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MAHD Contracts With Management Firm

By Larry Thornton
Editor

A week after accepting the resignation of its CEO, and sending him on his way, the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors voted to contract with a management company to administer Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Back in March, representatives of

Preferred Management Corporation of Oklahoma, which manages and leases hospitals in Texas and Oklahoma — including the hospital in Friona, met with the MAHD board concerning the possibility of leasing the hospital.

This process was later terminated by PMC with a letter to the

MAHD board noting the amount being paid to local physicians as the primary reason such a lease wouldn't be profitable.

The representatives — including PMC owner Donald "Andy" Freeman of Shawnee, Okla., returned to Muleshoe Thursday, Sept. 4, to discuss interim management

of the hospital, with the possibility of moving forward on a lease at the end of the contracted 120-day period.

Repeating much of the information previously presented regarding the company's relationship with the district and its employees should PMC eventually lease the district, Freeman also addressed the issue

of the management agreement saying, "We try to make this real simple."

It was later noted, following a discussion with the hospital board's attorney John Simpson, who was in attendance at Thursday's meeting, that the only concern was the insurance covering the administrator since he or she wouldn't have

the statutory protections of the hospital district.

The attorney's recommendation that the district and PMC would split the cost of the insurance, along with the company's request for \$26,000 per month to provide its services — including the services of a chief financial officer, along

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Muleshoe Varsity Falls To Tough 4A Mustangs

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Sweetwater Mustangs rolled into Benny Douglas Stadium ranked 20th in the Class AAAA.

They were riding high coming off a 66-35 win over the Lubbock High Westerners to open the 2014 football season.

The Mustangs traveled 204 miles to meet the Mules and had never been exposed to the tenacity or stubbornness of a herd of Mules.

Sweetwater limped off a very wet turf Friday night after eking out a 32-27 win over the Mules.

"It was a memorable game for the kids," said Coach David Wood. "We always like to play in the rain and it brings the kid out in all of us. We did not

like the outcome on the scoreboard but we now know we can play against a team that puts a lot of talent on the field."



"We did not win but it was one of those games that makes us better. In fact the whole non-district schedule will make us better. We just have to try and keep down the injuries. Last

Touch Down... Or Not?

Did he make it? A Freshman Mule pulled down at the goal line Thursday appears to have been assisted by a Sweetwater defender as he leaned over and planted the football in the end zone.

Photographs by Gabby Perez

week the ball bounced our way but this week it did not," he said.

"We were able to come back from a deficit again this week and in fact had to come back a second time this week to almost win it again. We just did not put the ball in the end zone. Our kids are gaining more and more confidence in what they can do. We as coaches are learning about these kids and who and when to have certain personnel in the game," the coach added.

"We are still figuring the kids out and some of them opened our eyes again this week. We are going to do some more shuffling. The bottom line is Sweetwater is a good football team and we were not pushed off the field by them. I was proud of the kids and they do not have any quit in them," he said.

"When the game was over I could not even be upset at the kids. They felt the

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'New' EMS Vehicle Draws Questions, Comments

By Larry Thornton
Editor

Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver opened Monday's regular court session with questions for EMS Director Kevin Baize, who had arrived at the courthouse in what appeared to be a new vehicle that wasn't the ambulance discussed during previous budget workshops.

"We didn't budget

for a new EMS vehicle," Vandiver said, expressing the feelings of the other commissioners who had reportedly received queries about it from some of the county's citizens.

However, the problem was quickly put aside when the commissioners learned that it wasn't a new vehicle.

County Judge Sherri



Harrison explained that the vehicle was already owned by the county, and was in fact a Dodge Charger from the sheriff's department that had been transferred over to EMS to use as its "first

responder unit."

Baize explained that the previous vehicle being used for that purpose wasn't equipped for the additional radios that were going to be placed in it for use as

a command unit, while the charger — which wasn't being used by the sheriff's department, was.

Baize also said local law enforcement preferred the first responders use a properly equipped vehicle rather than respond in private vehicles.

"We should have known," Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan Chavez said.

"The commissioners

don't have a problem with it. The only problem was not knowing," he added.

Harrison explained that she had approved the transfer, and apologized for not passing the information along to the commissioners.

The court also discussed and approved a resolution authorizing a local

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Estate Planning

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension of Bailey County will be hosting a farm and ranch estate planning workshop on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Gospel Sing-A-Long

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be hosting a gospel sing-a-long on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m.

The event will feature local musicians and song leaders, Christian fellowship, food and music.

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- Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, PO Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, PO Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.
- Muleshoe Boy Scouts, 609 W. Seventh, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-946-9908.
- Muleshoe Girl Scouts, 346 State Highway 214, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
- Bailey County Historical Commission, c/o Sammie Simpson, 812 FM 54, Sudan, TX 79371, or call 806-927-5191.

Large Blessings Often Come In Small Packages

I'm still pondering a column my brother Gene wrote for the *Amarillo Globe News* over a decade ago.

Gene begins: "Can I be honest with you without leaving the wrong impression? Can I share one of my most constant concerns without making you think I am airing sour grapes or criticizing your choice of churches?"

My short answer to him would be, "I doubt it."

Oh, I agree with him completely, and I think he's right on target. But I'll betcha he made some folks mad. Some who didn't understand him. Some who did.

Gene continues: "For more than 40 years I have ministered to small congregations that never seem to have enough people to fill some high-need categories.

"If my church had three or four more young families, we might have enough toddlers to make Bible study fun for Ethan.

"Right now our music minister would almost kill for a tenor or two..."

"Small churches always have gaps in age groups and abilities... In most tiny churches just a handful of new people would make a huge difference in that congregation's sense of well-being and vitality. "All of this makes me wonder... I wonder why so many Christians who love the Lord and his church choose to cluster in huge churches where their talents may not be used or needed.

"I wonder if worshipers whose voices get lost in the multitude have any idea how much their notes of praise could enrich the worship experience of a smaller band of believers."

Do those who make a church choice largely based on what the huge church can do for them "have any idea how rewarding it could



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

feel to know that their personal contribution to the life of a smaller church was making an obvious difference in that church's ability to serve the Lord and his people," perhaps even to exist?

"I praise God for the large, active congregations that bless our community. But in my pastor's heart I have a passion for family-sized churches... If you are looking for a church, let me encourage you to find one that really needs you. Think small."

Folks, in my little great community, all of our churches are small compared to the Walmart Supercenter-style super-sized churches of many cities.

I'm thankful when churches of any size, including mega-churches, truly serve the Lord and serve well (but I confess the utter disgust and revulsion I feel toward some large churches who do their best to ravage small ones and do so devilishly in God's name).

Large churches can offer whole catalogs full of programs. Little churches can never match those.

Unless you want to know for sure that you matter. Unless you want your presence, your energy, your time, your treasure, your talents, your family, to make a genuine difference.

If you want to be loved intensely and be

blessed immensely by relationships, real and deep and worth more than gold, you might be very wise to think small.

I have days when I think that surely in this hemisphere some people exist who still believe that. On those days, I'm greedy enough to hope that our little church gets both of them.

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Muleshoe Day Announced

The second annual Muleshoe Day is set for Saturday, Sept. 27, with the activities taking place on the lawn of the Bailey County Courthouse.

This year's event will include muleshoe pitching at 2 p.m., a pie-eating contest at 3 p.m., bingo at 4 p.m., a talent show at 5 p.m. with two divisions — 12 and under and 13 years old and up; and a street dance from 8-11 p.m.

There is no entry fee for the pie-eating contest. However, participants must provide two pies, the second one of which will be auctioned off.

MAHD Action... Continued From A1

with an administrator for the hospital was approved by a unanimous board vote. According to Freeman, it would take about two weeks

to have an interim administrator in place. During the discussion, it was noted that while the interim administrator — who would be housed at

PMC's expense might not become a Muleshoe resident, should a lease agreement be reached the new administrator would be required to live in Muleshoe.

Freeman also pointed out that while PMC would try to assist the administration at Park View Nursing Care Center, the management agreement only covered

the hospital. In other business, the MAHD board discussed the FY 2015 proposed budget, focusing primarily on the projected expenses of the hospital's IT department and its contracted services.

employee Bobby Turner said, "We've got several projects going on simultaneously." He explained that along with updating the hospital district's computer infra-structure, his department as involved in the conversion of the district to the federally mandated digital records program.

Court Approves Tax Rate Increase

By Larry Thornton
Editor

The Bailey County Commissioners adopted a tax rate increase, and a budget based upon that tax rate for FY 2015 during Monday's regular court.

The adopted tax rate of .96 cents per \$100 in valuation includes .7279 for the general fund, .1350 for farm to market roads, and a debt service of .0971.

There was little discussion concerning the rate increase Monday, and no one appeared to speak against the proposed increase at the public

hearings held regarding it.

At the court's regular meeting on Aug. 11, County Judge Sherri Harrison said, "In a nutshell, we're going up (about) \$60 per year on a \$100,000 house... that's five per month."

The county's total assessed valuation is \$322,531,626.

According to the required statement listing the commissioners' court unanimous vote, it was noted that the 4.8 percent increase will raise about \$141,461 more in property taxes compared to last year

when the total tax rate was .8995.

The commissioners' court adopted a budget with total projected revenues of \$3,230,052.64 and projected expenditures of \$3,619,507.67, not including the commissioners' precinct road and bridge funds.

As it is every year, the county's law enforcement budget is the largest at \$1,640,948.53 followed by the ambulance service at \$506,798.24, and health services and aging at \$371,867.82.

As for the commissioners' road

and bridge funds, the projected revenues and expenditures for each of the precincts are as follows:

Precinct 1's projected revenues are \$220,577.44, with budget expenditures of \$298,557.71.

Precinct 2's are 212,277.44 and \$265,483.63.

Precinct 3's are projected revenues are \$217,777.44, also, with budgeted expenditures of \$272,563.96.

And, Precinct 4's are \$211,077.44 and \$266,311.35 respectively.

EMS Building Expansion Is Needed

Continued from A1 projects grant that, if approved, will provide \$50,000 for the down payment on the new ambulance included in the FY 2015 budget.

Baize also talked about an expansion that will be needed on the EMS building because the new ambulance will be about five feet longer than space in the current structure allows.

Baize said the

expansion project, or specifically the building's shell, has been estimated at \$61,000, the majority of which will come from funds donated to the county, and added that the interior will be completed by EMS personnel.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

- Approved the minutes from the Aug. 25 meeting, along with payment of county bills,

and in-county travel forms.

- Authorized the county judge to sign the annual SAVINS maintenance grant. The grant provides for victims to be notified of offenders' release.

- Were informed by Sheriff Richard Wills that 65 out-of-county prisoners were being held at the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center, and another 10 were expected.

The sheriff also told the court that he would not be increasing sheriff fees for FY 2015.

- Took no action regarding increases to EMS rates. Baize asked for additional time to study the current rates to determine which, if any, needed to be increased.

- Received the county treasurer's report for the month of August.

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Remember, please, the Bingo time on Thursday afternoon, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Keep in mind, on Tuesday, Sept. 23, the center will be hosting flu shots.

There is no charge for Medicare recipients. Please bring your Medicare card with you.

If you missed the center's pancake breakfast, we are sorry. The next scheduled pancake breakfast will held on Saturday, Dec. 6, which the first Saturday of December.

Sept. 15-19 menus:
Monday, Sept. 15 — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, Waldorf salad, whole

wheat bread, and banana pudding.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 — Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, whole wheat bread, and peach-apple crisp.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 — Grilled steak, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, cornbread, and tropical fruit salad.

Thursday, Sept. 18 — Barbecue beef sandwich, tater tots, carrots and zucchini, and ambrosia.

Friday, Sept. 19 — Fish or chicken strips, Borracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, whole wheat roll, and tropical fruit mix.



Art Association Meets



The Muleshoe Art Association opened the new year of activities on Tuesday, Sept. 2, with a trip to Tulia. Members stopped for lunch at the El Camino Mexican food restaurant followed by a visit to Kenneth Wyatt Galleries.

Mr. Wyatt explained techniques and steps involved in designing and casting sculpture and shared stories about the inspirations for some of his pieces.

Members who made the drive, pictured above with the artist at the entrance of his home and gallery, left to right: Ann Johnson, Kenneth Wyatt, Jackie Hinderliter, Kay Hohes, Nelda Merriott, Susan Skipworth and Sandra Chancey. Not pictured, Alice Liles.

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Robert Perez

Funeral services for Robert "Bobby" Perez, 51, of McKinney, were held on Friday, Sept. 5, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe with Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

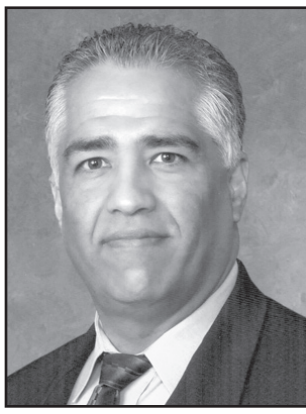
Visitation was held on Wednesday, Sept. 3, and Thursday, Sept. 4, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery. Bobby died on Sept. 1, 2014, in Muleshoe. He was born on Feb. 5, 1963, in Muleshoe to Robert Vela and Francis (Bryand) Perez Sr, and married Maria Dolores Flores in Muleshoe on Nov. 12, 1983.

Bobby had lived in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area since 1992, moving there from Copperas Cove.

He served in the US Army during Desert Storm. He retired from the military in 2001.

Bobby was the director of Admissions for Anthem College in



Irving.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe.

He was preceded in death by his father — Robert Vela Perez; and a brother — Juan Miguel Perez.

Survivors include his wife — Maria Dolores; three daughters — Melissa Cisnero of McKinney, Amanda Perez of Dallas, and Victoria Perez of McKinney; his mother — Francis Del Toro of Muleshoe; a brother — Eddie Perez of Lubbock; and one grandson — Isaac Cisnero.

Online condolences can be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Adelia Jones

Funeral services for Adelia Jones, 80, of Muleshoe were held on Friday, Sept. 5, at the Muleshoe Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Wayne Venable of Clovis, N.M., officiating.

Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Adelia died on Sept. 3, 2014, in Muleshoe. She was born on Nov. 9, 1933, in Barksdale, to Burl Harvie and Susan Adelia (Childs) Reagan, and married Leo Wade "Doc" Jones in Victoria on Oct. 23, 1950.

Adelia was a homemaker and a member of the Muleshoe Primitive Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter — Cora Lee Jones, and her parents.

Survivors include her husband — "Doc" of Muleshoe; three sons — Wade Jones and wife Sharen of Texarkana, Ark., Burl Jones and wife

Tonya of Prentiss, Miss., and Donald Jones and wife Debra of Muleshoe; two daughters — Mae Donaldson and husband Darrell of Star City, Ark., and Carol Ring and husband Richard of Muleshoe; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be sent to the American Heart Association, 2514 – 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, and the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfunerhomes.com.

Bridal Shower

Mason Shower Held

A "Come and Go" wedding shower was held for Jordan Mason, the prospective bride of Zac Stancel and the daughter of Sheldon and Debbie Mason of Lazbuddie.

The groom's parents are Carey and Kathy Stancell of Muleshoe.

The shower was held at Bailey County Electric Co-op on Aug. 31.

Hostesses for the event included Shannon Atchley, Jamie Crandall, Rosa Davis, Paulette Foster, Robin Friskup, Angel Hunt, Lavon Hunt, Oneida Lopez, Brenda Morgan, Kaci Morris, Marca Morris, Celie Parham, Karie Preston, Carolyn Reed, Khallie Ruthardt, Brooke and Debbie Ryan, Carolyn Sanders, Maryle Schacher, Susan Skipworth, Jana St. Clair, Ashley Turnbow and Gina Wilkerson.

The hostess gift was a vacuum cleaner.

Special guests were Billie Mason, JoAnn Cotton, Taylor Stancell and Kendal Stance.



Ten Solutions For Morning Madness

Super news from MISD By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

There was a good article in the August issue of *Parents Magazine* that was trying to help parents in getting children ready for school.

We've all been there. We've all experienced the "morning madness" that sometimes occurs as we are getting our children ready for school.

Here are some of the suggestions that appeared in the article to help families cope with that morning rush.

Have a productive evening. "Do as much as you can the night before," says Sissy Biggers, a time-management expert in Fairfield, Conn.

Pack your child's lunch and her backpack, and have her pick out her clothes.

Forgo 15 minutes of sleep. By waking up earlier than the rest of the family, you'll have a sliver of quiet time to soak in the bathtub or savor a cup of coffee.

No doubt, you'll feel less rushed and better prepared to handle the day.

Let routines rule. Have your child do

the required activities, such as brushing teeth and getting dressed in the same order every morning, so he knows what comes next.

Help him create a morning to-do list so he can check off each job without being reminded.

Don't hesitate to delegate. Avoid arguments over who does what by assigning your kids regular morning chores, such as feeding the pet or clearing the table.

Prepare for breakfast. At night, lay out cereal boxes, bowls, and spoons on the table.

Make enough pancake batter on Sunday evenings for several days.

Keep the television off. This may cause grumbling, but watching cartoons or videos definitely distracts from the tasks at hand, says Lawrence Cohen, Ph.D., a child psychologist and author of *Playful Parenting*.

Lighten up. "If you're tense in the morning, your child will pick up on it," Dr. Cohen says.

Instead of nagging her to get dressed, have a playful race to see who gets finished first.

Stick to a strict bedtime. "If your child is hard to wake up and takes a long time to get ready in the morning, make his bedtime earlier," Dr. Cohen suggests.

Learn from your

mistakes. If you have a frustrating morning, think about why it was so stressful.

"By examining what went wrong today, you can figure out how to do things better tomorrow," Biggers says.

These suggestions are a good starting point to help all of us plan our mornings so that children have a good start to their day.

I hope these suggestions help you

and get you to thinking about ways to help your children in the mornings.

A good start to the day will help your child be successful in school; and our goal at the Muleshoe Independent School District is for every child to be successful.

We want every child to be successful and graduate as positive, ethical, and productive citizens who are lifelong learners.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
 Special Election November 4, 2014

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 1)
 SJR 1 would authorize the transfer of certain money from the general revenue fund to the state highway fund and the economic stabilization fund. Money transferred to the state highway fund may be used solely for the construction, maintenance and acquisition of rights-of-way for public roadways.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads."
 Published by Texas Secretary of State Nandita Berry; www.Vote-Texas.gov or 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

News about your college student

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

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 info via email to: editor@muleshoejournal.com.

Old Fashioned Sing-A-Long

You are invited to a gospel sing-a-long, 6 p.m., Sunday September 14th, Hosted by First United Methodist Church in our fellowship hall, Featuring local musicians and song leaders, Sharing an evening of Christian fellowship, food and music.

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The Sudan Buzz

The leader of the talks in Philadelphia...

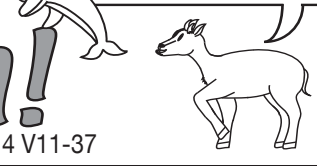


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...was General George Washington.



Our Constitution 227 Years Old!

After the Declaration of Independence was signed, the states in America were "united" by a weak central government. Each state had its own strong government which created many problems among the states.

Wow! You can read the Constitution on your computer.

In 1787 almost all of the 13 states sent their wisest men to Philadelphia for a meeting. They were to work out the problems with trade, taxes and other matters.

In Independence Hall they studied, argued, talked, voted and wrote. They were laying the groundwork for a strong central government. Some wanted no part of this. Wasn't this like the British rule they had just broken away from?

I read that there are 4,543 words in the Constitution.

The central government was to be headed by a leader (President) chosen and elected by the people. There was to be a court of law (Supreme Court) and a body to make laws (Senate and House of Representatives).

All of these ideas formed the Constitution of the United States. It has worked well for 227 years!

It is still used by courts to uphold laws and the rights of people. You can see the Constitution in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

So this is how it was formed!



The first three words of the U.S. Constitution tell who is behind the making of our government. Fill in the puzzle below and these first three words will be spelled out under the arrow.

1. General _____ - who became our first President
2. _____ men (from many fields of work) were sent to Philadelphia
3. some people were afraid a strong _____ government would take power away from the states
4. the men who helped to write the Constitution were thought of as the Founding _____
5. number of branches the new government would have
6. Hall where the meetings took place to write the Constitution
7. number of states in 1787
8. checks and balances keep each branch from becoming too _____
9. Constitution was signed on the 17th of this month
10. the special meetings in 1787; the _____ Convention
11. the only _____ state that never took part in the meetings

I invented bifocals, glasses that let people focus at two different distances. Where did I put mine?



"A penny saved is a penny earned." Check this out!

Print out free puzzles: Government word search, Grandma and Grandpa @ www.readingclubfun.com

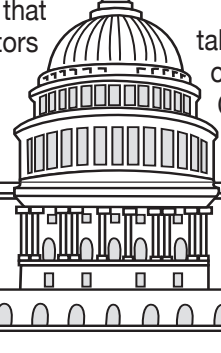
Constitution State

Which state is known as the "Constitution State?" It has its nickname printed on its license plates. To find out, color in the puzzle using the color key.

Then find 11 letters and unscramble them to spell the name of the "Constitution State." A dot (•) is in the upper-left corner of each letter. Use only the letters that are all one color.

Congress Takes a Vote

Did you know that there are 2 senators from each state, for a total of 100 senators in the U.S. Senate?



The Senate is taking a vote today on a new law. Count the number of "Y" votes for "Yes".

If there are more "Yes" votes than "No" votes, the law has passed in the Senate.

The Constitution Quiz

1. The Constitution is the weakest law of the United States. T F
2. It tells us the way our government works. T F
3. Our country's written constitution is the world's longest and newest. T F
4. Some people wanted basic rights to protect individuals added to the Constitution. So, 10 statements called the "Bill of Rights" were added. T F
5. Additions, called "Amendments," protect freedom of religion, speech, voting rights, etc. T F

Put on your thinking cap and sharpen your pencil! Ask Mom or Dad to help! T = True, F = False.

I love quizzes! Don't you?



6. We have 3 branches of government, formed to balance each other in power. T F
7. The first is the Legislative Branch that:
 - a. makes the laws by writing bills and voting on them. T F
 - b. includes our Senate and House of Representatives. T F
8. The second is the Executive Branch that:
 - a. upholds the laws to make them work. T F
 - b. lets the President serve a 7- year term. T F
9. The third is the Judicial Branch that:
 - a. has our Supreme Court, the highest in the country, which needs to have 27 judges. T F
 - b. decides if laws are fair and being used in the right way. T F

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SPORTS NEWS

Varsity Mules... Continued From A1

loss of the game and I felt it right along with them. Everyone pulled their own and when it is all said and done we have to watch film and try to get better," concluded Coach Wood.

Isaiah McGee caught touchdown passes of 45 and 23 yards in the opening period from Mustang quarterback, Kaegan Jeffrey to give the Mustangs a 12-0 with 3:41 left in the first period.

The Mules answered with an eight-play 68-yard drive that was capped off by a Danny Campos to Keagan Gonzales pass that covered 23 yards.

Gonzales booted the point after to cut the Mustang lead to 12-7 with just less than a minute and half left in the opening period.

The Mustangs were back in the end zone early in the second period with an eight-play drive of their own that covered 58 yards. Jeffrey tossed to Bray Amos from three-yards out.

The two-point conversion failed but the Mustangs led 18-7 with 11:18 remaining in the first half.

The Mules owned the rest of the half. It only took the Mules a



Photograph by Gabby Perez

minute and 14 seconds to answer with a second scoring toss from Campos to Gonzales that covered 48 yards. Gonzales again added the point after to cut the Mustang lead to 18-14.

But the Mules were not finished as the Mustangs drove to the Mule 44 and needed two yards on fourth down to keep the drive alive.

Dagen Dunham penetrated and Jaxon Lee blitzed to pull down the running back for a three-yard loss. The Mules took over on downs.

Campos kept up the middle for 12 yards. Lopez also punched up the middle for six more yards to the Mustang

35. Campos hit Tony Castillo running a deep slant for 12 more yards.

The Mules sent three receivers to the wide side of the field and all ran straight down the field. Campos connected with Jason Florez five-yards deep in the end zone to give the Mules the lead.

Gonzales' point after gave the Mules a 21-18 lead at the intermission.

The Mustangs could not sustain a drive in the second half and did not score on the Mule defense. But McGee returned a Mule punt 45 yards for a Sweetwater touchdown with 5:33 left in the third period. The two-point conversion

failed again.

McGee later intercepted a Campos pass and returned 35 yards for a TD with 5:32 to go in the game. Jeffrey connected with Max Gomez for the two-point conversion.

The Mustangs attempted an onside kick after being penalized 15 yards on the kickoff.

The ball had only traveled nine yards before it was touched by Sweetwater at the Mustang 34.

Campos connected with Florez on a post pattern at the Mustang 11 on first down. Florez was blasted in the helmet and the penalty gave the Mules a first down at the three.

The Mules pounded away a yard at a time until Lopez powered in from the one-yard line. The two-point conversion failed.

The Mules had a total of 361 yards of offense in the game with 223 yards came through the air and 138 on the ground.

Campos connected on 17 of his 35 passing attempts to five receivers and rushed 13 times for 52 yards.

Gonzales caught five passes for 90 yards and two touchdowns. Florez also had five receptions for 89 yards.

Lopez rushed 11 times for 59 yards and caught two passes for 24 yards. Castillo made two receptions for 20 yards and Chamel Regalado caught one for 10 yards.

Franco led the Mule defense with 29 tackles and recovered a fumble. Ryder White made 22 stops and hurried the quarterback twice.

Regalado made 21 tackles and broke up a pass.

Mendoza had 18 tackles, one being for a loss, had one sack and recovered a fumble.

Dunham recorded 14 tackles with one being for a loss. James Lutz, Dustin Smith, Castillo and Florez each made 12 tackles. Castillo broke up a pass and intercepted a pass,

Lutz made a tackle for a loss and Smith made two tackles for losses and one sack. Florez intercepted a pass and Gonzales made 10 tackles with one being for a loss and one sack.

The Mules will travel to Seagraves Friday night for their first road game of the season against the Eagles at 7:30 p.m.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Freshmen Mules Roll Over Mustangs

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules made the long bus ride on Thursday afternoon to Sweetwater.

They improved their record to 1-1 by defeating the Sweetwater Mustangs 26-6.

Michael Lozano

rushed for the Mules first two touchdowns from one and eight yards out.

He also rushed for a two-point conversion after the Mules third TD.

Isaac Mendoza blasted in from two-yards out before Lozano's conversion.

Arnulfo Hernandez went on a 45-yard romp for the Mules' insurance touchdowns.

Lozano carried 12 times for 66 yards while Hernandez rushed six times for 46 yards. Mendoza carried 11 times for 43 yards.

Coleman Preston led

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 12th • Muleshoe VS. Seagraves • Away • 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 19th • Muleshoe VS. Perryton • Away • 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 26th • Muleshoe VS. Kermit • Home • 7:30 p.m. *HC*



SPORTS NEWS

JV Mules Trampled by Mustang Herd

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The JV Mules traveled 204 miles to battle the Sweetwater Mustangs Thursday night. The Mules came out on the short end of the scoreboard but played with dignity and honor a long way from home. The Mules lost 42-26.

The Mules gained a total of 271 yards with a balanced attack. They passed for 169 yards and rushed for 102. Tre Villa broke the scoring ice for the Mules scooting seven yards for a touchdown after a reception.

Bryce Mauricio scored on a 49-yard pass and run. Jose Angel Mendoza scored from three yards out.

Mendoza rushed 12 times for 85 yards, Jesse Easley carried three times for 11 yards and Evan Paez gained four

yards on four carries. Mauricio made three catches for 78 yards and a touchdown.

Matt Flores had four receptions for 46 yards and Mario Flores made five catches for 22 yards. Villa snagged one throw for seven yards and a TD.

Evan Paez led the defense with eight tackles. Brandon Chavez recorded seven tackles, three assists and two tackles for losses. Dominik Hasley had five tackles, two assists, three tackles for losses, a sack, two quarterback hurries and a big hit.

Villa made two tackles and made three assists. Cameron Hardwick had three tackles, two assists and a quarterback hurry. Blake Parker made two tackles, one assist, broke up a pass and made a big hit.

The Mules will host



Hold on, We're Coming

Wrapping up your opponent is always great, but sometimes, you have to hang on to whatever's available. Mustang ball carrier during Thursday's game long enough for his team mates to join in the tackle. Pictured above a JV Mule clutches at the ankle of a

Photograph by Gabby Perez

the Seagraves Eagles Thursday evening in Benny Douglas Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for immediately after the freshmen game finishes.

A Busy September Ahead: Putting Your Ideas into Action

I learned a lot from you in August while traveling through West Texas and the Big Country. I'm glad we're on the same page about wanting a robust national defense, a stronger economy, lower energy bills, and a more efficient and transparent government. Congress is back in session this week, and I'm ready to put your ideas into action.

Here are some of the things I'll be working on for you in the coming weeks:

Strengthening National Security

As you know, we're dealing with multiple foreign threats right now, with no clear foreign policy direction from the President. We can't ignore the growing dangers across the globe - we need strong leadership and sound plan of action. I'll attend an in-depth classified briefing this week on the terrorist group ISIS so I can better understand how we should stop extremist groups abroad. While I'm gathering the most up-to-date information, I hope the Administration will put together a clear plan

Freshmen...

Continued from A7 the Mule defense with five solo tackles and seven assists.

Carlos Meza made two solo stops, had five assists and sacked the Mustang quarterback.

Cesar Olvera had six tackle assists and recovered a fumble while Lozano made two tackles and three assists.

Hernandez recorded two solo stops and four assists.

Billy Tosh caused a fumble.

The Mules will host the Idalou Wildcats Thursday evening at 5 p.m.

to defeat our terrorist enemies.

Growing Our Economy

In the House, we've passed over 43 bills to stop government obstruction of job creation. But the Democrats in the Senate won't even discuss our bipartisan solutions to get our economy growing and the American people back to work. So as a reminder, and to reinforce our belief in the potential of the American economy, we'll vote on a comprehensive package that encompasses all of our efforts to create more jobs. I hope the Senate will take a look at this package, instead of ignoring it like the other 352 bills we've sent them this Congress.

Lowering Your Energy Bill

I'll keep pushing your ideas for a more productive and reliable energy infrastructure - right here in America. We'll vote on a comprehensive energy bill that encompasses a dozen energy bills we've agreed on with bipartisan support. It will jumpstart construction on the Keystone XL pipeline and prevent the EPA from imposing harsh regulations on greenhouse gases. It will also stop the executive overreach that's hurting our domestic energy production, and if President Obama signs it into law, you'll see the direct impact on gas prices and your energy bill.

Fixing our Broken Health Care System

I've fought against multiple provisions of Obamacare that hurt our health, our economy, and our freedom. And now the House will

push back against one of Obama's broken promises: we'll pass a bill that will allow you to actually keep your health plan if you like it.

Fostering Transparency and Accountability: You overwhelmingly shared that you want a government that works for you. I agree, and this month in the House we'll continue our aggressive oversight of the Executive Branch. We'll keep investigating the IRS' growing discrimination scandal and apparent cover-up, and ways to remove ineffective bureaucrats when they don't uphold their responsibilities to the American people.

We'll also work out a plan to fund our government through the end of the year. It's going to be a busy September. Stay tuned by following me on Facebook, Twitter, and reading Randy's Roundup to watch our progress. And as always, please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

A I s o ... Remembering 9-11

This Thursday marks the 13th anniversary of the tragic terrorist attacks on our own home soil. My prayers remain with the families who lost loved ones and all of our brave first responders. Thirteen years later, I'm proud of our patriotic response. As we continue to face emerging threats of terrorism at home and abroad, I'll stay committed to reinforcing our national security and protecting America. God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

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The vet said that the dog was extremely ill the day I bought it. The seller refuses to help pay the vet bills or even give me my money back. What are my legal rights?

A. Under the law, unless you bought the dog "as is," you get what is called a warranty of "merchantability." This is a warranty that the law implies in any contract for the sale of "goods."

Under the law, a dog is considered a "good," just like any other product you purchase. Under this warranty, any merchant who sells a product warrants that

Ask A Lawyer...

By Richard Alderman

it is "fit for its ordinary purpose," and will "pass without objection in the trade."

In my opinion, this basically means that you have a guarantee that the puppy is healthy, or at least not seriously ill, at the time of the sale. If you can show that the dog had a serious medical problem at the time you purchased it, my opinion is that the seller has breached the warranty of merchantability and should be liable for damages.

If there is a breach of warranty, you will be entitled to all of the damages you suffered as a result of the breach. That includes the cost of the puppy, as well as your medical bills.

You also would have a claim under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, which entitles you to attorney's fees, and up to three times your damage if the seller knew the puppy was sick when it was sold.

I suggest you let the seller know you know your rights, and you expect your money back or a new puppy, and that you expect to be compensated for some or all of the vet bills. If you cannot settle the matter, consider a claim in justice court.

Q. My wife and I recently attended a free seminar about a living trust. They said that we would save a lot of money on estate taxes and it would simplify

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A. Based on what you say, you will not owe any estate taxes at your death. Starting this year, estate taxes are due only if your estate is worth \$5,340,000 or more.

More importantly, a living trust does not eliminate liability for estate taxes. In my opinion, most people in Texas do not need a living trust.

I suggest you speak with another attorney and have him or her compare the benefits and costs of a living trust and a will. In many cases, a will and some simple estate planning is all you will need.

Q. How long do I have to file a lemon law complaint?

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FOOTBALL CONTEST 2014
 By Rhea Gonzales

It was a cold wet Friday last Friday wasn't it? That game was full of rain but my family and I still went out and supported the Mules.

This week is a pretty exciting week for me as my oldest son Matthew, who is in seventh grade this year, will be playing his first football game on Thursday as a mighty Muleshoe Mule, along with his friends he has played football with in little league growing up.

My youngest, Adam who is in third grade, will be playing his first football game as a mini Mule in Clovis this weekend and my middle son Sean, in sixth grade, got his trumpet this week for band. I am so excited to listen to him learn the Mules' fight song!

As I write this, I am sure I will need a box of tissue as I think about what is going on for my little family this week. It is already bringing a tear to my eye! There will be a lot of happy tears for me this week because I am such a cry baby over that sort of thing!

The Muleshoe Journal Football Contest had a total of 49 entries that were submitted last week!

We had four contestants choose five out of the five games correctly: William Orozco(77), Randy Waggoner(69), Terry Field(59) and Sally Bustillos(68). The tie-breaker score Muleshoe 27 vs. Sweetwater 32, (59) was used to determine the winner.

Congrat's to Terry Field for winning this weeks contest. You may come and pick up your \$25 on or after Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Here are the current top leaders in the contest:

Terry Field 10, Freddy Santos 9, Sally Bustillos 9, William Orozco 9, Sarah Santos 8, Ricky

Rodriguez 8, Diana Rodriguez 8, Butch Green 8, John Villalobos 8, Josh Garza 8, Ramon Bustillos 8, Patti Waggoner 8, Randy Waggoner 8, Felipe Gonzales 8 and Anna Lopez 8.

This week the Muleshoe Mules will travel to Seagraves. I hope you can go out and cheer on the Mules!

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 through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 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, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

(Entries must be postmarked by Thursday to be in office by Friday) or if we are not here, you can put it in the black contest entry box on the front of the building.

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

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Saturday, Sept. 20
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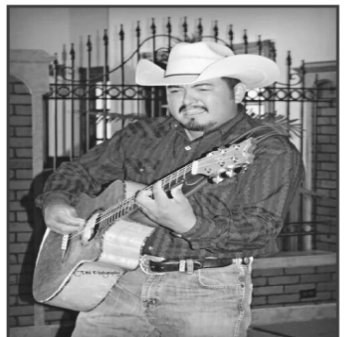


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Images Aid Studies Of Beneficial Wasps

By Jan Suszkiw
USDA/ARS



Using specialized digital photography methods, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) scientists are producing high-resolution images of members of the wasp superfamily Platygastroidea.

Of particular interest is using the images to improve the identification and taxonomic description of one- to two-millimeter-long Trissolcus wasp species that parasitize stink bugs and could have potential as biological control agents.

The wasps' larvae hatch and feed inside the bug's eggs, killing them in the process. Some species attack the eggs of the brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB), an invasive pest from Asia that's become established in 39 U.S. states and, in 2010, inflicted \$37 million in damage to corn, soybeans, grapes and other crops.

According to Elijah Talamas, a post-doctoral scientist with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Systematic Entomology Laboratory in Washington, D.C., the photographic process begins with positioning a wasp specimen under a specialized camera with a single-column lens attached to a vertical joist, and then taking stacks of photographs throughout the depth of the specimen.

Each photograph contains a small part of the insect in focus due to the small depth of field at high magnification.

The "slices" are then combined into a single, highly detailed

ARS scientists are using special high resolution photography to improve identification and taxonomic descriptions of tiny Trissolcus wasp species that parasitize stink bug eggs and could have potential as biological control agents.

digital image magnified up to 100 times the specimen's original size.

The image is uploaded to online databases operated by university cooperators and linked to interactive keys, which guide users to specimen descriptions and other information.

Each specimen has a unique identification number — a collecting unit identifier (CUID) — which allows a user to determine the specimen's origin on a species distribution map.

Taxonomists can refer to a specific specimen via its CUID without ambiguity, according to Talamas.

His efforts provide valuable taxonomic support to ARS researchers in Newark, Delaware, who are examining the host specificity and safety of several Asian Trissolcus species with potential use in biocontrol release programs against BMSB.

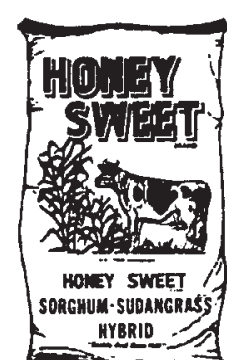
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Weed Control

As part of the ridge-tillage system practiced at the John Van Meter farm, OSU assistant farm manager Wayne Lewis cultivates for weed control in soybeans.

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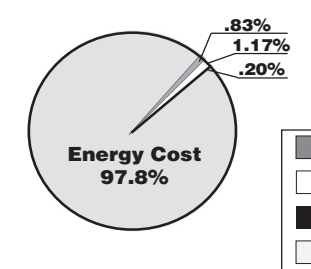
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In the 1980s, Anderson and colleagues developed a series of marketing education programs on cotton, grain and livestock pricing and risk management that provided the background for the award-winning Texas Extension Agricultural Economics Master Marketer program.

His workshops allowed Extension agents throughout the South to prepare farmers for changes in the U.S. farm bill.

Anderson advised the Congressional Budget Office staff about cotton issues beginning in 1989 and presented dozens of papers at cotton conferences that influenced the industry as a whole.

He also led a group of Extension economists in tabulating economic

drought loss estimates for Texas used by state and federal agricultural agencies.

A prolific writer, Anderson had more than 450 articles published in the popular press and served as editor of the "Agriculture in Texas" section of the Texas Almanac from 1978 to 2010.

Among his many career accomplishments, Anderson was named Leader of the Year in Service to Texas Agriculture by Progressive Farmer magazine in 1996.

He was a member of the New York Cotton Exchange Board of Managers from 1986-1993, and a member of The Cotton Digest International Advisory Board.

He was a regular presenter on industry situation and outlook at U.S. and world cotton meetings.



Soybean Research Continues

Sometimes called "The Soybean Doctor" in deference to his plant-breeding successes, agronomist Edgar E. Hartwig has devoted half a century to soybeans research.

His focus has been on developing productive plants with built-in resistance to insects, nematodes, and diseases.

He is best known for commercial varieties that include Bragg, Lee, Forrest, Lamar, Sharkey, and most recently, Vernal.

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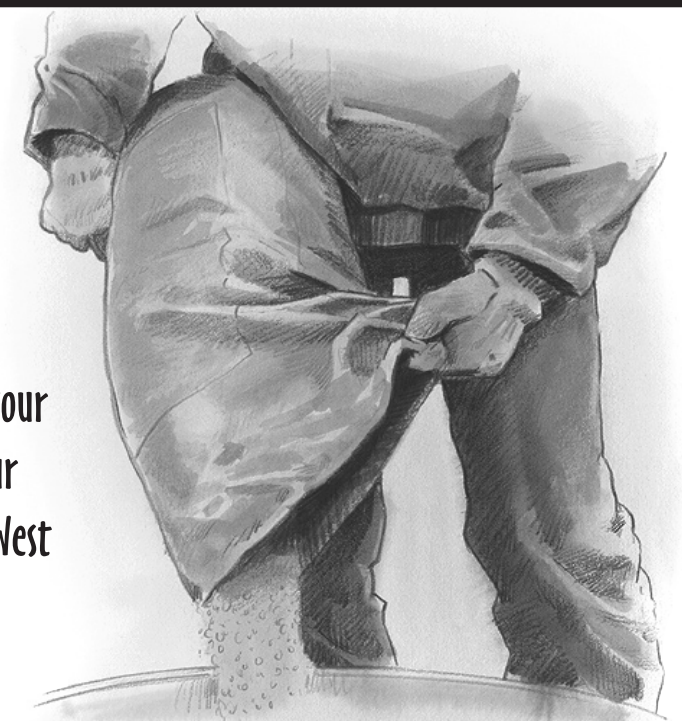
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Moisture Meter Technology For In-shell Peanuts Licensed

By Rosa Marion Bliss
USDA/ARS

A new meter that measures the moisture of peanuts inside the shell has been developed by US Department of Agriculture (USDA) scientists and licensed by a manufacturer of instruments for use in agriculture.

The moisture-sensing meter was invented by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) engineers Samir Trabelsi and Stuart O. Nelson (retired) in the ARS Quality and Safety Assessment Research Unit at Athens, Ga.

ARS is USDA's chief intramural scientific research agency, and this research supports the USDA priorities of promoting international food security and ensuring food safety.

Peanuts need to be dried to a kernel moisture content of less than 10.5 percent for storage purposes because higher moisture levels can lead to fungal growth.

The meter is based on patented low-power microwave sensing technology and an algorithm that produces a crop-specific moisture calibration equation, also developed by Trabelsi.

The equation is used to customize an individual meter for use with a specific crop type.

When a sample material is exposed to microwaves, part of the wave is transmitted and part is reflected, providing the individual "electrical signature" of the sample material being tested.

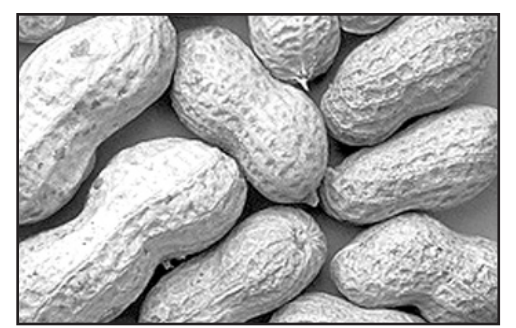
The patented calibration method uses this information to produce a moisture calibration equation that is programmed into the meter.

U.S. peanuts are required by the USDA to be inspected at local peanut "buying points," and farmers take

their peanuts there to be weighed, cleaned, inspected, graded, and ultimately purchased.

During peanut grading, inspectors determine quality factors such as peanut size, shell size, peanut damage, levels of foreign material, and kernel moisture levels.

If the kernel moisture level is too high, the sample is marked "no sale,"



ARS has developed and licensed the first sensor that can test peanut moisture levels in the shell and on the fly when farmers take their peanuts to local "buying points."

To sell, peanuts must be dried to a kernel moisture of less than 10.5 percent to prevent fungal growth.

and the corresponding lot of peanuts has to be further dried.

Trabelsi worked under an agreement with Dickey-John Corporation, based in Auburn, Ill., a wholly owned subsidiary of TSI Incorporated, based in Shoreview, Minnesota, to build a working prototype of the latest version of the patented in-shell peanut moisture sensor.

Marketing research and evaluations are being conducted to get a better sense of what more is needed to bring the meter to commercial markets, according to Beau Farmer, chief technology officer with TSI.

Read more about this research in the August 2014 issue of *Agricultural Research* magazine.



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Reducing Fertilizer Use With A More Accurate Soil Test

By Dennis O'Brien

Soil tests that determine fertilizer needs measure nitrate in the soil, but they don't sufficiently account for soil microbes, which mineralize organic nitrogen and make more of it available to a crop. As a result, farmers often apply more fertilizer than they need.

Richard Haney, a UD Department of Agriculture (USDA) soil scientist in Temple, Texas, has developed a soil test that replicates some of the natural processes that occur in a field and accounts for that microbial activity, along with measuring nitrate, ammonium (NH₄), and organic nitrogen.

Haney is with the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Grassland, Soil and Water Research Laboratory in Temple.



An ARS soil scientist has developed a more precise test for how much fertilizer a farmer needs to add to a field, reducing costs by about \$10 to \$15 per acre and the chances there will be excess running off into surface water.

ARS is USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency.

The new soil test is known as the Soil Health Tool. It involves drying and rewetting soil to mimic the effects of precipitation. It also uses the same organic acids that plant

roots use to acquire nutrients from the soil.

The tool measures organic carbon and other nutrients, accounts for the effects of using cover crops and no-till practices, and will work for any crop produced with nitrogen or other types of nutrient fertilizer.

Haney has made it available to commercial and university soil testing laboratories and has worked with farmers to promote it. Growers who use it receive a spreadsheet that shows the amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium available to crops.

On average, they reduce fertilizer costs by about \$10 to \$15 per acre. With less fertilizer applied, there is less of it running off into surface water. Haney and Daren Harmel, an ARS agricultural engineer at the Temple lab, evaluated the tool

in fields where they raised wheat, corn, oats, and grain sorghum at nine Texas sites over four years.

They applied traditional fertilizer rates; no fertilizer; and the amounts dictated by the Haney soil tests. They planted and harvested on the same dates at each site, and kept track of fertilizer costs and application dates, crop prices, and overall profits.

They found that the tool reduced fertilizer use by 30 to 50 percent and reduced fertilizer costs by up to 39 percent. The enhanced testing methods had little effect on corn production profits, but increased profits by 7 to 18 percent in wheat, oat, and sorghum fields. The results were published in the Open Journal of Soil Science.

Read more about this research in the July 2014 issue of *Agricultural Research* magazine.

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Texas Cotton Industry Mourns The Loss Of Dr. Carl Anderson

By Blair Fannin
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Dr. Carl Anderson, considered by his peers as Texas' leading cotton marketing authority and one of the nation's leading cotton analysts, passed away Aug. 30 at the age of 82.

Anderson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist emeritus and agricultural economics professor, served the Texas A&M University System for 36 years.

He retired in 2004, but continued cotton marketing education efforts, working with the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M and AgriLife Extension.

Thirty years of his A&M System service was as leader of Extension education to help cotton farmers successfully market their crops and manage risk.

"Dr. Carl Anderson was an icon in the cotton industry," said Dr. Parr Rosson, head of the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M, College Station.

"His more than four decades of service to the nation, the Texas A&M University System and the department of agricultural economics featured pioneering work in cotton marketing and producer risk management.

Though retired for the past 10 years, Dr. Anderson was highly active, conducting numerous educational programs and research activities.

His contributions to the Texas cotton industry and AgriLife Extension are unparalleled."

"Throughout his career Dr. Carl Anderson strove to improve the lives of Texas farmers and ranchers by providing the best economic analysis and information available through newsletters, farm press publications, applied research and educational presentations," said Dr. Mark Waller, AgriLife Extension economics program leader, College Station.

"His leadership, tireless commitment to quality and his reputation as a cotton marketing specialist earned the admiration of his extension counterparts and cotton industry professionals across the South. He will be missed."

Anderson's many achievements included induction into the department's Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry, which recognizes distinguished alumni, plus receiving the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni award, Rosson said.

Anderson grew up in Taylor during the Great Depression.

"I had to hoe Johnson grass and pick cotton. That was hot, hard work," recalled Anderson during a 2004 interview prior to his retirement. "I said to myself, 'this thinking part is pretty easy.'"

Anderson said while working on the

family farm he saw a need for better marketing strategies for agricultural commodities — particularly cotton.

"I thought one of the weaknesses was marketing," said Anderson, who credited the GI Bill for allowing him to attend college. "You can work hard, and a farm takes hard work, but you've got to handle your operation as a business."

Anderson earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M in 1958, following service in the Army.

He went on to earn his master's at Louisiana State University in 1960 and his doctorate at Texas A&M in 1969.

In the 1970s, as a senior economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, he developed price risk management programs for cattle feedlot owners. Texas' cattle feeding industry was also in the beginning stages and state

officials were concerned about how much money it would take to set up the infrastructure and financing.

"We did analysis on interest rates and price-risk management," Anderson said in 2004.

"We didn't have commodity options back then. I got really involved with bank lenders. There was deep concern that the banks would go broke. On the other hand, there was a 25 cent per 100 pounds discount for shipping grain sorghum to Houston.

Back then, cattle were shipped and fattened in the Midwest.

"Cattle feeding in Texas would later open up a lot of opportunity for farmers in the Panhandle. It's one of the largest value-added industries in agriculture when you include the processing plants, the transportation and the other segments it supports."

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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 Three Weeks 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 last year, I couldn't sleep and I came up with Muleshoe Day and thought with our 100 years celebration we would start up with that.

We hope to have a lot of things going on Muleshoe Day, Sept. 27, at the Bailey County Courthouse. With this being the second year for the event, I hope his is the beginning of a great annual tradition.

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

There will also be a ranch rodeo at the Dusty Rhodes Arena, on Sept. 20, beginning at 6 p.m., admission will be \$5. If you have any questions contact Clay Myers, 806-946-9874.

I hope to see you at both of these events!

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Agrilife Research Putting Designer Potatoes On The Menu

By Kay Ledbetter
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A decline in overall potato consumption has Texas A&M AgriLife Research breeders working on “designer” spuds that meet the time constraints and unique tastes of a younger generation.

Dr. Creighton Miller, AgriLife Research potato breeder from College Station, recently conducted the Texas A&M Potato Breeding and Variety Development Program field day at the farm of cooperator Bruce Barrett south of Springlake.

“Potatoes are an important delivery system for nutrients



In addition to the traditional russet potato, the Texas A&M Potato Breeding and Variety Development Program led by Dr. Creighton Miller is producing a variety of colored gourmet potatoes. (Texas A&M AgriLife Communications photo by Kay Ledbetter)

to humans,” Miller said. “The average consumption in the U.S. is 113 pounds per year per person. But overall potato consumption

in the U.S. has generally declined somewhat.

“So what we are doing now is developing unique varieties that have a tendency to appeal to the younger set with high income who are willing to try something different,” he said.

“This has contributed to an increase in consumption of these types over the russets, which are still the standard.”

Miller said the objective of the Texas A&M potato breeding program is to develop improved varieties adapted specifically to Texas environmental conditions.

“However, some of our varieties

are widely adapted across the U.S.,” he said. “Three of them collectively represent the fifth-largest number of acres certified for seed production in the U.S., so we’ve released some successful varieties, and we are developing more all the time.”

The Texas Potato Variety Development Program currently has 412 entries at the Springlake trials and 927 entries at the Dalhart trials.

Additionally, the 2014 seedling selection trials at both Springlake and Dalhart include 115,408 seedlings from 634 families or crosses.

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One selected Best of Trial at Springlake this year is BTX2332-IR, which is a round red potato. And, he said, the traditional russet potatoes will always be a mainstay, as they are used primarily for baking and French fries.

Also in the trial is the standard white skinned variety with white flesh used for chipping purposes.

“We are always interested in new and improved red varieties and russet varieties, but there are some other types that have become more interesting lately,” Miller said.

One type is a small potato, he said, adding that within the trials he is looking for varieties with a heavy set of small potatoes.

“One of the reasons for the popularity of the smaller potato is with both spouses working, the amount of time required to prepare potatoes becomes an issue with some people,” Miller said.

“With the small potatoes, they can be microwaved very fast and be on the table in a hurry.”

Other varieties catching more attention are red potatoes with yellow and white flesh and the purple skinned potatoes with yellow flesh, he said.

The tubers with yellow flesh contain compounds that are antioxidants, and that appeals to the health-conscious consumer, Miller said.

“So in addition to having the



One potato selected Best of Trial at Springlake this year is BTX2332-IR, which is a round red potato. (Texas A&M AgriLife Communications photo by Kay Ledbetter)

unique appearance, they are healthier potatoes to eat,” he said.

And this year, Miller also has specialty potatoes with splashes of red and yellow on the skin that have a yellow flesh.

“These are referred to as gourmet potatoes and that niche is receiving more emphasis lately,” he said.

“These are generally boiled and add unique color to the plate when served.”

But Miller was quick to say the russet potato is still the primary emphasis of the program, and a new russet being grown by the Barrett’s will soon be released for commercial production.

“It promises to be very successful,” he said.



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