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Muleshoe investigates another homicide

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

For the second time in a six-week period, local law enforcement officers have responded to the scene of a homicide.

On the morning of Friday, Aug. 13, at 6:40 a.m., Muleshoe Patrolman Jared King responded to a 911 report of an assault at 1802 W. American Blvd., and discovered the body of Muleshoe resident Benny Martinez Sr., 42, inside the house.

"It was a pretty violent scene," Lt. Benny Parker of the Muleshoe Police Department said about the apparent homicide.

As with the July 4 homicide on W. Ave.



Local law enforcement officers gather outside the residence on W. American Blvd.

it, it wasn't long before a myriad of rumors had circled through the community; however, according to Lt. Parker there was

only one person, Benny Martinez, injured in the deadly assault.

Martinez was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of

the Peace Deb Stone, Parker said.

After Monday's autopsy, Police Chief Brian Frieda released the information that

the weapon involved in the homicide was a knife, and that a knife believed to be involved in the slaying has been recovered.

According to Frieda Monday, Martinez had apparently received multiple wounds in the assault.

Although several individuals were reportedly at the residence at the time of the homicide, Monday morning Parker said the investigation had not identified a primary suspect.

However, as of Tuesday morning, the police chief said a primary person of interest had been identified, but an arrest had not been made.

As with the July 4 incident, the Muleshoe Police Department has requested and received assistance with the investigation from the Texas Rangers.

Local sales tax allocations take another dip

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The City of Muleshoe fell to seventh place in the monthly sales tax allocation race, according to numbers released by the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Muleshoe, which took sixth place in July's race with a 2.52 percent drop

when compared to the totals from July 2009, took seventh place this month with a .01 percent decrease — representing a \$9.11 decrease in the amount of sales tax it received, and ninth place in the year-to-date totals.

At the top, for the second month in a row

is the City of Sudan, with a 22.96 percent increase, representing an additional \$896.76 in sales tax revenue. In last month's totals, Sudan showed a 14.88 percent increase.

For August 2010, Earth took second place with a 15.80 percent increase, followed by Bovina with

13.26 percent and Friona at 12.68 percent.

The top half of the list of area communities compared in the monthly sales tax race was finished off by Farwell with an increase of 8.01 percent, representing \$664.44.

On the bottom side, Dimmitt's totals showed

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Sales Tax Results			
City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$55,462.82	55,471.93	-4.82%
Dimmitt	\$31,968.79	31,917.93	.82%
Morton	\$11,701.74	12,491.43	-3.68%
Littlefield	\$77,330.35	78,114.32	1.93%
Olton	\$11,931.65	12,882.96	-7.76%
Sudan	\$ 4,802.24	3,905.48	13.58%
Earth	\$ 5,043.15	4,354.80	-3.63%
Farwell	\$ 8,950.51	8,286.07	-1.35%
Bovina	\$ 8,666.06	7,651.31	3.90%
Friona	\$30,161.50	26,765.02	-2.59%

Hospital district board approves roofing bid

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors accepted the recommendation of its "roofing committee" during a special session Thursday, and accepted a \$273,625 bid for much needed repairs to the hospital's roof.

In July, a total of six bids were received for repairs to the roof of the Muleshoe Area Medical

Center, ranging from a high of almost \$342,000 to a low of about \$229,460. At that meeting, a decision was postponed to allow a committee consisting of board members and hospital staff to examine the bids and make a recommendation.

At the Aug. 12 meeting, members of the committee said the original slate of six was narrowed down to two companies — Booe

Commercial Roofing, Inc. of Lubbock, with its bid of \$259,002, and Andrus Brothers Roofing, also of Lubbock, with a \$273,625 bid — after which company representatives met with the roofing committee to provide additional information.

"It's not the lowest, but everything considered it is the best bid," David Burke, MAHD CEO and MAMC administrator,

said about the committee's recommendation.

All of the companies, except one, submitted bids for an "energy efficient" spray-foam roof for the majority of the project, but in Thursday's explanation of its recommendation, the committee members indicated Andrus Brothers' proposed attention to detail is what captured the

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Council discusses budget

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Muleshoe's city council and department heads discussed a "conservative" and one point emotional budget during a special meeting Monday.

City Manager David Brunson, along with the council members, and municipal staff gathered around a table

in the council chambers and talked about the upcoming fiscal budget, and the revenues that would make it possible.

"I think we've come with a pretty conservative budget," Brunson told the council members, comparing it to a degree to the U.S. Constitution as a "living, breathing document."

About the tax rate which was used to prepare this draft of the budget, Brunson said the city's effective rate was 68.84 cents, and noted

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Gridiron ballet...

The Muleshoe Mules have been practicing their dance steps during two-a-days for the annual "gridiron ballet," guaranteed to be Friday's top entertainment in the upcoming months, with local fans hoping for encore performances toward the end of 2010.

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Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2009 football season may purchase their seating options at the Muleshoe Independent School District's administration office, located at 514 W. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 23, all remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available at a cost of \$8 per game and may be purchased at the administration office on game day.

If you have questions concerning the ticket sales, please contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400.

Seliger town-hall meeting set

The public is invited to attend a town-hall meeting with State Sen. Kel Seliger at Muleshoe State Bank at Muleshoe State Bank on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 1 p.m. Among the issues the senator plans to discuss will be the upcoming regular session of the 82nd legislature.

MISD School begins Aug. 23

While school begins in Muleshoe for students on Aug. 23, there are other important dates and times.

Thursday, Aug. 19, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Dillman "Meet the Teacher;" Dillman Elementary.

Primitive Baptist homecoming

The Muleshoe Primitive Baptist Church will have its annual homecoming meeting Friday, Aug. 20-22. A sandwich supper, on Friday in the fellowship hall with singing and preaching to follow.

Saturday morning worship will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a covered dish lunch, afternoon service to begin at 2 p.m. Sunday worship services at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at the church.

The church is located on First Street in Muleshoe across from the hospital. The public is invited.

SPC-Muleshoe registration

SPC-Muleshoe, located at 621 West 2nd, is registering students for classes that will begin on Monday, Aug. 30.

This semester's classes will include such courses as real estate, history, math, government, property management and english. For additional information about registration, course schedules and tuition call 806-272-3346.

Muleshoe featured in next month's 'Texas Highways'

Muleshoe and Pete are featured in the September issue of *Texas Highways*.

The article, on pages 44 and 45, talks about the Bailey County seat's mule memorial and the bases for the city's name, and refers to the Mules' 2008 state championship.

MAHD board action...

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committee's, and the MAHD board's, approval.

"They'll make sidewalks up there designed for traffic," board and roofing committee member Wayne Pierson said Thursday, to allow access to heating and cooling equipment on the roof and decrease the potential of damaging the roofing surface.

"Once this roof is put on, that's the roof it'll have," Pierson said.

The anticipated completion date for the roofing project is September, which would allow for the project to be paid with the tax dollars that have been received.

According to Burke, the hospital has to have the roof repaired before January for insurance coverage reasons.

In other business, the MAHD board received information from Bobby Turner concerning the hospital's federally-mandated computer and software upgrades, but tabled making a decision until the board's Aug. 26 regular session.

"We've got a decision to make, and it's going to be a tough one," he said.

Sales tax...

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a minimal .15 percent increase, followed by Muleshoe, and Littlefield's one percent drop.

Morton fell to ninth place in the monthly totals, with a drop of 6.32 percent, and Olton's 7.38 percent placing it last.

In actual sales tax dollars received Littlefield, the largest of the communities studied, has received \$532,960.18 in sales tax for 2010, while Muleshoe has received \$353,763.24, a decrease of \$179,535.54.

August sales tax allocations represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that file sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers, and reported to the state in July.

According to the state comptroller's office, state sales tax revenue in July was \$1.69 billion, up 2.2 percent compared to one year ago.

The comptroller's office will send \$556.3 million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, up 2.3 percent compared to August 2009. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are down 2.5 percent compared to this time last year, according to information received from the comptroller's office.

Sales tax payments of \$375.5 million were sent to Texas cities, up 2.2 percent compared to last August. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax revenues trail 2009 by 2.2 percent. Sales tax payments of \$33.7 million will go to Texas counties, 0.2 percent below last August. So far in calendar year 2010, county sales tax allocations are down 5.6 percent compared to last year.

According to Turner, the system upgrade has to be completed by Dec. 31, 2011 to receive any federal reimbursement on the project.

"Anything we get is going to be much better than what we've got," Turner, adding that he was amazed that the hospital's staff could do the work it does with the outdated software system currently in use.

The MAHD board also adopted a proposed budget for Park View Nursing Care Center, and a proposed tax rate for the upcoming year, for both the nursing home and the hospital, of .40 per hundred dollars of valuation.

The proposed tax rate includes a maintenance and operation rate of .3106, and a debt service rate of .0894.

Public hearings about the proposed tax rate have been set for Sept. 2 and 13, with the board's decision on the proposed rate at 6 p.m. on Sept. 23.

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that last year's rate was set at 74.4 cents. He also noted that the city's tax base was up 11.33 percent, due in large part to local construction and the large amount of soybeans a local business had in storage in Muleshoe at the time the base was calculated.

However, he also mentioned that he expects the city's sales tax allocations to decrease by about two percent in the upcoming year.

As the gathered officials went through the budget department by department, Brunson also complimented the city's department heads for their willingness to eliminate unnecessary budget items.

"We want what's best for where we live,"

City Secretary LeAnn Gallman said later in the meeting.

Other issues related to the city's budget and expected revenues discussed during the meeting included the recent U.S. Census, which the city manager fears will hurt the city because of a large "undercount," where local residents either didn't take the time to complete the census or intentionally avoided contact with census employees working to gather the information needed to document Muleshoe's population, which has a serious impact on the amount of federal funds that could be channeled back to government projects.

Some of the toughest discussion during

Monday's budget meeting had to do with the benefits for municipal employees.

"The hardest part of nay budget is employee cost," Brunson said.

"It's been a hard year for department heads, and for David (Brunson)," Gallman said, as she expressed concerns about the personnel decisions that had to be made.

According to Monday's discussion, the city council is faced with a decision about switching from "20/80" health insurance coverage, where the city's insurance carrier covers 80 percent of the medical costs, to "30/70" coverage and saving a little money.

Brunson said the city is looking into health reimbursement accounts,

but added that he was fearful that if at some future date the city had to decrease its participation in the program it would be perceived as a decrease in employee benefits.

"The city has a great employee package," Brunson said. "Not as good as two years ago, or 10 years ago, but still a great package."

"The bad thing about this whole thing is there isn't a good answer," City Council member Gary Parker said. "We're trying to do the best we can, but there are limited funds."

Prior to concluding Monday's meeting, the city manager addressed various rumors that have been floating through the community, including

harmful and untrue allegations of misconduct by city employees.

"I am always

disappointed when I hear something like this that has no bases," Brunson

said.

To the Muleshoe Residents and Ex-Students Association

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Tree swing plans and God's plan for love

Given the rare opportunity, I can go a long time without answering a phone of any kind and be just fine. In fact, one of the things I like about motorcycles is that talking on a phone on one is almost impossible and not recommended, unless you've installed a BlueTooth helmet connection to be able to be bothered on two wheels. Why?

But my phone rang twice last night, and both times I was absolutely delighted. In fact, I'm still basking in the glow of those calls.

I like calls from friends and family and, blessing of blessings, I love calls from my granddaughters, and each of the little beauties called last night!

The conversation with three-year-old Brylan was the longest phone talk we've ever had. She chattered and chattered, and I understood about 73 percent of what she said, but I just loved being the person she was talking to. Among other things, we continued work on some plans for a tree swing we've got in mind. Her reaction to the whole project? "Let's do it, PawPaw!"

And then just a couple of hours later, the phone



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

rang, and little two-year-old Brenley was calling from her bathtub. That little sweetie walks around the house, I'm told, with her plastic toy cell phone on her ear saying, "Hi, PawPaw." (Ah, God is good!) But this was Brenley in person on a real phone which Mom was doing a fine job keeping dry.

Brenley had called to sing, Shayla told me. "Baby B," as cousin Brylan has christened her, launched beautifully into "Jesus Loves Me." Celine Dion has never done a finer job with any tune!

It's funny. We all go through most of the same stages of life, but no matter how many folks have preceded us, we can't really understand what we've been told about the stage we're in until we're living it. Proud grandparents abound, but before I was one, I couldn't really understand.

It's not just that grandparents become crazy people at the moment of their

grandkids' birth. God uses those little people to change our lives and teach us a precious truth we thought we knew already: real love doesn't have to be earned.

Oh, yes, I see talent just oozing out of those girls' pores, but I loved them before I saw it. I think they'll achieve much and go far, but all they have to do for me to love them completely is just to "be."

I want them to know the joy of learning, growing, maturing, and being "productive," but nothing they could ever produce, be it grades or honors or fortunes or Nobel prizes could ever cause me to love them more. Perfect love "casts out fear."

Perfectionism and performance-based "love" is riddled with it. What those girls do I want them to do joyfully out of love for God, knowing they are already people of great value completely secure in their Father's love.

My job is to be sure a grandfather's love helps them know that. Normally, I'm not high on committees or meetings, but Brylan and Brenley and I need to get our heads together on some tree swing plans.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The Onieta Wagon Senior Center was a very busy place Saturday morning. Our deep appreciation to all who came out and supported the center. Our volunteer workers did a great job and we appreciate all of you.

Remember our August birthday part will be this Thursday. Make plans to come out and let us honor you on this day.

Tuesday, Aug. 24, Kathy Carr with the Bailey County Extension Office will be presenting a program on nutrition during the lunch hour. We always enjoy Kathy being with us. Come for lunch and enjoy.

Tuesday night, Aug. 24, is dance night at the center. If you know someone who would like a good entertaining night

out in Muleshoe remind them of the dance. There is good music, a pot luck supper break, lots of good dancing and exercise. Bring a friend and enjoy.

Thursday, Aug. 26, Brandy with Medical Support will be in the center at 10:30 a.m. The information she will display should be very helpful to our senior citizens. Be sure and stay for Bingo after lunch on Thursday. Everyone has a great time. We appreciate LaShea Mason taking her time to come and call for us. Refreshments and prizes are furnished, too.

If you noticed all the folders on the tables in the center. We are required to complete new intake forms for all of you for the coming year. We will have the forms ready to

be signed starting Sept. 1, and will need to be completed by Sept. 15. With your cooperation we hope to get all signatures needed by this date.

Menu for Aug. 23-27:
Monday, Aug. 23 — King ranch chicken, beans, salad, chips, salsa and brownies.

Tuesday, Aug. 24 — Liver and onions, brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, wheat roll, fruit and cottage cheese.

Wednesday, Aug. 25 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and cherry cobbler.

Thursday, Aug. 26 — Chili dogs, macaroni and cheese, salad and pudding.

Friday, Aug. 27 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Neugebauer named 'taxpayer hero'

Texas Cong. Randy Neugebauer was recently recognized by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste as a 'Taxpayer Hero' for the first session of the 111th Congress for his willingness to stand up for American taxpayers.

In his response to the recognition, Neugebauer said, "It's an honor to be named a 'Taxpayer Hero' on behalf of the people of the 19th Congressional District and taxpayers across the nation. While American families are cutting their budgets and living within their means, the federal government is on track to have a \$1.4 trillion budget deficit this year.

"To make matters worse, the threat of \$3.8 billion in pending tax hikes is creating even more uncertainty for the American people.

"At a time when our economy is struggling to recover, tax hikes and reckless federal spending are not the answer," Neugebauer said.

"My top priorities in Congress are working to prevent job-killing tax increases and promoting good government policy that spurs economic growth, strengthens our

ability to create new jobs and brings serious fiscal responsibility back to Washington. We have to take action now to stop accumulating these dangerous deficits that add to our debt. Spending and borrowing away the future of our children and grandchildren is not an option," Neugebauer added.

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Obituaries

Billie Jeter

A memorial service for Billie Jeter, 78, of Dalhart, formerly of Muleshoe and Hereford, will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. The family will receive visitors at 10 a.m. preceding the service.

Gravesides services will follow in Muleshoe, at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery at 3 p.m.

Jeter died on Aug. 15, 2010, in Amarillo. She was born on Aug. 3, 1932, in Muleshoe, to Bill and Margaret Roach Collins.



She was raised in Muleshoe and graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1950.

Billie was a bookkeeper for Barrett and Crowfoot Feedlot in Hereford for many years.

She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of

Hereford.

Survivors include three sons and a daughter — Earl and Jessica Jeter of Mustang, Okla., Nannette Dollar and Rick Hodges of Dalhart, Brent and Cindy Jeter of Canyon, Brad Jeter and Shawn Fox of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters — Bobbie Harrison of Muleshoe and Bettie Richardson of Austin.

Memorials be sent to the Donald Harrison Scholarship fund, Odyssey Hospice of Amarillo or the St. Christopher fund.

Benny Martinez, Sr.

Church services for Benny Martinez, Sr., 42, of Muleshoe are scheduled for 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 19, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary will be said at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will be in Bailey County Cemetery Muleshoe.

Martinez died on Aug. 13, 2010, in Muleshoe. He was born on Dec. 9, 1967, to Salvador and Francisca Martinez in Muleshoe, and married Carmen Vasquez in Muleshoe.

Martinez was a lifetime resident of Muleshoe, and worked in construction and auto body work.

Survivors include his wife — Carmen, of the home; four sons — Brandon Martinez, Benny Martinez, Jr., Brady Martinez and Brett Martinez, all of Muleshoe; three daughters — Belen Martinez, Brianna Martinez and Brook Martinez, all of Muleshoe; two sisters — Erminia Ortega and Sylvia Estrada, both of Muleshoe; two brothers — Bernie Cardenas of Hagerman, N.M., and Romero Martinez of Muleshoe; and one grandson

Margaret Goodrich



Margaret Ann Goodrich, 75, of Truth or Consequences and Las Cruces, N.M., formerly of Muleshoe, died on Saturday, July 31, 2010, at La Posada Hospice Hospital of Las Cruces. A memorial gathering is planned for Sunday, Aug. 15, in Truth of Consequences, N.M.

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Alfalfa production workshop set

Alfalfa producers can update their alfalfa production expertise at an upcoming production workshop on Aug. 20 at the North Plains Research Field near Etter.

The workshop is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and begins with registration at 9 a.m. and the program will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

The research field is located about nine miles north of Dumas, then one-half mile east or about two miles south of Etter, then one-half mile east.

Workshop topics include fall planting, irrigation requirements, variety selection, as well as insect and weed control

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Tourney results announced

The results of the recent Jennyslippers Tournament are as follows: Championship — (front row) First place, Alice Dasher and Carol Snider; second, Julie Smithy and Bettie George; and third, Nola Pawol and Mary Furester. First flight — (middle row) First place, Anna Crook and Donna Alexander; second, Robbie Crowley and Phyllis Vardeman; third, Treena Matthews and Tory Harris. Second flight and third flight — (back row) First place, Margo Lauderdale and Jane Harrell; second, Ja Birdwell and Sheryl Brown; third, Karen Book and Sharon Gardner; second, Deborah Noble and Judy Wilbanks.

MISD registration information listed

While school begins in Muleshoe for students on Aug. 23, there are a number of other important dates and times, such as for student registration at all campuses and shot clinics for students needing to update their shot records, and other dates of interest.

Student registration — Dillman Elementary, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 10-12; DeShazo Elementary, Aug. 9, noon to 7 p.m., Aug. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Aug. 11, from 7 a.m. to noon; Watson Junior High, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Aug. 12, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Muleshoe High School (Seniors) Aug. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. (Juniors)

Aug. 10, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; (Sophomores) Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., (Freshmen) Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., (new students) Aug. 12, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Other important dates and events include:

Wednesday, Aug. 11 — Student immunization shot clinic, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Watson Junior High Nurse's office).

Tuesday, Aug. 17 — 7 p.m., "Meet the Mule."

Thursday, Aug. 19, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Dillman "Meet the Teacher;" 5 to 6:30 p.m., Dillman.

Remember, each new student should bring the following to registration: Social Security Card, birth certificate; shot records; proof of

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Sports

Mules face a tough schedule in large school division

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Footballs flying through the air and teachers cars surrounding the various school buildings indicate that fall is here. But Mother Nature seems to clinging to summer with the temperatures soaring to the high 90s and even breaking 100 on occasion.

Two-a-day football practices are a better indication of fall in Texas than the Autumnal Equinox.

The Texas University Interscholastic League made the decision to break class AA into large and small school districts. Previously the largest school qualifying for the state playoffs was placed into a separate division for the playoffs.

The population of Muleshoe High School was enough to put the Mules in the Large School Division.

The new district alignments were announced in February and UIL's plan was for five and six team districts and the top two teams would go to the playoffs. When the dust cleared most districts had seven and eight teams so a third team was added to the playoff bracket.

Dave Campbell's "Texas Football Magazine" describes District I AA as "one of the toughest districts in the state." The Mules will open district play Sept. 24 when the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles fly into Benny Douglas Stadium. They are coached by the Greg Poynor, the former defensive coordinator for the Mules.

The Mules then travel to #4 ranked Bushland to take on the State Runners-Up in 2009. Homecoming is Oct. 8 when the Slaton Tigers will be stalking the Mules. The Friona Chieftains will attempt to erect their teepee on the turf of the Mules refurbished stadium the next week.

The Mules travel to Littlefield Oct. 22. The Wildcats are ranked #3 in class AA by "Texas

Football". The River Road Wildcats will be waiting for the Mules in Amarillo the next week. The Mules feel they owe River Road something from last season. Childress will welcome the Mules for the final regular season game Nov. 5.

The Mules had an inter squad scrimmage after one week of practice and then got to bump heads with Idalou and Lamesa in a tri-scrimmage Saturday. The Mule defense held both the Golden Tornados and Wildcats scoreless.

Scrimmages are for the coaches to learn about the team chemistry that exists and how individual players will respond under adverse

circumstances. But holding other teams scoreless is always a good sign for even the fans.

The final scrimmage for the Mules is at Lubbock Cooper Thursday at 6:30 p.m. It will be held on the Pirates new field just west of the high school building.

The Mules will travel to Shallowater for the season opener against the Mustangs. It has been a few years since the Mules and the Mustangs have met. The Portales Rams are scheduled to open the renovated Benny Douglas Stadium.

The only catch is if the final two light poles are up and working. The poles are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday

before the game. In case of a glitch the Mules will travel to Portales for the game.

The Mules will then make a long trek to Andrews to meet the Mustangs. Mule coach David Wood promised it was a shorter trip than Childress.

"We are a quick and confident team," continued Wood. "We are always excited as a new season approaches."

"The kids came in the first day in good shape and we have had very few bad bumps so far," he said.

"Staying healthy is the key to making the playoffs especially in this new district. There is a lot of good competition

coming our way and we believe we are ready for what ever they have to offer."

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Then said Jesus unto him, 'Go, thou and do likewise'

Now we have three people involved, or at least spoken of other than the wounded man; the Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan.

And again, Christ inquired of the lawyer, "which one, thinkest thou was neighbor to the man that fell among thieves?"

And the lawyer replied "it was the one that showed mercy to the wounded man."

Then said Jesus unto him "Go, thou and do likewise." So now, as we often say, "the ball was in his court." His questions had been answered.

If I read the scriptures right, this means that the lawyer, to obtain the life he was inquiring about, would have to devote himself to helping or servicing people in need. And that would depend on his feelings.

Would he do it because he wanted to, might he be trying to build a reputation? It might be hard to believe, or understand, but I've seen some of that along the way.

But this question will generally answer itself... "Does he love his neighbor as himself?"

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

In the case of the rich young ruler, it no doubt is hard for a person to divest himself of valuables to help people who are poor and in need.

But if that is the feelings one has, and if he (or she) lives that way — and I mean "lives" it — that will be the better life.

I am convinced that, with those that understand, it becomes a way of life, eternal life. And I've known some that pretended it.

Here is a note I find in my papers... "We need to be the kind of person we really are."

I don't know what the connection is, but I have recently been thinking of the presidential election of 1956, when Pres. Dwight Eisenhower was running for reelection.

Two men were talking about the election, and one asked the other, "Do you think he can win?" The other replied, "Yes, that damn smile of his is good for three million

votes."

I would suppose that man was a Democrat. But I believe I admired Eisenhower as much, or more, than any president we have had during my lifetime.

The purpose of my writing is to put in print some of the experiences and some of the things I have learned through some 40 years of public service.

I plan to keep them here so when I am here no more they will be available for my children, grandchildren and other family members and while I am here I will make them available, free of charge to anyone that wants them.

Two or three years ago, while the biggest snow of recent years was on the ground and had covered the side walks and banked up on the front porch, a boy came by and asked if we would like to have some of it shoveled off.

He said he would be glad to do it, if we would

like to have it done.

He was a nice looking teenage boy, and I had no reason to think he wouldn't do the work, and do it well.

But I explained that we would not be going in and out of that door very much, but rather we would go in and out through the carport and patio, so we really wouldn't need it shoveled as this time.

And I could tell he was disappointed for I'm sure he expected to get a little work there, and earn a little money.

But he went on, and I haven't heard anything from him since then. I don't know who he was but I have felt bad over it ever since, I feel now that I should have let him do the work.

That way we would have benefited, each of us would have. But the way it turned out neither one of us felt good.

Now I understand this is no big deal, and no matter if there is a shortcoming to be charged me it will not change the course of history, but the fact remains, is I had done better I would feel better.

And the more I think about it the worse I feel it, my actions.

He just asked if I would like the snow and ice shoveled off.

I liked that approach. He didn't ask "What would you give me to shovel it off?"

He didn't tell me he would do it for "X" number of dollars. He just asked if I would like to have some of the ice and snow cleared off.

Now this is Monday morning and I am getting this ready for the printer. If I remember correctly

this is the third article I have written on this subject.

And I first thought it might be too many. But after my experience Saturday morning I think now it may not be enough. So I may pursue it a bit further.

In the meantime however I must say, "Thank you so very much, and the richest of God's blessings be yours to enjoy."

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The Sudan Buzz

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Toy Australian Shepherds, ranging from 10-13" in height, and Miniature Australian Shepherds, ranging from 14-17" in height will strut their stuff competitively.

Toy Australian Shepherds will have two opportunities to display their standardized conformational qualities; amid-morning exhibition beginning no sooner than

9:30 a.m. and an evening *jackpot* competition in which the Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Best Opposite Sex will take home cash prizes.

A division for Toy Aussie puppies will be offered with the 9:30 session. Spectators may observe the tiny treasures compete in divisions 'just like big Aussies', and with the same goal in mind - being named the best conformation example of a biddable herding dog with breed-specific temperament and color characteristics.

Miniature Australian Shepherds will have their chance to shine beginning no sooner than 1 p.m. Renowned AKC breeder and founding member of the



New Mexico Akita Club, Ruth Spindler, of Artesia, N.M., will judge the event. Spindler owned and handled the 2007 World Champion Petit Brabancon and currently breeds and shows French Bulldogs and Brussels Griffons.

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There were 17 competitors at this event. According to Doug Ames, owner of the Chuckwagon. The Sudan Hornet J.V. and Varsity football teams and coaches attended the Mancake Challenge.

Ames was willing to pay \$10 to anyone who could completely eat five of the "Mancakes". While no one attending was able to eat five "Mancakes", the Sudan Hornet Coach Patrick Odom was able to eat 4 of the huge pancakes. Coach Odom's name went on the "Mancake Wall of Fame". The \$10 cash prize for anyone who can eat five "Mancakes" is still being offered by Ames.

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Annual 'Meet the Mules' moved indoors



With the new bleachers at Benny Douglass Stadium still under construction, this year's annual "Meet the Mules" celebration was moved to the new Muleshoe High School gymnasium.

Pictured above, Muleshoe's cheerleaders lead the gathering in a cheer. Pictured on the left, one of the Mules' smaller fans demonstrates her cheering abilities.

College news...

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the Muleshoe Journal, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution. Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news! Once permission to share information has been granted, the college or university should send the information by email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.



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The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.747200 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,425,878.14.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.742000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,466,733.32.

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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 13, 2010 at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX 79347 at 10:00 AM**

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LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Cause No. 2531 Estate of Robert Hoover Claunch, Deceased. In the County Court of Bailey County, Texas. Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of ROBERT HOOVER CLAUNCH were issued on August 9, 2010, in Docket No. 2531 pending in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, to TERRY LANETT DAVIS. The residence of TERRY LANETT DAVIS is in Cochran County, Texas, and the address of such individual is: TERRY LANETT DAVIS c/o Ratliff & Wells P.O. Box 888 Littlefield, Texas 79339. All persons having claim against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED this 10th day of August, 2010. RATTILIFF & WELLS Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 888 Littlefield, Texas 79339 Telephone: (806) 385-3302 Telecopier: (806) 385-4518. BY: RUSH S. WELLS. State Bar No. 21158500. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal August 19, 2010.*

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Dist/Div Office(s) Three (3) and Four (4), Block Six (6) of the Warren Addition #1 to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. Cause No. 8396 Bailey County Appraisal District v. Herrera, Bernardo, Deceased, Unknown Heirs of 11. Lots Thirty-one through Thirty-four (31-34), Block Two (2), of the Northwest Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. 12. Lot three (3) Block nine (9), of the Warren Addition #1 to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. Cause 8397 Bailey County Appraisal District v. Mendoza, John et ux 13. Lots seven (7) and eight (8) Block one (1), of the Northwest Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. Cause No. 8498 Bailey County Appraisal District v. Lubertha Steptoe 1. Lots Six Through Seven (6-7), Block four (4) of The Morrison #2 Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. Cause No. 8511 Bailey County Appraisal District v. Holguin, Epimeno, et ux Holguin, Maria 15. The Northwest (NW) part of Lot One (1) Block Three (3) of the Warren #2 Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. Cause No. 8516 Bailey County Appraisal District v. Tafolla, Martin 16. The West part of the Tract two (2), Block One (1) of the Harvey Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. 17. The North 33 1/3' of Lot Four (4), Block Two (2) of the Golf Course Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. Cause No. 8652 Bailey County Appraisal District v. Pete Franco et ux 18. A rectangular tract of land 70 feet by 100 feet, being more particularly described as the Northwesterly One-Half (NW 1/2) of lots Block Nine (9), Original Town Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. And to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 3:30 p.m. on the 7th day of September, 2010, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Bailey County, in the City of Muleshoe, Texas. Levied on the 9th day of August, 2010, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgement rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction. 'ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH 34.015 OF TEXAS TAX CODE.' GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2010. Richard Wills, Sheriff, Bailey

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LENAU ADDITION

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Mule Days 2010

Mule Days Photos by Terry Brewster and Kay Griswold



Mule Days 2010 rodeo and parade results

Mule Days rodeo individual event winners are as follows:

Poles – Chris Brown 27.590, Donnie Maines 29.958, Dale Griswold 34.029.

Barrels – Donnie Maines 23.413, Chris, Brown 24.416, Dale Griswold 26.924.

Steer Daubing – Chris Brown 10.876, Donnie Maines 11.240, Dale Griswold 11.263.

Pick Up Race – Dale Griswold 17.205, Donnie Maines 25.139, Hayden Powell 52.628.

Flag Race – Donnie

Maines 14.147, Hayden Powell 16.405, Chris Brown 22.659.

Breakaway Calf Roping – All no-times.

Hide Race – Donnie Maines 17.483, Chris Brown 18.773, Dale Griswold 19.830.

Sled Pull – Donnie Maines 700 lbs the furthest, Chris Brown 700 lbs second furthest, Blaine Stout 600 lbs.

Coon Mule Jumping – Chris Brown.

Team Roping – Donnie Maines and Chris Brown 14.214.

Donnie Maines – All around rodeo winner with five firsts and three seconds winning the saddle.

Mule Days parade winners are as follows:

Best Themed Float – Jennyslippers.

Best Antique Vehicle – LaNette Irby of Carlsbad, NM.

Best Mule – Dale Griswold.

Best Tractor – Weldon Menzer of Wilson TX.

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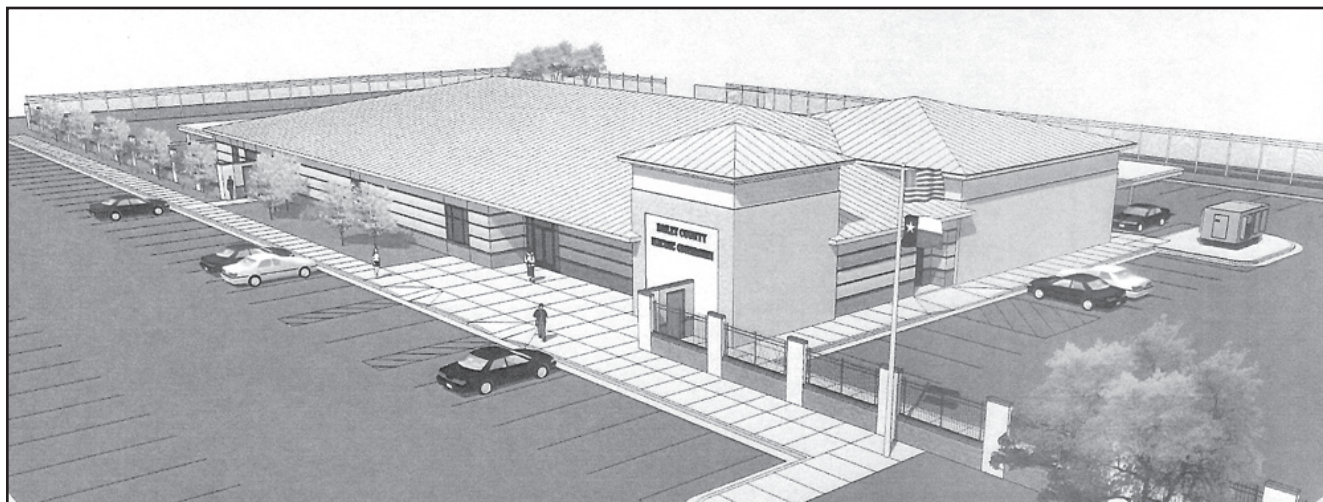
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popular wildlife, cattle and other agriculture-related educational sessions," Davis said. "But along with the new live deer and cattle-management demonstrations, we've added new sessions to address groundwater issues, renewable energy, contract labor and migrant workers, the Texas AgrAbility Project and many other topics of interest to farmers and ranchers."

Lynch said he and other show presenters have been working in conjunction with the national AARP-Walgreens Wellness Tour to offer free health screenings to attendees during the show.

"Many of our attendees are busy with their farm and ranch operations or might live in an area where they don't have an opportunity to get a basic health assessment," Lynch said. "And while this free screening isn't intended to be a substitute for seeing a medical professional, we hope it will

provide some useful health-related information to show attendees who use the service."

Lynch also noted that he and other show coordinators are looking forward to the 2010 show and the use of the additional space provided by the completion of the Expo Hall Annex.

"This will bring the total amount of enclosed exhibition area to more than 150,000 square feet, making it one of the largest climate-controlled agricultural exhibits in the U.S.," he said.

Lynch also expressed appreciation to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, the Texas Department of Agriculture, AgriLife Extension, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Texas Animal Health Commission, Farm Service Agency and Texas Water Development Board for their cooperation in this year's show.

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AgriLife research identifies wheat streak resistance gene

By Kay Ledbetter

A microscopic look into the genes of a Colorado wheat variety has allowed Texas AgriLife Research scientists to identify a wheat streak mosaic virus-resistance gene.

Wheat streak mosaic virus is one of the most common wheat viruses found in the 75 million acres of wheat across the U.S. – 3.3 million acres in Texas, said Dr. Charlie Rush, AgriLife Research plant pathologist in Amarillo.

Because there are no chemicals labeled for control of the wheat curl mite, the vector for this virus, researchers must work with wheat breeders to try to find some resistance, Rush said.

Dr. Huangjun Lu, who was a post-doctorate research associate in Amarillo during the study, led the AgriLife Research-Amarillo team of Rush; Dr. Jackie Rudd, wheat breeder; Jacob Price, associate researcher;

and Dr. Ravindra Devkota, assistant research scientist. Lu has since become an assistant professor at the University of Florida.

The research was funded by grants from the Texas Wheat Producers Board, the Texas AgriLife Research Monocot Improvement Program and the Texas Cropping Systems Program. This research will be featured in an upcoming issue of Crop Science journal, Rudd said.

"Our goal was to look at the resistance in a germplasm line that was used to produce a variety of wheat in western Kansas called RonL," he said. "This variety's resistance is well known but the inheritance has not been studied until now."

The first part of the study compared the resistance of a known-susceptible variety to wheat streak mosaic virus, Karl 92, with a known-resistant variety, CO960293-2, which is a parent of the RonL variety, Rudd said.

A Nebraska wheat variety, Mace, which showed a high level of wheat streak mosaic resistance was included in the study, as were TAM 111 and TAM 112, two of the top varieties developed by the Amarillo wheat breeding program and grown in Texas that also show some resistance to the virus in field trials, he said.

The growth chamber experiment confirmed previous field work, Rudd said. Mace and CO960293-2 were highly resistant, while Karl 92 was highly susceptible. Both TAM 111 and TAM 112 were intermediate in resistance, with TAM 112 being slightly better than TAM 111.

For the genetic portion of the study, the Colorado line was crossed with TAM 111 and based on that cross, Lu determined the wheat streak mosaic virus resistance was due to a single dominant gene from the Colorado germplasm line, Rudd said.

Further molecular mapping has

found the location of the specific gene that provides the resistance, he said.

Rudd explained that wheat has 21 pairs of chromosomes and this gene was mapped to chromosome 3B, "so we now know the general location, and we are developing molecular markers that can be used to track the gene in wheat breeding programs."

Only the Mace gene with known resistance to wheat streak mosaic virus had been named previously and it is Wsm1, he said.

"Now that we have determined they are different genes, this newly identified gene will be known as Wsm2."

The difference, however, is that Wsm1 is on a chromosomal translocation from intermediate wheat grass, a wild relative of wheat, which means it could carry along some less-desirable characteristics such as lower yields, Rudd said. The Wsm2

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Research shows drip irrigation a good fit in some areas

By Kay Ledbetter

Interest in drip irrigation is growing throughout the High Plains as regions within it run short on water supplies and producers look for economical ways to continue efficient production.

"We want everyone to find out where drip fits, because where it fits, it fits very well," said Nich Kenny, Texas AgriLife Extension Service irrigation specialist, speaking at a field day on the Durwood Dunlap farm near Pampa. "In some cases, it lets you do a lot more with a lot less."

Kenny is the first to say the pressurized irrigation method that is situated below the soil surface may not fit everywhere.

But the series of filters, valves, tubing, emitters and pipelines can deliver water, nutrients and chemicals throughout a field with several advantages over pivot irrigation.

Drip irrigation provides a more



uniform and efficient application across the field, allows for useful daily applications and minimizes surface evaporation, he said.

It also helps utilize all the land including the corners, provides maximum control of irrigation and precise chemigation and fertigation, is good on changing or severe slopes and provides yield increases in most cases.

The drawbacks or disadvantages

of the system, when compared to pivot irrigation, are the steep learning curve in management the first year or two, some decreased seed germination risk during drought season, the high initial cost of the investment, its non-transferable nature and the increased management needs, Kenny said.

Some management decisions that will help make for a more efficient-running system are to divide the field into blocks of 20-acres or so, keeping the lateral lines to no more than about one-half mile in length and then plant with the tape lines, not across them, he said.

"You want to create similarly sized zones or blocks in your field," Kenny said. "Design into multiples so you can mix and match the zones that are

watered. You want to be able to have an irrigation schedule that is balanced with the system's capacity.

"That is one of the management steps that is pretty intensive the first year or two," he said.

Kenny said the systems vary in costs, but estimated the direct cost for putting in a system on 100-150 acres with tape running down 30-inch centers would cost about \$2,000 per acre while 40-inch centers would be around \$1,600 per acre.

Additional costs come when tillage equipment and fitting of the pumping plant equipment is considered, he said. But the system has a potentially indefinite lifespan with the proper design and maintenance.

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Texas crops and weather...

By Robert Burns

While hot, humid days stressed some crops, cotton, for the most part, was doing well with few of the catastrophic failures of previous years, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service cotton expert.

A July U.S. Department of Agriculture forecast predicted a record crop. Though the forecast was issued when much of the state's crop was about half finished, there's a good chance it's on target, said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension state cotton specialist.

But the large yield expectations aren't from individual fields topping average yields, he said. It's because with the exception of some flooded and rained-out fields in the south, most of the state's crop was expected to be harvested.

"One of the things is we're mainly average to good in most of the state, versus in a lot of years we've had areas that are bad or completely abandoned. That's the major factor," Morgan said.

For example, in South and Central Texas it's not going to be a bumper crop, but there wasn't a lot that was abandoned there either, he said.

In the Rolling Plains, good yields are dependent upon the area getting more rain, he said.

"I visited with the Southwest cotton producers last week," Morgan said. "They have some really good-looking plants, but cool weather that set in, so they really didn't have good fruit set, and they're going to need some more moisture to make up the difference."

About 60 percent or more the state's cotton is grown in the High Plains. Cotton was rated fair to good by regional AgriLife Extension personnel, but the crop needs more hotter days to develop.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries for West Texas:

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were about average, and most areas received rain. Soil-moisture levels were mostly adequate. Corn was still being irrigated in many areas and was rated fair to good. Cotton was fair to good but needed more heat units. Sorghum was in fair to good condition. Rangeland

varied from poor to excellent, with most areas reporting mostly fair. Cattle were in good condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: Hot, rainless weather dried out soils and forced irrigators to water cotton and alfalfa. Cotton continued to look good with at least 50 percent of the crop squaring and about 5 percent setting bolls. Peanut producers were expecting a good crop. Producers continued to work fields, including preparing for the upcoming wheat season. Many will plant wheat a little earlier as more will use it for grazing than normally. Pasture and rangeland were in excellent shape, although some producers were worried that with the recent rains and sunshine the grass has "outgrown" itself and have little-to-no nutritional value. Even with some worrying about the nutrition, livestock were in good to excellent shape, and calves were doing well. Many producers were weaning calves early, hoping to get a head start with the abundant grazing.

SOUTH PLAINS: The region had above-normal temperatures accompanied by isolated showers. Soil moisture was adequate. Corn was in either the dough or dent stage and in good condition. Cotton was in good condition and was in first bloom in late-planted fields to peak bloom in early planted fields. Irrigators started up center pivots because of the hot weather. Dryland crops yields were expected to be average. Sorghum was in good condition, ranging from either flag-leaf to soft-dough stage. Pastures and rangeland were in good condition. Livestock were in good to excellent condition.

WEST CENTRAL: The region had triple-digit temperatures every day, rapidly depleting soil moisture and stressing cotton and grain. Producers continued cutting and baling hay. Some field preparations were under way for fall planting.

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quality testing, system flushing and diagnostics, Kenny said.

Cleon Namken, a U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service irrigation engineer, explained several cost-share programs offered to producers.

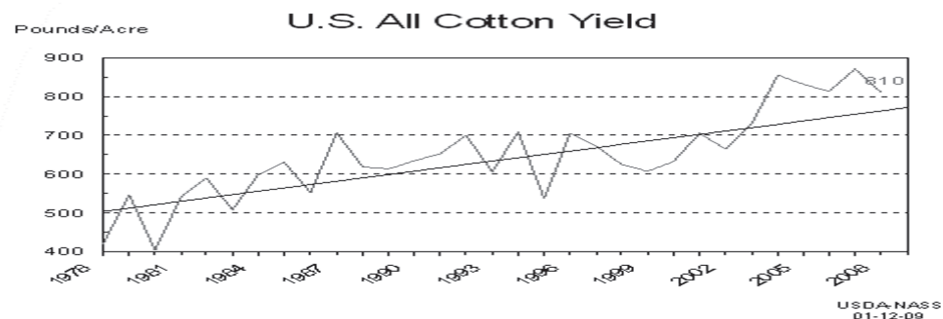
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Wheat streak resistance gene...

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gene was identified from a bread wheat that does not have the negative traits associated with it.

"Breeders from throughout the U.S. have been using RonL and other sources of Wsm2," he said. "Now that it has been identified, they can track that through marker-assisted selection."

The AgriLife Research wheat breeding program already has a number of crosses with the Wsm2 gene in it, Rudd said. With this information, they now can develop wheat streak mosaic virus resistant varieties quicker.

Previously, the varieties had to go through a series of field trials to help select for the desired trait, he said.

The consistency of seeing the symptoms in the field is environmentally influenced and differs from season to season.

"This way, we can develop

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Whether it is the annual Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, the annual Rotary Roping or sponsoring a fireman at the annual Texas A&M Fireman's School, Bailey County Farm Bureau (BCFB) has made community part of its everyday business.

In addition to numerous local donations to all kinds of activities, BCFB 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.


Bailey County Farm Bureau is your local full service insurance agency serving clients in Bailey County. Chris Ferguson is the agency manager for Bailey, Hockley and Cochran County Farm Bureaus. Ferguson worked for Farm Bureau in the Houston area for five years before coming to West Texas.

Agent Rickey Barrett has been serving clients for Bailey County Farm Bureau for 28 years.

Agent Toby Kitchens has been with BCFB for two years.

You'll also find two smiling faces to greet you in the office. Letty Guerra and Carla Hurtado are the secretaries for Bailey County Farm Bureau. The office also employs one full time adjuster, Julie Vasquez, to service any claims you may have.


The local agency, 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 living in the industry "We're committed to backing agriculture," said Barrett. "Our economy is dependent on keeping agriculture strong."



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Educational sessions to tractor pulls and wine tastings...

By Paul Schattenberg

The San Antonio International Farm and Ranch Show, to be held Oct. 14-16, has added several new features for attendees and their families, according to show coordinators.

The show will take place on the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and Freeman Coliseum grounds, 3201 E. Houston St. and One AT&T Center Parkway. Admission is free, with show hours from 12-8 p.m. on Oct. 14 and from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on Oct. 15-16.

"We are excited that during this year's show we will be hosting the South Texas Commodity Symposium with the Texas Corn Producers, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers, Texas Wheat Producers, South Texas Cotton and Grain Producers, Texas

Rice Producers, Texas Peanut Producers, Wintergarden producers and the Southwest Council of Agribusiness," said Lyle Larson, the show's founder. "We're inviting over 10,000 commodity group members to participate in this year's show."

Larson added that the show will offer educational sessions providing several continuing education units or credits to attendees.

"We also will have live cattle-chute demonstrations and live deer-handling equipment demonstrations to be conducted twice daily, plus ATV safety presentations and demo rides will be available throughout the show."

Tractor pulls, free health screenings and wine tastings also will be offered at this year's show,

according to organizers.

"Between the farm and ranch equipment and services displays, the more than 30 educational sessions and the variety of other entertaining activities we're offering, we'll have something for everyone at this year's show," said Jeff Lynch, a show coordinator.

Lynch said he expects the two championship tractor pulls offered at this year's show to be especially popular with attendees and their families.

"We're presenting what we're calling a Texas Tractor Pulling Extravaganza at 7:30 p.m. on the evenings of Oct. 15 and 16," he said. "Friday night, the extravaganza will feature 50 of the best Antique Division 2 and 3 tractors in Texas. And on Saturday night, the Texas Truck and Tractor Pullers

Association will show some of the most powerful pro-stock tractors in the state."

Lynch added that he expects attendees also will enjoy the show's wine tastings, which are scheduled for 4, 5 and 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

"There are some excellent wines made in Texas and through the Texas Department of Agriculture's GO TEXAN program, this will give attendees a chance to sample some of them."

Bryan Davis, AgriLife Extension agent for natural resources and one of the show's educational coordinators, added that one of the new educational opportunities at this year's show will be a session for prospective wine-grape growers.

"Of course, we'll still have our

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Reducing pathogens on vegetables

A team of food safety researchers led by Texas A&M University's Dr. Elsa Murano has received a \$1 million U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to find ways to protect fruits and vegetables.

The grant, "Role of surface-related factors on contamination and survival of pathogens in fresh produce grown in Texas and Mexico," will allow researchers to study the reasons why E. coli and salmonella resist removal from the surface of fresh produce. They also will develop training for the produce industry and food inspectors.

In addition to Murano, other researchers from Texas A&M are Dr. Matthew Taylor, Dr. Luis Cisneros-Zevallos, Dr. Alejandro Castillo and Dr. Juan Anciso. Members from other institutions are Dr. Jorge Fonseca, University of Arizona, and Dr. Miguel Martínez Téllez, Centro de Investigación en Alimentación y Desarrollo in Mexico.

Recent increases in both the number and magnitude of disease outbreaks attributed to contaminated fruits

and vegetables have been reported, according to the researchers. The largest outbreak in U.S. history occurred in early 2008 and was caused by consumption of contaminated peppers grown in Mexico, then sold in the U.S.

"In spite of much research over the last decade, questions as to the factors that enable the persistence of harmful bacteria on the surface of certain fruits and vegetables remain unanswered," the team wrote in its proposal. "For example: How do the chemical and physical properties of the produce surface, as well as the presence of nutrients, affect the ability of pathogens to invade and colonize the surface? Do the types of non-harmful bacteria comprising the microbial community of fruits and vegetables affect the ability of pathogens to thrive in these environments?"

Knowledge gained from the studies will help develop education and training materials for the produce industry and food inspectors in Texas, Arizona and Mexico.

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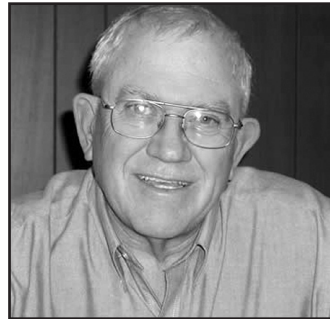
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Coupled with the local government's pro-business attitude, the MEDC promotes quality development of the West Texas region and is always searching for ways to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Muleshoe and the surrounding area.

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