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Should Muleshoe's 'Pete' Be Moved?

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Where's Pete? Or to be more precise... where should Pete — Muleshoe's famous mule monument currently located on the pavilion west of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture building, be located? Gina Wilkerson, president of the chamber, approached the Muleshoe City Council during Monday's regular

meeting, with the possibility of moving the nationally registered, and historically traveled equine monument, and the chamber office, to the Muleshoe Heritage Center. While the current office building wouldn't be moved to the center, Wilkerson — who also serves on the Heritage Foundation board, said such a move could improve the efficiency of the two organization's office coverage, and allow

the two organizations to combine certain activities.. Wilkerson said she knows the idea of moving Pete would be a "touchy situation," she feels the move would improve the monument's visibility. "No matter what... Pete will still be Pete," she said. "I always think change is good," Wilkerson said. "I just think it needs to be done this way." "What does it take



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Muleshoe Youth Advisory Council members take their oaths of office. to move a national monument?" Mayor Cliff Black asked. It was noted that the state historical committee that oversees such issues had been contacted, and at this time it wasn't thought there would be a problem with the

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Photographs by Gabby Perez

Mule Eli Leal heads down the line during Thursday's game against the Midland JV.

Mules Defeat Midland JV

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The 2013 Mules resembled the Mule teams that most fans remember from the last several years Thursday night when they tangled with the Midland High Bulldogs Junior Varsity. The Mule defense attacked the Bulldogs with the Bend but Don't Break defense that gives up first downs between the 20s but does not allow the opponent to reach the end zone. The Mule offense was clicking Thursday night and utilized all the facets of the Spread Offense. Two running backs rushed for 100 plus yards while Danny Campos completed 22 of 27 pass attempts to six different receivers



Slobberknocker!

Mule Eli Leal puts some hurt on a Midland player.

for 425 yards and six touchdowns. Midland High is a 5-A school and the Bulldogs fielded 60 players with most being juniors with a few of the best sophomores sprinkled in the mix. The Bulldogs rushed for 275 yards and passed for 155 yard for a total offensive output of 430 yards. "Tonight was exactly what the doctor ordered for our team," said

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Court's Decision On Tax Discount Postponed

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court once again tabled a decision on whether to eliminate early tax payment discounts until its September 23 meeting. Initially tabled at the court's Aug. 26 special meeting, the court members briefly discussed the reaction of county residents during this week's public hearing and budget workshop. At the Aug. 26 meeting, Judge Harrison explained that for many years Bailey County taxpayers had the opportunity of receiving a discount on their county taxes if they paid them prior to the start of the calendar year. In other words, payment of the taxes in October would receive a three percent discount, payment in November would receive one percent, and payment in December one percent. Reportedly, the option costs the county about \$50,000 per year, with intent of the county recouping the loss through the interest received on the tax funds that had been

paid early. However, it was explained Monday that in recent years — due to the exceeding low interest rates, the county hasn't been able to recoup those lost funds. At Monday's meeting, several of the court members said they had received a few comments about the issue, but Precinct 2 Commissioner CE Grant — who opposed eliminating the discount at the last meeting, was the only court member to report strong comments in favor of keeping the discount. According to Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver about 43 percent of the county taxes were collected in the Month of October, of which the majority — he said, that took advantage of the discount were the larger corporations and cooperatives in the county. Grant said one elderly resident told him she saved up all year to pay her taxes early for the savings she received. However, Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle suggested the county's "cash

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Cong. Neugebauer Updates Muleshoe

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

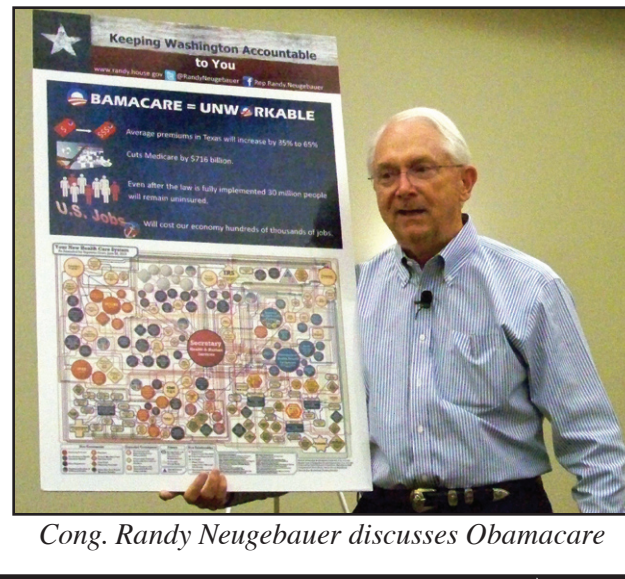
"If the President wants to send Assad a message... just text him!" Such was the response Cong. Randy Neugebauer said he received from a constituent during one of his recent "town hall meetings" as he

traveled through his congressional district prior to returning from a classified briefing on Syria from the White House administration on Monday, Sept. 9. Neugebauer, who visited Muleshoe on Thursday, Sept. 5, to update local residence on the events within the Washington, DC,

beltway, indicated his initial response to President Barak Obama's requested support of an air strike against Syria resulting from claims that the deadly nerve-agent Sarin had been utilized against the civilian population was to vote, "No." "Syria has been a problem for a number of

years now," Neugebauer said, adding that the United States can't be the world's peace keepers. "What is the 'redline' in Syria?" the congressman asked, apparently referring to statements made over the issue by Pre. Obama. "I don't know

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Cong. Randy Neugebauer discusses Obamacare

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Some 'Pre-tripulation' And Post-vacation Thoughts

Coming home after vacation is "the agony and the ecstasy."

I've heard of folks who always come home renewed, and, in some fine ways, that is surely true of us. That's the "ecstasy."

On the other hand, as much as I love home (immensely!) and love the fact that being home means being back close to family and friends, am I the only one who, as the mountains recede in the rear view mirror, finds that sight and loss of altitude a little depressing?

Getting back into the swim of things has a little "agony" about it, but we do, and we find that we've come home with a little more perspective and some new energy.

As truly good as it was to go, it's also truly good to be back.

When I'm in what my younger brother calls the "pre-tripulation," exhausting myself so I can take off and be "renewed," I remember the words of the amazing Zig Zigar.

He gave a great speech about living every week as if it were the week before vacation. If we got that much done during "ordinary" weeks, wow!

Ya gotta love Zig, and I miss him, but he forgot to say that, if we all worked that hard all the time, most of us would die early, go insane, or drive everyone around us crazy!

It's a pace we weren't designed for.

Still, Zig's right, and we can learn something from that week.

But some fine lessons also show up during the blessed event itself.

Your life is not all about your work. If it is, even if it's great work, it's a poor life.

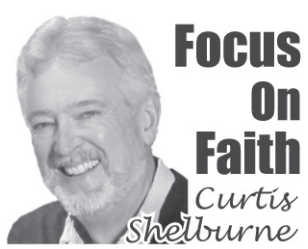
I learned last week that even hyperactive hummingbirds stop and sit more than I realized.

I don't know what they think while they're sitting, but I do know that incredibly little thinking ever takes place among my own species if we never stop.

I hope that on your time away, you consciously try to shelve not only your duties (they'll be there when you get back), but also a good many of your worries and concerns (they'll be there when you get back).

You'll deal with them better if you don't deal with them always.

When you get home, be careful which ones you strap on again. Ask for God's help and wisdom to know which ones you need to work on, and which ones you



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

can't change anyway and need to leave with him.

You'll need his help with that, but this is, after all, his prescription ("Take no anxious thought for the morrow"), and it's help he has already promised to give. "Cast your cares upon him."

At 9,500 feet or so, I noticed again how brilliant the stars are. Old Job called the Pleiades and Orion by name.

And the psalmist wrote about the stars. I don't know what he worried about, but he derived comfort from looking up at them. God has kept those same stars burning all this time.

The psalmist's cares fizzled out long ago. So will yours and mine. But from the other side of God's starry canvas, we'll still be wrapped and enfolded in the arms of the One who flung the stars across the sky.

I think about that kind of thing more when I'm away. I need to think of it more when I'm home.

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For tickets contact any MHS Freshman or call the high school at 272-7303.

Sudan Fire, EMS Banquet

The annual banquet for Sudan Fire Department and EMS is set for Sunday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at Sudan High School.

Tickets for the event are \$10, to purchase contact any Sudan Fire or EMS personnel, or call Sudan City Hall at 806-227-2111.

Library Movie Night

"Movie Night" will be Sept. 16 and 18, at 3:45 p.m., at the Muleshoe Area Public Library.

The movie that will be shown is *The Lucky One*. Library staff request that only teenagers and adults attend the movie viewing.

Also, "Storytime" for children who are not enrolled in public school, will be Sept. 16, at 10 a.m.

Sen. Seliger Visit

Dist. 31 Sen. Kel Seliger will be holding a town hall meeting in Muleshoe on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 3:45-4:45 p.m., in the Muleshoe State Bank meeting room, 1010 West American Blvd.

Pink Out The Stadium

Muleshoe High School's "Mules for a Cure" along with Bailey County Relay for Life presents Pink Out the Stadium 2013 on Friday, Oct. 11 at Benny Douglas Stadium as the Muleshoe Mules face the Friona Chieftains.

"Mules for a Cure" are selling neon pink T-shirts and embroidered caps.

Order forms will be sent home with each student or you can contact Val McCamish at the high school, or Rhonda Myers at 806-729-6374.

Lazbuddie Blood Drive

Lazbuddie High School, and the Lazbuddie community, will be hosting a blood drive with the Coffee Memorial Blood Center on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., in the bloodmobile that will be parked on Hwy. 1172.

Photo identification or a donor card is required, and donors must be at least 17 years of age. Donors who are 16 years of age may now donate with a signed parental consent form.

High school students may sign up at the office.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."
Proverbs 3:5, NIV



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Chamber Proposes Moving National Mule Monument

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monument's move.

City Manager David Brunson later explained that the monument is what is registered, and not the location of the monument.

The mule statue has been moved before—it's most memorable move

being from Muleshoe to Washington, DC, where it took part in the inauguration of former President George W. Bush.

Much more recently, about four years ago, the statue was moved to Shipman's Body Shop for a bit of repair work,

that included a fresh coat of paint for the formerly bay equine.

According to Wilkerson, the monument is once again in need of repair due to vandalism.

Should the chamber office be moved from the current location,

Brunson said the building would also have to be moved because the property would revert back to the railroad — which formerly had donated the property it sits on for the chamber's use.

Wilkerson noted that neither board has voted on the suggested changes, and that they were seeking comments from the community about the issue.

In other business, the council:

- Conducted a public hearing — without citizen response, to the city's FY2013-14 budget.

The council also formally approved the city's budget, and set next year's tax rate at .7476 cents per \$100 valuation of property, the effective rate.

- Approved three motel-hotel tax fund

reimbursements — \$6,968.95 to Muleshoe Youth Baseball for the two state tournaments it held during the summer; \$1,680.20 for the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation's Tour de Muleshoe; and \$1,455 for the Muleshoe Rotary Club's annual Labor Day Roping.

- Administered oaths of office to the 2013-14 Muleshoe Youth Advisory Council.

Commissioner's Court...

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strapped" condition, along with the fact that the vast majority of Texas counties had already eliminated the discount, should be ample reason to do so in Bailey County, also.

If the court decides to rescind the discount, it must do so prior to Oct. 1, and it wouldn't take into effect until October 2014.

"It doesn't make sense when we're not making any interest on it," Kindle said at the Aug. 26 meeting.

The only other public entity to offer tax discounts in Bailey County, it was noted Monday, is the Muleshoe Independent School District.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

- Discussed lowering the FY 2014 tax rate to .8995 cents per hundred dollars in valuation — which includes .6716 for the general fund, .1300 for farm to market, and a debt service of .0979.

The county's rollback rate for FY 2014 is .9165.

"I said I would do what I could to pull off a couple of cents," Harrison said to her fellow court members.

"It doesn't give us a whole lot of 'wiggle room,' but I'm comfortable with it," the judge added.

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$150,351.72.

- Approved the purchase of a John Deere road maintainer for Precinct 4 at a cost of \$232,350 from Yellowhouse Machinery Co. of Lubbock.

After trading in a 2007 Caterpillar valued at \$134,000, the remaining balance will be \$98,350.

- Ratified Judge Harrison's signature on an resolution concerning a grant application for two cardiac monitors for the Bailey County EMS.

- Ratified the judges signature on a memorandum of understanding with Tarleton State University for laptop computers for Bailey County Law Enforcement Center vehicles.

- Approved a change to the list of public agencies for which county jurors can donate their jury stipend, replacing Women's Protective Services of Lubbock with the Bailey County Food Pantry.

- Took no action on a contract with the Texas Department of Health Services that would increase the amount the county would have to pay for birth certificate searches.

- Approved the county treasurer's report for July, and received the August report.

- Approved soil conservation worksheets totaling \$625.

- Approved the minutes from the court's August meetings.

- Were informed there would not be any changes in either the sheriff's fees or EMS rates for the upcoming fiscal year.

- Held a public hearing concerning the FY 2014 budget. No one appeared to speak.

Neugebauer... Continued From A1

how we can 'draw a red line,' until they attack America."

"This is a civil war," he added.

In his last scheduled town hall meeting, the congressman spoke of several other issues, including the nation's financial condition, the growth of government, and what it meant for future generations.

"We can't be the generation that used up all of the opportunity in America," he said.

And, he spoke about the Farm Bill which is being extended rather than replaced at this time because of differences over its content.

"Balancing the budget seems like common sense," he said, adding that Congress is divided over the federal budget because the nation as a whole is divided over the issue.

"There are more people riding in the

wagon than are pulling the wagon," he said, referring to the reason it was so difficult to gain support for financial support.

"They won't vote for people who will ask them to get out of the wagon," he said, referring to constituents, groups and organizations who want federal programs to be trimmed, but not the programs they support.

"Ultimately, we have to start working on what is best for the next generation, and not for the next election," the congressman said.

According to Neugebauer, only about two percent of the farm bill has anything to do with growing things. The largest portion of the current bill covers the nation's food stamp program, with many of the recipients automatically being signed up on the

program when they are signed up for other government program.

"I think anybody on a federal program should have to qualify for it," the congressman said.

On area that he believes should be addressed within the food stamp program is the use of illegal drugs by recipients, which may require mandatory drug screening.

"Taxpayers are almost fostering people with drug problems," he said.

Regarding immigration, the congressman said border issues account for about 60 percent of the problems, with the remaining portion including interior enforcement of immigration laws, such as individuals who remain in the States after their visa has expired.

While Neugebauer

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our heartfelt appreciation to all who came out Saturday, Sept. 7, for the pancake breakfast at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. We had a great crowd. To our helpers — Bob, Eva Nell, Cyrus, Gary, Ron, and our wonderful Sherlon, a pat on the back goes to you. Our cool fall mornings are just what we need to start the day off good. Of course the hot afternoons are not real enjoyable but if we stay in where it is cool we should be fine. Tuesday, Sept. 17, is Bunco playing time. So call a friend and come on in to enjoy the good time. If you have never played Bunco, just come on in it is not real hard

to learn. Both IntegraCare and Interim Home Health Care assist with the prizes for the winners. Thursday, Sept. 19, will be our birthday party for all you senior citizens with birthdays in September. So make plans to come join in the celebration and let us honor you, eat lunch, stay and play Bingo. We need to give Pauletta Crawford a big hug for the new microwave she provided for the center. We appreciate your loyalty and support. We are glad to welcome Ike and Lee back with us. You were missed while you were out for a while. We have a few of our friends under the

weather. Our prayers and love go out to you. We miss you and hope you are back with us soon.. **Sept. 16-20 menus:** Monday, Sept. 16 — Baked chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, Waldorf salad, cornbread and a banana. Tuesday, Sept. 17 — Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, wheat roll, and chocolate pudding. Wednesday, Sept. 18 — Grilled steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, and fruit cobbler. Thursday, Sept. 19 — Barbecue beef sandwich, tator tots, carrots and zucchini, ambrosia, and birthday cake. Friday, Sept. 20 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and fruit salad.



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Cong. Neugebauer...

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than college preparation needed to be available to Texas high school students. "These vocational students are our future small business owners," he said. Neugebauer spoke briefly about the nation's trade agreements, noting that such agreements should be considered and approved on an individual bases, and describing the United Nations as a "useless organization." He said he didn't support universal laws, such as did many participants within the UN. Especially if the law affected national sovereignty.

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Obituaries

Opal Gist

Littlefield resident Opal Oecia Pointer Gist, 83, died on Sept. 8, 2013, at UMC Hospital in Lubbock. She was born in Lakeview, on Oct. 7, 1929, to Gilbert and Opal Tims. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Hammons Memorial Chapel, Hammons Funeral Home in Littlefield. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park.



New Grill Purchased

A new grill was recently purchased for Park View Nursing Care Center with Christmas Card Project monies. Pictured above are former County Judge Glen Williams and his wife Gladys, and June Arnold, with the new grill.

Ephesians 5:1-2

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Blanche Schattschneider — Michael Vega

Blanche Arlene Schattschneider, 74, was born on July 23, 1939 in Adams, Wis., to the home of Lucille (Smutney) and Toddy Warren and died on Sept. 4, 2013, at her home in Portales, N.M. She lived her early life in the Adams and Friendship communities in Wisconsin.

She was married to Glen Schattschneider in June 1956. The couple had three children together, a daughter and two sons.

In 1962, they moved to Causey, N.M., and later made their home in Elida, N.M.

In 1975, Mrs. Schattschneider moved to Portales, N.M., to make her home.

Through the years, she had worked at various local restaurants and at the Campus Union Building at Eastern New Mexico University as a cook or a waitress. She had been retired since 1997 due to health conditions.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law — Mike and Quala Schattschneider and Mark and Sylvia Schattschneider of Clovis, N.M., and a daughter and son-in-law — Janice and DeWitt Burton of Muleshoe; eight grandchildren — Michael

Schattschneider and wife Annie, Samantha Cornell and husband Neil, Cody Schattschneider, Daniel Johnson and his companion Alex Penland, and Mendy Welch and husband Scott, Sarah Poe, Tayler Pyburn, and Shayla Edwards; nine great-grandchildren — Skylir and Allisen Welch, Sydney, Cody, Stormie and Jerry Schattschneider, Waylon Cornell, and Derrick and Colter Schattschneider; a half-brother — Larry Warren, and a half-sister — Marcella Kobs, both of Wisconsin; as well as by her former husband — Glen Schattschneider of Portales, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents, as well as by a brother — Ricky Warren; and a sister — Kathy Sapp.

At her request there will not be any services held.

The family would like to honor her cousin, Geraldean Osborn, who was like a sister to her as well the staff of Hospice of the Sandias, especially Carmen, Ernie and Isabel who gave her such excellent care.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wheeler Mortuary of Portales, N.M.

Michael Vega, age 2 ½ months, of Muleshoe, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013, at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center Hospital.

A funeral mass was held on Monday, Sept. 9, at Morehart Mortuary Chapel with Father Reehan Soosai Antony officiating.

Interment followed in the Breckenridge Cemetery under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Visitation was held on Sunday, Sept. 8, at Morehart Mortuary.

Michael Roman

Vega was on born June 11, 2013, in Lubbock to parents Matthew Vega and Desiree Lynn Baladez Vega.

Michael is survived by his parents — Matthew and Desiree Vega of Muleshoe; two brothers — Matthew Dean Vega, Jr. and Mason Gage Vega; one sister — Ella Lynn Vega, all of Muleshoe; grandparents — David and Elva Baladez of Breckenridge, Gilbert and Sandra Olivarez of Mineral Wells.

Condolences may be made online at www.morehartmortuary.net.

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To all the friends and acquaintances of Wanda Kittrell: Thank you for your love, support, and prayers in what was a very trying time in her life. She is now in a much better place and will never again be afflicted with any of this earth's troubles. Once again, thank you all.

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United Supermarkets, LLC, d.b.a. The United Family™ (United) announced Monday, Sept. 9, that it has agreed to be acquired by Albertson's LLC, which currently operates more than 600 locations in 16 states.

Terms of the transaction were not disclosed, and an attempt by the *Muleshoe Journal* to contact the corporate office to determine how the acquisition was expected to impact the United Supermarket in Muleshoe was unsuccessful.

United has been family-owned since its founding in 1916 and retains deep community roots in the Lubbock area, where it is based, as well as the 29 other communities it serves.

United currently operates 50 traditional, specialty and Hispanic grocery stores under its United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos banners, and seven convenience stores and 26 fuel centers under its United Express banner.

United also operates two divisions, R.C. Taylor Distributing and Praters, and one wholly-owned subsidiary, Llano Logistics, which operates the company's two distribution centers in Lubbock and Roanoke.

Matt Bumstead, United co-president

and ownership family member, said, "We are grateful for and humbled by the 97 years we have had to be a part of United's mission of service. With this ownership transition, we see a chance for United's impact and legacy to grow for decades to come. With the strength and stability they (Albertson's LLC) have to offer our team members, we believe that this new ownership, working with our world-class team, can take United's vision and mission to places and levels previously beyond our reach."

"Our deepest thanks go out to all who have supported United and our family throughout the years. We believe United's best days are all ahead," he added.

Upon completion of the transaction, United will operate as a separate business unit

under Albertson's LLC's corporate structure. Robert Taylor, United's CEO, will continue to lead the company as president of the United subsidiary, reporting directly to Bob Miller, CEO of Albertson's LLC.

Taylor commented, "We are all very excited to be joining the Albertson's family, which will provide us tremendous opportunities to invest in our stores and grow. We will continue to make decisions locally, consistent with Albertson's LLC's decentralized structure, and faithfully maintain our unwavering commitment to our Texas communities, guests and team members."

"It affords a real growth opportunity for our team members, all of our retail banners, our support units,

and our Distribution Centers," he added.

Said Bob Miller, "Over the past 97 years, the United family and leadership team have done a tremendous job in establishing and perpetuating a remarkable culture of service and commitment to fresh, quality foods throughout their stores. Their commitment to community is unparalleled. Our team feels there is an exceptional opportunity to invest in and grow their brands."

The transaction is expected to be complete by the end of October, subject to customary government approvals.

Pink Out The Stadium

Muleshoe High School's "Mules for a Cure" along with Bailey County Relay for Life presents Pink Out the Stadium 2013 on Friday, Oct. 11 at Benny Douglas Stadium as the Muleshoe Mules face the Friona Chieftains.

"Mules for a Cure" are selling neon pink T-shirts and embroidered caps.

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The COUNTY OF BAILEY conducted public hearings on August 26, 2013 and September 9, 2013 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the COUNTY OF BAILEY from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.128667 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.826300 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,728,893.47.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.916700 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,929,238.09.

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The Bailey County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 23, 2013 at

Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 at 10:00 AM

FSA Acreage Reporting Dates For 2014 Announced

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin has announced that producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program

benefits. "In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Bailey County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline," said Hanlin. The following acreage

reporting dates are applicable for Bailey County:

- Dec. 15, 2013 — Wheat and all small grains, Alfalfa.
- July 15, 2014 — Cotton, Sorghum, Soybeans, Sunflowers, Vegetables, Grasses, etc.

All spring seeded

crops. The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is

completed.

- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease.

Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed" then the acreage must be reported by July 15.

According to Hanlin, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that

the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins. Additionally, producers can purchase both NAP and RMA coverage for 2014 annual forage crops. NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops. After Sept. 15, 2013, late-file fees will be assessed for 2013 and 2014 late-file acreage reports. For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Bailey County FSA office at (806)272-4538.



The Sudan Buzz

Hornets Defeat Hale Center With 'Last Second' Interception

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

It came down to a last second interception followed by a quick touchdown pass to finish off Hale Center in front of a packed house at Sudan Hornet Stadium Friday night.

The Hornets beat the Owls with a score of 28-26 with their first win of the season.



Barry Johnson takes off down the field for a Hornet first down against Hale Center.

Hale Center struck first with a touchdown pass from Lane Rossi to Dalton Needham close to the goal line. The point after was no good.

Three minutes later, Sudan quarterback Stephen Schovajsa passed to Barry Johnson on a 21-yard touchdown. Edgar Nunez's PAT was good giving the Hornets a 1 point lead. After one minute off the clock, Barry Johnson ran for a 74 yard touchdown followed by the Nunez's PAT adding another point on the board with a 1st quarter ending total of 14-6.

Hale Center didn't waste time in the second quarter. They scored three times before the half. Rossi passed to Needham once more

on a 30 yard passing touchdown.

The 2 point conversion was good to Jay Cannon.

The Owls scored late in the quarter when Rossi passed to Cannon on a five-yard run. The PAT kick was no good.

The Hornets were driving down the field at the end of the 2nd quarter when Schovajsa was intercepted by Needham and was ran back for a touchdown. The PAT was no good. The Owls were up 26-14 at the half.

The Hornets never gave up. They held the Owls to no points in the second half. In the third quarter, the Hornets

drove the ball down the field and ended with Johnson carrying it in a two-yard run.

Nunez's PAT was good helping the Hornets come within five points of the lead going in to the fourth quarter.

It was a defensive battle the entire fourth quarter. With only a few minutes left on the clock, Hale Center had a strong drive that was eating up the clock.

With the Owls needing one more first down to keep the ball till the end, Rossi passed to the left and was intercepted by Reece Harper.

The Hornets took

over in the middle of the field. Schovajsa threw a monster pass to Adam Martin who ran it all the way back for a Hornet touchdown with 1:48 left on the clock

Nunez's PAT was good giving the Hornets the lead, 28-26.

Barry Johnson had a strong game with 22 carries for 154 yards rushing. Reece Harper came close to a triple digit game with seven carries for 95 yards.

Receiving leaders for the Hornets was Martin with one reception for 52 yards.

On defense, Ethan Herrera had eight unassisted tackles and four assisted tackles followed by Johnson with eight unassisted and two assisted tackles.

Other leaders on defense were Uriel Delgado and Luke Tiller.

Sudan had a strong night on offense. They ran 59 plays for 358 yards compared to Hale Center's 61 plays for 164 yards.

Time of possession could not be more even. Sudan had the ball for 23:24 while Hale Center had it for 23:41.

Sudan will travel to Crosbyton this Friday followed by next week's Homecoming game.

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Sudan High School Prepares For Homecoming 2013

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Next week is Homecoming for Sudan High School, and many activities will take place to celebrate.

The cheerleaders will sponsor dress up days. Monday is "Throwback Day."

The students can dress up in any decade attire or thinking back to when they were young.

Tuesday is "Despicable Me Day" where students will dress like the minions on the Pixar™ show.

Wednesday is "Crazy Neon Day." Students

are encouraged to deck out in all colors of neon from head to toe.

Thursday is "Pirate Day." Elementary and high school students will dress in their favorite pirate get-up and talk like pirates.

Thursday night is the bonfire behind the school. It will start at sunset.

Friday is "Black and Gold Spirit Day." Students are encouraged to dress up and look nice for the day.

Students can wear their mums to class.

The homecoming pep rally will begin shortly after 3 p.m.

on Friday, where the Homecoming Court will be introduced.

This year's Homecoming Queen candidates are Madison Chester, Madi Edwards and Amber Binion.

The Sudan High School Junior Class will host the Homecoming Dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Lasagna will be served and takeouts will be available.

The Homecoming game is against Plains. The game will start at 7:30 p.m., and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen will take place at halftime.

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Muleshoe HS Class Of 1953 Returned To Celebrate

Members of the Muleshoe High School Class of 1953 began arriving in Muleshoe on July 3 to celebrate their 60th class reunion and Muleshoe's 100th birthday, and many were on hand to ride their float in the Independence Day parade, waving flags and banners to the crowd.

The class members enjoyed the brisket lunch at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center and visiting with friends and classmates, then took in the various events around town, which included the World Championship Muleshoe Pitching Tournament, open house at the Muleshoe Heritage Center and the art show at the new Visitor's Center.

in activities at the West City Park, and were impressed with Muleshoe's Water Park and the enlarged school buildings.

Some visited the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge, and some drove out to see their "old home-places."

Many remarked that the parade was great and the fireworks display that evening was spectacular.

Attending from out of state were Wes and Peggy Dement of Tucson, Ariz.; JoAnn Hale Ripper and son Hal of Bethany Okla.; Gene and Alene (Heard) Harvey of Clovis, N.M.; Ken and Wanda (Ogletree) Best of Murrieta, Calif.; Bruce Simnacher of Tucson, Ariz., and his service dog, Amadeus; Bill and Martha(Thomas)

Aylesworth of Clovis, N.M.; and Pat and June Vinson of Farmington, Ark.

Attending from Texas were Wil and Betty (Chisholm) Klaehn of Midland; Jody and Mamie (Freeman) Blaylock and son Anthony of Mineral Wells; Roald "Buck" and Carolyn Johnson of Yantis and Muleshoe; Rheata (Peeler) White of Friona; Billie (Redwine) Downing of Lubbock; Don and Joannah (Schuster) Gartin of Wellington; Alan and Dottie Turner of Kingsville; and from Muleshoe were Clinton and Maxine (Black) Rogers, Jake and June (Free) Saylor, Nelda (LeBleu) Merriott and son Mickey and wife Dawn, Charles Mayhugh, Frances (Toten) Bland and



Howard and Judy Watson.

The class rented the Oneita Wagon Senior Center from 4-10 p.m., which included a meal prepared by Cafe 21.

Entertainment was presented by Mickey and Dawn Merriott. Mickey played the sound tracks while Dawn sang many favorites. Some couples glided around the dance floor.

Dawn's young protegee, 13-year-old Sailor Jackson, sang three songs for the group.

The closing was Dawn singing a heart-touching *God Bless the USA*, which brought the crowd to their feet, many with hands over hearts and a resounding ovation.

Most men of this class were Korean veterans who served with honor and distinction.

The program began with the opening prayer by Pat Vinson. Buck Johnson served as

master of ceremony, and Bruce Simnacher gave a tribute to departed classmates and closed with a heart-felt prayer in the German language.

When a policeman appeared with papers in hand, many thought the incident of the "sheep in the high school building" had been solved after 60 years of diligent police investigation.

The officer called Wes Dement to come forward, and he was exonerated. Case closed?

A great gift for everyone was a bound booklet of "Classroom Tales and Teacher Tributes" which contained about 30 entries submitted by classmates and edited and published by Wes Dement.

The fun and laughter continued as many gifts and prizes were handed out.

Wanda Ogletree

Best won the prize for traveling the greatest distance — from Murietta, Calif., at 1,150 miles.

And it became a reunion as her sister and husband, Betty and Billy Morrison of Wheeler, came and her two brothers — Joe and Dale, from Mountain Grove, Mo., also came.

Appreciation was expressed to everyone. On Saturday morning about 15 of the class members met at the Dinner Bell for breakfast and farewell hugs.

This class met somewhere every five years until its 50th anniversary, and every year since then.

They plan to come to Muleshoe next year for Homecoming and return in 2015 for the All-School Reunion.

2015 is also Ole Pete's, the Mule monument's 50th birthday, and the class members are hoping for a huge birthday party.



Local Art Work Included In TASB/TASA Exhibit

Allegra Mora, Miranda deBruin and Reyes Sanchez, pictured above, have been chosen to represent Muleshoe in the annual TASB/TASA convention in Dallas in September. A panel of judges will determine which pieces of art will be exhibited at the convention. Students from across the State of Texas — grades Kindergarten through 12th will be seeking a spot in the exhibit. Muleshoe is eligible to enter three pieces of art. Last year all three pieces of art were accepted in the exhibit.



Donation Presented

Members of the Muleshoe Roadriders recently presented Bailey County EMS with a donation. Pictured above are Lonnie Adrian, Danny Dickerson, Robin Dickerson, Justin Helton, Rachel Alvarado, Becky McDaniel and Ron Morgan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational."

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organization.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead property in addition to the current

legal uses of those loans, and would give lenders recourse against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 would create the State Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any resulting vacancies in office must be filled by special election. The proposed amendment would provide an option

for home-rule municipalities to fill short-term vacancies through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

Published by Texas Secretary of State John Steen, www.Vote-Texas.gov or 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

Obituaries and Death Notices

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

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

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

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

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A black and white photo will be included; however, there is an additional charge of \$75 to include a color photograph.

SPORTS NEWS

Mules Cage Midland's JV Bulldogs, 61-21

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Mule Coach David Wood. "Midland had skilled people that were bigger, faster and stronger than we are but our kids responded well."

"We had had a good week of practice and had worked hard all week. There were a lot of lessons learned last week and those lessons were applied this week," he said. "But there are a lot more lessons to be learned and these kids are really working to figure it all out as fast as they can."

"The special teams really came through tonight as did a lot of other facets of our game. I was proud of the kids and how they really grew up this week," he added.

The Mules rolled over the Bulldogs 61-21. The Mules led 21-7 after one period and 33-7 at the half.

The Mules may have celebrated a little early at the intermission and came out flat in the second half.

The Bulldogs hung two TDs on the Mules in the third period but the Mules got one touchdown back with no time left in the period.

For emphasis the Mules scored three more times in the final period

before taking a victory knee and allowing time to expire.

The Mules turned a broken play into a touchdown less than two minutes into the game when Campos was forced to scramble after a low snap from center.

Eli Leal saw his quarterback in trouble and found an open spot on the Mule sideline and got the scrambling Campos' attention.

Campos lofted the ball to Leal and he could have almost walked to the end zone.

The 22-yard pass and run put the Mules on top to stay with 10:10 on the clock in the first period. Nacho Elizalde's kick split the uprights for a 7-0 Mule lead.

Five minutes later Campos started to his right and drew in the defense. At the last second he pitched the ball to Braden Bessire.

Bessire out ran the defense to the corner and then hit the jets for a 54-yard touchdown run.

Elizalde's kick was good to extend the Mules' lead to 14-7 with 4:47 left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs found the end zone with 3:48 left on the clock in the first period with a 32-yard TD pass and run.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Mule Gonzales pulls down Midland's ball carrier during Thursday's game.

The kick was good to cut the Mule lead to 14-7. That was as close the Bulldogs would get.

Campos hit Matt Barron for his first of four touchdowns on the night with a 26-yard pass with 1:56 left in the first period. The kick was good to push the Mule lead to 21-7.

Twelve seconds into the second period Campos scramble and hit Keagan Gonzales. Gonzales got his long legs in gear and galloped to the end zone to complete a 72-yard scoring pass and run.

Campos dropped straight back 10 yard to allow Austin Ross time to get behind the

defense and hit him with a 16-yard strike with 3:46 left in the half. The Mules led 33-7 at the intermission.

Midland came out determined to catch the Mules in the second half and scored twice on running plays of four and 44 yards.

The Bulldogs cut the Mule lead to 33-21 with just 43 seconds left in the third period.

The second Bulldog touchdown seemed to shake the Mules back to reality. Campos connected with Barron for a 20-yard touchdown pass and run.

Elizalde's kick was good to extend the Mules' lead to 40-21 with no time remaining

in the third period.

The Mule defense stopped the Bulldogs and forced a punt. Barron fielded the punt on the Mule 33 and Bessire flattened the only Bulldog to have a shot at Barron.

Barron raced 67-yards to pay dirt and Elizalde booted the point after to extend the Mule lead to 47-21 with 11:24 remaining in the game.

Campos' final scoring strike of the night was a 35 scoring toss to Matt Barron. Elizalde added the point after for a 54-21 Mule lead with 9:23 left in the game.

Gonzales got loose on a 31-yard scoring romp with 5:34 left in the game.

Gonzales took over as quarterback and the Mules finished off the clock with him taking a victory knee with 40 seconds on the clock.

Time ticked away and the Mules improved

their record to 1-1 on the season.

The Mules rushed for 291 yards and averaged 9.7 yards per carry. Bessire rushed eight times for 150 yards and a TD and Lopez carried eight times for 101 yards.

Campos connect on 22 of 27 passing attempts for 425 yards and six touchdowns.

Barron caught six passes for 156 yards and three TDs and had a 67 yard punt return for a touchdowns. Leal made five catches for 70 yards and one TD.

Ross had three receptions for 62 yards and a touchdown. Gonzales had one reception for 72 yards and a TD.

Gandara made three catches for 40 yards and made one interception.

The Mules next test will be against the Levelland Lobos in Levelland on Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Freshmen Mules Destroy Dimmits' JV Bobcats, 44-0

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules had a very strange week but did not allow the odd schedule to affect their play.

Monday was Labor Day and the Mules had the day off from school but not football practice.

Then on Tuesday the Mules traveled to Dimmitt to play the JV Bobcats at 7 p.m.

At the final buzzer the scoreboard had the Mules leading 42-0. The score keeper seemed to have missed the final two-point conversion by the Mule that actually gave them a 44-0 win.

The Mules kicked off to start the game and after one first down the Mules forced the Bobcats to punt. The ball rolled out of bounds at the Mule 18.

Beto Diaz rolled to his left on first down and then pitched wide to Javy Perez and he powered his way for an 11-yard gain.

Diaz dropped back and found Jason Florez open over the middle on a slant pattern at midfield.

No one could catch Florez as he zipped his way to the end zone for a 71-yard pass and run for a touchdown to put the Mules in front to stay.

Diaz hit Tre Villa in the corner of the end

zone for the two-point conversion. The Mules led 8-0 with 5:03 left in the opening period.

Following the kickoff Dimmitt was called for blocking in the back on first down. A swing pass gained nine yards before Tim Perez applied the stop.

Boo Flores and Noah Nikkel got in the Bobcat backfield for a one-yard loss. Villa picked off a Bobcat pass at midfield to give the Mules the ball.

Perez took a swing pass and ran through two tackles before being stopped after an eight yard gain. He then took an inside handoff up



Photograph by Gabby Perez

A Bobcat grabs a face mask in his attempt to avoid a Mule tackle during the recent game.

the middle for a 21-yard gain.

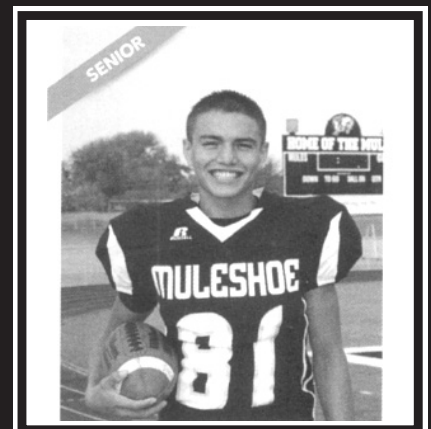
A motion penalty cost the Mules five yards

back to the Bobcat 26.

Diaz connected with Perez on an inside

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Curry County Personnel Department is accepting applications for the position of Personnel Coordinator for Curry County until Friday, September 20, 2013 at 5:00 pm. Copies of these Position Specifications and Qualifications are accessible at the Curry County Courthouse Administration Annex Office, Clovis, NM or at www.currycounty.org. POSITION: Personnel Coordinator WAGE LEVEL: Min \$17.269-Mid \$21.587 DOE/DOQ Curry County desires to obtain the best possible employees and affords equal opportunities for employment to all. Curry County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability.

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Football Contest 2013

by Rhea Gonzales

Hope everyone had a good weekend! The Muleshoe Journal Football Contest had a total of 44 entries that were submitted last week. I think we all had some surprises with the outcome of some of the games, don't you think?

We had two contestants choose five out of the five games correctly: Jan Smith and Luis Becerra.

The tie-breaker score was used to determine the winner, Sudan 14 vs. Hale Center 26 total score 40.

Jan had a score of 38 and Luis had a score of 49. Congrat's to Jan Smith for winning this weeks contest. You may come and pick up your \$25 on or after Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Here are the current top contenders: Leading with nine total correct picks are Butch Green and Jan Smith.

Eight total correct picks are Devnie Orozco, Freddy Santos, Terry Field, Ricky Rodriguez, Josh Garza and Debbie Weir.

Seven total correct picks are Diana Rodriguez, Patti Waggoner, Luis Becerra, Steven Madrigal, Freddy Vuittonet, Sherri Harrison, Shonda Black and Claire Brown.

You don't have to be a football expert to play this game, the odds of guessing correct on each of the games are 50/50, so we encourage you, your family and friends to participate each week for the \$25 weekly prize.

It is free to play and free to enter.

Your score for the week will be the amount of games you guessed correctly.

The person who has the most correct guesses at the end of the contest will win \$200. So, please play every week to increase your chances of winning the grand

prize. There are lots of ways to enter the football contest. You can come by the office and drop off your entry (201 W. ave. C), our hours of business are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. until noon.

You can send an e-mail to: adsales@muleshoejournal.com (Please indicate Football Contest Entry) with your picks for the winners and for the tie breaker game.

You can send a fax to 806-272-3567 or you can mail your entry to the Muleshoe Journal, PO Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347 (Entries must be postmarked by Friday) or if we are not here, you can put it in the black contest entry box on the front of the building. Just make sure it is here by noon on Friday.

And, as always, please make sure your name and picks are legible.



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cause. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Discontinued payment of property and taxes as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Muleshoe, Texas this 29th day of July 2013. Clerk of the Court: Elaine Parker Bailey County, Texas By Yesenia Chacon Deputy Attorney for Plaintiff: Mickie Patterson 704 Mitchell St. Clovis, NM 88101 *Published in the Muleshoe Journal August 29, September 5, September 12, and September 19, 2013*

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Muleshoe ISD Goes Natural In 'Goathead' Eradication

By Monti Vandiver
Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service

The Muleshoe Independent School District is adding a natural tactic in its weed management program.

Puncture vine — also known as goathead — has invaded some school grounds and has flourished in the surrounding area.

If you have ever stepped on a goathead in bare feet you will certainly remember it!

The seeds, in addition to being very painful when in ones heal, are easily transported on moving objects such as tires, pets and shoes.

Puncture vine is widely distributed and is thought to have been accidentally imported into the US on livestock from the Mediterranean

region.

Two species of weevils, which have been documented to biologically suppress puncture vine, were released in a joint Integrated Pest Management (IPM) project conducted by Muleshoe ISD, the Texas IPM program, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The weevils which attack puncture vine seeds and stems were originally introduced in the US in 1961.

The seed weevil deposits eggs on flower buds and immature burrs; the larvae develop within the burr which in turn destroys the seed.

The stem weevil lays eggs on stems and root crowns; hatching larvae bore into the plant and feed.

Both weevils will pupate in plant tissue and emerge to start another generation of "goathead" eating insects.

The weevils will overwinter in plant debris and emerge in spring to attack emerging puncture vine.

A second release for Muleshoe ISD is planned for July 2014 to improve the odds of establishing a permanent population.

This biological control method will not eradicate puncture vine, but it has been shown to dramatically reduce populations to tolerable densities and potentially reduce pesticide use.

The puncture vine weevils are not a threat to other plant species.

Their sole "purpose in life" is to eat goatheads.



Monti Vandiver and Sam Whalen release weevils at Benny Douglass Stadium.

MHS Cross Country Place At Morton Meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules and Mules put on a show at the Morton Cross-Country Meet held Saturday morning.

The Varsity Lady Mules, Varsity Mules and JV Lady Mules all won team championships and the only JV Mule runner won the individual gold medal.

There were 11 schools running in the Morton Meet.

The Varsity Lady Mules won even though two of the senior starters were not running due to injuries.

The course was about two miles in distance

and Ahtziri Elizalde finished in a time of 13 minutes and 23 seconds.

Mireya Ruvulcaba ran a time of 14:17, Aimee Rosas had a 14:38 and Jasmine Garza ran a 14:47. Ruby Andrade finished with a 14:58 and Brooklyn Beall ran a 15:28.

Carolina Franco and Adrienne Precure were at the meet cheering on their teammates.

The Varsity Mules narrowly got past Seminole to win the championship plaque. Jesus Manzanares set the pace for the Mules around the three mile course with a time of 18:45.

Luis Herrera was steps behind with an 18:55, Aaron Ross finished with a 19:21 and Boo Flores ran a 19:47.

Noah Del Toro finished with a time of 21:40, Tim Perez was close behind with a 21:43 and Javy Perez followed with a 21:45.

The JV Lady Mule dominated the competition by placing first, second and third as well as taking six of the top 10 places.

Miranda Acevedo led the way with a 14:43, Zoe Apodaca was steps behind with a 14:53 and Naomi Herrera was one step behind with a 14:55.

Brittany Mendoza finished with a time of 15:24, Keidi Salas ran a 15:30 and Adriana Loya had a time of 15:57.

Blanca Ramirez ran a time of 16:03, Desiree Gutierrez had a time of 16:23 and Emily Precure finished with a 16:25. Jazmin Arellano ran a 16:33 and Kayla Preston had a 16:46.

Running for the JV Mules was Cristian Paez and he won the individual gold medal with a time of 19:29.

The Muleshoe Cross-Country teams will run in Plains this Saturday and then travel to Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park on Sept. 21.

Freshman Mules Win... Continued From A9

screen. Perez reached the Dimmitt two before being pushed out of bounds. Diaz burrowed up the middle for a two-yard TD run.

The Mules led 14-0 with 2:08 left in the first period.

Dimmitt returned the ensuing kick to the Dimmitt 42. Nikkel and Dominik Hasley teamed up for a 10-yard loss.

Perez diagnosed a screen pass for a seven-yard loss to push Dimmitt back to the Dimmitt 27.

Villa returned the Dimmitt punt down the Mule sideline to the Bobcat 32. Perez gained eight yards on a pitch wide to the left side.

Raul Trevino hit the right side of the line for a 20-yard gain to the Dimmitt four-yard line.

Diaz connected with Villa five yards deep

in the end zone for a TD. Diaz found Florez open on a slant over the middle for the two-point conversion. The Mules led 30-0 at the end of the first half.

The Bobcats finally stopped the Mules on their first drive of the second half at the Mule 44.

The Mules lined up in the Spread but Diaz quick kicked the ball out of bounds at the Dimmitt 40.

Dimmitt fumbled on their second play of the drive and Evan Paez covered the ball for the Mules at the Mule 48.

After a 10-yard penalty on first down Florez completed a pass to Trevino running a slant over the middle for 41-yards to the Dimmitt 27.

The Mules turned the ball over on downs at the

Dimmitt 30.

Justin Reyes sacked the Bobcat quarterback on back-to-back plays to push Dimmitt back to the Bobcat 13. Paez plugged a hole in the line after a short gain to force a Dimmitt punt that rolled dead on the Bobcat 35.

A personal foul penalty on third down gave the Mules a first down on the Dimmitt 30. Florez kept up the middle for 16 yards.

Diaz connected with Florez over the middle at the four yard line for a 24 yard TD pass and run. The Mules led 36-0 with 5:55 left in the game.

The Mules allowed one first down following the kickoff. Francisco Saucedo made contact five yards deep in the Dimmitt backfield and held on for the cavalry

to arrive.

Florez got in the Bobcat backfield for a two-yard loss to force the final Dimmitt punt that rolled dead on the Mule 23.

Florez hit Tim Perez with a swing pass on the Dimmitt sideline and he scooted across the field to the Mule sideline to finish a 77-yard pass and run to pay dirt.

Florez kept up the middle for the two-point conversion for the final tally of the game.

The win improves the Mules' record to 2-0 on the season.

The Mules will return home Thursday night to battle the Levelland Lobos at 5 p.m.

Notice of Proposed Officer Salaries for Fiscal Year 2014- County of Bailey

Bailey County's fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. All County Officers and Employees are paid bi-weekly. This is a notice of proposed increase for elected officials' salaries to be included in the FY-2014 Budget in accordance with Section 152.013 Local Government Code.

Elected Officials	2013 Salary	2014 Salary	Increase in Biweekly Salary	Increase in Longevity Pay
County Judge	36,859.25	38,702.21	70.88	60.00 per year
County Clerk	32,463.31	34,086.48	62.43	60.00 per year
District Clerk	32,463.31	34,086.48	62.43	0.00 per year
Justice of the Peace	26,773.47	28,112.14	51.49	60.00 per year
County Constable	1,572.24	14,500.00	497.22	0.00 per year
County Attorney	27,295.00	28,113.85	31.49	60.00 per year
County Sheriff	40,899.01	43,352.95	94.38	60.00 per year
County Treasurer	32,463.31	34,898.06	93.64	60.00 per year
County Tax A/C	32,463.31	34,086.48	62.43	60.00 per year
Commissioner Pct. #1	20,250.46	20,250.46	0.00	60.00 per year
Commissioner Pct. #2	20,250.46	20,250.46	0.00	60.00 per year
Commissioner Pct. #3	20,250.46	20,250.46	0.00	0.00 per year
Commissioner Pct. #4	20,250.46	20,250.46	0.00	60.00 per year

The County Attorney receives a State Supplement paid by the State of Texas (Bailey County only pays benefits on such amount.) The County Attorney State Supplement for "FY2013 was 31,250.00, effective January 1, 2014 that amount will increase to 35,000.00.

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Friday, Sept. 20

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Saturday, Sept. 21

7-9:30 a.m. Breakfast at Ollie Liner Center, \$5
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7:00 a.m.Hale on Wheels Bike Ride
8:30 a.m.Hale on Wheels Bike Ride
8:45 a.m.Hale on Feet 5K and 10K run begins
10:15 a.m.YMCA Moo-a-Thon (9th & Broadway)
10:30 a.m.Cattle Drive and Parade (9th & Broadway)
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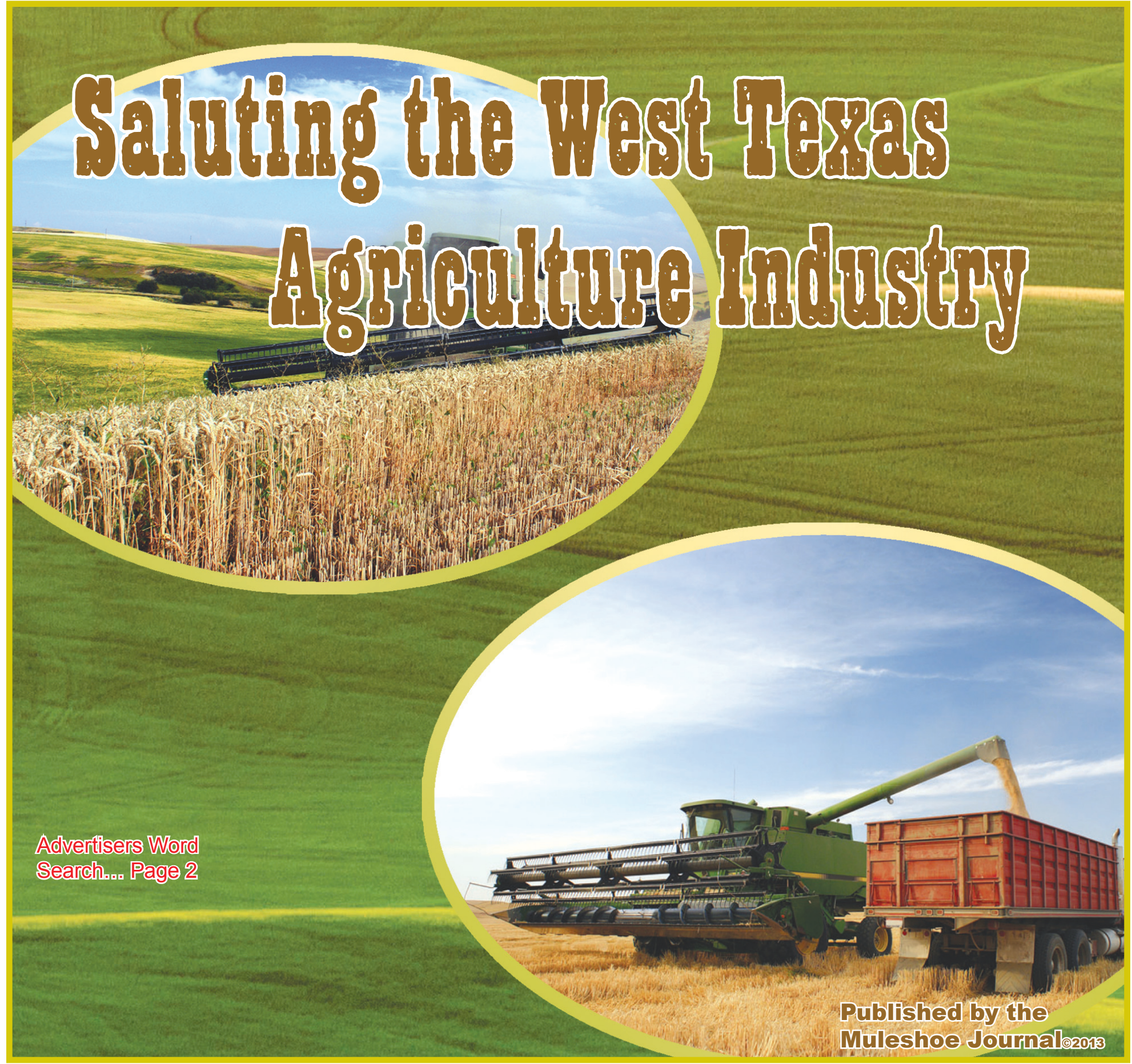
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Weather Whys: Heat Lightning

Q: What is heat lightning?
A: Heat lightning can be a misleading term because heat doesn't have much to do with it, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Heat lightning is just lightning that is so far away that you can't hear the thunder that goes with it," McRoberts explains. "Since the storm is so far away that the thunder can't be heard, the flash in the sky that we see has been given a special name, and it's heat lightning," said McRoberts. "It is not a different form of lightning," he added. **Q: Why is it called heat lightning?**
A: Probably because this kind of lightning is usually observed during hot and humid summer nights after the intense daytime heating has produced thunderstorms, McRoberts adds. "The term is a little misleading because it has nothing to do with the heat of the lightning itself," he says. "At night, we can see the flashes of lightning from very far distances, up to 100 miles. But the sound doesn't carry nearly that far," McRoberts said. "So down through the years, when we see the lightning but can't hear the thunder, the term heat lightning has been applied to it," he added.

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Weather Whys: Anvil Clouds

Q: You often hear of "anvil clouds." What are they?
A: Anvil clouds are common sights during spring and summer thunderstorms and can occur almost all over the world, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "When a thunderstorm starts developing, the large cumulus clouds reach heights where the moisture in them is in the form of ice," McRoberts explains. "The top of the cloud expands and spreads out horizontally as the air bumps against the bottom of the stratosphere, and it often forms an anvil-shaped cloud as it expands. The central portion of an anvil cloud usually contains snow, but this melts as it falls into the very warm air below," he said. **Q: How high do these anvil clouds reach?**
A: McRoberts says airline pilots, who try to avoid such strong clouds, often report them at levels of 60,000 feet or higher. "The rule of thumb is, the higher these anvil clouds get, the more severe the storm is that they contain," McRoberts says. "They often produce heavy rain and strong winds. Strong or severe storms often have a thicker anvil appearance and you can often see a sort of boiling appearance in the lower portions of them, meaning they contain very severe weather," he added.

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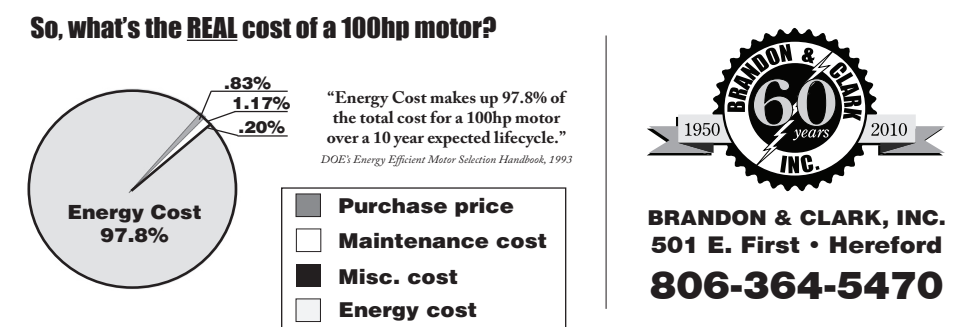
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Ag Expert Advises Beef Producers To Have Lease Agreement

By Blair Fannin
TAMU.edu

Beef producers entering into a lease contract for grazing, use of breeding bulls or other business activities are advised to have a written agreement, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural law specialist.

Tiffany Dowell, an assistant professor and agricultural law specialist with AgriLife Extension in College Station, told beef producers at the recent Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, a written lease provides protection to both parties.

"Some of you may not think you need a written lease, but you will wish you had one if there is ever a problem," she said. "Additionally, in order to be legally enforceable, any real estate lease for a year or more

has to be in writing."

Dowell advised to have limits in a lease. For example, if you lease property, Dowell said to be clear on what you are leasing.

"If the lease is for grazing and you want to reserve hunting rights, you need to have that spelled out," she said. "If the landowner wants to reserve the right to go in and inspect anything, then the landowner has to specify that in the agreement."

Additionally, a pasture lease should specify which tracts are included in the agreement.

"A legal description is good, but you may want to include additional information as well," she said. "For example, if you want to lease a specific pasture, but not the peach orchard in the back of the property, you need to spell that out."

The lease should also include provisions specifying who is responsible for maintenance items such as pasture shredding, fence repair, barn maintenance and other items that could become issues.

For cattle producers leasing bulls, Dowell advised to include liability issues in the agreement. For example, if a bull is injured during the time that he is being leased, it is a good idea to have provisions in the agreement to handle that situation.

"One term to consider when leasing out a bull is whether it might be prudent to require a monetary deposit from the lessee that will be returned upon the bull's safe return at the end of the lease."

Finally, Dowell said there should be inclusion of penalties and consequences for late payment in

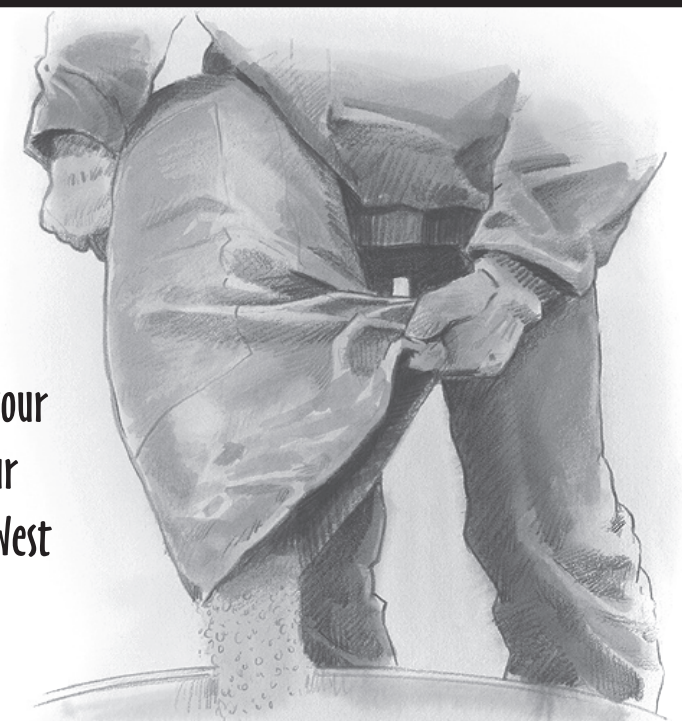
the lease agreement.

"There should be a set penalty for late payment," she said. "These provisions can be drafted in a variety of ways. For example, you could have a set late fee of so much for each day, and once the fees add up to a certain amount, the lease will terminate."

Overall, Dowell said it's a good idea to have a lawyer review the agreement.

"Prior to taking it to your lawyer, you can do some things that will save you some money," she said. "For example, if you go online there are sample leases that will help you draft an agreement. Once you have taken a first crack at it, then take it to a lawyer for review. The lawyer will not have to start from scratch and will likely bill less hours to simply review and revise."

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Squeezing More Crop Out Of Each Drop Of Water

By Don Comis
USDA Agricultural Research Service

Studies in China and Colorado by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists and cooperators have revealed some interesting tactics on how to irrigate with limited water, based on a crop's critical growth stages.

Laj Ahuja, research leader at the ARS Agricultural Systems Research Unit in Fort Collins, Colo., and colleagues conducted the studies.

As one example, with wheat in China, they found it best to use 80 percent of the water for wheat's two critical growth stages. In Colorado, it was best to use 80 percent of the water for corn's critical flowering and grain filling stages.

Other tactics for putting limited water to best use are to irrigate only part of a field, skip the pre-plant irrigation for corn, delay irrigating until up to half of the soil water is depleted, and wet soil to no more than 70 percent of field capacity.

Ahuja and his colleagues came up with the findings in China by combining the ARS Root Zone Water

Quality Model with the Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer crop growth modules.

While the combination of models has been used in other experiments to test alternative water and nitrogen management practices, this is the first time these models have been used to evaluate crop responses to lack of water across critical crop growth stages, and the first to use long-term weather data.

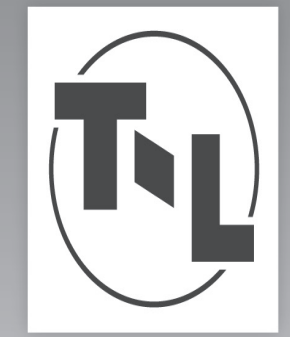
In Colorado, they used the models for simulations, relying on local weather records dating back to 1912. In China, the simulations used records from 1961 to 1999.

The scientists also found that farmers irrigating in China could cut back their nitrogen fertilizer use by a third, reducing nitrate leaching by 60 percent without affecting crop yields.

The experiments demonstrated that crop simulation models enable fast and cheap transfer of technology from research labs and experimental stations to farmers' fields. Coupled with local field experiments, they proved to be an excellent tool for making the best use of limited water.



ARS agricultural engineers Walter Bausch (foreground), Gerald Buchleiter (right), and Laj Ahuja evaluate the distinct differences in wheat growth at full irrigation (right side) and 40 percent of full irrigation.



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USDA Study Shows Benefits Of Weaning Calves Early



Beef producers, when hit with drought, have limited forage for cows to eat. The result is usually reduced calf growth and reduced weights at weaning. ARS scientists confirmed that early weaning is a beneficial production alternative for beef producers when forage is limited.

By Sandra Avant
 USDA: Agricultural Research Service

It pays to wean calves early when severe weather conditions like drought hinder beef cattle production, US Department of Agriculture, (USDA) studies confirm.

During drought, limited forage for livestock grazing can restrict calf growth, resulting in lighter calf weaning weights.

Drought may also cause cows to lose body weight, and may weaken their immune functions, reducing their overall health and reproductive performance.

Animal scientist Richard Waterman, at the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Laboratory (LARRL) in Miles City, Mont., examines management options to minimize the effects of severe drought on rangeland livestock production.

ARS is USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency, and this research supports the USDA priority of promoting international food security.

Working with local ranchers, Montana State University scientists and American Simmental Association collaborators in Bozeman, Mont., Waterman evaluated the early weaning of beef calves and its impact on cow, heifer, and steer performance.

Calves at two locations in Montana — Judith Gap and LARRL — were weaned early at 80 days of age and at the more traditional age of 215 days.

Cows that weaned a calf early weighed more and were in better body condition at the start of winter.

As a result, the amount of harvested feedstuffs required for cows to maintain satisfactory body weights and condition throughout winter was reduced.

Waterman confirmed that early weaning is a viable management option, presents fewer problems and allows producers to better control their production environment.

He also demonstrated that early weaning increases the likelihood that heifers will become pregnant on time in the following breeding season.

Additional studies showed that early-weaned steers reached maturity sooner than traditionally weaned steers when body weight gain, feedlot performance and carcass traits were measured.

Waterman noted that management of early-weaned steers can directly impact how they grade at harvest.

In some cases, early-weaned steers had poorer USDA yield grades because carcasses were too fat.

However, Waterman demonstrated that producers can maximize carcass value of early-weaned steers if animals are identified before they enter the feedlot and then harvested at an earlier age.

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Temporary Coating May Help Protect Homes From Wildfires

By Marcia Wood
 USDA: Agricultural Research Service

Quickly spraying a home with a temporary fire-retardant coating may prevent it from being destroyed by a forest or brushland wildfire.

An experimental gel that US Department of Agriculture (USDA) plant physiologist Gregory M. Glenn and his colleagues in Albany, Calif., have developed might offer better, more affordable protection than other fire-retardant gels.

The experimental gel is made of sodium bentonite clay, corn starch and water. Preliminary tests suggest that a quarter-inch layer of the gel may protect wood-based home siding for up to 30 minutes.

Depending upon the circumstances, that timeframe might be long enough to save a house.

In a best-case scenario, all that a homeowner might need to do after the fire is to wash the coating off the house, according to Glenn. He works for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USDA's chief intramural scientific research agency.

In preliminary research, documented in a 2012 article in *Fire Safety Journal*, Glenn and his co-investigators cut planks of residential wood-based siding into squares measuring about 7 by 7 inches by 3/8-inch thick, then coated all but the "control" squares with either the experimental gel, a commercial gel, or other formulations.

In several of the tests that followed, the experimental clay-and-starch gel outperformed the other coatings.

"Drying tests," for example, showed that the gel kept its moisture longer, which is an important quality in a fire retardant.

In "burn tests," siding coated with the research gel took longer to reach 392 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature at which wood-based siding may begin to burn and char.

Other tests, in which the squares were positioned upright, demonstrated that the gel was less prone to sliding, technically known as "slumping," toward the bottom of the squares.

The starch helped the coating to stay in place and, in so doing, to shield the siding.




In all, the California studies provide a foundation for more extensive tests of the promising, all-natural coating.

Although neither sodium bentonite clay nor starch are new to firefighting, the idea of combining these materials to form a fire-retardant coating is apparently a "first," as is the California team's detailed analysis of the coating's effectiveness.

Glenn collaborated with co-workers Bor-Sen Chiou, Artur Klamczynski and Zhongli Pan at ARS' Western Regional Research Center in Albany, and with former ARS researcher Gokhan Bingol. ARS is seeking a patent for the research.

An article in the September 2013 issue of *Agricultural Research* magazine highlights these studies.

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The USDA Farm Service Agency urges livestock producers affected by natural disasters to keep thorough records of their livestock and feed losses, including additional expenses for such things as feed purchases because of lost supplies. FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including: Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses; dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts; costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures; and feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed.

'Bout A Week Away Until Muleshoe Day!

Mule Days in Muleshoe as I remember as a kid growing up was always fun. I remember the activities that went on at Jeff Smith's barn, the Mule Rodeos, and as the years past there was less and less and the thought of it getting smaller. I would like to see it get bigger.

Then one night I couldn't sleep and I came up with Muleshoe Day and thought with our 100 years celebration we would start up with that.

No we won't be having a Mule Rodeo due to conflict of a place to have it, but that didn't stop us from having a Muleshoe celebration and maybe by this time next year we will once again be able to include a Mule Rodeo.

Yes, we are going celebrate!
 We hope to have a lot of things going on Muleshoe Day, Sept. 21, at the Bailey County Courthouse. I just hope this can begin a great annual tradition.

Muleshoe Day means a lot to me, and I hope it mean a lot to the City of Muleshoe. Join in the celebration, and show your support for the Muleshoe community.

*Gina Wilkerson, president
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Corn Supply Yield Estimates Still On Target For Record Crop

By Blair Fannin
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The US Department of Agriculture's recent corn harvest estimates were lower than anticipated, though still on target for record production.

Dr. Mark Welch, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service grain marketing economist, advised producers in his latest newsletter that recent estimates could alter short-term corn futures.

"December corn futures traded below \$4.50 before reversing higher after the supply and demand numbers

were released," Welch said. "My marketing plan calls for pricing an additional 20 percent of expected 2013 production before harvest," he added.

"While (recent) supply and demand numbers may not spark a major price rally, this key reversal may signal a short-term change in trend that will provide the next pricing opportunity," Welch said.

The average trade-guess going into the report was a U.S. crop of 14 billion bushels, up slightly from July, Welch

said. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Economist Mark Welch noted to watch crop condition reports over the next few weeks to see if yield potential changes in the key producing states.

For example, Welch said the yield estimate for Texas corn is 138 bushels per acre, up from 130 last year.

Texas sorghum is estimated at 50 bushels, down from 59 in 2012.

"Instead, the USDA lowered the yield from 157.7 bushels per acre to 154.3 bushels,

leaving acreage unchanged and new crop estimates of 13.8 billion bushels," Welch said.

"This is still a record corn crop, but on the low end of trader expectations," he said.

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Compared to July, the combination of lower production and fewer beginning stocks lowered corn supplies in the 2013/2014 marketing year by 197 million bushels.

"On the use side of the supply and demand balance sheet, feed use was reduced 50 million bushels and exports cut 25 million bushels," Welch said.

"The net effect of these revisions was a decrease in ending stocks of 122 million bushels. The corn stocks-to-

use ratio is now estimated at 14.5 percent compared to 15.4 percent last month and 6.4 percent last year," he added.

Welch noted the recent U.S. corn crop condition index has held steady at 368 with 64 percent of the crop rated as good or excellent.

"The crop condition index score — one point for very poor, two points for poor, three points for fair, four points for good, and five points for excellent — is just above the average for this time of year of 357," he said.



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