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The Bailey County burn ban has been lifted until noon on Monday, May 21



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Celebration Or Restraint?

Have you ever watched one child at the pool tentatively test the water before venturing in, while another child dives in with wild abandon? Much the same attitude was visible Monday as area drivers approached a puddle of deep water on West American Blvd. Pictured above, a pickup driver seems to be celebrating the recent rainfall, while the driver of the sedan on the right takes a more careful approach.

Photographs by Larry Thornton

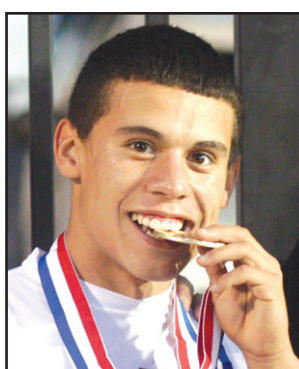


Baca Takes Gold At State

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

There is an old saying that states, "It ain't how you start, it's how you finish that counts." Junior Baca proved that statement to be true Friday evening at the Texas State Track Meet held in the Mike A. Myers Stadium.

When the starter said, "Go to you mark," Baca leaned back to get ready for the gun. Suddenly the gun fired and he was not set to run. The eight other competitors started and even though Baca's delay only lasted a fraction of a second.



Mule Junior Baca checks out the gold content of his medal.

He found himself in fourth place rounding the first turn.

A runner passed him after the first quarter leaving Baca in fifth place. His mind was

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Council To Consider Curfew Ordinance

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

During Monday's regular meeting, the Muleshoe City Council asked its administrative staff and municipal attorney to draft a curfew ordinance for the council's consideration at a future meeting.

The action came after presentation of a report recommending such

action by an advisory committee appointed by Mayor Cliff Black.

And like the committee's report, which received a 3-2 vote, Monday's council action also received a split vote, with member Eric McElroy casting the only dissenting vote.

Councilman Richard Orozco wasn't in attendance at Monday's

"Sometimes we have to put away personal feelings and do what's right for the community."

meeting.

The basic consensus, the mayor said as he presented the advisory committee's report, was that it's a real

shame the city can't get certain parents in the community to fulfill their responsibilities as parents.

"If a curfew can be

a tool for the police department, the city should consider it," Black, who has previously expressed his reluctance for such an action.

"Sometimes, we have to put away personal feelings and do what's right for the community," he also said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Irene

Mason also indicated such action was heart-breaking, but added, "The bottom line is to help the children."

The third council member to ask city administrators to draft an ordinance for consideration was Gary Parker, who said he had visited with several members of the

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Gatewood Wins Re-Election Bid

Zona Gatewood, Place 5 incumbent on the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors, defeated Travis Copley in Saturday's election.



According to the election results, a total of 87 ballots were cast in the election, of which Gatewood received 56 and Copley 31.

In other election results from Saturday, the City of Muleshoe's special election to determine whether a portion of the city's sales tax designated for the Muleshoe

Economic Development Corporation could be used to improve municipal streets was approved by a wide, 89-7, margin.

Muleshoe Sales Tax Are Still Down

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Although showing higher totals than last month, the City of Muleshoe's sales tax allocations for May still placed it near the bottom in area community comparisons.

With \$5,907.28 less in collections than the same period last year, Muleshoe's most recent sales tax distribution shows an 8.95 percent drop, placing it just above Bovina with its massive drop of 28.63

percent. Last month, Bovina showed a similar, 24.83 percent increase, which placed it in the middle of the pack.

This month, Littlefield took top honors with an 13.44 percentage of increase, representing an increase of \$12,053.07. Littlefield is also on top with year-to-date sales tax collections of \$345,509.73, a 21.31 percent increase.

Rounding up the top positions for the

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Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$60,046.74	65,954.02	-8.95%
Dimmitt	\$30,208.59	32,172.93	-6.10%
Morton	\$11,003.63	9,791.94	12.37%
Littlefield	\$101,668.04	89,614.97	13.44%
Olton	\$14,456.91	15,342.67	-5.77%
Sudan	\$ 5,574.25	5,707.73	-2.33%
Earth	\$ 6,183.64	6,706.72	-7.79%
Farwell	\$ 9,435.97	9,167.46	2.92%
Bovina	\$ 7,959.78	11,153.11	-28.63%
Frona	\$43,851.59	39,557.95	10.85%

Road Improvement, Tax Abatement Requested

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The possibility of the massive calving operation once planned by Fullmer Cattle Company being moved to Parmer County was

raised at Monday's Bailey County Commissioners' Court, as representatives of HEC Feedyard of Friona presented a list

of demands necessary to keep the operation at its present location.

Brandon Mason, manager of the local operation and a former employee of Que

Fullmer and the Fullmer Cattle Company, told the court that while HEC Feedyard would prefer to run its calving operation at the current location, without a

"It's already been a pretty expensive road out there"

better road into the facility... and a 10-year county tax abatement, the existing buildings and equipment would be moved to Friona.

"We're afraid the

caliche road won't be strong enough," Mason said. He explained that the calving operation, which was initially planned for up to 75,000 calves, would have 20-30 semi-tractor trailers on it every day, and would rapidly deteriorate under the weight.

According to Precinct 2 Commissioner CE

Grant, the road was constructed with 16 inches of caliche at county expense. While the road is located in Precinct 1, Grant said the precinct 1



HEC Feedyard representatives speak to the commissioners' court.

commissioner in office at the time declined to build it, so Grant offered to use some of his precinct's funds for the project, believing

it would benefit the county.

"It's already been a pretty expensive road out there," Grant said.

Originally, the

Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation approved a grant of about \$80,000 for construction of the

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Relay for Life Fund Raiser

The First United Methodist Church Witness Walkers will be hosting a "Mexican pile-on" fund raiser dinner for the Bailey County Relay for Life at noon on Sunday, May 20, in the church's fellowship hall.

Movie Night

Teen Movie Night at the Muleshoe Area Public Library is set for May 21 and 23, from 4-6 p.m., according to Librarian Dyan Dunagan

The presentation will be *DUI Dead In Five Seconds*, and is open to students in junior high or high school, and older patrons.

MHS Awards

Muleshoe High School will be holding its Celebration of Educational Excellence awards night on May 24, at 6:30 p.m., in the Kerry Moore auditorium.

Bailey County Cemetery

The Bailey County Cemetery Association will have its annual clean-up day on Saturday, May 19, starting at 9 a.m. Interested individuals are encouraged to come out and help.

For more information, contact Kevin Smith at 272-4051.

JP Stone Resigns

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court accepted the resignation of Justice of the Peace Deb Stone during Monday's regular session.

Stone, who has been the county's only justice of the peace since 2004, resigned — effective May 25, due to health and personal reasons, according to the letter read to the commissioners court by County Judge Sherri Harrison.

Following acceptance of the resignation, the court set a special meeting for Wednesday, May 23, to interview

applicants for the interim position.

According to Harrison, six county residents have already expressed interest in filling the position.

It was noted during Monday's discussion that while the justice of the peace has considerable responsibilities regarding criminal and traffic matters, Harrison said with the recent economy the justice of the peace also has to handle a variety of civil areas including tax suits, evictions, and also death calls.

God's People Are More Than Conquerors

When St. Paul stakes with words God's claim of sovereignty over the circumstances of our lives and proclaims the Almighty's promise of ever-present and never-failing love, the great apostle does so with his eyes wide open.

"What can separate us from the love of Christ?" he asks, and when he lists among the weapons of the enemy, "trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword," his list is much more than hypothetical.

These are the words of a man who has opened his eyes on many mornings and seen these very darts of



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Satan aimed ominously in his direction.

Long before Peter Jackson's breathtaking motion picture trilogy captivated the hearts of theatre audiences, *The Lord of the Rings*, by J.R.R. Tolkien was my all-time favorite book.

(Tolkien thought of it as one but the publisher thought one massive volume would be massively daunting to readers, and it became three books).

I'd far rather spend

one day in a hobbit hole with Frodo Baggins than a week in a mansion with any king or president or head of state I can think of.

Some of my favorite lines in the first of the trilogy's books, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, are these as the faithful dwarf Gimli comments to the king of the elves: "Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens."

And Elrond the king answers, "Maybe, but let him not vow to walk in the dark, who has not seen the nightfall."

The Apostle Paul had seen the nightfall. He'd seen trouble, hardship, persecution, and all the rest. He'd been on the receiving end of the very worst of Satan's weapons. And that makes his resounding affirmation of faith all the more impressive and trustworthy. No empty words, his.

Paul had indeed seen the nightfall, but still he writes with utter confidence, not in his own strength but in the strength of his King: "No, in all these things, we are more than

conquerors through him who loved us." Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God!

God's people are more than conquerors even in the midst of tragedy when tears seem to be more constant than any other companion. God wraps us in a Father's embrace in the midst of our tears, and the Almighty cries with us. Remember Jesus' tears before the tomb of Lazarus?

God's people are more than conquerors even as they are lying flat on their backs wracked with the pain of physical disease because they know that through Christ all pain and suffering will one day be forever banished and, even now, the disease that can kill our bodies can never kill souls filled with God's genuine life, and one day death itself will forever die.

God's people are more than conquerors, and nothing in all of creation or beyond can take away the victory that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Something worth saying...

By Glen Williams

"Thou shalt not take the name of the lord thy god in vain. For the lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

"Vain" means unreal, empty, producing no good results. Conceited and other like characteristics. It is probably one of the violations we most often commit. And one of the most meaningless and thoughtless.

Years ago, I heard a man make a speech on the senseless use of vulgar words. "There can be no good come from it at all," he said.

The vain use of the Lord's name, so it appears to me, falls in that same category. How often, when things go wrong, we make a mistake or someone mistreats us do we respond with such expression as "God darn it? Or "Look up, maybe he will send a blessing," etc.

But more than that, what true value do we put on him that we earnestly think and speak of as God, or the Lord God?

How many times have we seen a picture of Jesus? Or one of the apostles? Or all of the apostles?

And how many of them are real? I would say "none of them."

I remember the little school boy that was brought to my office because he wore his hair too long, and declined to have it trimmed. I knew the first thing I did with him must be to make friends.

So after a few "get acquainted" comments I asked, in a gentle tone, "Why don't you want to have your hair cut?"

At that point tears came to his eyes and he said, "Well, Jesus wore his hair long, so I can't see any reason why I can't wear mine that way."

It was obvious that he didn't mean to be doing wrong. He just wanted to live by what he had been taught. So I told the truant officer that if he would let me

take the boy to lunch I would get his hair cut.

On the way to the restaurant I told him that no one living today ever saw Jesus in person. Therefore no one knows about his hair — what color or how long it may have been — therefore, that can not be used as justification for any type of hair.

Also, as we ate lunch we talked about the speed limit and stop signs we had seen on the way out, and our duty to obey them.

I explained that

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City Council... Continued From A1

Muleshoe Police Department, and passed on a request from the department that a curfew ordinance be a "very limited ordinance."

In speaking against a curfew ordinance, McElroy said he didn't think it was the city's responsibility to set curfews for the city's juveniles. "The parents should... be parents," he said.

In other business, the city council:

- Approved a resolution denying an \$11.6 million rate change request by Atmos Energy.

According to City Manager David Brunson, the council approved a resolution in February extending the date for consideration of the Atmos request, and that since that time municipal consultants have said the numbers indicate Atmos should reduce rather than

increase its rates.

However, by approving Monday's resolution Brunson said it was hoped Atmos would be forced to negotiate with the city's energy consultants.

- Approved a Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation recommendation that L&L Storage, a company associated with L&L Pallet of Progress, receive a \$350,000 loan/grant for the purchase and renovation of the Reese building west on Hwy. 84, for the expansion of the pallet company.

"They've stood up and done everything they said they would do," Brunson said about L&L's previous MEDC projects.

- Learned that the city has received a 2012 Gold Leadership circle Award from the Texas Comptroller's office for financial transparency.

"The citizens we serve deserve to know where their tax dollars go," Brunson said.

- Were brought up to date on the city's search for a new police chief, and that at least 20 resumes had been received.

These resumes, Brunson said, will be screened by a committee of the Texas Police Chief's Association. From there, the city manager would make a selection to bring before the council for its final approval.

The council also went into closed session to discuss the profile that would be used to select the next police chief.

- Noted that the city's water park would open on Saturday, June 2, at 1 p.m. Also, earlier that day, from 9 a.m. until noon, there would be a kids fishing derby at Lake Muleshoe. "It's going to be a good time," Brunson said.

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road with a clause that Fullmer's calving facility began operation; however, since it never opened the MEDC grant monies weren't forthcoming.

When asked how long it would take to have the calving operation up-and-running, Mason said HEC Feedyard could have it full of calves by June 1.

"We want to keep you here," County Judge Sherri Harrison said, however, she added that it would take a few days to research the issue of a tax abatement.

Mason said it wasn't a question of whether HEC was going to be in the calving business. "We're in that business right now," Mason said. "The question is whether the calving operation will be here."

After the HEX crew left the meeting, the commissioners' court expressed some concerns about the immediacy with which the cattle company wanted everything approved before the decision to move the operation north was made.

"It's not going to wait another month," Mason had said.

Because additional information was needed before the court could act on the issues HEC presented, it was to be placed on the agenda for additional discussion and possible action at the court's May 23 special meeting.

In other business, the court:

- Approved a proposal by Stephen Rainbolt of National

Family Care to be the administrator of the county's 125 cafeteria plan, with a flex spending program.

"If something happens, it would fall on us (NFC), not on you all," Rainbolt said. He explained that with the county's existing plan the county and its officials could be held liable should an IRS audit discover a problem.

"Insurance companies that don't sign off as the administrator of the plan are only selling a product," he added.

County Treasurer Shonda Black, who was in attendance at Monday's court, said she had followed up with several other area Texas counties that have gone with NFC, and was pleased with their response.

"I don't want the IRS to come in here and find the county at fault," she added.

Under the flex plan, county employees would be able to set aside "pre-tax" dollars for health benefits.

"Every county that I talked to about the flex plan liked it," Black said.

- Approved payment of county bills totaling \$357,001.67.

- Received the Integrated Pest Management report from Monty Vandiver.

- Approved bonds for County Tax Assessor Collector Maria Gonzalez and her deputy, Yadira Rodriguez.

City Sales Tax...

Continued from A1 month were Morton with a 12.37 percent increase, representing \$1,211.69 additional dollars collected; and Friona, which collected \$4,293.64 more when compared to the same period last year.

May's sales tax allocations represent sales tax collected by local merchants in March and reported to the state in April.

In its year-to-date collections, Muleshoe shows a minimal .36 percent increase compared to last year, with total allocations of \$235,303.53.

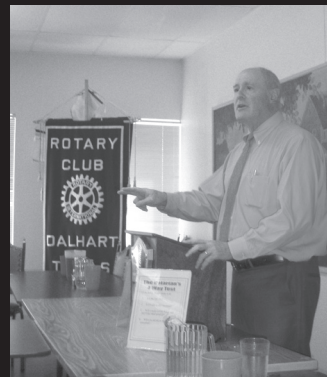
On May 9, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said state sales

tax revenue in April was \$2.07 billion, up 10.9 percent compared to April 2011.

"Sales tax revenue has now increased for 25 consecutive months. Recent strength in sales tax collections continued in both business and consumer spending categories," Combs said. "Growth was led by the oil and natural gas-related sectors, while significant gains also came from retail trade and restaurants."

Combs will send May local sales tax allocations totaling \$633 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.5 percent from 2011.

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The May showers are wonderful. Let us give thanks for this good weather we are having.

Our May flowers are beginning to bloom and look very bright and pretty. The roses are just beautiful.

We have so many of our senior citizens that are having health problems at this time. We ask that every one keep them in your prayers. We pray they will be well soon.

We miss them and hope they are back with us soon.

We at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center

congratulate Junior Baca for his winning first place at the state track meet. We are proud of you for giving your time and effort for this accomplish.

Remember our birthday party this Thursday, May 17. Accolade Home Health will be furnishing the cake for the event.

According to a recent survey approximately 800+ senior citizens live in this area.

So if you know someone that could benefit from coming to the center to visit, have lunch and enjoy life more, bring them in.

You could come for

lunch with them even if you are under 60. The cost for your meal is \$5.

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Monday, May 21 — Sloppy Joe on bun, country potato salad, carrots and zucchini creamy fruit square, and low fat milk.

Tuesday, May 22 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, autumn Jello™,

garlic toast, two percent milk, and tea with lemon.

Wednesday, May 23 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin squares, and low fat milk.

Thursday, May 24 — Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, whole wheat roll, banana pudding and low fat milk.

Friday, May 25 — Breaded fish on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tartar sauce, potato wedges, coleslaw with dressing, peach chantilly, and low fat milk.

Something Worth Saying...

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There are rules, regulations or laws passed by different entities of government, federal, state, county, city schools or others.

They are designed to preserve the peace of the differing communities, which is for our good. They therefore must be respected and obeyed.

I never one time mentioned his hair. But on the way back he asked, "Do you think I ought to get my hair cut?"

I told him I thought he should, and he said he would.

So I took him to the barber shop and had it cut. I stayed there long enough to hear him tell the barber why he wanted it cut, and exactly how long he could leave it.

He and the barber agreed on the length and style, and the barber cut it.

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Obituaries

Claude Sims

Claude Earl Sims, 70, of Muleshoe passed away on April 26, 2012, in a Lubbock Hospital after a lengthy illness. His family was by his side.

A memorial service will be held on May 19, at 6 p.m., at Trinity Christian Church in Muleshoe.

Claude was born in Carlsbad, N.M., on May 4, 1941, to Claude M. Sims and Marian (Kemp) Sims.

He graduated from High School in Carlsbad, N.M., and then served four years in the US Navy.

Claude married Linda Haney Brazeal in 1975 and became the dad to her two children, a job he cherished.

They moved to Muleshoe in 1984, where he worked for Southwestern Public Service, transferring to Tolk Station where he worked until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother — James, and a sister — Christie Box.

Survivors include his wife — Linda of the home; his daughter — Joyce Reeves (Brandon Brunt) of Carlsbad, N.M.; his son — Jason and daughter-in-law Julieanne of Plano; a grandson — Tyler Brazeal of Plano; and five granddaughters — Catheryne Hooper, Hanna, Becca, Sara Brazeal of Plano, and Brayden Brunt of Carlsbad, N.M.



Janet Wagnon

Funeral services for Janet Wagnon, 99, of Muleshoe are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

There will be family visitation on Wednesday, May 16, from 6-7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church parlor.

Mrs. Wagnon died on Sunday, May 13, 2012, in Muleshoe. She was born on Aug. 1, 1912, to Roy and Carrie (Skaggs) Crowley in Comanche, Okla., and married Vance Wagnon in White Deer on April 5, 1931. He preceded her in death in 1994.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter — Jo Addine Mayhugh; a grandson — Rance Williams; a brother — Joe Crowley; and a sister — Bobbie Maxwell.

Mrs. Wagnon had lived in Muleshoe since 1931, having moved from White Deer. She

was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe.

She was an avid bridge player and golfer, and was a member of the Muleshoe Study Club. She was also a Mother Advisor for the Muleshoe Rainbow Girls, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Wagnon and her husband Vance built and owned Muleshoe Locker.

Survivors include two daughters — Sonnie Mason and husband Clarence of Lubbock, Dolores Williams and husband James of Farwell; a son-in-law — Charles Mayhugh of Muleshoe; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and caregiver Walter Marie Boness of Muleshoe.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 507 W. 2nd, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Dean Watkins

Dean Watkins passed on May 8, 2012 near Fort Sumner, N.M. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 19, at 2 p.m. in the Abbey Chapel at Resthaven Funeral Home with Pastor Steve McMeans officiating.

Dean was born on Jan. 31, 1941, in Clovis, N.M., to Claude and Mae Irene Brown Watkins. He grew up northwest of Muleshoe and graduated from Lazbuddie High School.

Dean received a degree in history from Texas Tech and was an active member and alumni of the Fiji Fraternity. He was also a Marine reservist.

Dean worked for several companies in the IT field, ending his career as a park ranger with the State and National Park Services.

He was an avid reader and naturalist and loved history accumulating an extensive library over his lifetime.

Dean was a proud grandfather who enjoyed attending his grandchildren's events.

Survivors include his daughter — Jennifer



Johnston and husband Tom of Lubbock; a brother — Glen Watkins and wife Marsha of Plainview; a sister — Coretta Kerr and husband Gaylon of Lubbock; three beautiful grandchildren — Patric, Will and Molly; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Kenneth Watkins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the National Park Services, 80 Marty Rd, Mountainair, NM 87036 or the Indiana Ave. Baptist College Ministries, 8315 Indiana Ave, Lubbock, TX 79423.

Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

Watson Honored As 2012 Beta Sigma Phi Woman Of The Year

Pat Watson of Muleshoe was recently honored as the Beta Sigma Phi's Woman of the Year for 2012.

A graduate of Texico High School in 1954, Watson taught English for 20 years in the Muleshoe School District, during which time she also had success writing and publishing teaching guides for novels and other teacher materials.

After retiring in 1994, she continued her writing career with more teacher materials, but also devotional works, and is active in the First United Methodist Church, where she teaches an adult Sunday school class, an afternoon women's Bible study group, and serves as the church outreach team leader and prayer



coordinator. Music is also one of Watson's passions. She is an accomplished pianist and often plays for funerals and weddings. Pat and WT Watson, who plays steel guitar,

also visit area nursing homes and share their music with the residents.

They are the parents of three sons and eight grandchildren, and have been married for 57 years.

Baby Showers



Young Honored With Shower

Michelle 'Scott' Young was honored with a baby shower Saturday, May 12, in the home of Rhonda Eagle of Muleshoe.

Michelle and her husband, Nathan, are expecting the arrival of their son, Samuel Paul, on June 19th. The couple currently resides in Duncanville, but they are planning to move to Muleshoe in the summer.

Honored guests included LaDonna Scott, Charlotte Young, Carolyn Sanders and Cheryl Hegi.

Hostesses for the event included Sarah Black, Vickie Burch, Rhonda Eagle, Charlotte Field, Terri Louder, Linda Martin, Jan Morris, Deborah Nickels, Celie Parham, Jana St. Clair, Lenda Trussell and Debbie Weir.

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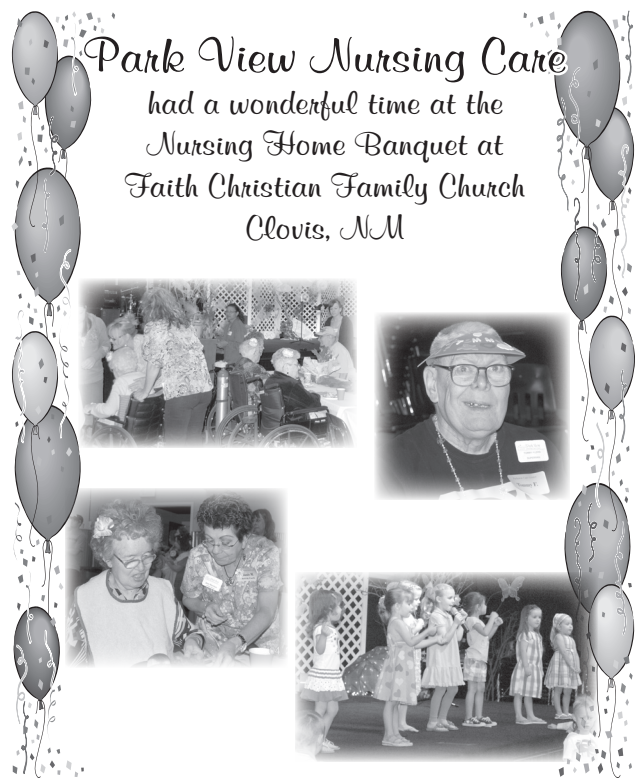
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Death Notices

William Nelson

Muleshoe resident William Lee Nelson, 57, died on April 30, 2012, in Muleshoe. He was born on Dec. 17, 1954, in Burlington, Iowa. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. (CST) on Monday, May 21, at the Assembly of God Church in Texico, N.M.

Stay Active = Stay Healthy



Park View Nursing Care had a wonderful time at the Nursing Home Banquet at Faith Christian Family Church Clovis, NM

Muleshoe Journal

To celebrate Memorial Day, the Muleshoe Journal is offering a discounted rate of \$3.25 per column inch for those who wish to honor their loved ones who have passed on.

Deadline for submissions is May 18 at noon.

Never Forgotten



AGRICULTURAL NEWS

USDA Celebrating 150 Years Of Service

On May 15th, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commemorated the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed into law an act of Congress establishing the United States Department of Agriculture.

Pres. Lincoln established the USDA because he recognized the potential of America's farmers to find new ways to cultivate the land with advances in research and technology, allowing them to provide a safe, ample food supply for our nation and the world.

In one of Pres. Lincoln's only speeches on agriculture at the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society in 1859, he said, "...no other human occupation opens so wide a field for the profitable and agreeable combination of labor with cultivated thought, as agriculture."

Two years later, in what would be his final annual message to the Congress, Lincoln called USDA "The People's Department."

At that time, the population of the United States was about 31.4 million, and about half of all Americans lived on farms.

Today, with a population of almost 313 million people, 2.1 million farms are operating in the US.

Over the past 150 years, USDA's work with food science, agriculture, economic development, science and research, natural resource conservation, community development and alternative energy sources fulfills Lincoln's vision "to touch the lives of every American, every day."

The success of the agency can be shown

daily as Americans benefit from the safety, security and maintenance of our food and water supply, land and forest resources, advancing school systems, and continually evolving rural communities.

Twenty million Americans are

"...No other human occupation opens so wide a field for the profitable and agreeable combination of labor with cultivated thought, as agriculture..."

employed through the nation's food, fuel and fiber industries, and almost one million jobs have been created through agricultural exports.

USDA maintains a strong farm safety net to help keep American agriculture secure from the market and weather, and is leading the way on renewable energy projects, implementing funding for energy-saving technologies to farms, ranches and businesses.

In Texas, the mission of the USDA is upheld through the work of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development (RD).

In 2011 alone, NRCS worked with Texas farmers and ranchers to invest \$121.4 million in conservation programs authorized through the federal Farm Bill, to help protect water, soil and air resources, wildlife, forests and rangelands throughout the state.

NRCS has provided conservation-related products and service that enable people to be good stewards of the nation's soil, water, and related natural resources on non-federal

lands since 1935.

"The USDA - Natural Resources Service (NRCS) in Texas continues its commitment and work in protecting Texas' natural resources by working one on one with private landowners to resolve their natural resource

issues," said Salvador Salinas, NRCS Texas state conservationist.

"In a state where more than 90 percent of the land is privately owned, our farmers and ranchers are the leading stewards of the land and water, and USDA supports their work through technical assistance and conservation programs — applying the most effective programs in the best places to achieve the best possible result. The NRCS mission remains Helping People Help the Land, as we celebrate this historic anniversary."

Throughout Texas, Rural Development provided over \$1.55 billion in funding to recipients in 2011 through programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural areas. The Rural Development administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices.

"We are pleased to

be an agency within the USDA that has provided assistance to the heart of America; our rural communities, farmers and residents, for 150 years," said Rural Development Texas State Director Paco Valentin.

"Rural Development offers over 40 programs that provide the resources and assistance needed to essentially build an entire rural community from the ground up, and we will to continue to provide support to thousands of rural Texas residents and communities in the coming years."

Texas FSA promoted American agriculture by delivering nearly \$1.4 billion in federal farm program payments and loans to Texas farmers and ranchers during fiscal year 2011. FSA farm programs include price support, commodity operations, conservation and disaster programs that provide assistance and relief for producers. FSA also helps family farmers and ranchers by offering direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans as well as emergency loans to producers who cannot obtain commercial financing from a traditional lender.

"USDA agencies realize farmers and

ranchers work hard year-round in a risky, sometimes unforgiving industry; but, for the most part, the rewards outweigh the risks. FSA considers it an honor and a privilege to work with Texas producers and we look forward to working to meet the changing needs of agriculture and rural America for many years to come," said James Douglass, acting FSA Texas state director.

As we commemorate 150 years of accomplishments, USDA is learning from past experiences while looking to the future.

In the years to come, there may be challenges for the economy, agriculture and the Department.

However, the USDA will remain focused on the mission to strengthen Americans rural communities, continue to help create jobs, and build on the success of America's farmers, ranchers and small businesses.

For more information on the 150th anniversary of the USDA or programs and services offered through the agency, visit <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome>.

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Foreign Landowners Required To Report Domestic Holdings

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Kim Hanlin, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Hanlin.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA)

reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Hanlin.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use.

For example, reports are required when land use changes from non-agricultural to agricultural or from

agricultural to non-agricultural.

Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806-272-4538 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

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The Sudan Buzzy



Photograph by Cheri Sain

Truck Straddles Railroad Track After Skid

The driver of a semi tractor-trailer heading eastbound on Hwy. 84 lost control on the curve outside of the city limits on the afternoon of Monday, May 14. The truck went across the median, the westbound lane of traffic, and travelled a considerable distance before coming to rest straddling the railroad track. No details on the driver or condition of driver were available.

Fisher Takes Gold

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

Sudan Hornet Dayton Fisher won the state championship high jump at the UIL State Track Meet in Austin this past weekend with a season best jump of 6'-6".



Hornet Dayton Fisher slips over the bar with inches to spare during the state meet.

Fisher topped Hale Center ISD's Darius Poindexter by one inch to capture the gold medal.

At the UIL regional track meet, Poindexter beat Fisher.

This is Fisher's second time to compete in the

state meet. Last year, the Sudan student placed second in the

high jump. Fisher also placed fourth in this year's

triple jump at the UIL state track meet with a jump of 44'09.25".

Sudan Band Students Honored

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Bold Gold Band held their annual awards banquet on Thursday, May 10th.

The band parents cooked a steak dinner for the entire band, and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan gave awards to deserving band students.

Mr. Morgan congratulated the band for their 12th consecutive Sweepstakes Trophy and their fifth place award at the State Marching Festival this year.

Several students received honors at the awards banquet.

The 2012 John Phillip Sousa Award winner was Joaquin Azua.

Azua has qualified for UIL State Solo and Ensemble Competition,

selected for Honor Band, and been a member of the State Marching Band.

The Director's Award winner was KyLee Shultz.

The Patrick S. Gilmore Award was given to Adam Harper.

Mr. Morgan also awarded underclassmen with the Outstanding Awards in their grade level.

The Outstanding Junior Awards were awarded to Marie Carrizales and Richard Montes.

The Outstanding Sophomore Awards were awarded to Alex Hernandez and Kort Hill.

The Outstanding Freshman Awards were awarded to Vanesa Aguilar and Celeste

Montemayor.

The Outstanding 8th Grade Awards were awarded to Kylee Coleman and Rance Johnson.

Mackenzie Lance was awarded the Outstanding Flag Corp member.

Eighth grader Erin Larson was awarded

the Outstanding Rookie Award.

The last awards given were for two students who sacrificed a great deal for the band program. The Gold Heart Award was awarded to Yaneth Solis and Jazmin Solis for their dedication to the band program.

Sudan Election Results Released

The City of Sudan and the Sudan High School School Board Elections took place on Saturday, May 12.

Results from the City of Sudan elections are as follows:

City Mayor — Bob Sisson, 141; Doug Ames, 53.

City Council — Sam

Miller, 166; Kermit Whitten, 82.

The Sudan ISD board results were:

Greg Harper, 167; Richard Salazar, 173; Joe Ky Shultz, 174; Chris Larson, 116.

Ansil Locke replaced Richard Light who moved earlier this year.



Touring The Town

Doug and Christy Ames of Sudan ride around the block party on their bicycle built for two during the recent block party.

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Local Kindergarten Students Top Reading Goal

In January, Joan Nix's kindergarten class set a big goal.

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That's a pretty big undertaking when you have just figured out what the letters are and how they are used in print!

One little boy, Ernie Toscano said, "Isn't that close to a bagillion?"

Starting with simple decodable books, each child painstakingly sounded out each word and slowly, as their confidence grew, so did their interest and competition.

"That's when you get that wonderful 'aha'

moment that teachers love to see in student's faces!" said Nix.

Each child had to read the book, with no help, to count toward the goal of reading 100 books each.

They all zoomed past that goal with one child, Sergio Magallanes, reading 200 books.

The students ended up reading 2,250 books and they are still going!

"Reading is so very important for their success in school not only in ELA but in mathematics, too. Many math tests they have to pass later depend on their competency in reading," said Nix.

"We need to get many books in front of these students! We made a great start!" she added.



Dillman teacher Joan Nix and class have reason to be proud of their reading prowess.

Letter to the Editor

Environmental Stewardship Urged

To the Editor:

The Bible story of Noah building the Ark to prepare for a great flood has always fascinated me and spoken to me about how to live my life. It is a great ancient myth full of important truth for every age.

Picture this. John and Mary, average citizen, sit on their front porch every evening watching Noah across the valley working on his Ark.

It is hilarious entertainment because everyone knows there will be no great flood. Life is going to always go on just as it is now.

But one day hard rains begin to fall and the earth shakes and quakes breaking loose underground springs to the surface.

And it does not stop. As the water builds up to John and Mary's front porch and John says to Mary, "Could that idiot, Noah, be right?"

In ignorance, arrogance and lustful greed, we are manifesting the same self destructive attitude towards the message of climate change that good science tells us,

threatens our world dangerously in this century and beyond.

One illustration: In 1995 Chicago had a searing heat wave wherein 800 people died.

By the end of this century, Chicago will be having at least one of these every year according to studies published recently in

"Environmental Health Perspectives."

On March 12, 2012, Rick Santorum campaigning said, "The dangers of carbon dioxide? Tell that to a plant." But our common and political will is frozen. Will we change? On that day 121 National Weather Stations recorded record high temperatures.

Seventeen more tied their existing records.

And the church? It will move mountains of money to convince others that God created this world as the Bible says, but it does almost nothing to save the world for our great grandchildren. How good an ethic is this?

Alvin Petty,
Plainview

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SPORTS NEWS

Muleshoe ISD Honors Its Athletes

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club honored the 2011-2012 Mule and Lady Mule athletes Friday night at the annual Athletic Awards Banquet.

The evening started with a welcome from master of ceremonies, Jim Daniels. Sergio Leal

led the invocation.

The Athletic Booster Club provided a shrimp boil meal. It was prepared by Todd and Cindy Bessire, Mike and Denise Dunham and Brian Morris. A short highlight film was shown prior to the Senior Spotlight and the awards being presented.

Each senior was introduced as they stepped through a giant mule shoe on stage. Jody Wood read each senior's athletic endeavors along with previous awards they had received. Their future plans along with their favorite memory as a Mule or Lady Mule were read.

The Legends Award

was the first award presented. The award is presented to an individual, business, fan or special person in the community who gives their ultimate support to Muleshoe Athletics. Stacy Conner was chosen for 2011-2012.

"You often see this guy on the sidelines or

just off the court taking pictures of our athletes," said Coach David Wood. "We thank you for all the support you give to the Mules."

Dusty Gorman and Barbie Lovell recognized the JV Cheerleaders and brought the Varsity Cheerleaders to the stage.

"Barbie and I would like to thank each cheerleader for the time and energy that you poured into cheerleading this year," said Gorman. "We want to wish our seniors, Samantha Reyna and Baylee Bessire the best of luck. Samantha will be cheerleading at Oklahoma Panhandle State University and Baylee will attend Texas A&M University."

Coach Josh Woolbright asks the student athletic trainers to the stage.

"These students have worked very hard through the year," said Woolbright. "They have been a part of over 3,500 treatments and/or rehabilitations this year."

The Student Athletic Trainer of the Year was presented to Michael Martinez. He will attend Abilene Christian University this fall and continue his studies in athletic training.

Morgan Burriss was also named as the Student Athletic Trainer of the Year. She has handled numerous injuries on the field this year and Coach Woolbright expects her

to help continue build the sports medicine program.

The junior varsity Mule and Lady Mule cross-country teams were recognized as Coach Val Acree had the varsity teams took the stage.

"These girls worked hard every day and ran hard at every meet," said Acree. "The highlight of their season was finishing second at the Morton meet. The girls placed fourth at the district meet and just missed qualifying for the Region I meet."

The Fighting Heart Award was presented to Adriana Loya and the Cross-Country MVP was Carolina Franco.

"Most of these young men also played football and so had to either run in the mornings or come after football practice to run," continued Acree. "They always worked hard and ran hard. They finished second at the Morton meet and finished fifth at district. Luis Ruvalcaba placed seventh at district and ran as a medalist in the Region I Meet."

Acree presented the Fighting Heart Award to Noah del Toro. Ruvalcaba was named the Cross-Country MVP.

The freshmen football team had five wins and four losses and was recognized by Coach David Wood. He also recognized the junior varsity Mules that had finished their

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Baca Wins 800-Meter Title

Continued from A1 working faster than his feet and he made the decision to start making up ground. He quickly went past the last runner that had passed him on the back stretch.

"I felt real good after the first 400," said Junior Baca. "I felt better than I normally do at that point. But then they started passing me and I was not sure I could hang with them. So I decided to just go."

Baca moved out to the third lane as he entered the final curve. He did what most coaches say not to do and what most runners cannot do; he passed the field on the curve.

"I was trying to pass everyone on the back stretch but could get it done. I normally start my kick about 200-meters from the line and that is when I was able to get to the front. I felt if I could get the lead they could not catch me."

Baca's neon green socks came into view for the final stretch and he was leading the pack. He charged down the final 110-meters toward the finish line putting distance between him and the field. He crossed the finish line with a time of one minute 54.87 seconds. He trimmed almost a second and half from his personal best time.

Baca won his first medal at the Texas State Track Meet and it was gold.

The Mule fans in the stands Friday were on their feet and cheering the entire race. They would be happy to argue with the folks at the Kentucky Derby about the most exciting two minutes in sports. The Mule fans believe it is when Junior Baca takes the track to run the 800.

"He ran a beautiful race today," said Coach Kirk Byrd. "He hit his 200-meter splits right on time through the first 400. He actually ran his fastest split from the 400 to the 600. He is a converted 400-meter dash runner and we knew his final kick would be enough to get him the gold medal."

"We had started working on him knowing what his pace should be after the first week of the track season. We increased his mileage per day



Photographs by Delton Wilhite

Mule Junior Baca pulls ahead in the 800-meter run at Austin.

from two miles to five miles after practice. He never complained or wanted to quit."

Byrd and Coach Ralph Mason came up with a plan to teach Baca to run a set pace.

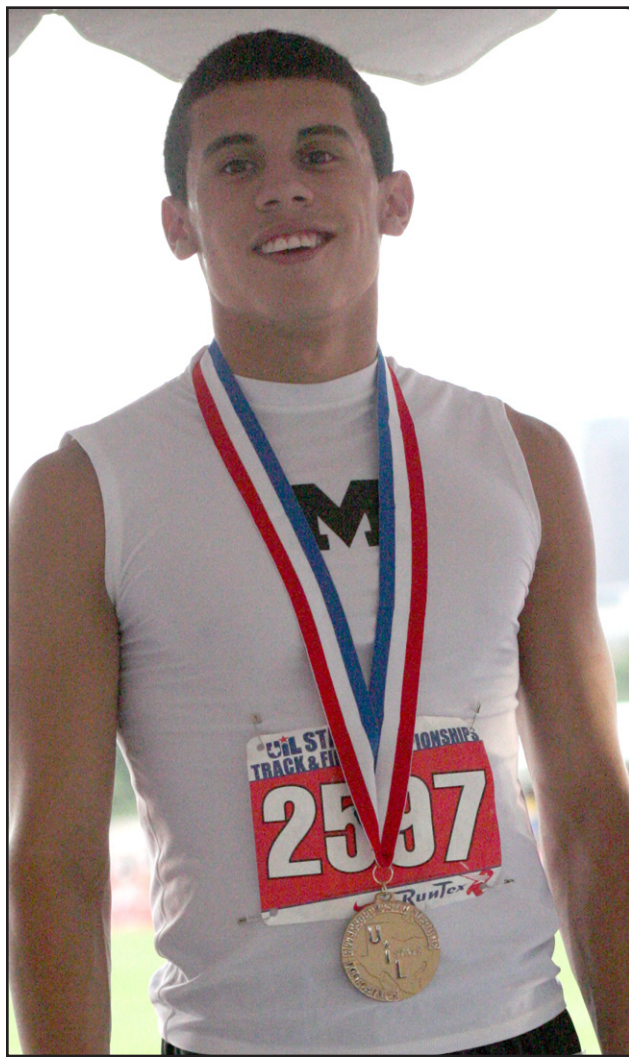
They had him running 400 meters but he had to hit a certain time at every 100 meters. If he was off they blew a whistle and he had to start over.

"I really felt sorry

for him the first day," said Coach Mason. "But we all knew he had to learn his pace and he kept working on it. I hated to blow the whistle as much as he hated hearing it. But he has a great heart, never complained and kept working until he got it down."

"With the extra mileage he ran each day he was in shape to run his race today

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Mule Junior Baca displays his gold medal.

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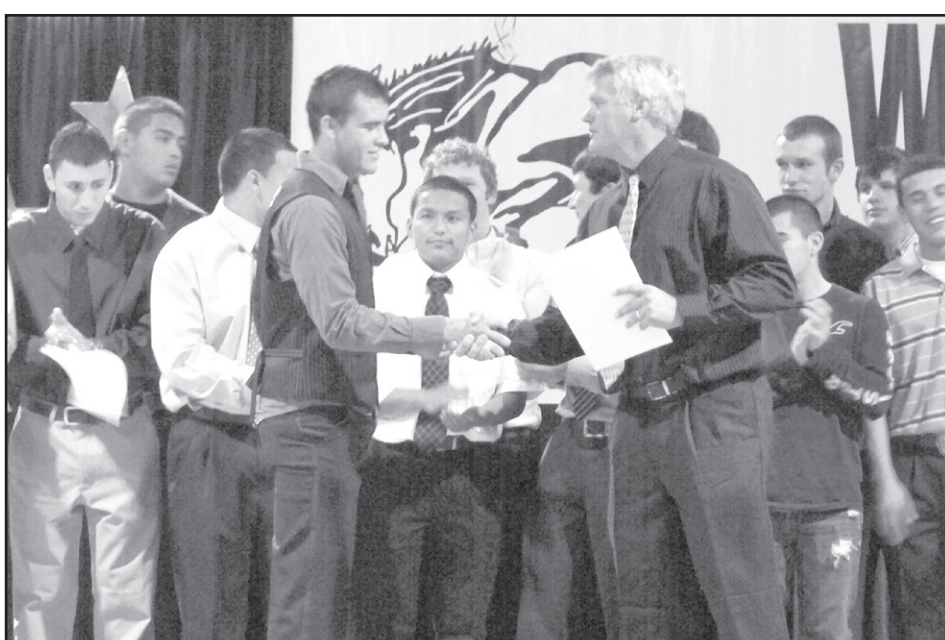
freshmen season at 2-7. They moved up to the JV and were mixed in with a few juniors and had a 7-2 season. Several members of the team moved up to the varsity because of injuries.

"This season started with an uncharacteristic loss," said Wood. "But we learned more about ourselves than we could have ever known had we won that game. That knowledge propelled us to a district championship and a trip to the State Semifinals.

This team accomplished more with less than any other team I have ever coached."

Five Mules were added to the Wall of Fame. Eric Orozco earned All-State honors as a receiver along with being chosen to first team All-District and second team All-South Plains. Ryan DeLeon was first team All-District as a receiver and first team All-District secondary. He was also named to the All-South Plains team.

Issac Baca was second team All-State as a linebacker and received Honorable Mention All-State as a running back. He was selected as All South Plains running back



miniature Mule helmets to the Mule captains: Beau Avila, Issac Baca, Matt Ambriz and Ryan Johnson.

"Sometimes the product is the greater than the sum of its parts," said Wood.

He presented the Most Improved Award to the offensive line: Tony Molina, Shawn Atwood, Ryan Johnson, Matt Ambriz, Juan Guerrero, Alex Vidana, Christian Lucio, Adrian Rodriguez, Jesus Roman, Junior Tiranae, Joey Guerra, Blake Edwards and David Gonzales.

The Defensive Player of the Year Award was presented to Shawn Atwood. The Offensive Player of the Year was

Coach Jay Gorman recognized the freshmen and junior varsity teams as the varsity Mules came to the stage.

"The combination of graduating an entire team and a late start this year really set this group back," said Gorman. "We played two games before starting district and three games before Christmas. But the team showed a lot of heart and saw tremendous improvement toward the end of the season. The team dedicated themselves to playing defense and because of it we had some big wins."

The Fighting Heart Award went to Eric Orozco and the Mr.

competed hard at meets and I want to thank them for that."

The Newcomer of the Year Award went to Jordan Russell.

The Best Overall Lifter Award to the Mule's regional qualifier, Carlos Sosa. He competed in the 132 pound weight class and finished sixth place in the regional meet in Sundown. Sosa's personal best this year was 350 pounds in the squat, 175 pounds in the bench press and 380 pounds in the deadlift.

The JV tennis teams were recognized by Coach Jay Gorman as the varsity teams took the stage.

"These guys and girls battled through some tough weather this season," said Gorman. They won a lot of matches along the way and did a great job this year. They were a fun group to coach."

"Those winning medals at the district meet were: Matthew

Barron placing third in boy's singles, Eli Leal and Alyssa Leal were third in mixed doubles and Baylee Bessire and Carly Krug won the silver medal in girl's doubles and competed in the Region I Meet in Odessa."

The Miss Tennis Award was presented to Alyssa Leal and Mateo Castillo received the Mr. Tennis Award.

Coach Carey Sudduth and the Mule and Lady Mule golf teams were on stage next.

"The golf teams had a fun and successful season," said Sudduth. "Golf is a game that can be played for a lifetime and these kids brought an enthusiasm for learning to play that was fun to watch."

"The pressure was on the boys during the second round of district but the guys responded. Mateo Castillo played through an injury and Colten Harris, Beau Avila and Eli Leal all

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Saul Elizalde was named as a second team All-State Receiver, third team All-State Secondary and Honorable Mention All-State Punter. He was the Golden Spread Player of the Year and first team receiver for the All South Plains Team. He will play football for Wayland Baptist University this fall. Coach Wood present

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"The highlights of the season were beating Abernathy in an exciting overtime game and blowing Friona out in Friona," said Acree. "I want to say thank you to the unsung heroes of the basketball program, the managers: Marion Gutierrez and Kaylie Lovell."

The Fighting Heart Award was presented to Ivana Agundis and Baylee Bessire. Carly Krug received the Most Improved Award. Alyssa Leal was the Basketball MVP.

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The Girls Golf Award was presented to Bailey Bales.

The Boys Golf Award went to Colten Harris.

The Lady Mule track team joined their coach Benjie Jay on stage.

"I don't think a varsity track team can be younger than we were this year," said Jay. "Our 2012 team had no seniors; one junior and rest were sophomores and freshmen. The future looks bright for Lady Mule track," the coach added.

"Five girls qualified for the Region I Track Meet in Odessa. Carolina Franco went in the 800-meter run; Adrienne Precure competed in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles along with the high jump.

Ruby Andrade went in the 400-meter dash. Celeste Flores, Kaylie Morris, Andrade and Precure were the 1600-meter relay champions and ran in the regional meet."

Carolina Franco received the Workhorse Award.

The Most Improved Award went to Katelyn Gable and the Newcomer of the Year Award was given to Ruby Andrade.

The Lady Mule MVP Award was presented to Adrienne Precure.

Coach Kirk Byrd and the Mule track team were next on stage.

"The boys competed well in a very tough district," said Coach Byrd.

"We finished third in district. The regional qualifiers were Chris Cage and Chris Lozano

in the 1600-meter run. Caleb Wood competed in the triple jump and Junior Baca ran both the 800-meter run and 400-meter dash. Austin Ross competed in the long jump and 110-meter hurdles," he said.

"The 4x100-meter relay team was Saul Elizalde, Wood, Ray Martinez and Ross. The 4x200-meter relay team included Elizalde, Wood, Martinez and Lupe Campos.

The 4x400-meter relay team was Chris Lozano, Chris Cage, Baca and Martinez."

"The 4x100-meter relay team ran their fastest time of the year with a time of 45 seconds. The 4x400-meter relay team also ran their best time of the season with a time of 3:29.

Baca qualified for the state meet in both the 400- and 800-meter runs.

He ran a personal best time of 1:56 in the 800 and a season best of 50.33 in the 400."

The Best in Field Events Award went to Austin Ross.

The Most Improved Runner Award was presented to Chris Cage. The Track MVP Award was given to Junior Baca.

Mule baseball coach Dorian Crowder recognized the JV team while the varsity Mules joined him on the stage.

"There were plenty of times the team could have thrown in the towel but instead this group of guys worked hard and competed to the end. It is said that it takes a good team to win a three game series and that is how this year's team ended the season, winning two of their last three games."

The Team MVP Award

went to Saul Elizalde. The Offensive MVP was Juan Guerrero and Defensive MVP went to Matthew Barron. The Fighting Mule Award was presented to Ryan DeLeon and the Newcomer of the Year Award went to Austin Ross.

The Lady Mule softball team joined their coach Jason Cole on stage. Cole then recognized the JV team.

"The Lady Mules made the Area Round of the playoffs for the third time in four years," said Coach Cole. "This was a rebuilding year after losing so much experience and talent to graduation last year."

"Our upperclassmen weren't supposed to hit and play this well and our younger girls were not supposed to come on this fast. But they did and the most amazing thing we did this season was to not give up."

"Changing the culture of a program that was not winning into a winning culture is not easy," he said. "There are a lot of bumps and bruises along the way. We feel like we are changing the culture of the program and are starting to expect to win against good teams."

The Golden Glove Award went to Lady Mule catcher, Adriana Loya.

The Pitching Award was presented to Samantha Vasquez. Dominique Mata received the Batting Title and the Fighting Heart Award went to Linda Sanchez.

The Leadership Award was presented to Sabrina Chavez and Dominique Mata.

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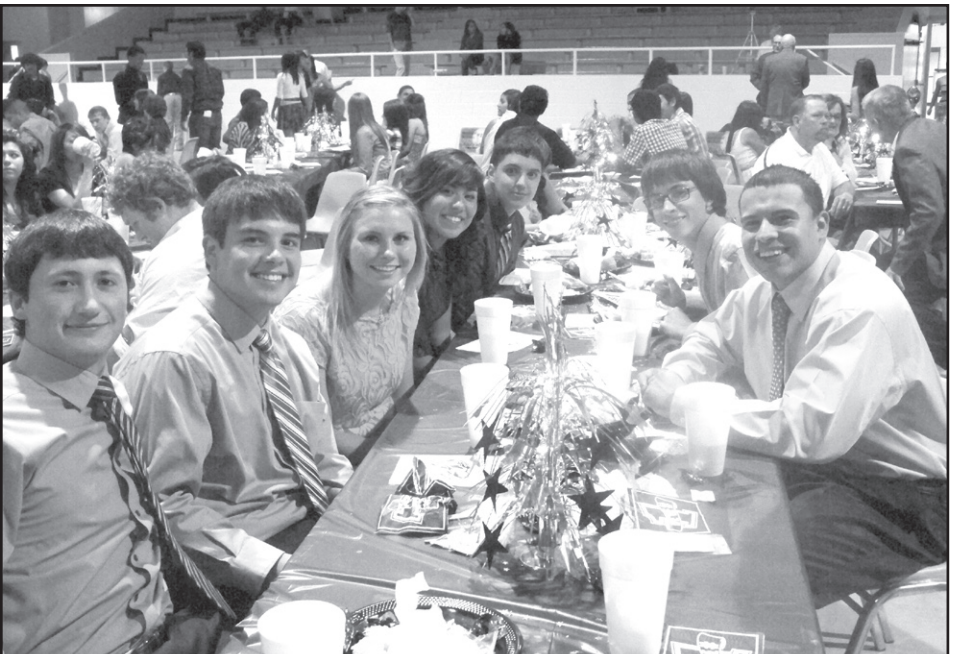
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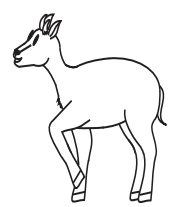
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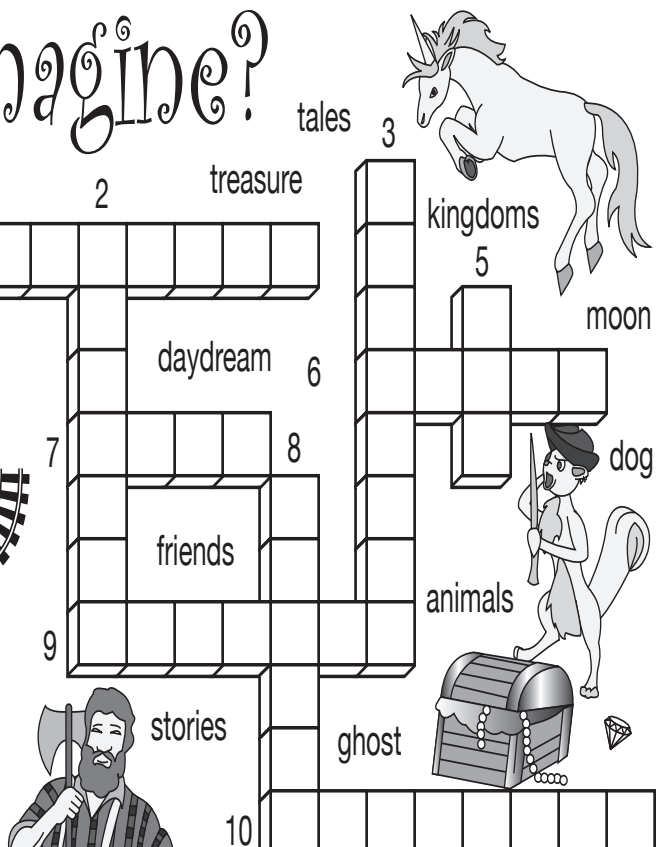
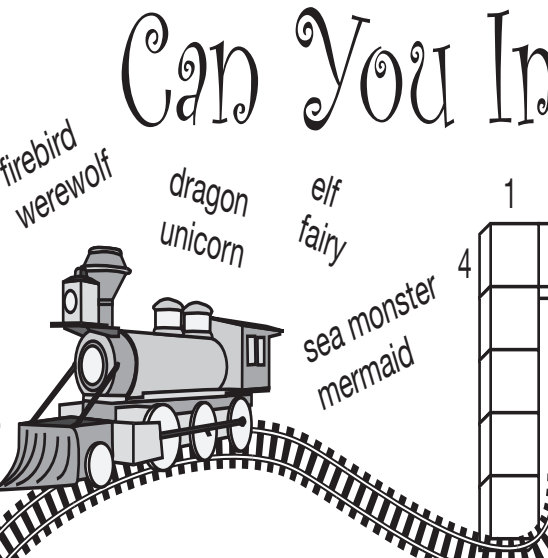
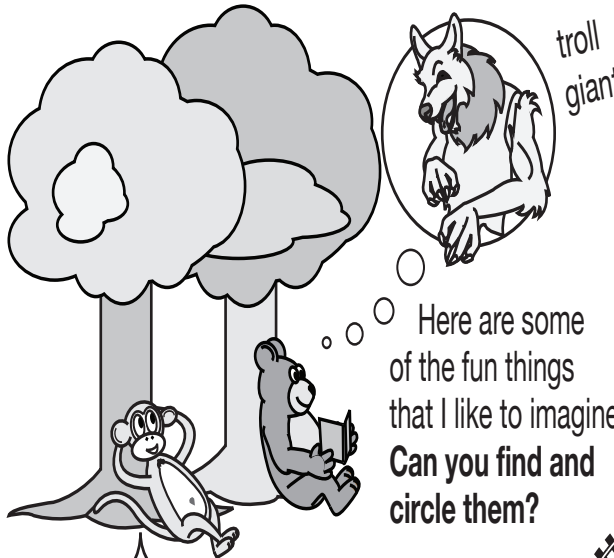
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Pool Opening, Fishing Derby Set For June 2

The Muleshoe Water Park will open on Saturday, June 2, at 1 p.m., according to City Manager David Brunson.

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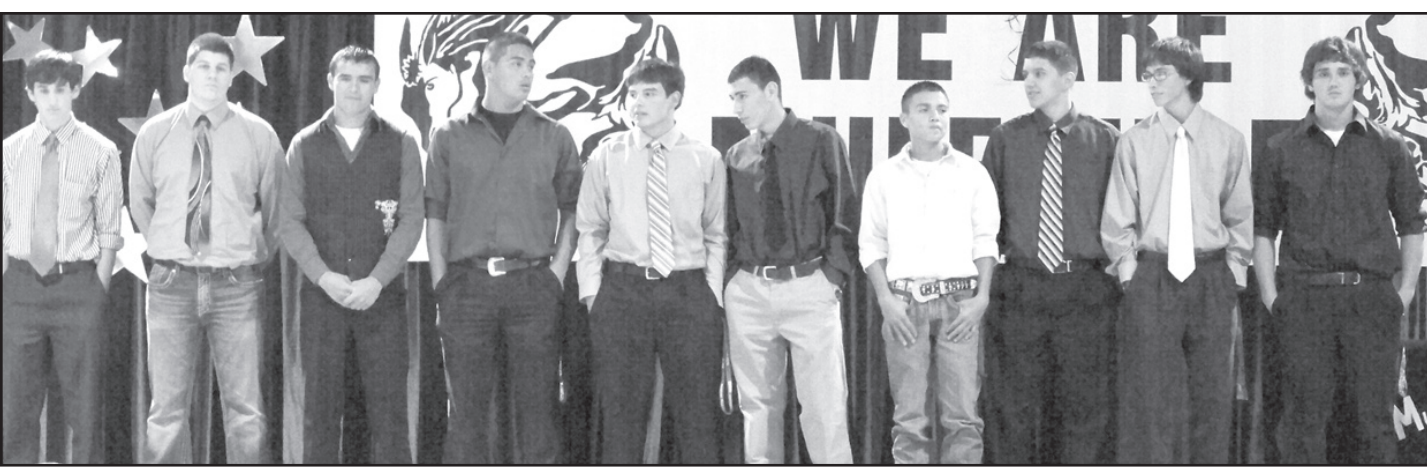
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Soybean Trials Help Producers Find Earlier Maturing Varieties

By Kay Ledbetter
TAMU

Soybeans aren't something new for Texas producers, but one Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert is trying to help develop a production system that will help combat the drought and includes varieties that mature earlier.

Texas has always been the westernmost and southernmost state growing soybeans, with about 200,000-250,000 acres planted annually. Recently, though, drought conditions have caused a drop in acreage, according to Dr. Travis Miller, associate department head and AgriLife Extension program leader in the

Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences department.

Soybeans are a riskier crop than sorghum or wheat, he said. But having more than \$14-per-bushel prices right now means there's good money "if you can make a crop."

Soybeans can be a determinant or indeterminate crop, he said. Indeterminate means the crop can put on blooms and continue to grow at the same time. Determinant, or late-maturing soybeans, must reach a certain photoperiod, or day length, before they bloom.

"We are looking for varieties that can be

early planted and which the bloom date coincides with more favorable growing conditions," Miller said.

College Station is the southernmost trial, he said. This trial will include eight varieties mixed between determinant and indeterminate varieties, with each planted on four different dates. The earliest planted was on March 26 and the latest will be planted early in June.

"We're looking at the number of nodes per plant, plant height, bloom date - all factors that are affected by photoperiod and growing conditions," Miller said.

He said they would like to find plants that are less photoperiod sensitive to plant in regions with available sunshine and moisture.

Determinant soybeans generally grow from May to September, or about 160 days, while the indeterminate varieties can be planted as early as March and harvested in late July or early August, or less than 140 days, Miller said.

The indeterminate plants will grow and set pods at the same time, allowing more height and more nodes, "and that's what pays," he said.

"It also fits our weather patterns better," Miller said. "We know we get

rain in April and May and that's the ideal time to set pods, so we would be able to use the weather patterns if we find good indeterminate varieties for this region."

The overall goal is to minimize the risk

and better utilize the weather and resources that we have, he said.

Once completed, the data on Miller's 2012 trials, as well as past trials, can be found on the <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu> website.

Baca Wins Gold Medal...

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run his race today for the gold medal," said Byrd.

Later in the evening Baca ran the 400-meter dash and finished seventh with a time of 50.90.

"He was not able to do his usual cool down after the 800-meter run," said Coach Byrd.

"He normally takes a couple of laps around the infield and then gets a rub down. But at state they want you on the medal stand and then talking to the press right after the race," Byrd said.

"There was no place for him to cool down and relax before the 400," he added.

Weed Resistance Could Call For A More Diversified Plan

By Kay Ledbetter
TAMU

Producers who rely on glyphosate-tolerant or "Roundup-resistant" crops probably should be expanding their weed-control toolbox, said Dr. Paul Baumann, Texas AgriLife Extension Service state weed specialist.

"We have a critical issue arising, in that common water hemp in Central and Southeast Texas and Palmer amaranth pigweed in the High Plains have started showing signs of resistance to glyphosate herbicides," Baumann said.

The common water-hemp resistance started showing up in 2005 with spotty infestations along the Gulf Coast and then it was hit or miss until 2010, with it occurring in other sites, he said.

Roundup Ready means the crop, in this case cotton, has been genetically modified to tolerate glyphosate applications made for controlling weeds, Baumann said. However, there are now biotypes of certain weeds appearing that are genetically different than others that may look the same and are tolerant to glyphosate.

"If all else is killed out but that one plant is different, that is the start of the problem," he said. "One common water hemp plant could shed 400,000 to 500,000 seeds. So if that one weed is not killed, then later that year or the following year, there may be a whole patch of this resistant biotype of the weed."

Baumann said he has been warning farmers for the past 10 years that they need to use a multi-herbicide program and not just rely on one product to do the job.

"We have to have more than one mechanism to manage the anomalies," he said. "The resistant plants have probably always been there, but when you eliminate the competition with a highly effective herbicide like glyphosate, they begin to flourish."

The problem can be even worse for producers who plant back-to-back

Roundup Ready cotton and Roundup Ready corn, if they continue to use only glyphosate herbicide on either crop, Baumann said.

His recommendation is for producers to return to using soil-residual herbicides along with the glyphosate products. Trifluralin (Treflan) and pendamethalin (Prowl) are two of the available products that could be used in cotton programs. Some other approved products that also are soil-active herbicides are Staple, Cotoran, Dual and Warrant.

"All of those have a different mechanism of action than glyphosate and will effectively provide substantial control of either species," Baumann said. "Roundup is too good on too many weeds to pull out of a program, but use it as one of the tools and not the only one."

The other option, he said, is to switch to Liberty Link cotton, which is tolerant to the herbicide glufosinate (Liberty). This product has much of the same spectrum for weed control as glyphosate, but has a different effect on the weeds which makes it a sound alternative to glyphosate.

The application timing on pigweed, however, is much more critical in terms of weed size for treatment with Liberty, Baumann warned, so treatments must be applied to small (less than 4 to 5 inches) Palmer amaranth or common water hemp.

"The big issue is, from a producer's standpoint, by the time he recognizes or notices the resistance issue, he has probably already treated those weeds twice without any results and the weeds have gotten too big to treat it with any product," he said. "The only alternative at that point is plowing or cultivating the middles or hand-pulling those weeds in the rows."

Baumann said producers should start with the mix of herbicides, putting out a soil-applied pre-emergent or pre-plant incorporated herbicide without fail, and it will

be more economical to management the weeds in the long run.

"I know farmers don't want to spend more money fighting a problem they don't yet have," he said.

"But my argument is, even if you don't ever have the resistance problem, you are just ensuring that there is no competition to your crop from weeds from day one if you use a soil-active herbicide. Those first eight to 10 weeks are the most critical in keeping weed-free to prevent competition and yield loss."

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