not possible to have that many sweater vests and not be a minister.

I decided a long time ago that I really wanted to, and that if folks would just let me preach the good news of God's Son, I didn't care too much about the details on the church sign.

If the sign of the Cross is stamped on folks' hearts first, the brand name on the sign tends

**MAHD report**

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Medicare won't accept the results of Muleshoe Area Medical Center's "single slice" CT unit for a bone density study, requiring local patients to make the drive to another facility with equipment that can produce acceptable results.

"After we get this in... they won't have to (make the drive) anymore," Mason said.

Mason also addressed a proposed agreement with Triple X-Ray of Stanton concerning the replacement of the hospital's out-dated single slice CT unit with a "four-slice" unit that will allow Muleshoe's physicians to perform additional procedures.

The agreement would include removal of the old machine and renovations for the new machine, Mason said, at a cost of about \$7,000 per month.

Mason said performing about 12 procedures with the

new equipment per month would pay for the equipment. Mason reported that the hospital's recent Medicare Cost Report showed the district would be receiving an additional \$355,000 reimbursement from Medicare.

Mason was also excited about South Plains College's announcements that the SPC-Muleshoe Center was expanding its services and would be adding an LVN program to its existing RN program.

In other business at Thursday's meeting, the hospital board voted to raise the deductible for its employees health insurance to \$1,000, which according to Mason would hold the premium increase to \$14 per month per individual for both the employee and the hospital district.

to take a well-deserved much lower priority.

I've kept preaching. It would be a shame to waste all those sweater vests.

By the way, it's not the Good News, but it is good news to guys like me that sweaters pretty much transcend denominational lines. Dear, Mr. Rogers, who blessed so many children was an ordained Presbyterian minister.

The stuff about him once being a Navy Seal

or a Marine sniper is not true. He was just a kind, gentle man who evidently one day felt led to put on a sweater, and ordination soon followed.

Sweaters will do that. My dad had a closet full, too.

(Editor's note: Sweaters don't make the man. Man makes the sweaters. But it's the One above who brings them together.)

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# Columnist reminds everyone: 'We learn by what we do'

We learn by what we do... by experience, and sometimes by what we don't do.

At times, with open minds and a willingness to observe, listen and consider, we can grow in grace and knowledge. When we see a person who exercises these qualities we generally see a person who is well respected, and can be trusted.

On the other hand, people observe the things we do, how we conduct ourselves, how we relate to other folks, and they form opinions about us. Self promotion, however, in my judgment, is one of the least productive activities that we can get involved in.

One example, for about 12-15 years ago, I served as the co-editor of one of our papers. And as far as I know, or knew then, I had

a good relationship with the editor, who was also the owner. And we felt free to talk with each other.

I think it's fair to say that people of our faith might be inclined to be a bit judgmental, and a little hard to get along with. Now, consistent with these thoughts, here's one thing that happened.

He told me one day that in every generation, among our people, There is one leader, a preacher, who seems to stand out a little above others, one who is better known and more highly respected than others — and the people look to him for guidance.

Then he looked at me with a little smile and said, "I would like to be that man in our day."

That surprised me because I had never thought of him in that



light. In fact I had never given much thought to anything like that, even though I knew that among all people, churches, business, political or others, such persons do become well known, and are called on.

But I would venture to say that very few of them really want to "be that person," as the brother said.

Now here, in effect, is what I said to him:

"That might be good if you can feel that way, if you can retain those thoughts in your mind, present yourself as minister of the gospel, committed to the best interest of the people,

and preach the truth at all times, and under all circumstances, it might work out for you. But I rather doubt your being able to do that."

For I seriously doubt that any of us can entertain thoughts of that nature and it not adversely affect the quality of our services.

If it should become apparent that we are about as interested in being the "big leader" as we are in the welfare and good of the people we serve, "at that point", so I said, "Our best days will be behind us."

And I'm afraid that's what happened with that brother. His church divided and he lost the fellowship and best wishes of the people with whom he had spent his church life.

I'm not saying that the brother's intentions were bad, for they were not. They were good. But he exercised poor judgment. And that reminds me of some of the Proverbs of Solomon: Wisdom,

Understanding and Knowledge.

And it seems to me that they are applied in that order. So let us note these scriptures in chapter three:

"The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth"

"By understanding he hath established the heavens."

"By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew."

It seems to me that these three things should be involved in all affairs of life... in that order.

As I understand it, application of these three things is essential to the successful handling of the affairs of life, whether we speak of being a preacher, selling automobiles, running for public office or whatever.

But our brother apparently did not understand that. Consequently he failed. And so good, decent and innocent people suffer as a result today.

As far as I know, the authenticity of Proverbs has never been called in question, but with limited time and space for a work of this nature, selecting the verses that are most

appropriate is quite a chore. But we note verse one of chapter five reads;

"My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding."

I quoted this because it addresses "my son" as though he might have been speaking directly to one person. And it's the same in chapters six, seven and elsewhere.

Now it's believed by some scholars that these Proverbs were actually written by David, Solomon's father. And that after his death, Solomon gathered them up and presented them to the public. Thus they became known as the Proverbs of Solomon, but were written by David. And verse eight of chapter one lends some support to that, for it reads;

"My son, hear the instruction of thy Father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."

Now, back to verse two of chapter five;

"That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge."

So again, in these two verses we find those three important words: Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge.

## Holy Week services announced

Muleshoe's Holy Week services for April 5-12 will include the following:

- Palm Sunday Community Service, April 5, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Music with Brady Mason providing the musing and the Rev. Monty Leavell of the First United Methodist Church delivering the message.
- Monday, April 6, at noon, at the First United Methodist Church. A meal will be provided by the church. Sally Messenger and the

Rev. Monty Leavell will provide the music and the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner of the First Baptist Church will deliver the message.

- Tuesday, April 7, noon, at the First Assembly of God Church, with a meal provided by the church. Music will be provided by the Rev. Ryan Pate of First Assembly, and Curtis Shelburne, pastor of 16th & D Church of Christ, will deliver the message.

- Wednesday, April 8, at noon, at Trinity Baptist Church. A meal will be provided by the

church. Music will be provided by the Rev. Bennie Wright of Trinity Baptist, and the Rev. Jack Stone will deliver the message.

- Thursday, April 9, a Maundy Thursday service is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Leavell delivering the message.

- Sunrise Easter Service, April 12, at 7 a.m., at Richland Hills Baptist Church. Music will be provided by Garrison and Jackson Myers, and Chelsea Moore, with the Rev. Larry Thornton of Richland Hills Baptist Church delivering the message. Refreshments will be provided following the service.

## Crim's forecast

Continued from page 1 grandfather, J.W. and Taylor Crim, said he built only a small fire this year because of high winds and the burn ban in Parmer County.

Bailey County is the only county in this part of Texas that doesn't have a burn ban in place, according to the National Forestry Service.

According to Crim,

the high winds and small fire made it more difficult than usual to determine the amount of precipitation to be expected during the upcoming weeks and months — which may explain what his "dry" forecast was followed a few days later with a snowfall extending from New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.

## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're *65 years old* or older—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2009 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2008, you won't need to reapply for 2009 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2009. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became *disabled*, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by **April 30** at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. está incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, también tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años también puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2009 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 o más años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad o más) también pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa anterior, a su nueva casa.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si recibió una exención de residencia en el 2008, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2009—a menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2009. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn  
We had a great time at the center last week, due in large part to La Shea Mason's informative nutrition program. We appreciate NursCare giving the time to help us out.

Our birthday party was a good time. Pat and W. T. for the provided beautiful music for the event. We enjoy honoring the senior citizens with our party.

A heartfelt appreciation also goes to Wayne Pierson for giving a program on the activity at the local hospital. I know he talked on raising the tax base, but we need to really think about what would happen if we did not have the hospital.

If you will take the time to inform yourself of what is being accomplished with our hospital district, you will realize and be proud to know you are a part of this.

The community turned out to show its support of the center on Saturday. We had a great crowd. We

appreciate all of you senior citizens for participating.

The winners of the domino tournament were Lewis Wayne Shafer and Jimmie Crawford, the runners up were Richard Cunningham and Jarrell Pruitt. Congratulations to all of you.

Our silent auction was a success because of all who bid and donated to the center. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

We received many compliments on our center by the out of town guests who were visiting Muleshoe for the various activities on Saturday.

Because of all of you we have one of the best centers in the state. One compliment said they should use our center as a model for all centers. Pat yourself on the back, if not for the senior citizens participation we could not have such a good one.

Remember we are open at 8 a.m. five days a week — Monday through Friday

— serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., and close at 4 p.m.

The seniors are playing Dominoes, Eighty and Bunco on the first and third Tuesdays; and Bingo every Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m. We invite and urge you to come by and visit with us.

April 6-10 Menu:  
Monday, April 6 — Chili con carne, salad, cornbread, crackers, fruit and cookies.

Tuesday, April 7 — Hamburgers, baked beans, potato chips, lettuce, tomato, cheese, pickles, onions and pudding.

Wednesday, April 8 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and apple cobbler.

Thursday, April 9 — Beef stew, salad, cornbread, crackers and iced cake.

Friday, April 10 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.



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Manager Chad Lovell brought several able-bodied men who work for the store, to the cemetery last week, clearing away several very big loads of vines, limbs and trash.

Doyce Waddel helped Doug Bales to get some limbs out of the trees. He also drove the tractor that Lupe Olivarez loaned Bales, to level out the ground.

## Art fun!

Students in art class at Muleshoe High School displayed some of their work at Monday's "Night to Shine." Pictured on the right, some of the art students work with ceramics.



## Prairie Progress deadline set

The final deadline for the Parmer County History book, *Prairie Progress*, second edition is May 31, according to the Parmer County Historical Commission.

To submit family histories with pictures, information about veterans, business histories and stories, or reserve space in the memorial section contact Gladys and Don Spring of Bovina at 806-251-1552.

The book scheduled to go to publisher in June, and should be available by Thanksgiving 2009.

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# Obituaries

## Lois Stancell

Funeral services for Lois Stancell, 92, of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, March 30, at Lariat Church Of Christ with Wesley Roach and Waymon Dowdy officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Stancell died on Thursday, March 26, 2009, in Muleshoe. She was born on Dec. 16, 1916, to Lonnie and Maud Vivian in Matador, and married Jessie V. Stancell in Clovis N.M., on Dec. 23, 1938. He preceded her in death Nov. 4, 2006.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters — Pauline Vivian, Gertrude Reeves and Opal Horsley; and three brothers — Bill, Tom and Brittain Vivian.

Stancell was a lifetime resident of the West Camp community. She was a member of Lariat Church Of Christ.

Survivors include two sons and their wives — Jack and Carolyn Stancell of West Camp and Bennie and Carolyn Stancell of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — Maudie and Larry Taylor of Abilene; a sister and her husband — Ruby and Bud Coke of Abilene; 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Memonals may be sent to the High Plains Christian Children's Home, 11461 S. Western, Amarillo, TX 79118-4119 or the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.



## Williams celebrate 50th

On Sunday, March 22, 2009, Marshall and Ann Williams, pictured above, were honored with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at the Bailey County Coliseum Meeting Room.

The event was hosted by their children and grandchildren — Kim and Keith Smith, Marsha, Donnie and Garrett Davis, and Suzanne, Ken, Joseph and Nathan Wilhelm.

Marshall Williams and Ann Martin were married on March 27, 1959, at the Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada. They have lived in the Progress community since 1973, moving there from Lazbuddie.

## Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage;

Limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death;

Names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid.

Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

# Library News

Materials added to the Muleshoe Public Library on March 12 included sound recordings, audiobooks, videos and books:

Sound recordings — We Need Each Other by Sanctus Real; Wow

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Brockmann; True Color by Kristin Hannah; Scone Cold Dead by Kaitlyn Dunnett; So Long at the Fair by Christina Schwarz; Brittan by Debra White Smith; A Promise to Believe In by Tracie Peterson.

Junior fiction — Moonlight on the Magic Flute by Mary Pope Osborne.

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## Bridal Shower



Lauren Williams

## Williams, Brunson feted at shower

Lauren Williams and Derek Brunson of Lubbock were honored with a bridal shower at the 16th & D Church of Christ Fellowship Hall on Sunday March 29.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Sam and Marje Williams of Denver City.

The prospective groom is the son of David and Dianne Brunson of Muleshoe.

Hostesses for the event included Zanea

Carpenter, Janet Claborn, Denise Esparza, LeAnn Gallman and Juana Shelburne.

The hostess gift was *The Marriage Cross* by Kenneth Wyatt.

Among the special guests in attendance were Marje Williams, Dianne Brunson, Lindsay Williams, Juniper, Sage and Sawyer Moore, Bonnie Crofford and Ruth Jackson, Carol Waldrop, Janey Lancaster and Melissa Winn.

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# Sports

## Lady Mules fall to Bushland in softball battle

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule softball team was 1-1 in district play going into Spring break.

They returned to action with a warm up game against the Bushland Falcons before taking on the Dimmitt Bobbies Saturday.

The Lady Mules had lost on the road to the Abernathy Lady Lopes 9-3 just prior to Spring Break. Bushland defeated the Lady Mules 9-7 in a hard fought game but the Lady Mules played well in the game.

Dimmitt was no match for the Lady Mules Saturday as the game was stopped after five innings with the Lady Mules taking the victory 11-1 after five innings.

Bushland scored four in the top of the second inning for a lead they would never lose. The Falcons moved a runner to third in the top of the third but could not push the run across.

An error on the Bushland pitcher allowed Lupita Andrade to reach base in the bottom of the third. She went to second on a passed ball. April Gardea drew a walk on four straight pitches before Erika Rodriguez singled to left to score Andrade.

Val Olivas sent a triple

to the wall in right for two RBIs. The Lady Mules trailed 4-3 after three innings.

Bushland converted a base on balls to a run in the top of the fourth inning. BreAnn Baca scooped a ground ball at third and fired home to Tori Alvarado to prevent a run.

After two outs Ashlie Johnson doubled to right field to start the bottom of the fourth. Gabby Perez slapped the ball to second and an error on the first baseman allowed her to not only reach base but advance to second and score Johnson. The Lady Mules trailed 5-4 after four innings.

The Falcons scored three in the top of the fifth but the Lady Mules answered with three of their own. Gardea took the count full and walked and Rodriguez singled to right.

Olivas smashed a triple to score both Gardea and Rodriguez. Olivas came home on a passed ball to keep the Lady Mules striking distance.

Bushland scored one in the sixth inning for their nine runs in the game. The Lady Mules could not score in their final two at bats. Olivas was in the pitching circle against Dimmitt and just gave up one run on three hits. Two of those hits

were in the first inning when they scored their only run.

Rodriquez doubled to left for the Lady Mules first base runner of the game. Olivas singled up the middle and Alvarado brought them home with a triple to center to put the Lady Mules up 2-1.

Olivas threw out the first batter at first to Johnson after the tap back to the circle. Baca tracked down a pop fly behind third for the second out. Olivas struck out the final Bobbie of the inning.

Perez and Gardea both walked and advanced on a passed ball. Rodriquez brought them home with a single up the middle to give the Lady Mules a 4-1 lead after two innings.

Two bases on balls and a hit batsman loaded the bases with Bobbies in the top of third with no outs. Rodriquez chased down a fly ball to left and got the ball back to the infield before any damage was done.

Olivas struck out the next batter and Gardea snagged a line drive at second for the final out with no runs scoring.

Seven Lady Mules scored in the bottom of the fourth. Johnson got it started with a single to center and Perez followed with a single to left. A base on balls to Andrade



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Valerie Olivaz slides safely into home against Bushland. loaded the bases. Gardea home.

picked up a RBI on a walk.

Perez was forced out at home on a tap to second by Rodriquez but the bases remained loaded on the fielder's choice.

Olivas cleared the bases with a triple to left and picked up three RBIs. Alvarado singled up the middle to bring Olivas

Ali Eagle walked and Baca singled to score Alvarado. Eagle scored on a fly ball sacrifice to center by Brenda Rodriquez for the Lady Mules final run.

Baca made the scoop and throw for the first out of the top of the fifth inning. B. Rodriquez camped under a pop fly

at first four the second out and Eagle made the scoop and fired to first for the final out of the game.

The 2-1 Lady Mules hosted the Floydada Lady Winds Tuesday and will take the long road trip to Childress Saturday April 4 and will be in Littlefield Tuesday April 7.

## Varsity Mules hang on for a win against the Whirlwinds

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules hung on to at least a share of first place in District 2-2A by defeating the Floydada Whirlwinds Saturday 11-6.

The Mules had warmed up after the Spring break on the Floyd, N.M., Broncos with a 16-3 win in just five innings.

Victor Vasquez pitched against Floyd and struck out six in the game and gave up just two hits to the Broncos. The first hit was a two-run homer in the first inning. Floyd did not score again until the fourth inning when one run crossed on the other hit.

Caleb Conner tripled to right field to lead off for the Mules in the



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Jared Skipworth bunts during a recent game.

first inning. He scored on a double to center by Marshal Head. The Mules took the lead in the bottom of the second with DJ Atwood drawing

a walk as did Jared Skipworth and Jonathan Garcia to load the bases. Atwood and Skipworth both scored on wild pitches. Conner stole

second and Garcia scored on the throw to second in an attempt to throw out Conner. The Mules led 4-2 after two innings.

Vasquez struck out two in the top of the third and got the third to pop out to Skipworth at shortstop. The Mules exploded in the third for 10 runs. Vasquez drew a walk to lead off the third inning and went to second on a throwing error by the pitcher in a pick off attempt.

Dameon Snell swung at the third pitch and beat the throw to first after the catcher dropped the ball. Vasquez stole third and home plate. Snell scored on a passed ball while Atwood walked after taking the count full. Garcia and Conner

walked and Gunner Kerby reached on an error on the second baseman to load the bases.

Head doubled to left to pick up Garcia and Conner. Vasquez doubled to center to swap places with Head. Snell's bloop single fell just out of the infield and Vasquez went home. Atwood walked for the second time in the inning before Ryan DeLeon ripped a single down the right field line that scored Snell and Atwood. The 10 Mule runs gave them a 14-2 lead.

The Mules gave up a run in the top of fourth after a base hit led off the inning. Back-to-back infield sacrifice ground balls brought the run across for the Broncos

final run of the game.

The Mules added two insurance runs in the bottom of the fourth. Conner and Head both walked. Vasquez brought them home with a blast to right field for the Mules final two runs.

Skipworth got the start against Floydada and struck out four in his four and two-thirds innings. He gave up five hits and five runs.

Skipworth struck out the first Whirlwind and hit the second. Head gunned the runner down attempting to steal second with a perfect strike to Gunner Kerby at second and he applied a sweeping tag for the second out. The third batter was called out on

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# JV Mules, Lady Mules take part in Brownfields' Cub Relays

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mule and Mule track teams were in Brownfield Thursday for the Cub Relays.

The Lady Mules placed fourth with 18 points.

Abernathy won the meet followed by Littlefield, Brownfield, Muleshoe and Lubbock Cooper.

The Mules took fifth with 74 points. Brownfield

won their own meet followed by Tulia, Shallowater, Lubbock Cooper, Muleshoe, Abernathy, Littlefield and Floydada.

Heather Guterrez did all the damage for the Lady Mules with a second place finish in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.28 second and won the 400-meter dash with a 1:07.86.

Junior Garcia took the

gold medal in the triple jump with a distance of 36 feet 9.5 inches.

Isaac Baca placed fifth with a leap of 17-1.5. Saul Elizalde cleared 10-6 for the silver medal in the pole vault.

Garcia took silver in the 800-meter dash with a time of two minutes and 20.24 seconds.

Josh Stanford placed sixth in the 800 with a 2:28.50.

The 800-meter relay team of Alan Diaz, Elizalde, Damien Trevino and Baca finished fifth with a time of 1:41.12.

Diaz took the gold in the 400-meter dash with a 55.81 and Garcia took the bronze with a 59.70.

Baca ran silver in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.13.

Stanford had a bronze medal time of 5:55.60 in the 1600-meter run and

Roper Kirby placed fifth with a 3:59.09.

The Lady Mules and Mules will be competing team of Diaz, Steven in Lubbock Cooper on Durban, Garcia and April 3 and Lubbock Elizalde finished fifth Roosevelt on April 10.

## MHS golf teams prepare for district play

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mule and Mule golf teams have been getting ready for district play that starts March 30.

The Mules will kick off their first of three District 2-2A tournaments in Floydada while the Lady Mules open district in Dimmitt.

The Lady Mules placed sixth in the Farwell Invitational Tournament with Sarah Johnson leading the Lady Mules with a 105 shot total.

Janae Pyle finished with a 108, Morgan Smith shot a 126 and Chelsea Moore completed the

course with a 121.

The Mules faired a little better with a fifth place finish as they battled the course as well as the high wind conditions.

Tyson Turnbow was the Individual Champion with a total of 74 shots. Jonathan Perez shot a 96, Jackson Myers finished with a 121, Cooper Washington had a 125 and Mateo Castillo fired a 131.

The two teams traveled to Olton for the Mustang Invitational. Johnson was the third low individual in the girls' tournament with a final shot total of 96.

Pyle fired a 105 and

Smith finished with a 121.

The Mules took second in Olton and Turnbow was again low individual with a 78. Perez finished with an 88, Castillo fired a 108, Meyers finished at 115 and Washington a 118.

"The kids are learning a very hard game," said Mule golf coach Carey Sudduth. "They are all working hard and getting better each week. Both teams are excited

about getting district under way."

The second round of district will be held for the girls in Tulia and the boys will travel to Childress. The final round will have the girls in Friona and the boys will be hosted by Muleshoe.

The Region I Tournament is scheduled in Midland April 20-21 and the state qualifiers will travel to Austin May 11-12.

## Varsity track teams compete at Brownfield Cub Relays

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules and Lady Mule track teams competed in the Brownfield Cub Relays Thursday.

The Lady Mules placed seventh with 28 points behind the meet champions Shallowater. Abernathy, Lubbock Cooper, Littlefield, Tulia

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## Varsity Mules

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strikes.

Conner reached on an error by the second baseman and stole second. Head slapped a ground ball to third that was bobbled and reached first base on the error. Conner started to third and held up until the throw went to first and he round home and flew home for the Mule's first run.

A base hit and a pair of errors by the Mules cost them a run in the top of the second inning. The Mules could not score in the bottom of the second and the game remained tied at 1-1.

A walk put a base runner on first for the Whirlwinds. Head gunned him down attempting to steal second. Skipworth struck out the second batter before the Whirlwinds loaded the bases with two out. The final out came with a pop fly pulled in by Vasquez drifting over behind second from his shortstop position. The Whirlwinds did not score after sending six to the plate.

The bottom half of the third inning was very productive for the Mules as they batted around and scored six runs. Conner sent a ground ball back across the mound for a single and went to second on a throwing error on the catcher attempting to pick him off.

Kerby lofted a bunt high but it fell to the turf between the pitcher and third base for an infield single. Head took the count full before walking to load the bases. Vasquez singled to left to score Conner. Snell sent a fly ball to right field that could have been caught but was dropped for an error. Kerby, Head and Vasquez scored on the error.

Atwood's fly ball to left was dropped and Snell scored on the error

and Atwood cruised into third on the throw home. He scored on a wild pitch for the Mules' sixth run of the inning and the Mules led 7-1 after three innings.

A single by Floydada to lead off the fourth inning put a runner on first. Head fired a strike to Kerby at second to cut down the runner attempting to steal. It was Head's third peg of the game. The Whirlwinds went in order to end the top half of the inning.

Conner walked and stole second base to start the bottom half of the fourth for the Mules. Kerby was hit by a pitch. Conner and Kerby advanced on a wild pitch. An error on the on the short stop allowed Head to reach first and Conner to score.

A late throw to first caused the first baseman to interfere with Head at first base. Head was awarded second base and Kerby was allowed to come home. Vasquez singled to left to score Head. Vasquez stole second and third and Snell brought him home with a sacrifice bunt. The Mules led 11-1 after four innings.

The first two Whirlwinds turned into outs in the top of the fifth before the Mules committed three errors that the Whirlwinds turned into four runs to extend the game to seven innings.

Vasquez came in for the Mules for the final out in the fifth inning and allowed one in the top of the sixth but held the Whirlwinds scoreless in the seventh with a ground out to Skipworth at short and a pair of strike outs.

The Mules put their unblemished district record on the line in Dimmitt Tuesday and will host Friona Saturday. The Mules travel to Tulia on April 7 and to Floydada on April 11.

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Read the clues below to fill in my crossword puzzle!

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the kids' (ages 6-11) food pyramid is easy to read.
- It shows foods we need from all \_\_\_\_\_ food groups and tells the amount needed in ounces or cups.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Group has bread, cereal, rice and pasta in it.
- It is suggested that we eat \_\_\_\_\_ ounces from the Grains Group.
- From the milk group we need to eat foods that have calcium in them or drink \_\_\_\_\_ cups of milk a day.
- It's fun to choose and eat brightly colored foods from the Vegetables and \_\_\_\_\_ Groups.
- From which group are more servings suggested: vegetables or fruits?
- The amount we should eat from the Meat & Beans Group is \_\_\_\_\_ ounces every day.
- Turkey, fish, nuts, beans and eggs are in the \_\_\_\_\_ & Beans Group.
- Oils and other \_\_\_\_\_ are not a food group.
- Eating too many foods filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and fat may cause health problems.
- Oils and fats should be only a small part of your diet because they have many \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fill in the blanks with missing vowels.**

**Grains**  
Eat 6 ounces every day

**Vegetables**  
Eat 2 1/2 cups

**Fruits**  
Eat 1 1/2 cups

**Milk**  
3 cups

**Meat & Beans**  
5 ounces

**Exercise is fun!**

**Fill in the blanks with missing vowels.**

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
6 \_\_\_\_\_  
7 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ five  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ 11  
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**Find and circle these things that you should think about when preparing your meals and snacks:**

vitamins calcium oil fiber salt sugar additives nutrition protein fats starch fiber carbohydrates

Instead of regular potato chips I could try baked potato chips or better yet, choose carrot sticks for crunch!

I'll eat whole grain crackers instead of doughnuts.

**Make sure to get 30 to 60 minutes of exercise every day!**

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Every day we make choices about the food we eat. We may grab something tasty that is not very nutritious. If we keep lots of healthy food choices in the house it will be just as easy to grab a tasty bite that is better for us. Here are some choices for meals and snacks. **Do you know which one would be a better choice? Circle it.**

**Breakfast:**

- A. bacon, eggs, fried potatoes  
B. oatmeal, fruit, milk
- A. pancakes with fruit  
B. fried egg, bacon and cheese sandwich

**Lunch:**

- A. corn dog, French fries, soda  
B. boiled hotdog, baked beans, milk
- A. grilled chicken patty, salad, milk  
B. chicken nuggets, onion rings, milk shake

**Snacks:**

- A. nacho chips with cheese dip  
B. baked tortilla chips with salsa
- A. chocolate chip cookies  
B. rice cakes with a little peanut butter

**Supper:**

- A. cheeseburger, fries, soda  
B. turkey burger, fruit salad
- A. pepperoni and cheese pizza  
B. vegetable and cheese pizza

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# Muleshoe students place in UIL debate competition

The University Interscholastic League held the state tournament in cross examination team debate March 15-21.

Conference A- AA-AAA contests were held March 16-17 at the Teaching Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Each conference qualifies two teams from each of the thirty two districts.

Conference AA had 62 teams vying for the state championships.

Muleshoe qualified Cole Hawkins, Steven Richards, and Adrian

Chacon on Monday, March 16, each team had four preliminary rounds, from the four rounds, based on won/loss records and speaker points, 16 teams advance onto the Octo Finals.

Cole Hawkins and Steven Richards advanced on Monday to compete on Tuesday.

Cole and Steven won their Octo Final and quarter finals rounds. They lost in the semi-finals to Lago Vista, the eventual State AA Champions.

Cole and Steven won third place in Conference AA.

"Third place out of 62 teams is a great honor. Cole, Steven, Adrian and Austin did a great job of representing Muleshoe High School," a school official said.

The following Muleshoe High School students received awards at District 2-AA Speech and Debate competitions:

Cross Examination Debate: first place, Cole Hawkins and Steven Richards, second place, Austin Bamert and Adrian Chacon, fourth place, Weston Griswold and Lourdes Martinez, first place, Natalie Head, Prose

Interpretation, third place, Jodee Hall, Poetry Interpretation, second Place: Austin Bamert-Informative Speaking, third place, Weston Griswold, Informative Speaking, second place, Xavier Mora, Persuasive Speaking,

third place, Steven Richards, Persuasive Speaking, fourth place, Xavier Mora, Prose Interpretation, fourth place, Daniela Aburto, Poetry Interpretation, fourth place, Daniela Aburto, Informative Speaking, fifth place,

Louis Guzman, Poetry Interpretation, fifth place, Matthew Ambriz, Prose Interpretation, third place, Robert Brewster, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, fourth place, Andrew Villarreal, Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

## Muleshoe varsity track team

Continued from page 7 and Brownfield also finished ahead of the Lady Mules and Floydada was last.

The Mules took the bronze medal in the meet with 80 points. Lubbock Cooper and Brownfield finished ahead of the Mules and Floydada, Shallowater, Littlefield, Tulia and Abernathy followed the Mules.

Yvonne Gardea did most of the damage for the Lady Mules. She placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 32 feet 10 inches and was fourth in the high jump with a leap of 4-10. She also placed third in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 52.78 seconds.

Baylee Bessire cleared 7-0 in the pole vault for fourth place. Sarah Johnson took third in the 3200-meter

run with a time of 14:19.67 and Belinda Pacheco was fifth in the 1600-meter run with a 6:42.55. The Lady Mule 400-meter relay team placed sixth with a time of 55.73 but the team members were not known at press time.

Larry Richardson got the Mules started with a fifth place finish in the long jump with a leap of 19-4.75. Joseph Strader placed second in the shot put with a toss of 41-1.5 and Cooper Washington was sixth with a distance of 39-9.5.

Washington threw the discus 110-5 for fourth place. Lane Wood took the gold medal in the pole vault with a vault of 13-0 and Wes Wood took silver with a height of 12-6. Sterling Leopard took gold in the 3200-meter run with a 13:32.66 and gold in the 1600-meter run with a 4:50.52.

The 400-meter relay team of L. Wood, Washington, Richardson and Victor Vasquez was sixth with a time of 45.54. L. Wood took silver in the 110-meter hurdles with a 16.97. The 800-meter relay team of Adrian Muniz, Richardson, Washington and Nathaniel Chavez was fifth with a 1:35.83.

Muniz ran sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 48.93 and Chavez was sixth in the 200-meter dash with a 24.75. The 1600-meter relay team of Richardson, Washington, Chavez and Muniz won the bronze medal with a time of 3:42.58.

The Mules and Lady Mules are to run in the Pirate Relays in Lubbock Cooper on April 3 and in the Eagle Relays at Lubbock Roosevelt on April 10.



# The Sudan Buzz



## Sudan drama students to compete at district

The Sudan High School One Act Play competed at the the District 5-A Zone competition at Farwell on Saturday, March 28.

The students performed Ken Ludwig's "Moon over Buffalo," and won their zone competition.

They will now compete at the District 5-A. Sudan will host the District 5-A

on Saturday, April 4.

The plays will start at 1 p.m. at the Sudan High School.

Six of the eight cast members received awards at the zone competition.

The students, and the honor achieved were:

- Best Actress — Whitney Robertson
- Best Actor — Luke

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• All-Star Cast — Josh Barrett, Mariah Steinbock and Megan McAlister.

• Honorable Mention — Logan Lance.

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# Panhandle medics have an impact on Iraqi health care

*(Editor's Note: Major Ernie Vela, formerly of Muleshoe, provided the accompanying article concerning the U.S. Army's medical efforts.*

*The article's writer, Major John Gerald is a nurse at the VA Hospital in Amarillo.)*

By Major John Gerald of Amarillo

From March 22-25, U.S. Army surgeons and nurses from the 10th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) and the 172nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT) conducted training for Iraqi doctors and nurses at Karbala's Al Hussein General Hospital.

Security and movement for the training was provided by Bravo Battery of the 1-77 Field Artillery Battalion (BN), commanded by Captain Todd Anderson.

Led by Colonel John

Schraver, team members worked for four days side by side with their Iraqi counterparts in the emergency room, operating rooms, and on the surgical ward. They also held classroom lectures for about 100 doctors and nurses. The training was widely covered by the local media and praised by local authorities.

The Al Hussein Hospital training — as well as training for first responders at Forward Operating Base Husayniyah from March 15-18 — was the result of coordination that began in November 2008 between Major John Gerald of the Karbala Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), Captain Michael Cahill, a physician from the 172nd BCT, and Dr. Ala'a Mahdi, the Iraqi Director General of Health for Karbala

province.

Two examples from the last day of training stood out. One young woman, 30 years old, was brought to the doctors with severe damage to her jaw bones, which she had sustained at the age of two. The condition allowed her to barely open her mouth, preventing her from eating adequately and leaving her emaciated.

Iraqi doctors were unable to operate because the surgery required a special procedure to administer anesthesia through her nose.

Major John Hutson, an anesthesiologist, was familiar with the procedure and assisted in the surgery. The woman has regained the full use of her mouth.

In another case, a blind man had an intestinal blockage that prevented him from eating and gaining weight. Again,



Dr. Abdul Rezaq Khalif and Col. John Schraver review a surgical case.

local doctors were unfamiliar with the surgical technique required to correct the blockage and so Colonel Schraver assisted in the operation.

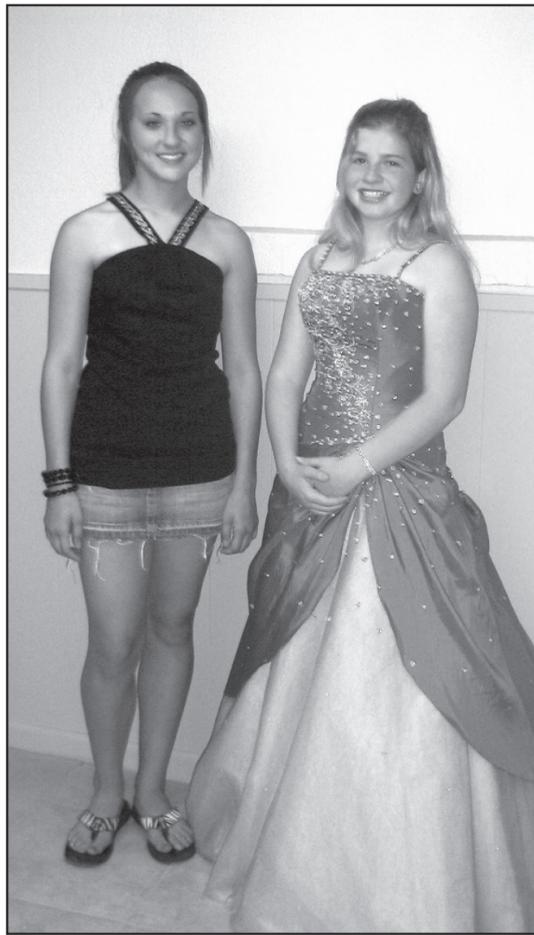
Afterwards, the blind man's three brothers, who are also blind, crowded the medical team, thanking them and shaking all their hands.

The father of the boys simply wept.



## Bailey County clothing project, fashion show held

The Bailey County Clothing project began in February with 10 4-H'ers sewing patchwork pillows. Then the members started sewing on their garments for the Fashion Show. "This kids all worked really hard and did a great job," a sponsor said. The Bailey County Fashion Show was held on March 24, with seven 4-H'ers participating. "They all did a great job and will be going to the District Fashion Show in Brownfield on April 9," said the sponsor. There were two in the Intermediate Division — McKenna Dunham, Construction-Casual; and Bailey Bales, Buying-Specialty. And five Juniors — Amila Symm, Construction-Casual; Megan Pierson, Embellished-Casual; Georgia Taylor, Construction-Dressy; Keiara Nelson, Construction-Specialty; and Ethan Taylor, Construction-Specialty.



## USDA extends DCP, ACRE sign-up dates

Kim Hanlin, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County announced recently that USDA has extended the sign-up deadline from June 1, to Aug. 14, for both the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the forthcoming Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program.

This action extends the sign-up deadline by 10 weeks to give producers ample time to decide whether to participate in ACRE or remain in DCP.

"Extending the sign-up deadline for both these programs ensure that America's farmers have enough information and time needed to determine if ACRE is the right program for their operational needs," said Hanlin.

"The DCP and ACRE programs play a critical role in the farm safety net and it is vital that we act to support the hard work of the farmers we depend on," he added.

Sign-up for ACRE is expected to start in late April, with an official sign-up announcement to be made in the coming weeks. Producers can

elect ACRE at their FSA county office after the sign-up period commences.

The original June 1 deadline may have forced producers to rush their decision, which is why this extension gives producers more time to make an informed decision about staying with DCP for 2009 or participating in ACRE for crop year 2009 and beyond through 2012.

The ACRE program, authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill, provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the five-year

state Olympic average yield and the two-year national average price.

ACRE payments are made when both state and farm-level triggers are met.

By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates.

The decision to elect ACRE binds the farm to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Act.

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**On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members, the Muleshoe Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's banquet a huge success.**

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#### CITY OF MULESHOE FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

The City of Muleshoe has proclaimed the month of April as "Fair Housing Month." The City of Muleshoe endorses and supports the principle of fair housing and encourages all citizens to support the law of the land in regard to the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of his choice.

Copies of the City's Proclamation are available free of charge to any interested person or groups at City Hall.

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### HELP WANTED

**Bus Driver/Custodian,** TMC Head Start Muleshoe Center. Requires a CDL with PS endorsement. Apply at 719 W. Gum, Muleshoe, TX 79347 or send resume to 806-763-9136 or jim.rodriguez@mail.tmccentral.org. EOE 1ch4/2

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**Garage Sale Saturday, April 4 1715 W. Ave B 8 am to 1 pm** Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, toys & misc. 1ch4/2

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#### ESTATE SALE BARN SALE THURSDAY, APRIL 2 AT 9AM HOUSE WILL NOT BE OPEN UNTIL APRIL 3RD 9 AM L.G. LAYMAN ESTATE

20 Miles north of Sudan on Hwy 303, drive straight North until you see streamers and balloons on County Road 627 where you will turn East to first house. Barn is in back. April 2, 9 am - 4 pm, April 3, 9 am - 4 pm, April 4, 9 am - 4 pm, Sunday, April 5, 1 pm - 3 pm. 1070 Case Tractor with Front End Loader attached, 1995 Fleetwood Cadillac, 1988 Ford Pick-Up on LPG, Grain Truck LPG, 1974 with 15 thousand miles nice and clean. Hobbs bed with hoist. Hand tools, yard tools, garden equipment, Lincoln portable welder, small mowing tractor without mower. Shop vise, spray rigs, spreaders, some antique tools, saws, canes, cedar chest, ceramic kiln, new gifts from gift store, assorted metals, iron aluminum, copper etc. Tanks, barn full of workable items, windmill weights, lots of farm tools and many items to sell. Patio table and chairs, wheel chairs and crutches, framed pictures and empty frames to sell. Ladies, come on you will enjoy this barn sale too. The house will not open until Friday, April 3rd. For info call Bill and Jojo's Estate Sale at 806-933-4373. 1ch4/2

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From Sudan drive North on 303 until you find County Road 627 which will have balloons and streamers, turn East and go to first house. King size bed and nite stands, linens and sheets and spreads and blankets, 22 hide-a-cots and Dearborn heater, ab builder, mirror, beautiful hanging lamps. Nice ladies and mens clothing, blue fox jacket, nice-framed paintings, and frames, books and magazines, Christmas items, aluminum Christmas tree, lift chair, recliner, game table and 4 padded chairs, camera SL, radios, love seat, formal sofa, tall game table and 2 chairs, record players, rocking chairs, side chairs, state plates, dishes, pots and pans, antiques, washer dryers, works, book cases, 5 tvs, flatware, small electric appliances. Queen bed set, twin bed, lots of fabric. Sewing cabinet full of threads and sewing notions. Beautiful lamps, coffee tables, lamp tables and others. To much to mention. For info call Bill and Jojo's Estate Sales at 806-933-4373 for directions call 806-252-0503. 1ch4/2

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**HWY 1057 CASTRO CO.** - permitted for dairy, 1,168 ac. with one mile hwy. frontage, irr. wells, sprinklers & precon. pens, adjoins the Castro Co. 4,949 acres in four tracts.  
**PERMITTED - CASTRO CO.,** 1808 acres +/-, 7,200 cow dairy permit (4,000 milking), precon. pens permitted for 10,000 head, fully developed with pivot sprinklers, irr. wells, homes, barns, grain storage with dump pit and elevators, hwy. frontage, well developed. Additional 4300 acres +/- in three tracts, optional, irr. permitted. Can divide!  
**SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS** - 3 bdrms., 3 bath, basement, brick with metal roof, 3,581 sq. ft. +, family room with fireplace, large game room with fireplace, formal living room, dining room, kitchen, utility, lots of storage, double garage, central heat/air.  
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• NICE 3-1 3/4-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, cov. patio, fenced yd., \$75,000!!!  
**HIGH SCHOOL AREA**  
• NICE 2-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, screened patio, fenced yard, approx. 1762' lvg. area!! REDUCED - \$82,000 \$75,000!!  
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• COUNTRY CLUB 3-2-2 Bldg., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yard, workshop/storage!! \$77,000!!!  
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• EARTH - VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, fenced yd., 16' x 20' workshop/storage!! \$74,500!!  
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# Texans sound off on the economy and health care

Listening is often the most important part of a conversation. That is why in my weekly column at the beginning of this year, as Americans welcomed a new President and a new Congress, I invited Texans to share their opinions with me on the most critical issues facing our state and nation.

Thousands of Texans responded with their thoughts and concerns on issues such as the economy, health care, education and transportation.

As their responses demonstrate, Texans are as committed as I am to overcome the challenges that currently face us.

People across Texas pointed to the federal government's response to the recession and rising health care costs as the two most alarming issues confronting our nation.

For this reason, I'd like to focus on these two topics in this column, before exploring respondents' other legislative priorities in the weeks ahead.

When asked how the government should react to our current economic



challenges, approximately 25 percent believe the government should prioritize infrastructure spending.

Another 25 percent said the government should pay down the national debt. But over 50 percent of survey respondents said tax cuts should be the key component in efforts to revitalize the economy.

Texans have common sense, and they know taxing, borrowing, and spending won't fix our economy; this approach will only prolong and worsen the recession.

The best way to stimulate economic growth is to lower taxes for small businesses and families.

Earlier this year, I introduced legislation that would prevent future tax increases on Texas families by allowing them to permanently deduct state and local sales taxes.

As a matter of principle,

people shouldn't have to pay taxes on their taxes. I also introduced legislation to make the marriage penalty relief permanent.

Unless Congress takes action, a significant number of married couples will again pay more in taxes starting in 2011.

Given the challenges many families are facing to make ends meet, we must make sure we do not backtrack on this important form of tax relief.

Although Texans favor tax cuts, the majority in Congress want to spend their way out of the recession.

In March, the Senate considered the enormous Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which spends over 8 percent more than Congress approved for Fiscal Year 2008.

I introduced an amendment to the legislation that would have shown the American people that Congress

is ready to exert fiscal responsibility.

My amendment would have reduced the size of the bill to the overall spending level approved in 2008, with adjustments made for inflation.

Unfortunately, the Senate was unwilling to make these modest cuts and do away with billions of dollars of wasteful, duplicative spending. Therefore, I felt it necessary and responsible to oppose the final bill.

The survey results also indicate that Texans are very anxious about rising medical costs and health insurance premiums.

Almost 40 percent said limited or no access to health insurance and difficulty understanding insurance coverage plans pose the most significant obstacles to medical care.

But nearly 60 percent chose the high cost of insurance and health care services as the primary barrier to care.

To address these

problems, Congress must champion small business health plans. Between 2000 and 2006, the median rise in income fell far behind the 80 percent increase in family health care premiums for Texas subscribers to employer-based insurance.

Because of these costs, fewer employers are offering medical coverage. The Small Business Health Plans Act makes it easier for small businesses to purchase affordable health insurance through their trade organizations.

I am also a co-sponsor of a new bill that will allow all Americans to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance premiums as long as they purchase qualified private health insurance.

This change to the tax code will benefit

individuals who purchase coverage from the individual market.

It will also allow benefits to be carried from job to job. Both bills will lower costs for families and small businesses, and they will increase the number of Americans with health insurance.

Moving forward, I will continue to work to reduce the tax burden on American families and small businesses and address the rising cost of health care.

These issues are far too important to be neglected by Congress. But, as so many Texans remarked in their survey responses, the solution to our growing challenges is not to give more power to the government; it's to give more power to the American people.

## Muleshoe chamber sponsors circus event

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is sponsoring the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus.

America's favorite Big Top Circus is coming to Muleshoe on April 4, at the Boy Scout Grounds.

There will be two performances, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

In its 21st season, C&M Circus has become internationally known for its quality family entertainment.

"Bring your friends and family out circus morning to watch as a familiar place in your town is transformed into a bustling Circus City," says a circus representative.

"Activity swirls around the grounds as animals are unloaded, the Big Top is erected, and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day. Enjoy the magic and tradition of the American Circus with your family and create memories that will last a lifetime."

Between 9:30 and 10 a.m., watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the free tour.

This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for families, schools, and interested community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus family and includes a

walking tour of the circus grounds.

Learn interesting facts about the performers, the history of the show and the different species of animals in our Circus Family.

"In this presentation we will also address topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of our animals receive," the circus representative said. "On circus day, our performers bring the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute show. This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers. Our performers are sure to amaze and delight

audience members of all ages."

In recent years the tent raising and morning tour has become a popular program for families and interested community members.

It is presented in a way everyone, young and old can learn many interesting facts about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Family.

This is a special part of Circus Day that should not be missed.

Save money by purchasing your tickets in advance. Advance tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Art Loft and Support Medical.

Prices for advance tickets are \$6 for children ages 2 to 12, children under 2 are always free, and \$8 for adults. On show day tickets will be \$1.50 more. For more information, contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce at 272-4248 or call 866-BIG TOP 6.

## Publication of announcements in the Journal

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

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

For weddings and quinceaneras 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 or the person placing the article may indicate which portions may be left out. However, if a longer write-up is desired, it may be purchased in the form of an ad.

For anniversaries, if two photos are included, the limit will be 25 inches. It will be 15 inches if only one photo is used. That space will be free for anniversaries of 50 years or more. A fee may be charged for other anniversaries.

Birth announcements with one-column photos are run free of charge with names of the immediate family, including grandparents.

Please understand that 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, items served at the showers, a brief description of the decor and the names of special or out-of-town guests.

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 four months after an event will be the rule for free publication. Information must be received by Monday noon. However, publication cannot be guaranteed in the week it is provided.

Drop by for a form or send the information via e-mail to [editor@muleshoejournal.com](mailto:editor@muleshoejournal.com).

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As agriculture continues to evolve and change, we see the need to adapt to the modern farmer's needs. This includes an up to date website that allows the customer to access information necessary for the farmer to make informed decisions. You can access our website at <http://www.tristarchemical.net>. Another change we are seeing in the agriculture sector is the term cash and carry.

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For more information call Aaron Alexander at 806-272-5151 or 806-773-9619, [aalexander@tristarchemical.net](mailto:aalexander@tristarchemical.net).

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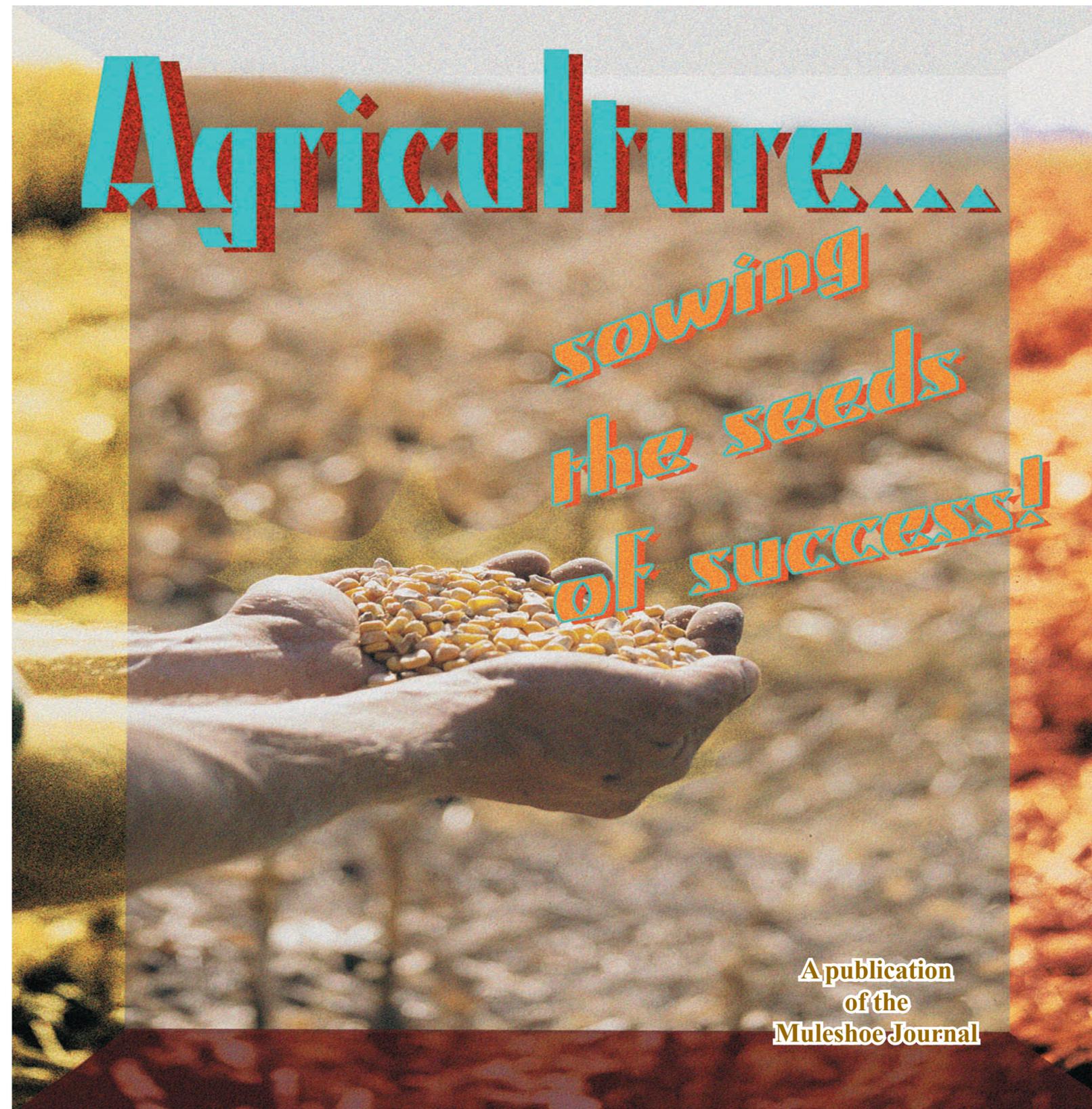
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Rickey Barrett has been with Bailey County Farm Bureau for 27 years; Toby Kitchens has been with BCFB for one year. The office also employs one full-time adjuster, Julie Vasquez, to service any claims you may have.

You'll also find two smiling faces to greet you in the office. Letty Guerra and Tracy Hargrove are the secretaries for Bailey County Farm Bureau.

The local agency, a branch of Farm Bureau Insurance has been serving farmers, ranchers and their families for over 50 years and has always committed themselves to supporting agriculture and the people who work hard to make a livelihood in the industry.

In addition to numerous local donations to all kinds of activities, Bailey County Farm Bureau also sponsors the Bailey County Farm Bureau scholarship, which is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Muleshoe High School. They also cosponsor two or three local juniors and seniors who are sent to participate in Texas Farm Bureau's annual citizenship seminars.

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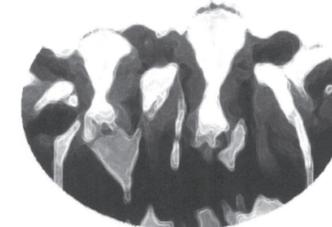
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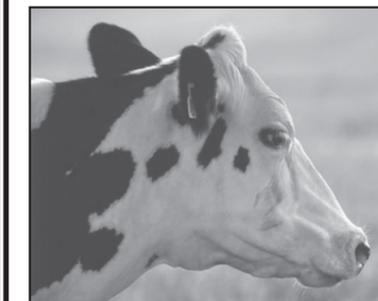
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## Area farmers can enroll in ACRE program

Kim Hanlin, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Bailey County announced recently that producers can elect and enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program beginning April 27.

ACRE is a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill.

"The Average Crop Revenue Election program is an innovative alternative to the traditional farm safety," Hanlin said.

"This new option presents an opportunity for producers to review both programs and decide which one will work best for their operation."

Producers have until Aug. 14, 2009, to make their decision for the 2009 crop. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to:

- Forgo counter-cyclical payments;
- Accept a 20-percent reduction of the direct payments; and
- Accept a 30-percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm.

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crambe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas.

The ACRE program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers

may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

To elect ACRE for a farm, producers must complete Form CCC-509 ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in ACRE, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

For more information about the ACRE program please visit your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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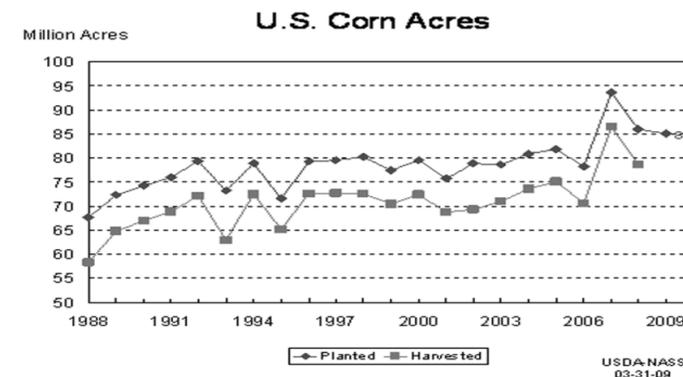
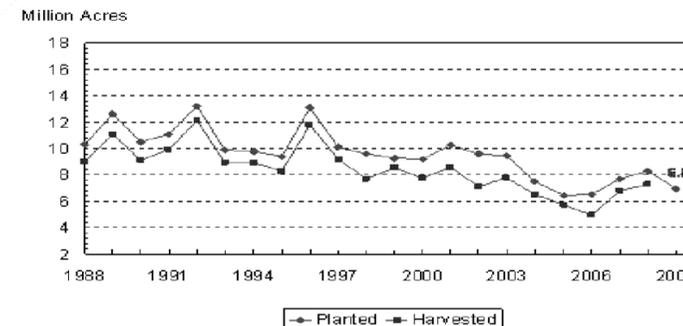
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Left to right: Eric Stephens, Johnny Martinez, and Marcos Escamilla display the BCI 660 Power Factor Correction Capacitors.

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# High plains grower hopes to repeat 2008 success

Cotton growers on the Texas High Plains are accustomed to wind and sand, but 2008 created spring weather that was extreme even by their standards. In spite of the adverse conditions, many High Plains growers, including Joel Drake, produced a profitable crop with FiberMax® cotton varieties from Bayer CropScience.

“We had a hot, windy spring after the cotton came up — the wind just kept blowing and blowing,” said Drake, who farms about 2,500 acres near Meadow and Ropesville. “When the early frost came, it set us back again, and I would say it was one of the roughest years that I remember.”

With FM 9180B2F and FM 9063B2F, Drake produced 2,112 lbs/A and 1,960 lbs/A on his two irrigated plots, and joined the FiberMax One Ton Club™ for the third year in a row. Drake credits his drip irrigation, consultants and intensive management techniques with the success, but he said he couldn't have done it without the two FiberMax cotton varieties.

“FiberMax is a go-getter — the varieties on my farm kept producing when everything else had hit a stopping point,” Drake said. “FiberMax varieties just keep on loading up. With the weather last year, I didn't think my cotton was going to do anything — didn't think it had time to make anything — but it never quit.”

Steve Nichols, Bayer CropScience U.S. agronomic manager, agreed with Drake that FiberMax varieties reach their maximum potential when growers implement best management techniques and incorporate technologies such as drip irrigation. Nichols said FiberMax varieties continued to outperform other varieties in both yield and quality in 2008 Texas Cotton Agronomic Performance (CAP) trials, which are managed by growers in conjunction with Bayer CropScience.

“This year's CAP trials in Texas proved what 66 percent of cotton growers in the Southwest already believe — that FiberMax provides top yield and fiber quality for successful farming operations,” Nichols said. “And when managed aggressively in a high-input scenario, 17 of our FiberMax varieties have produced more than 2,000 pounds of lint per acre.”

Last year on his FiberMax One Ton Club acres, Drake applied 200 units of nitrogen per irrigated acre and made three applications of mepiquat chloride with rates ranging from 16 oz/A to 24 oz/A. He added that weed and pest management are equally important. Looking to the 2009 season, Drake is already hoping for more of the same successes.

“Both FM 9180B2F and FM 9063B2F are excellent varieties,” he said. “I hope to be planting as much of these varieties as I did last year — and maybe more. I have been growing FiberMax varieties for seven or eight years, and they provide us with excellent varieties.”

## Bayer CropScience shared risk program

For cotton growers like Drake who plant FiberMax, Stoneville or AFD cotton seed, Bayer CropScience offers its Shared Risk Program, which gives growers the opportunity to decrease certain risks in planting a crop. The program encourages cotton growers to use Best Management Practices and shares with growers the cost of replanting Bayer CropScience cotton seed brands or losing their final cotton planting due to certain weather events.

Shared Risk Program replant coverage offers options to compensate for:

- Replanting FiberMax®, Stoneville® and AFD™ cotton seed
- Retreating cottonseed varieties originally treated with Aeris® insecticide/nematicide seed treatment, Temik® insecticide/nematicide, Trilex® Advanced fungicide seed treatment or Gaucho® Grande seed-applied insecticide

Shared Risk Program crop loss coverage offers options to compensate for:

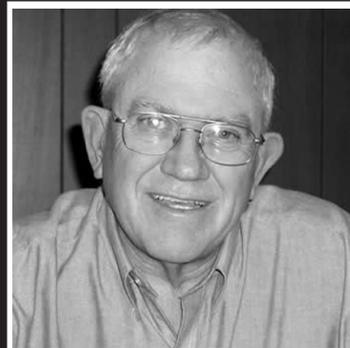
- LibertyLink® trait portion of FiberMax cotton seed and Ignite® herbicide used with LibertyLink cotton
- Stance® plant regulator used on FiberMax, Stoneville or AFD cotton seed varieties

“Bayer CropScience is committed to the success of the cotton grower and is willing to share in the annual risks associated with producing a crop,” said Jeff Brehmer, U.S. marketing manager, FiberMax and Stoneville cotton. “Last year, High Plains growers faced wind and blowing sand early in the season, and coastal growers faced hurricane damage before harvest. This year, growers face a drought in the Southwest. The Shared Risk Program is available as a resource to help growers when these situations arise.”

Growers must submit claims to the seed dealer from whom the seed was purchased. For a crop loss situation, the dealer must contact their local Bayer CropScience sales representative within 10 days of the loss. The seed dealer must contact the local Bayer CropScience sales representative prior to replant.

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## Soybean checkoff evaluates its programs

The soybean checkoff takes its investment of farmer checkoff dollars very seriously and as a result is continuously reviewing its own programs to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

The United Soybean Board (USB) Audit and Evaluation (A&E) Committee is charged with reporting to the board the outcomes of any audits and evaluations performed on behalf of the soybean checkoff.

Each year the A&E program will do five to eight compliance reviews of the Qualified State Soybean Boards (QSSBs). These compliance reviews are intended to assist each QSSB with making sure its work is compliant with the Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act (Act & Order).

“The A&E program is a system of checks and balances,” says Jim Stillman, A&E program chair and a soybean farmer from Emmetsburg, Iowa. “We are continuously reviewing and auditing programs, contractors and subcontractors to ensure they are doing what they are asked.”

The QSSBs aren't the only ones being evaluated. Each year USB performs several sub-contractor audits intended to review their work. The audits are not only reports of how checkoff dollars are being spent, but also a way for USB to assist subcontractors with any checkoff compliance issues they may have.

The report can assure USB farmer-leaders that checkoff dollars expended on projects are being utilized in a manner that will create increased profit opportunities for soybean farmers while remaining compliant with the Act & Order. The A&E program performs between five and eight subcontractor audits each year.

The primary contractors for Domestic Marketing programs, International Marketing programs and Communications are audited every three years on a rotating basis.

The A&E program will perform one or two program evaluations each year to determine the program's effectiveness compared to its goals and the board's long-range strategic plan.

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## Commissioner Staples urges landowners to comply with state cotton laws

The lack of soil moisture has presented many challenges for farmers, and now some producers are dealing with more than 20,000 acres of late-germinating cotton seeds that will soon grow cotton plants in fields where other crops have been planted.

These plants, which are grown in fields not normally scheduled for treatment by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF), pose a threat to boll weevil eradication efforts since the plants act as hosts for the pests.

In an effort to protect Texas' \$2.1 billion cotton industry, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is requesting that all non-commercial cotton be destroyed immediately in order to reduce the risk of boll weevil infestation and spread.

"Texas leads the nation in cotton production, and we



want to keep it that way," Commissioner Staples said. "Our state has invested millions in successful boll weevil eradication efforts, but we must eliminate non-commercial cotton as it can become a major breeding ground for this harmful pest."

Texas law prohibits the growth of non-commercial cotton in any boll weevil eradication zone except under a special permit issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Permits are only given for cotton grown for research, demonstrations or education. Commercial cotton fields, however, are monitored and treated when necessary.

Producers can destroy non-commercial cotton through cultivation or with herbicides. For more information, contact Robert Crocker, TDA coordinator for pest management programs, at (512) 463-6332.

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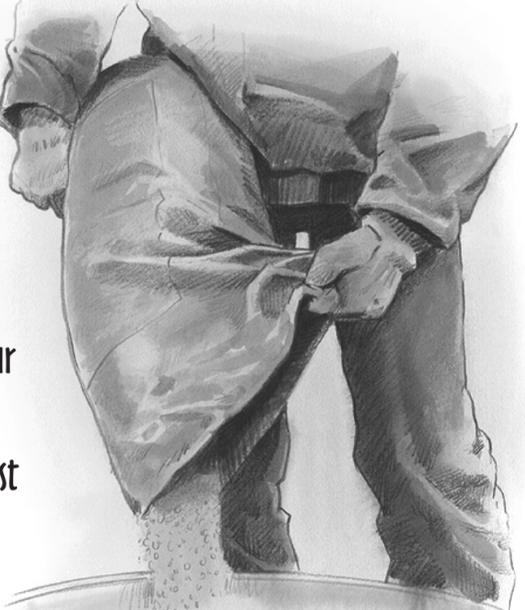


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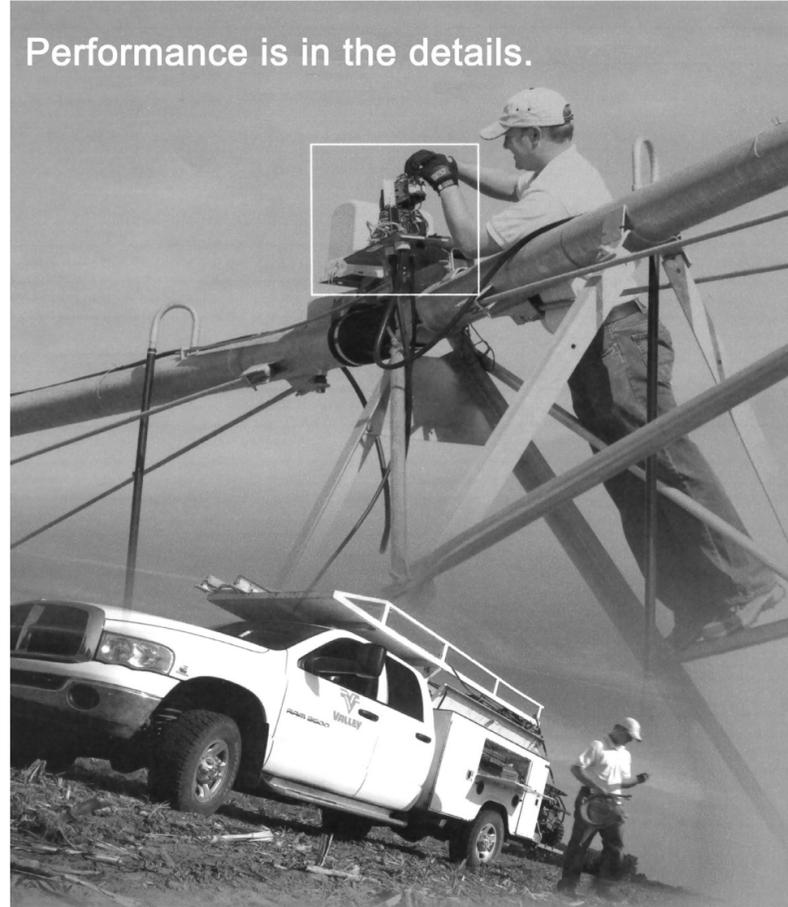
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*Number of farms*

**Bailey County...** 436 farms in 2002, 497 farms in 1997, down 12%.  
**Parmer County...** 660 farms in 2002, 654 farms in 1997, up 1%.  
**Lamb County...** 931 farms in 2002, 1,013 farms in 1997, down 8%.  
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# Think Texas: Ag Technology

By Todd Staples  
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

From the time people planted the first crops and domesticated the first livestock, we have continually worked to improve our agriculture industry. I am proud that Texas helps lead the way in the development and application of new agricultural technology.

One of the most notable recent advances in agriculture is biofuel. A decade ago, relatively little consideration was given to the idea that crops could help fuel a nation. Today, biofuels like biodiesel have the potential to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and improve our environment.

Every step forward in biofuel technology allows more fuel to be created with fewer resources. Researchers, like those at Stephen F. Austin University who are developing new economic models to increase production efficiency, continue to find innovative ways to improve biofuels.



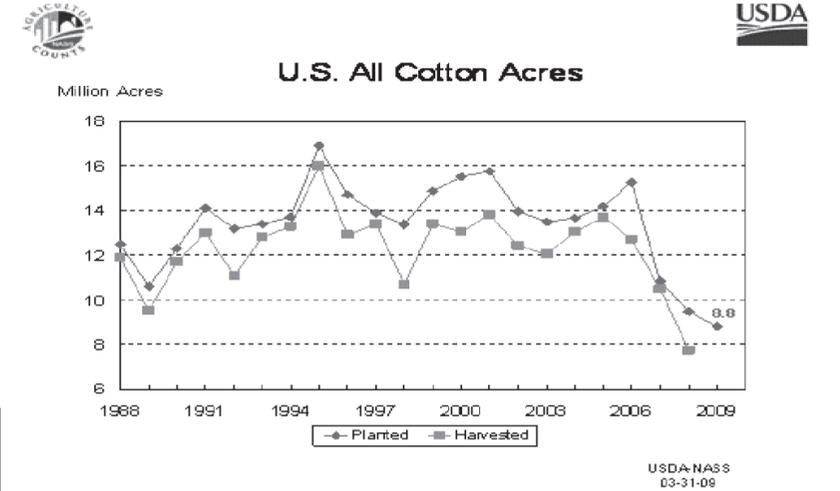
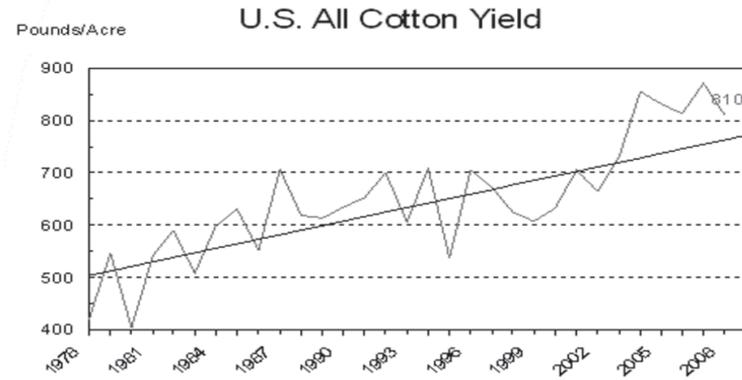
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Genetic research is also influencing our agriculture industry. Through biotechnology, we can improve individual traits of plants and animals, allowing us to increase yields and resistance to pests, drought and diseases. We can even improve nutritional qualities.

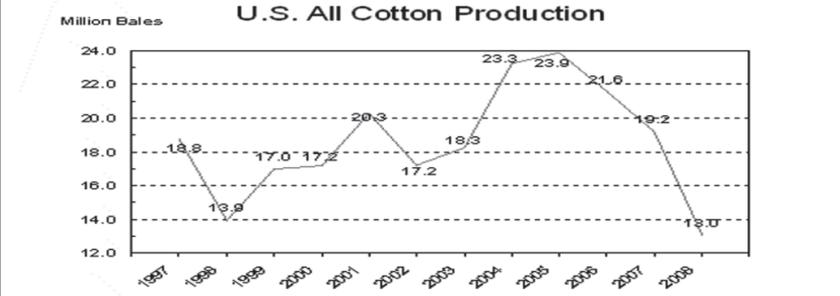
In 2008, biotech crops accounted for 78 percent of the corn and cotton acreage planted in Texas. Right now at Texas A&M University, researchers continue to identify genetic markers in beef cattle that will increase quality and consistency.

This technology helps ensure an affordable, wholesome, safe and healthy food supply. Biotechnology and biofuels are just two examples of the dramatic impact technology is having on agriculture.

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"We like to follow through and make sure we are spending checkoff dollars wisely and make sure we are getting value out of the checkoff," says Stillman. "We want to make sure the projects we look at are fully invested in improving the return on investment of checkoff dollars."

A recent study funded through the A&E program and conducted by Dr. Gary Williams at Texas A&M University determined the checkoff provides a \$6.40 return on every checkoff dollar invested. The return on investment study is conducted every five years.

USB is made up of 68 farmer-directors who oversee the investments of the soybean checkoff on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers.

Checkoff funds are invested in the areas of animal utilization, human utilization, industrial utilization, industry relations, market access and supply. As stipulated in the Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service has oversight responsibilities for USB and the soybean checkoff.

