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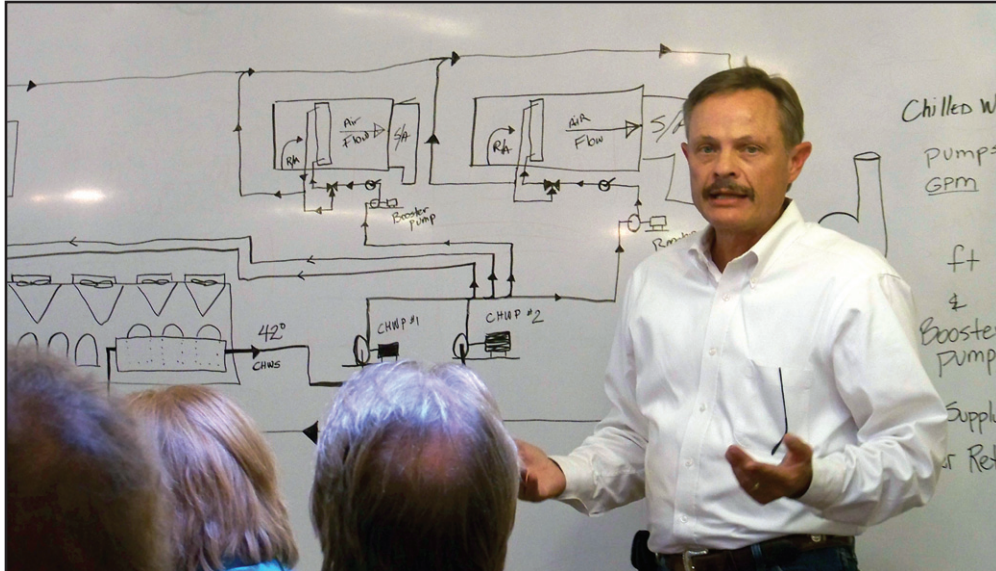
## MAHD 'gets a bargain' at Park View

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

"Believe me... you're getting a bargain!" Shanna Laughton, interim administrator of Park View Nursing Care Center, told Bill Liles of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District during Thursday's board meeting.

Prior to Laughton's statement, Liles had questioned an amount being paid to a local realty company, and was informed that it was part of the negotiated salary for the nursing home administrator.

Laughton explained that she didn't want to deal with the hassle of purchasing a home in



Dennis Criswell discusses the repairs to the hospital's cooling system during Thursday's board meeting.  
Photograph by Larry Thornton

Muleshoe, or a vehicle, so her salary included the district paying for her rent and providing a vehicle — in this case the nursing home's old

van, while she served as interim.

During her report to the board, Laughton said she had opened Park View's "300 wing," and

lowered the price for the larger single rooms to \$140, a \$60 per day decrease.

She said a lot of potential residents had

been denied admission last year because the wing wasn't open, and spoke of several other changes that are taking place at the facility.

According to Laughton, senior volunteers are going to be used at the nursing home's front reception desk.

She also reported several things that hadn't been done at the nursing home are now being done, noting that some of Park View's hospitality aids going to be taking classes for their CNA certifications, and the aids who are not were to be trained to feed residents.

"See, I am a bargain," Laughton told Liles as

she finished her report. In other business, the MAHD board:

- Almost adjourned before it's meeting began, when Liles clashed with board president Chad Nickels over speakers addressing the board during open forum.

Travis Copley had already made a brief statement, relinquished the floor to Dale Griswald, and asked to address the board again, when Nickels denied his request.

"You're denying his right to speak in open forum," Liles accused Nickels.

"He's already had his opportunity," Nickels

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## County budget debate remains at standstill

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Bailey County's Commissioners' Court reached another standstill during Monday's special session and budget workshop.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Butch Vandiver suggested a

Precinct 2 Commissioner CE Grant.

Vandiver estimated that \$283,000 could be saved if stiff cuts could be made to the precinct budgets, along with \$80,000 from their reserve funds, by eliminating the \$70,000 needed to fund employee raises and the \$70,000 planned for a new ambulance, and a \$4,000 cut to the Bailey County Coliseum's funding.

"What we're looking at is less than a tank of gas per month," County Judge Sherri Harrison said, referring to the estimated \$25 per pay period the proposed raises for the county's 54 employees would cost.

"If we've got the money give raises, but if not... don't," Vandiver said, for

the first time suggesting that he wasn't opposed to the issue of raises, if it could be done without raising taxes.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Joey Kindle also addressed the issue of the raises, focusing specifically on the difference in wages being paid the county's jailers and the road hands, and said an option that could be considered is to hold off on the majority of employee raises, but approve raises for the jailers.

However, Precinct 4 Commissioner Juan Chavez spoke against Vandiver's plan, stating that his precinct didn't have \$20,000 that could be cut from its reserve funds.

Regarding the purchase of a new ambulance, which

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**"What we're looking at is less than a tank of gas per month."**

— Judge Sherri Harrison

variety of options aimed at reducing the county's budget and foregoing the proposed tax increase, including holding off on employee raises and the purchase of a new ambulance, and reducing the individual precincts' reserve funds, but met opposition from all but

## Monument to find new home

A monument honoring Bailey County, currently located in the small roadside park across W. American Blvd from the Bailey County Coliseum, is expected to find a new home in the not too distant future.

The park which is being abandoned by the State of Texas, Department of Transportation, includes a plaque which states, "Bailey County, a part of Bexar County, 1836-1876. Created Aug. 21, 1876, organized Nov. 5, 1918. Named in honor of Peter James Bailey, 1812-1836, a Kentucky lawyer killed defending the Alamo. Muleshoe the county seat."



## Mustang in tow

Like a dragster that has released its parachute, a rather speedy Mule Isaac Baca charges down the sideline with a Shallowater Mustang in tow during Friday's 2011

season opener. Although the game started with a rapid exchange and touchdown, the Mules failed in their home field effort.

Photograph by Stacy Conner

## Muleshoe council receives redistricting recommendation

The Muleshoe City Council received a recommendation from its redistricting advisory committee chairman, former mayor Charles Bratcher, regarding the proposed plan for consideration and if approved submission to the US Dept. of Justice during Thursday's special meeting.

Although it was noted that all three redistricting plans initially presented to the advisory committee met DOJ requirements, according to Bratcher, the committee recommended Option A, which it was

noted had a variance of 1.78 percent.

"This would serve the community better now and in the future," he said.

In other business, the city council:

- Conducted a public hearing concerning the city's proposed 2011-12 tax rate.

Although no one appeared to speak at the hearing, City Manager David Brunson noted that the city's proposed rate was the effective rate of .7135 per \$100 of taxed valuation, which would raise the same revenue as was raised last year.



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## Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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### JP Jury date changed

Bailey County's JP Jury, originally set for Sept. 28, has been moved forward to Monday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 a.m. If there are any questions call the Bailey County District Clerk's office at 272-3165.

### Livestock brands

Bailey County Clerk Paula Benton reminds area residents that livestock brands must be renewed after Sept. 1, at the county clerk's office.

### Preteen/Teen Movie Night

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will have a "movie night" for preteens and teenagers on Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of the library.

The movie the library will be showing is *Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. The library has purchased 15 copies of the book by the same title to be given away that night.

Set during World War II, the story is seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the eight-year-old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences.

For more information please call 272-4707.

### Girl Scouts meetings

The Girl Scouts will begin their regular weekly meetings on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 4-5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church, located at 17th and W. Ave. C.

All returning Girl Scouts are encouraged to come as well as all girls who would like to join Girl Scouts. Further information may be had by calling Heather Harper, Girl Scout service unit manager, at 1-806-518-8094.

### Jennyslipper Mule-Putt

The Jennyslipper Mule-Putt Golf Course will remain open through Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4, from 7-11 p.m.

Thereafter, parties may be booked during the month of September for any time by calling 272-4071, 806-729-6753 or 946-8549.

### Chamber banquet

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will be holding its chamber banquet on Saturday, Oct. 22. The theme for this year's event will focus on Muleshoe's western heritage. Casual dress is welcome, boots and jeans, etc.

As usual, the chamber will be honoring the Man, Woman, Employee, Business and Farm Family of the Year.

Nomination forms are included in this week's issue of the Journal, or at the chamber office.

The live band, Banister and Mulberry, will be performing. Tickets are on sale for adult and children meals. Tickets to the dance following the banquet will be sold separately.

Call 272-4248 or 806-240-2111 for additional information.

### Chamber nominations

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is also seeking nominations for its monthly Business and Employee of the Month awards.

Nomination forms are included in this week's issue of the Journal or at the chamber office.

# Missouri says: 'Show me' the dry land

The various monikers acquired by the states are for the most part based in fact or attributed to something in that particular state's history.

Ohio, the Buckeye State, refers to the buckeye or chestnut trees that grow there. Oklahoma, the Sooner State, refers to some of the over-anxious participants in the land runs at the Indian Territory's opening to white settlement. And of course, it isn't hard to figure out from where the Lone Star State's nickname came.

But there are a few states that are identified in a... well, it's just hard to figure them out.

One such state has been the State of Missouri, which is known far and wide as "the Show Me State."

For years, I thought this was a reference to the stubbornness of the land that battled the State of Kansas so furiously during the War for Southern Independence. But with the latest news to hit the wire, I'm



beginning to wonder if it might go a little beyond mere stubbornness. In fact, it touches on the puzzling if not the out and out absurd.

What I'm talking about is the news that scholars at the University of Missouri have been the first to construct a drought simulator.

Yes, you've heard me correctly. Our distant neighbors to the northeast have spent about \$1.5 million in grant funds constructing a machine that will help them determine the "devastation" drought causes plants "under real life conditions."

Amazing! I would have taken the easy way out and guessed that drought kills plants. If they need additional data for their research just post their telephone number and address where Bailey County's dry land farmers have access. Do they want a photograph, or should the dried and shriveled plants be mailed.

It's a "two-for-one" deal. The Missouri University scholars get what they need at a savings, and they can give the United States Postal Service a shot in the arm as well.

Living here in the dryness of West Texas, I guess I'll have to admit these Missouri University scholars must

"There's a sucker born every minute."

And while it may be debated whether or not Barnum actually uttered the words, there are few who could argue with the fact that the scholars awarded the grant for the drought simulator must have done some fast talking.

Honestly, if they wanted to see drought's impact under real life conditions, all they had to do was climb into a car and drive to Muleshoe.

Sure, we've had a bit of liquid gold fall in recent weeks, but there are more than enough waterless fields and damaged crops for the MoU guys "to be shown."

## Letter to the Editor

### Responsibility, respect urged

To the Editor:

As the Fine Arts Booster Club president, I would like to encourage you (the Muleshoe Fans) to respect the great facilities we have at Benny Douglas Stadium and help out the Fine Arts Booster Club by picking up your trash as you leave the stadium.

Parents, if your child does not sit with you during the game, please teach them to respect their school and the facilities by picking up their trash.

We are very blessed in Muleshoe to have wonderful facilities at each campus, but the stadium is one of the new facilities that we all enjoy. So please, pitch in and help us keep Benny Douglas Stadium clean!

Rhonda Myers  
Muleshoe Fine Arts  
Booster Club president

### 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.

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### Employee of the Month announced

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently honored Connie Light as the Employee of the Month for the month of August. Pictured above, from left to right, are Mark Anthony, Connie Light, Dave McNeill and Scott Simmons.

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would also require funds from a \$35,000 grant and \$30,000 from the county's "tobacco settlement," Vandiver said, "No doubt we're going to have to some time, but we don't have to now."

When the possibility of the older ambulance breaking down while on a transport, Vandiver pointed out that even new vehicles occasionally break down.

"I'm for the ambulance, and the raises, and everything," Chavez said.

The commissioners' court will vote on the

budget, and the proposed tax increase, at its Sept. 12 regular meeting.

Also during Monday's meeting, and the public hearing regarding the county tax rate, JC Pearson reappeared to speak against the county's proposed tax increase, apologizing for his anger during the previous public hearing.

Pearson said he was angry, but he felt he had the right to be angry over the proposed increase.

"\$65 is nothing," Pearson said, apparently referring to the proposed annual tax increase for a house valued at \$100,000. But he said adding \$65 on top of another \$65, and another, was where the problem arose, should other taxing entities approved similar increases.

"Raises are out of the question for everybody," Pearson added. "This year is not the year for a raise," he said, adding that at some point the taxes "have got to stop."

Another local resident also appeared, urging the court not to raise taxes on county residents on social security and fixed incomes, and adding that if taxes increased she may have to leave Muleshoe and stay with her daughter.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

- Approved redistricting plan B2, as presented during public hearings on ??? and Monday, Aug. 29, prior to its being submitted to the US Department of Justice.

The plan, which was prepared by Lubbock attorney Curtis Parrish, represented the least amount of change and the simplest of the plans considered by the court.

According to Parrish, the county will operate under its current district plan until the 2012 primary.

- Approved payment of county bills, and budget amendment #7 of the FY 2011 budget.

## MAHD board... Continued from page 1

said. "You're out of order," Liles said in a raised tone.

"No, you are," Nickels replied, suggesting that if Liles didn't calm down, he (Nickels) would adjourn the meeting.

After the meeting, it was pointed out that the open forum listed on the board agenda doesn't allow for unlimited speech and that while Copley would have been allowed adequate time to address the board at his initial opportunity, returning for additional time would have delayed the meeting.

- Received information from the board president who had spoken with Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson about assistance in leveling some of the property across from Muleshoe Area Medical Center, and Wayne Copley about providing gravel, for a parking lot to alleviate some of the parking problems the hospital is experiencing.

- Received a report from Dennis Criswell concerning the repairs to the hospital's cooling system.

- Discussed training for the hospital district

board. Liles asked about the cost of bringing in the instructors for the training, and it was noted that even at an estimated cost of \$500, it would be less than sending the board members out of county for training. According to hospital officials, the cost of the local training session would be reimbursed by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs.

- Discussed the budget for the upcoming year, including a \$6,000 increase in resident food cost.

According to

Laughton, the previous administrator had cut the cost of feeding the residents to an unacceptable level. "At \$4 (per day) you're starving the residents," she said.

The board also discussed the impact the hospital district could expect from federal medical information requirements, including a reduction in the number of patients physicians would be able to see in a day because of the required information that would have to be filled out on computer screens for each visit.

The board also discussed the possibility of raises for the district's employees.

"I believe we can have a conservative budget, and still reward our employees," Nickels said.

## Bigger isn't always better

Of the multitude of really foolish ideas our society naively buys as unquestionably true, one of its most foolish, fiercely held, and utterly false beliefs is this: bigger is always better.

In 1927 British essayist and author G. K. Chesterton, in a book entitled *The Outline of Sanity*, wrote about what he called "The Bluff of the Big Shops."

Chesterton wrote more than 35 years before Wal-Mart's™ and such would begin metastasizing all over America and beyond, but already in England he was seeing little shops being gobbled up by big, and thus supposedly better, shops.

He wrote an essay basically asserting that big stores are rarely ever better than small stores and that a society that allows its little shops to be gobbled up by big ones ends up far poorer for its folly.

An honest (big) newspaper editor told him they couldn't print it without alienating big advertisers ("big shops").

So Chesterton simply included his thoughts in a book instead of a newspaper.

He wrote that "a big shop is a bad shop" and "not only vulgar and insolent, but incompetent and uncomfortable." He opined that "shopping there is not only a bad action but a bad bargain." If you care about the quality of the product and the quality of the service, bigger is almost never better.

To use Chesterton's illustration, it's not true that having a hundred people trimming hats or tying bouquets means



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that you'll end up with many more quality products and many more happy customers.

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If you have a blunder in a small shop the "individual customer can curse the individual shopkeeper." Or, if he's a nicer sort — forget the cursing — he has an opportunity to talk to a shopkeeper he knows and who cares about his business, rather than a person who is a cog in an impersonal machine.

Oh, but it's so convenient that all those products are there in the same place. Really? In Chesterton's England shopping in big shops simply meant that you walked indoors a long way in one shop rather than outdoors the same

distance to smaller ones.

The largeness of the big shops is mainly convenient to big shop owners who are able to gobble up "better businesses and advertise worse goods."

Chesterton was quite aware that in this world big fish eat little fish, but he doubted that little fish have to "swim up to big fish and ask to be eaten." Surely people who recognize the importance and value of little stores would do well to "vote" with their feet and their pocketbooks while some small stores with large quality (and owners and customers with real relationships) were still un-gobbled and available.

Little did he know how few "little fish" would remain undigested.

Well, I'm out of space. So we'll just let this week's "Focus on Faith" focus instead on modern marketing. Don't be blaming me for any comparisons or contrasts you might be tempted to draw between mega-marts and, say, some mega-churches.

Remember! Letters to the editor must be signed and include a contact telephone number or email address for verification to be considered for publication in the Journal.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Don't forget! The Oneita Wagnon Senior Center's pancake breakfast is Saturday, Sept. 3. We will begin serving at 7 a.m. and will continue until 11 a.m. Come and enjoy!

All the pancakes you want with a variety of syrups, bacon, sausage, orange juice, coffee, and milk. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Call a friend and come spend a good morning at the center.

It is time for board members of the center to be elected. There will be three members to vote on. The nomination sheets will be available on Sept.

**Thanks for reading the Journal!**

1. You will have until the Sept. 10 to nominate a friend — or an enemy — to help the center. This is a very important and responsible position to serve.

We are in process of getting new "Intakes of Information" from all of you at the center. We are required to do this each year about this time. Please be cooperative and help us out by coming by the center and signing your new Intake. The deadline for getting the forms signed is Sept. 15 if you are to be counted for October. So help us out and come sign your forms.

The center has a new employee with us. Brittany Gibbs will be helping in the office and any other place needed at the center. Welcome her aboard when you see her. We are looking forward to her being here

with us. Wednesday, Sept. 7, K-K Pharmacy will be presenting a program at the center. They will be telling you of all the services they have at the pharmacy. This should be of help to all our seniors.

**Menu for Sept. 5-9:**  
Monday, Sept. 5 — Chili dogs, sauerkraut, chips and fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 — Pork loin, black eye peas, Sweet potatoes, salad, cornbread and cake.

Wednesday, Sept. 7 — Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Sept. 8 — Chicken/veggie soup, salad, biscuits and chocolate pudding.

Friday, Sept. 9 — Fish or chicken strips gravy, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

# The birth and death of Christ

*Something worth saying...*  
**By Glen Williams**

His birth and his death...

We speak of the birth of Christ, and of his death. What was the purpose of his birth? And what was accomplished by his death?

We will attempt an answer regarding accomplished by his death. And we find a comprehensive account of his birth on Luke, chapter one as follows.

A virgin named Mary — a little Jewish peasant woman — was espoused to a man, named Joseph when an angel came unto her and told her that she had found favour with God, and that she was blessed among women.

And he also told her to fear not "for thou hast found favour with God."

And he also made the following statements to her: "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb,

and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus."

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David;

"And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Mary was a bit confused as to how that could come about, seeing as she said, "I know not a man."

Then the angel explained that the Holy Ghost would come upon her, and the power of the Highest would shadow her, and therefore the holy thing which would

be born of her would be called "the Son of God."

Now in verse seven of chapter two we read, "And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

So there we have it, Jesus was born, according to promise. As far as I know he was in good health. And soon thereafter he began to increase in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man. And the grace of God was upon him.

Now, shall we ask again, what was the

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# Obituaries

## Frances Treider Lovelace

Church services for Frances Treider Lovelace, 99, of Lazbuddie, are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3, at 10 a.m., at Lazbuddie Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Burton of Calvary Baptist Church, Friona, and the Rev. Russ Ponder of First Baptist Church, Farwell officiating.

Burial will be in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Mrs. Lovelace died on Monday, Sept. 29, 2011, in Prarie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. She was born on Nov. 28, 1911, in Wolf City, to Walter Scott and Lena (Potts) Menefee.

Her parents preceded her in death, as well as a daughter — Bobbie Grant; two sisters — Ruth Long and Ruby Mae Sims and a brother — Joe S. Menefee.

She married Juel Treider on June 15, 1927, in Farwell. He preceded her in death Feb. 26, 1976.

She then married Charlie Lovelace on March 5, 1977. He preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1980.

Mrs. Lovelace and her family moved to



Lazbuddie in 1925 from Greenville. At Lazbuddie she was a charter member of Lazbuddie Baptist Church where she was active in WMU. She also belonged to the Lazbuddie Study Club.

She was a very talented lady. In 1977, she moved to Farwell, where she belonged to the local art club. She was an accomplished artist and avid reader, and loved poetry.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Friona.

Survivors include two sons — Teddie Treider

and his wife Adell of Lazbuddie, and Larry Treider and his wife Paula of Las Vegas, Nev.; three daughters — Billie McGee of West Covina, Calif., Jeanette Hurt and her husband Earl of Farwell, and Imogene Smith and her husband David of Friona; 21 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 34 great-great-grandchildren. There was a count of 105 direct blood descendants.

Memorials may be sent to the Lazbuddie EMS or Fire Department, PO Box 99, Lazbuddie, Texas 79083.

## New law takes effect for property tax homestead exemption applications

Under a law passed by the Texas Legislature homeowners who apply for a new property tax homestead exemption beginning Sept. 1 must provide proof to the county appraisal district that they live in the house they claim as their principal residence.

House Bill 252 requires a copy of the homeowner's Texas driver's license or state identification card and the homeowner's vehicle registration receipt be sent with the homestead exemption application.

If the homeowner does not own a vehicle they can send a current utility bill showing name and address, along with an affidavit provided in the application indicating non-ownership of a vehicle.

The address on the documents must match the address for which the homestead exemption is

requested. The new requirement does not apply to homeowners who already have homestead exemptions. It affects only new applications for exemptions sent to appraisal districts.

"As comptroller, we implement laws passed by the legislature" said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

"The homestead exemption is intended to help relieve the tax burden of Texas full-time residents," she said. "This new legislation ensures that the system is working fairly and legally."

The new law affects new applications for the general homestead exemption available to every homeowner as well as the over-65 exemption, the disability exemption, the disabled veterans exemption, the extended exemption

for a homeowner's surviving spouse and the manufactured (mobile) home exemption.

In addition to proof of residency, beginning Sept. 1, homeowners applying for a homestead exemption on a manufactured (mobile) home must also provide proof of purchase of the home and a statement of ownership and location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The homestead exemption application form for property owners and county appraisal districts is available online at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf>.

A podcast is also available at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/newsinfo/audio/2011/HomesteadExemptionApplications.mp3>.

## Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Enrollment is up at Muleshoe!

I have talked to several area school superintendents this week.

Several of them opened school this week dealing

with not only less money from the state than last year, but they are also dealing with fewer students than last year.

These schools are dealing with declining revenue and declining

enrollment. That is a very difficult combination.

I am very thankful that the Muleshoe Independent School District is not dealing with declining enrollment. In fact, once again, we have more students than we had last year.

Today, we had 29 more students than the number of students we had on the same day last year.

Not only that, but we had 91 more students than the same corresponding day two years ago.

Parents realize that we have a quality school system. They

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## Joyce Broyles

Services for Joyce Broyles, 75, of Friona were held on Sunday, Aug. 28, at Sixth St. Church of Christ, in Friona with Jeff Procter of officiating.

Burial followed in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Broyles died on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, in Muleshoe. She was born on Oct. 29, 1935, to William Denver and Nettie Lou (Bankston) Hale in Hamilton, and married Beardean Broyles on Oct. 23, 1954.

She was one of a twin, and had a set of identical twin brothers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter — Becky Broyles, two sisters and five brothers.

Mrs. Broyles had lived in the Friona community since 1954. She was a member of Sixth St. Church of Christ in Friona, and was a very



active participant and organizer in church, school and community activities.

She was a 1954 graduate of Waco High School.

Survivors include her spouse — Beardean Broyles of Friona; a son — Larry Broyles of Muleshoe; three grandchildren — Brandon, Brennan, and Brady Broyles; and three great-grandchildren — Gracie, Gatlin, and Branson Broyles.

Memorials may be sent to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or Sixth St. Church of Christ, 502 West Sixth St., Friona, Texas 79035.

## Something worth saying...

Continued from page 4 purpose of his birth? In other words what would be his particular assignment — his life's work?

The answer to that is plainly given along with other statements. But I don't believe I have ever heard it quoted — either, spoken, written or in

conversation.

But here it is, and it holds the key to a number of other questions and statements we find in the New Testament.

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David;

"And he shall reign over the House of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Not let me say this is a very important subject, and I plan to continue a discussion of it.

In the meantime I ask again for an interest in your prayers.

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# Sports

## Game lost, but team found during Friday's battle

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules lost their opening football game of the season to the Shallowater Mustangs Friday night in Benny Douglas Stadium but they may have found their football team.

The Mustangs converted five fumbles and two interceptions into 35 points to defeat the Mules 35-28.

Eric Orozco was injured late in the game and as he left the field on a gurney he gave his team mates on the sideline a thumbs up.

The Mules seemed to come together and rallied back for a touchdown to cut the Mustang lead to 35-28 with 57 seconds remaining in the game.

"We probably grew more tonight as a team than if we had won," said Mule coach David Wood after the game. "We could have folded our tent after the injury to Eric (Orozco) and we fell behind by two touchdowns."

"But the kids pulled together and fought to the bitter end when one of the brothers went down. We are going to be a better football team because of tonight's events. Eric probably helped us more tonight than he will ever realize."

Isaac Baca picked off Shallowater's pass on the



Photograph by Stacy Conner

Mule Isaac Baca stretches across the goal line during Friday's game.

first play of the game near mid field and returned to the Mustang 44. It only took the Mules three plays to cash in on the early miscue. Beau Avila connected with Ryan DeLeon on third down and 14 needed for a first from the Shallowater 48.

DeLeon ran a crossing route and made the grab on the 30 and out raced the Mustangs to pay dirt for a 48-yard TD. Saul Elizalde tacked on the point after to extend the Mule lead to 7-0 with just one minute and five seconds gone in the game.

Tony Molina hopped on a Mustang fumble on the Shallowater 32. Shallowater's second turn over occurred on the Mustangs first play

of their second drive. The Mustangs had one final error of the late in the night.

The Mules headaches started on fourth down when they fumbled the ball back to Shallowater. The two teams battle back-and-fourth the balance of the opening frame and the Mules clung to their seven-point lead.

The Mustangs scored three plays into the second quarter on a 13-yard run up the middle by sophomore running back, Jarek Black. The point after tied the game at 7-7 with 10:51 left in the half.

Orozco returned the ensuing kickoff from the Mule five to the their 33.

A reverse on first down sent Junior Baca scooting down the field for a 57-yard pickup. Three plays later the Mules fumbled on the Mustang one and after the scramble Shallowater had the ball on the four.

The Mules fumbled for the third time of the first half after holding the Mustangs and forcing a punt. The Mustangs recovered on their 44 and eight plays later Mustang quarterback, Brandon Hall, scooted left for an eight-yard TD run that gave Shallowater a 14-7 lead with 1:05 remaining in the half.

Shallowater kicked off to start the second half and the Mules fumble away the ball on second

down. The Mule defense held and took over on downs at the Mule 33.

The Mules drove 67 yards on 11 plays. I. Baca took a pitch from Avila and bulled his way to the end zone from six yards out. Elizalde's kick tied the game at 14-14 with 6:14 left in the third period.

Shallowater reclaimed the lead on three plays that was capped with a 62-yard pass and run from Hall to Tobias Sultan.

Devon Cantrell returned the Shallowater kick off 30 yards to the Mule 31. A fumble on first down gave the Mustangs a short field from the Mule 25.

Hall scored on a two-yard quarterback sneak with 2:03 left in the third quarter to go on top of the Mules 28-14.

The Mules were forced to punt on the first play of the fourth period to the Shallowater 23 with no return. Elizalde ended the Shallowater drive with an interception at

the Mule 41.

Avila rewarded Elizalde with a 22-yard toss over the middle. Avila kept on back-to-back plays for 18 yards. I. Baca juiced his way up the middle for 11 yards to the Mustang eight. Avila spotted Adelido Godinez in the end zone and fired him a strike to cut the Shallowater lead to 28-21 with 7:20 left in the game.

The Mule's kickoff went out of bounds at the Shallowater 37 and five yards were marked off against the Mules. Shallowater put together a six-play 58-yard drive that was capped with a 29-yard run by Black for the Mustang's fifth tally. Avila hooked up with Godinez on fourth down for a 32 gain to keep the Mule's final scoring drive alive.

I. Baca made a grab over the middle for another 15 yards to the Mustang 27. A screen pass to DeLeon moved the Mules up seven yards. Avila hit

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Mule Eric Orozco catches the ball during a kick return during Friday's game.

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# JV turnovers 'set the table' for Shallowater's Mustangs

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Mules continued to battle the Shallowater Mustangs in Benny Douglas Stadium Thursday evening even though they were plagued by first game jitters.

Turn overs cost the Mules scoring opportunities and set the table for Shallowater.

But the Mules only trailed 14-8 with a little over nine and a half minutes left in the contest.

The Mules forced a punt and took possession on the Mule 38 with 8:14 left in the game. Blaine Hurtado battled through a high snap and scrambled for eight

yards.

Hurtado pitched right to Joel Regalado for a six-yard gain. On third and seven, Hurtado found Austin Ross crossing over the middle two yards deep in the end zone to tie the game at 14-14 with 6:24 left on the clock. The missed PAT left the score tied.

The two teams continued to battle with time running out and it appeared a tie was inevitable. The Mules recovered a bad pitch and drove the ball to the Shallowater 10 but ran out of gas.

The Mustangs took over on downs on their own 10. Confusion entered the Mustang camp and signals were crossed

between the Shallowater quarterback and center. The ball was snapped and zipped passed the head of the quarterback and bounced out the back of the end zone for a Mule safety with 11 seconds left in the game.

The two-point Mustang miscue gave the Mules a 16-14 win in their first game of the year.

The Mules suffered through the opening period and committed a fumble and an interception. But the defense kept the Mustangs at bay and the score was tied at 0-0 after one quarter.

The Mules woes continued in the second period with the Mustangs

grabbing a fumble near mid field. Seven plays later Shallowater was on top 8-0 with 5:46 left in the half.

Trevor McCall returned the ensuing kickoff from the Mule 24 to the 31. The Mules consumed almost five minutes on a 17 play drive that went 69 yards for a TD.

A Mule holding penalty threatened to stall the drive but a defensive pass interference breathed life into the Mule's drive.

Ross and Regalado provided the horsepower on the ground to move the Mules toward pay dirt. On third and goal Ross got behind the defense and Hurtado lofted the ball over the top. The pass was behind

Ross and he had to make a quick reversal to haul in the ball.

Chris Cage broke toward the flag in the back corner of the end zone and Hurtado delivered him the ball for the two-point conversion. The Mules had tied the game at 8-8 with 47 seconds left in the half.

Shallowater struck quickly in the second

half. They took the kickoff and returned it to their 39.

Five plays later the Mustangs scored on a 30 yard pass and run. The two-point conversion failed and Shallowater led 14-8 with 7:33 left in the third quarter.

The Mules will put their 1-0 record on the line Thursday evening when they host the Portales Rams.

## Muleshoe varsity falls to Shallowater Mustangs

Continued from page 6 for the Mules final score from 16 yards out with 57 second left in the game.

The Mules won the battle on the stat sheet leading in first downs 20-19, had 400 total yards

to 359 for Shallowater and was penalized three times for 20 yards to four flags and 25 yards lost by the Mustangs. But the Mules lost five of six fumbles to only one-of-two for the Mustangs.

Each team gave up two interceptions.

Isaac Baca rushed nine times for 55 yards and scored one touchdown. He also caught three passes for 25 yards. Junior Baca carried three times

for 59 yards and had one catch for 24 more.

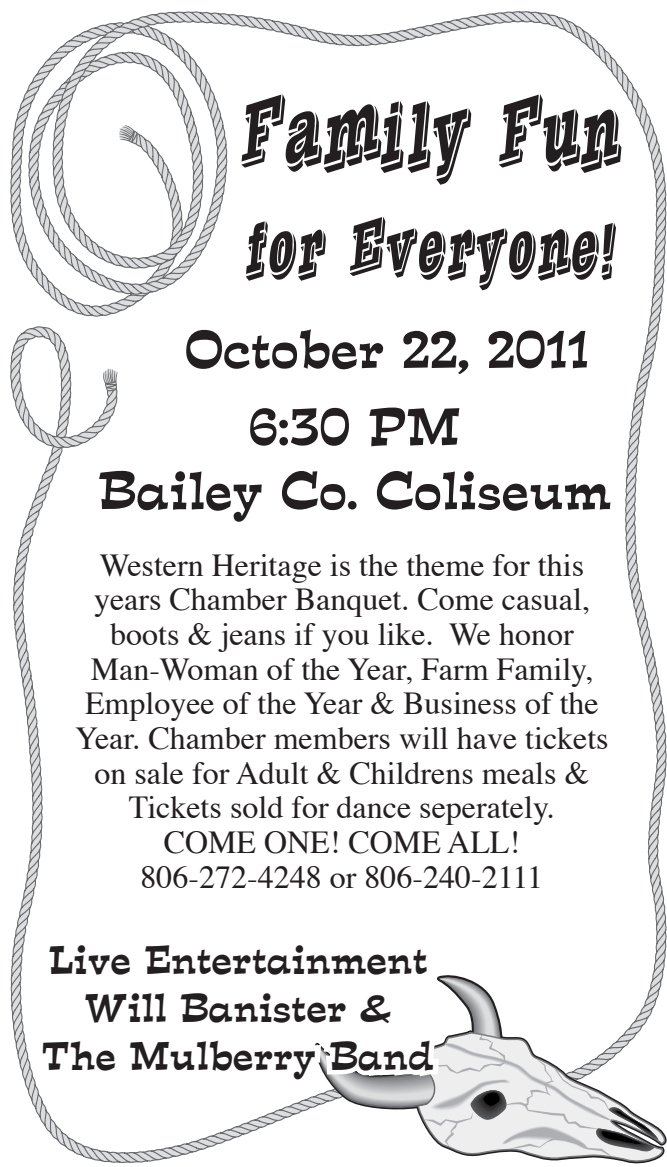
Beau Avila completed 19-of-30 attempts for 267 yards and threw for three touchdowns.

Saul Elizalde made six catches for 92 yards and one TD. Ryan DeLeon pulled down five passes for 77 yards and one score. Adelido Godinez had two receptions for 29 yards and one tally.

Eric Orozco made one catch for 13 yards and Caleb Wood caught one throw for seven yards.

The Mules travel to the Portales Grey Hound Stadium to battle the Rams. Game time is 8 p.m. CDT.

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## FOOTBALL CONTEST 2011

By Rhea Gonzales

We had a great turnout for the Muleshoe Journal Football Contest. A total of 45 entries were submitted last week and we did not lose any to the deadline!

A big thumbs up to everyone who participated. Two thumbs up for those of you who took advantage of the Thursday "gimme" game between Panhandle and Springlake-Earth, you did your homework!

I was very excited for last week's contest, as it officially kicked off the 2011 West Texas football season. Rachel Mata and I had fun over here at the Muleshoe Journal deciding which high school games were going to be put into the contest. We also had a few people stop by the office and talk football with us and who they think might be contenders this football season.

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.

We had three big game upsets: Muleshoe vs. Shallowater, Sudan vs. Ralls and Friona vs. Abernathy.

Now let's get down to the top contenders of the contest last week: Randy George, 5; Linda Lutz, 5; and James Lutz, 5; took the top spots in correct guesses, so the Muleshoe 28 vs. Shallowater 35 tie breaker was used to decide who ultimately won the weekly prize of \$25.00. Randy George came in as the winner with five correct guesses and his tie breaker guess sealed the deal, garnering him the top spot as the weekly winner.

Congrats, Randy, on your perfect tie breaker score!

We will post the top

players of the week. Check in to see if you are on this week's list:

Randy George, James Lutz, Linda Lutz, 5; Gabe Toscano, Anna Lopez, Frank Enriquez, Jill Waggoner, Michael Reyna, Jim Lutz, Gerald Bond, Scott Brown, Butch Green, 4; Joe Abeyta, Jaden Herrera, Johnny M. Gonzales, Felipe Gonzales, Claire Brown, Terry Field, Gabriel Acevedo, Cory Contreras, Edward Amalla, Hilbert Wisian, Jessie Mendoza, Fernando Toscano, Geno Cavezuela, 3.

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


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

There are lots of ways to enter the football contest. You can come by the office and drop off your entry (201 W. ave. C), our hours of business are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.,

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 Friday) or if we are not here, you can put it in the black contest entry box on the front of the building. Just make sure it is here by noon on Friday. As always, make sure your name and picks are legible.

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# The Sudan Buzz

## Students who text, drive urged to plan their funerals

By Cheri Sain

Sudan Correspondent

A mother mourning her dead daughter stood in front of an auditorium filled with young people asking them if they had planned their funerals yet with their parents.

She asked them if they knew what songs they wanted played, the color of flowers, the kind of casket they wanted.

Then the mother stated, in a calm voice, that this is a conversation they should have with their parents if they continue to text and drive.

The parents of Alex Brown visited Sudan High School on Tuesday for an assembly on texting and driving. Brown, who was a 17-year-old Seagraves senior, died in a tragic accident. It was later determined that Brown had been texting while driving on a back road to Seagraves High School in November 2009.

Jeanne Brown, Alex Brown's mother and former teacher at Seagraves High School, spoke passionately about her daughter and her daughter's dreams for the future. She also spoke of the day that Alex made a huge mistake, and it cost her her life.

"Someone at the school came to my room and asked me where was Alex," Brown said. She thought that her daughter had made it, and she called her husband. Johnnie Mac, Jeanne's husband, said that she had left for school.

Jeanne ran out of the building towards Wellman Union, the small town outside of Seagraves, where they live. Jeanne found the crushed vehicle that belonged to her daughter in the middle of a field, and on the other side of the vehicle, Alex was in the middle of the weeds groaning in pain.

Alex had been thrown out of her pickup and the vehicle had rolled over the top of her. Jeanne called 911 and the flight for life carried her daughter to Lubbock.

When Jeanne and Johnnie Mac arrived in the emergency room, they were told it didn't look good for their daughter. After the surgery, the doctors came out to tell the family that she wasn't going to make it. They had lost her several times on the table, and they would be given time to say goodbye to her.

After their tearful goodbye, Jeanne and Johnnie Mac turned to one another and said that they had to load up her pickup and take it to as many schools to show teenagers what could happen if they text and drive.

"No one's life is worth what is in a text message," Jeanne Brown said. She urged the students to



Sudan students examine Alex Brown's pickup.

make the commitment to themselves that they would no longer be distracted drivers and to put their cell phones away while driving.

Since the death of their beautiful daughter, the Browns have been on national television promoting their organization, Remembering Alex

Brown. They have appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show and were featured on the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. They have traveled all over the nation with their message and continue to spread the word of the dangers of texting and driving.

The Brown's message is simple: think enough of

your family and your life than that text message.

"No parent should have to bury their child," Brown said. "We were planning her dorm room, so we used those colors that were to be in her dorm room for the colors in her funeral. I still cannot make myself by a tombstone. I just can't make myself do it."

## Sudan High School selects student officers

The officers for the 2011-2012 school year were voted on recently at Sudan High School.

The following students were named officers: Seniors — Danielle Logan, president; Mitch Edwards, vice president; Joaquin Azua, secretary; Victoria Williams, reporter; Ashlee Koontz, STUCO representative; and KyLee Shultz, STUCO representative.

Juniors — Keela Chester, president; Marie Carrizales, vice president; Hailee Gonzales-Diaz, secretary; Mackenzie Lance, reporter;



Emily Ysasi, STUCO representative; and JC Rodriguez, STUCO representative.

Sophomores — Reece Harper, president; Madi Edwards, vice president;

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Freshmen — Jessica

Barrett, president; Xavier Trillo, vice president; Natalee Olivarez, secretary; Nik Clarkson, reporter; Elijah Roman, STUCO representative; Jimmy Gilliam, STUCO representative.

Eighth grade — Harris Chester, president; Jose Luis Melendez, vice president; Ashton Shultz, secretary; Ambrosia Nelson, treasurer; Rance Johnson, STUCO representative; and Janie Delarosa, STUCO representative.

## Hornet varsity 'starts off strong'

By Cheri Sain

Sudan Correspondent

The Sudan Hornets started off the year strong with a huge win over the Ralls Jackrabbits Friday night at Hornet Field.

Hornet fans were feeling a little uneasy when Ralls' Jackrabbit Josh Velasquez ran a kickoff return. Elijah Ramon performed the kickoff for the Hornets with a strong kick, but the Hornets could not stop the Jackrabbits on the opening drive.

The PAT was no good leaving the Hornets down 0 to 6. That score stayed for the rest of the quarter, but the Hornets were on the move to start the second quarter.

Dayton Greenhaw Fisher caught a beautiful pass from Jake Chester after the Hornets drove 63 yards in two plays. The

PAT was good by Chester leaving the Hornets 7 to 6 at the 11:07 mark.

After a successful stop by the Hornet defense near the Hornet end zone, Jake Chester handed off to Elijah Ramon for a four play, 15 yard drive at the 7:55 mark. The PAT by Chester is no good leaving the score 13 to 6 in the middle of the

second quarter.

The Hornet defense had another successful stop against the tough Ralls offense. With a few minutes left in the quarter, Chester and the Hornet offense marched down the field in nine plays and 38 yards to score with four seconds left on the clock.

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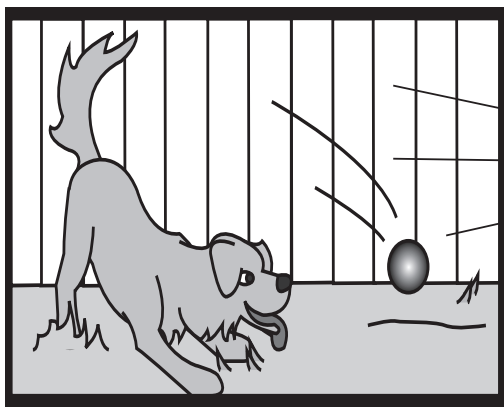
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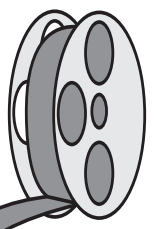
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4. all music and sound effects used in a film
5. make-up \_\_\_\_\_ works on actors' faces
6. \_\_\_\_\_ designer chooses actors' clothing
7. writes the scripts - dialogue and movements
8. used to film scenes from very high in the air
9. raises funds, hires staff, and makes sure things run smoothly
10. combination of a script and shooting directions
11. production \_\_\_\_\_ runs all sorts of errands for directors
12. single recorded try at a scene; done on first \_\_\_\_\_
13. metal rigs that hold a camera above the actors



14. used to make special effects and 3-D animated movies
15. row of drawings to show how the movie will go
16. person who has complete control of filming
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18. performer who plays a character may
19. writes the music for the soundtrack of a film
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### Super news...

Continued from page 5 recognize that our faculty and staff are dedicated to helping all of our students be successful.

There are several families who moved their children out of Muleshoe a couple of years ago that have brought them back this year. We are very proud to be the school that parents want their children to attend.

One parent wrote a note to her child's teacher last week. She told the teacher that her elementary-age boys really loved going to school this year. In fact, after going to the doctor one morning, they told their mom that they wanted to go back to school as soon as possible.

She certainly hadn't seen that kind of enthusiasm from her boys in the past. In the past, they would have tried to convince her to take her time getting back to school.

It is exciting to be gaining more students at Muleshoe ISD, but it is even more exciting to know that our faculty and staff make such a positive impression on students that they want to be in school and want to get a quality education.

Our faculty and staff work very hard to provide the very best education for our students, and we're doing just that. One indication of that is that our school district is rated by the Texas Education Agency... once again... as a Recognized District.

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TEXAS' LARGEST RURAL LENDER

# Ninth grade Mules hand Mustangs a 30-12 defeat

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

It was three-and-out for the freshmen Mules Thursday night on their first drive against the Shallowater Mustangs. Saul Sanchez's punt went high in the sky allowing the Mules to cover the punt.

The Shallowater punt return man fumbled the ball and Braden Bessire was there to scoop up the loose ball and return it to the Mustang 26.

Sanchez located Bessire crossing over the middle three-yards deep in the end zone and fired him the ball with 7:14 left in the first period. Sanchez tack on the points after by slashing through the left side of the line. The

Mules led 8-0.

The Mules confidence grew stronger after the touchdown and handed the Shallowater Mustangs a 30-12 defeat in their season opener in Benny Douglas Stadium Thursday night.

The Mules gave up a couple of first downs before Christian Mora and Eshoya Lopez made stops to halt the Mustangs at the Mule 32 on fourth down.

The Mules chewed up the balance of the first period with three first downs as they marched down the field. Jorge Martinez picked up five yards and another first down as the second quarter began.

Sanchez rolled wide

right and tossed the ball to Israel Rubio and he out ran the defense to the flag to put the Mules up 14-0 with 7:53 left in the half.

The Mustangs took advantage of a failed outside kick and put together a nine-play 50-yard drive to score on a one-yard quarterback sneak with 3:45 left in the half. Bessire and a host of Mules stopped the two-point conversion attempt. The Mules led 14-6 at the intermission.

The Mule defense was tested on the Mustangs' first drive of the second half as Shallowater drove from their 36 to the Mule six. Isaac Luebanos and Cristian Paez made tackles to stranded

Shallowater on the Mule seven.

Bessire and Sanchez combined to move the Mules to near mid field. JJ Gandara made a grab on the Mustang sideline for 12 yards. Sanchez rolled out to the left to draw the defense and made the pitch to Martinez. Martinez raced 42 yards to the end zone to put the Mules up 20-6 with 2:03 left in the third quarter.

The Mules kicked off deep a and pinned the Mustangs on the Shallowater five.

A fumble in the end zone by the quarterback allowed Luebanos and Blayne Shipman time to make the sack for a safety. The Mules defense had extend the lead to 22-6 with a minute and half left in the third period. The Mustangs kicked

off from their 20 and Paul Castillo returned right to the Shallowater 42.

Three plays into the final frame Sanchez again hooked up with Gandara on a flag pattern. He was hit at the goal line but his momentum carried him into the end zone.

Sanchez carried up the middle for the two-point conversion for the Mule's final tally.

Shallowater scored one last time with 2:36 left in the game.

The Mules will host the Portales Rams Thursday afternoon.

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## Muleshoe Country Club Ladies Association

A total of 16 members of the Muleshoe County Club Ladies Association met Wednesday, Aug. 17.

The meal was presented by Jeanetta Precure, Anita Black and Lavern Winn.

Club president Lavern Winn opened the business meeting. Deborah Noble read the minutes, followed by Pat Kirk giving the treasurers report.

Lavern announced the August birthdays of Linda Erdmann and Christie Whitt.

Linda Erdmann, this year's tournament chairman, discussed the huge success of the recent ladies Jennyslipper Tournament.

This year Muleshoe hosted a full tournament with 31 teams playing. Linda complimented all of the ladies who helped make this year's tournament a success, and she also recognized Christie Whitt for her hole-in-one that she got on #7 during the tournament.

Treana Matthews gave the most recent hi plains golf results, which was held on Aug. 3 at Canyon Country Club. Five players represented Muleshoe and three points were earned.



Scramble winners: Elinor Yerby, Pat Kirk, Deborah Noble and Jeri Flowers.

Tammy Black, with a total score of 95, won a point for low gross of the second flight. Treana Matthews won her point with a net score of 78, winning low net of second flight. Jeanetta Precure won low Net of Field with a net score of 72.

The next hi plains play day will be held in Hereford on Sept 14.

Jeri Flowers then announced the latest play day winners. For cards on Aug. 3, most out hands — Claudine, Judy and Helen. On Aug. 10, most pat hands — Analita, Treana and Pat. Jeri then gave the golf play day results.

On July 27, the longest drive on #2 — Kay Field; Closest to pin on #9 — Pat and Helen. For Aug. 10, best three pars- Kay, Deborah and Pat.

There were three teams playing the scramble on

the Aug. 16. On team 1, Jeanetta Precure, Judy Wilbanks, Anita Black and Treana Matthews.

The next team was made up with Helen Templeton, Tammy Black and Linda Erdmann. The third, and winning, team consisted of Pat Kirk, Deborah Noble, Jeri Flowers and Elinor Yerby.

Lynn Campbell conducted the monthly drawing which was won by Treana.

The meeting was adjourned by Lavern.

MULESHOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE

## 61st Annual Banquet Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> Bailey County Coliseum ~ 6:30 pm

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The Bailey County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 12, 2011 at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room, 300 S. First Street, Muleshoe, TX 79347 at 10:00 AM



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Photograph by Cheri Sain

Hornet Ethan Herrera scores on a four-yard touchdown pass from Jake Chester.

## USDA extends deadline for haying of CRP acres

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin has announced that, in response to drought conditions, the National FSA Office has extended the deadline for emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for all Texas counties that are currently approved for emergency haying.

## Cattle on feed up 13 percent from last year

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.86 million head on Aug. 1, up 13 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up six percent from the July 1 level.

Producers placed 640,000 head in commercial feedlots during July, up 56 percent from a year ago, and up 28 percent from the June 2011 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 465,000 head during July, down one percent from last year and down 18 percent from last month.

On Aug. 1, there were 2.44 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total.

The number on feed across the area was up 12 percent from last year

and up six percent from the July total. July placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 569,000 head, up 32 percent from the June total. Marketings were down 18 percent from last month to 408,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.6 million head on Aug. 1. This inventory was eight percent above August 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 2.15 million head, 22 percent above July 2010. July placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 625,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 405,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 498,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 625,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million head, slightly above 2010.

land enrolled in CRP has been extended through Sept. 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Hanlin.

"Producers must also obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," he said.

There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for haying under these emergency provisions.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unharmed for wildlife.

If a county is eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time.

For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unharmed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unharmed and ungrazed for wildlife.

For more information contact the Bailey County FSA office at 806-272-4538.

## Sudan varsity... Continued from page 8

Ethan Herrera catches a four-yard pass and a good PAT for Chester leaving the Hornets with a halftime score of 20 to 6.

Coach Gordon Martin led the Hornets out in to the second half with a fired up team ready to win. The defense held the Jackrabbits the entire third quarter from scoring.

The Hornets had the only score from the night with a quarterback run by Chester. It was a strong series as the Hornets went down the field in 12 plays and 41 yards.

The PAT was good as the quarter ended with a score of 27 to 6.

Bill Nolte started the

4th quarter with a three-yard touchdown run from a handoff from Chester at the 11:21 mark. The Hornets had another impressive drive as they went 57 yards in eight plays. The PAT was good leaving the Hornets with their last score of the night at 34 to 6.

Ralls ended their night with a time-killing drive as they used up the clock

in the fourth quarter. They scored with one second left on the clock. They drove the ball 84 yards in 14 plays. The PAT was no good leaving a final score of 34 to 12.

The Sudan Hornets had a total of 63 plays with a total of 385 yards of total offense. Ralls had 44 plays on offense with a total yardage of 200 yards.



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## Compost spreader, water quality field day set for Sept. 14

By Kay Ledbetter SKledbetter  
Ag.tamu.edu

A Manure and Compost Spreader Calibration Demonstration and Water Quality Field Day will be held Sept. 14 between Hereford and Vega.

The field day is free and open to the public. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with a program from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For planning purposes, RSVPs are requested by Sept. 9 to Cynthia Riojas at [cynthia@tcfa.org](mailto:cynthia@tcfa.org) or 806-358-3681.

Weather permitting, field demonstrations for proper calibration of manure and compost spreader trucks are planned, said Ben Weinheimer, Texas Cattle Feeders Association vice president. Water quality monitoring plots configured with automatic water samplers and flow measurement devices also will be toured and discussed.

The plots have been established to evaluate four treatments: 28 tons of manure per acre; 10 tons of manure per acre; 5 tons of compost per acre and commercial fertilizer, said Dr. Brent Auvermann, Texas AgriLife Extension Service environmental systems specialist.

This demonstration and field day will be based on the project, "Development and Implementation of an Environmental Training Program for Manure and Compost Haulers/Applicators in the Texas High Plains."

This project and field day are a cooperative effort that includes Texas Cattle Feeders Association, AgriLife Extension, Texas AgriLife Research and West Texas A&M University.

The project is designed to develop and implement an education, training and demonstration program to improve the understanding of environmental protection principles by manure/compost haulers, equipment operators, certified crop advisors and crop producers across the Texas Panhandle, Auvermann said.

Certificates for one hour of nutrient management and one and half hours of soil and water management will be issued to certified crop advisors. Pesticide applicators can receive two general hours of credit through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Funding for this project was provided through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Directions from Vega to the site are: 14.5 miles south on State Highway 385, then 5 miles west on Farm-to-Market 1412. Directions from Hereford: 15 miles north on State Highway 385, then 5 miles west on Farm-to-Market 1412. Watch for the signs.

Additional details about the project are available at the project website: <http://manurespreading.tamu.edu/>. For more information, contact Weinheimer at 806-358-3681 or Auvermann at 806-677-5600.

## Feeding the world: From snacks to saving lives

by Sandy Miller Hays,  
Agricultural Research Service

One thing that always brings a smile to my face is remembering how I used to think, when I was a kid, "When I am a grownup, I'm going to eat anything I want!"

Of course, I've now been a grownup for many years, and the list of things that I can't eat because of doctors' dictates, dieting, allergies, health issues or other reasons is practically longer than the list of what I can eat.

For me, the great temptations are anything with a barbeque flavor, or anything covered in a cheese powder. I won't mention any names here, but there's a certain very crunchy snack that tends to leave your fingers as orange as a pumpkin, and if I had my way, I'd have a washtub-size bowl of that snack all to myself every night.

That type of snack is called "puffed." That same "puffed" technology is also used for certain cereals, and those types of products have been a big hit with American consumers for more than 50 years.

As you might imagine, it takes a certain type of machinery to produce the "puffed products"; it's called a twin-screw extruder. The ingredients enter the machine, where they're heated and mixed by a combination of mixing and mashing screws, and the final product comes out the far end of the machine, fully cooked and ready to eat.

Now an Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientist has come up with a way to use that same machinery to save lives.

As you know, there are various U.S. agencies that provide food aid to developing countries. One such food-aid product is a nutritionally fortified and processed corn-soybean blend that's provided as a supplement. Sometimes it's supplied in uncooked form, other times in partially cooked form.

The blend often contains oil, vitamins and minerals. As with most food products, these blends can go stale over time. Oils in the mix can go rancid, and key vitamins and minerals added to the mix can sift to the bottom of the package, so some of the recipients of the food aid might be getting a less nutritious and effective product.

That's where the ARS scientist comes in. He's actually been working for 15 years on improving food blends, and he's developed an enhanced ration that comes as a completely cooked commodity product. It's called instant corn-soy blend, or ICSB, and it can be mixed with sanitized drinking water to make a porridge that meets all the required specifications for nutrition, color and consistency.

Here's how it works. All the ingredients, including the vitamins, minerals and oils, go into the twin-screw extruder, where they're fully blended. Once inside, they get mixed and cooked by those screws inside the machine's cylinder, and in less than two minutes, the machine squirts out a new, fully cooked, expanded and textured form. That textured corn-soy blend is then crushed and milled to form ICSB.

Why go to the trouble of making it into the puffed form, only to crush it afterwards? That's because if you shipped the puffed form overseas, you'd be shipping a lot of air. By crushing it, you can get a lot more of the product into the same size bag. But it needs to be formulated initially as a cooked product to get a good blend of the added vitamins and minerals "baked in," as opposed to the old problem of having them all fall to the bottom of the package.

Also, if the puffed product is milled at this end of its journey, it's easier to control the size of the particles, so that when the mixture is mixed with water at the other end of the trip, the particles in the porridge are a consistent size.

What does this taste like? As you might imagine, it tastes a lot like corn and soybeans—but it could be flavored with local ingredients to make it more tasty for the recipients in any given destination.

Now you know how the same machine that makes those oh-so-tempting crunchy snacks could also be used to save lives!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.

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## AARS scientists study soap suds and flower power

By Sandy Miller Hays,  
Agricultural Research Service

Which do you think would work better at killing a unwanted pest: drowning it in your favorite laundry soap, or pounding it to perdition with a petunia?

Yes, of course I'm kidding here; as a widespread solution to the problem of the pests that literally rob us of our daily bread, both of these are pretty silly. But there's a kernel of truth in there, too.

Let's start with the soap. There's a perennial herb called soapwort (*Saponaria officinalis* for you purists) that produces a prized cleansing foam created by detergent-like compounds called saponins. Despite its name, soapwort isn't the only plant that produces these saponins; they're also found in soybeans, switchgrass, yerba mate and other plants.

In fact, saponins--produced in plant stems, seeds, roots, leaves and fruits--are found in more than 100 different plant families. Where they are not found, alas, is in most grain crops (oats are an exception). And that is precisely where the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) would like to put them.

It's not that we want to give crop pests like corn



AARS scientists are investigating the ability of anthocyanins, healthful chemical compounds that give fruit and flowers blue and purple color, to control insect pests such as the corn earworm.

earworms and fall armyworms a good cleansing, inside and out. It's that, in laboratory tests, when those pests ate diets "spiked" with saponins from soybeans, switchgrass, yerba mate and other plants, the pests were less likely to grow. In fact, one saponin reduced the growth of corn earworms by 50 percent. Smaller caterpillars can mean less crop damage and easier pickings by predators.

Remember, saponins are a natural substance, naturally produced by plants, so if we could breed the capacity for their production into crops that we want to eat, like corn, that could mean the crop pests would be less likely to beat us to the grain. That means our most valuable crops could sustain less damage and require fewer pesticide applications. It also could mean a slowdown in the pests' ability to evolve to resist existing sources of resistance, such as that provided by the soil bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which is used in about 63 percent of U.S. corn.

The ARS scientists were tipped off to saponins' potential by a colleague in Nebraska who specializes in working with switchgrass, one of our most promising plant sources of biofuels. The ARS team in Nebraska identified two specific saponins in switchgrass that they suspect helped several

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germplasm lines of that potential source of biofuel resist fall armyworms.

Again, it should be noted that none of the saponins tested thus far have actually killed the corn earworms or the fall armyworms. But they definitely put a crimp in the worms' growth spurts.

Now what about that flower power? The ARS scientists say saponins aren't the only natural substance that can make life less wonderful for crop-attacking worms.

The scientists have been evaluating the pest-fighting potential of natural plant substances such as anthocyanins, which are healthful plant pigments that help make blueberries, plums and grapes so good for us, and also

give those products--as well as flowers like petunias--their blue and purple colors.

But it turns out that what's good for the goose isn't necessarily good for the gander, at least in this case. In lab experiments, corn earworm caterpillars forced to feed on the blue areas of petunia petals, where the levels of those pigments were more pronounced, gained less weight than larvae that munched on the petals' white areas. Additional experiments showed that anthocyanins isolated from the petunia petals slowed the caterpillars' growth rate.

The scientists also evaluated cabbage looper caterpillars, and found that those that ate the blue parts of the petals of petunias died at higher rates than did the larvae that ate the white areas.

The scientists haven't yet sorted out which petal compounds were involved in the loopers' deaths. But the toxicity of those powerful petals was apparently increased by the presence of the anthocyanins.

This means we might be able to breed new varieties of crops that could benefit us in two ways: They could naturally fight off pests, reducing the need for chemical controls, and be even better for us when we eat the fruits of the field ... all with tools Mother Nature has already provided. Talk about a win-win situation!

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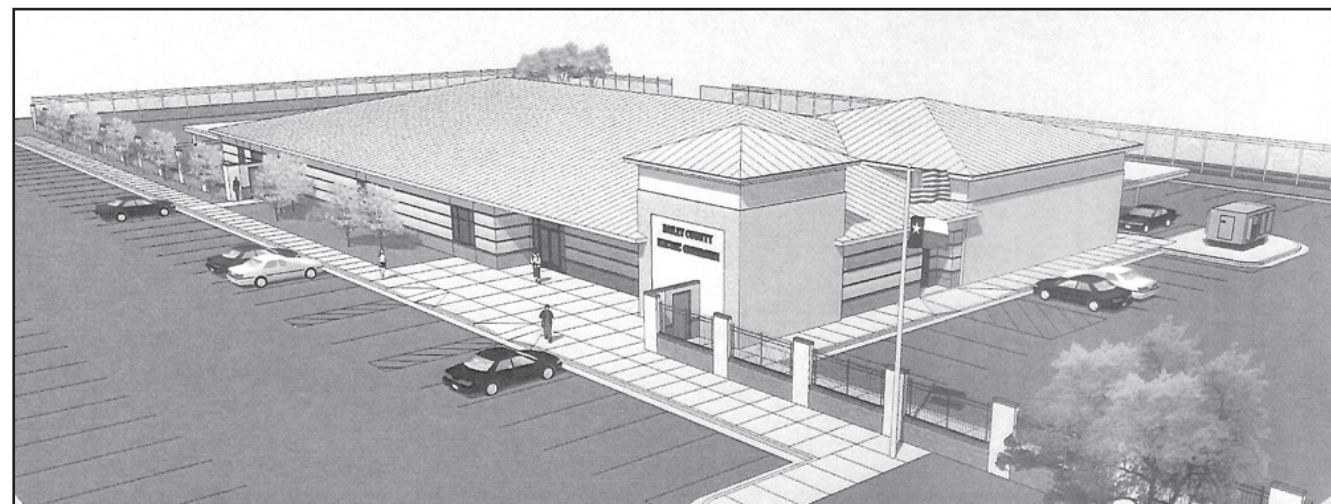
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## Where the wild things roam

*By Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service*

It may sound to you like wild bees would be a problem, but in fact, they're more likely a solution ... if we all want to continue to eat, that is.

There are hundreds of crops — everything from almonds to peppers — that require pollination to complete the production process. Pollination by honey bees alone is critical to American agriculture, and adds more than \$15 billion annually to the value of our crops.

But as you've no doubt heard, a mysterious ailment called Colony Collapse Disorder, or CCD, has been taking a horrendous toll on our honey bee populations. It's difficult to pin down the exact cause of CCD, because there are no dead bees left behind to probe; with CCD, the bees simply disappear without a trace.

A national survey covering the winter of 2010/2011 showed total losses of managed honey bee colonies were 30 percent from all causes, roughly similar to total losses in similar surveys done in the four previous years. The survey is conducted each year by scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in collaboration with the Apiary Inspectors of America.

While scientists sort out the causes of the honey bees' woes, fortunately we have some other pollinators to fall back on, including the jumbo-sized bumble bee. Bumble bees have their pollination chores in the Great Outdoors, but they're also good "office workers," used to pollinate greenhouse plants like peppers and tomatoes.

But, alas, the bumble bees also are falling on hard times. The ARS scientists say anecdotal evidence over the past 10 to 15 years has suggested that several bumble bee species are disappearing and their range is shrinking.

Fortunately, bumble bees have their own ARS champion: an entomologist who's been studying various bumble bee species that could serve as the next generation of proficient commercial pollinators.

One of the most reliable of the pollination workers used to be *Bombus occidentalis*, the western bumble bee. According to the ARS entomologist, just 20 years ago, *B. occidentalis* was one of the most common bees found in western North America. Its native range runs from Alaska and the Aleutian Archipelago south to the mountains in Arizona and New Mexico.

This bee could also be found from the Pacific coastline of the United States and Canada east to the plains of central Canada and central Colorado, and it's been detected in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Companies used to grow colonies of *B. occidentalis* for commercial pollination of greenhouse crops. *B. occidentalis* was popular because it wasn't picky; it's what is known as a "generalist forager," which means it doesn't have a narrow preference for which type of plant it pollinates, so it could be used on a wide



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variety of crops. But in the 1990s, the commercial colonies were hit by disease, and the end result was that the companies stopped raising this bee. More recently, companies have turned to another generalist pollinator called *Bombus impatiens*, which is native to the midwestern and eastern U.S. and Canada. Companies are shipping this bee to the western United States for use in greenhouses there. But some folks worry about introducing a bee into an area that's not part of its native range. One concern is that the "new" bee might escape into the wild and start competing with native bees for food and resources. Also, the imported *B. impatiens* could expose the native bumble bees to pathogens they're ill-equipped to fight.

So the ARS scientists are investigating an alternative called *Bombus huntii*, a pretty bee with big orange stripes. Like *B. occidentalis*, it's a generalist pollinator, and best of all, it's native to the western half of the country, so it wouldn't be an intruder. The first hurdle is figuring out how to grow *B. huntii* in the lab, a vital component in commercialization of this species. But the ARS entomologist and his colleagues are on the case, and hopefully *B. huntii* will be ready to report for work in greenhouses in the not-too-distant future. In the meantime, if you like to eat--thank a bee! The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.

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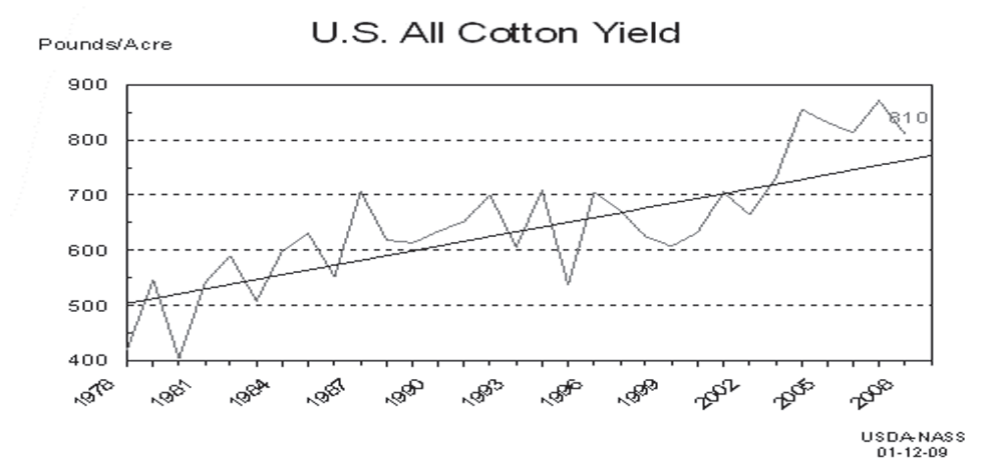
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years. Here's the punch line, and it's not at all funny: The scientists found that exposure to 82 parts per billion of ozone reduced the soybeans' yields by an average 23 percent across all 10 varieties. They also found significant differences in ozone tolerance among the varieties. But that last bit is actually good news — much as it might not sound like it — because those significant differences leave the door open for our plant breeders to develop more ozone-tolerant varieties. So that's the bad news out of the way. Now let's treat ourselves to the good news, which is that rising levels of carbon dioxide (CO2) can actually reverse the drying effects of predicted higher temperatures. In case you're wondering why we care so much about grasses, especially on semi-arid rangelands, it's because grass-dominated, dry rangelands account for approximately one-third of the Earth's land surface, and provide most of the forage eaten by livestock. There are still lots of questions to be answered about how this water-savings effect applies over the long run and in other types of semi-arid rangelands as well as croplands in semi-arid areas. Also, nobody's saying this CO2 effect could offset the impact of severe drought. But as the old saying goes, "Any port in a storm!" The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.

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## Breaking out the crystal ball to handle your agriculture predictions

By Sandy Miller Hays,  
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Whether you’re already retired or investing to try to build up your retirement nest egg, if the stock market plays any significant role in your future income plans, I bet the one item you’d love to own right now is... a crystal ball.

My own retirement survival plan, financially speaking, depends very much on what the markets do; I might not like that much, but that’s how it is. Lately, it’s looking more like the phrase “Welcome to (insert major retailer’s name here)” could be part of my future! But to quote the great writer Isak Dinensen, “God made the world round so we can never see too far down the road.”

However, there’s one area of our lives where somebody really needs to be able to see down the road, and that

concerns the impact that global climate change is going to have on our ability to feed ourselves.

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ARS plant physiologist Jack Morgan is leader of a group replicating anticipated higher carbon dioxide and temperature levels to study their impact on semi-arid rangeland grasses.

the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), because they’re tackling this issue from several different directions. Thus far, as the old joke goes, there’s good news and there’s bad news.

Let’s get the bad news out of the way first.

ARS scientists in Illinois, working with the University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign, have found that the likely future levels of ozone, one of the primary greenhouse gases in the Earth’s atmosphere, could reduce soybean yields by an average 23 percent. (In case you want to impress

your friends with your vast wealth of knowledge, the other principal greenhouse gases are water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide.)

The ARS scientists and their university colleagues have been testing various soybean varieties’ sensitivity to ozone in experiments called SoyFACE. This involves growing the plants in open-air field conditions under the atmospheric conditions predicted for the year 2050. By that time, ozone concentrations are expected to be 50 percent higher than today’s levels.

During a two-year period, the scientists tested 10 Midwestern soybean varieties that had been released to farmers between 1952 and 2003. The varieties were selected from initial tests of 22 cultivars and experimental lines that had been evaluated for four

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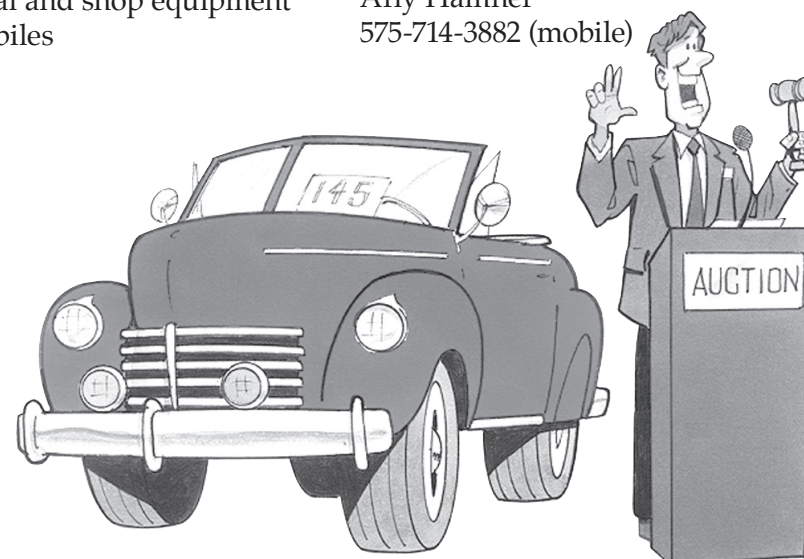
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## Farm Bureau is part of the community

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

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

Bailey County Farm Bureau is your local full service insurance agency serving clients in Bailey County. Chris Ferguson is the agency manager for Bailey, Hockley and Cochran County Farm Bureaus. Ferguson worked for Farm Bureau in the Houston area for five years before coming to West Texas in 2009. Agent Rickey Barrett has been serving clients for Bailey County Farm Bureau for 28 years. Agent Toby Kitchens has been with BCFB for three years. Agent Alayna Capps has been with BCFB for one year.

You'll also find two smiling faces to greet you in the office. Carla Estrada and Irene Anguiano are the secretaries for Bailey County Farm Bureau. The office also has a full time adjuster, Julie Vasquez-Martinez, to service any claims you may have.

The local agency, branch of Farm Bureau Insurance, has been serving farmers, ranchers and their families for over 50 years and has always committed themselves to supporting agriculture and the people who work hard to make a living in the industry "We're committed to backing agriculture," said Barrett. "Our economy is dependent on keeping agriculture strong."

Farm Bureau is part of the community"

## Reducing pathogens on vegetables

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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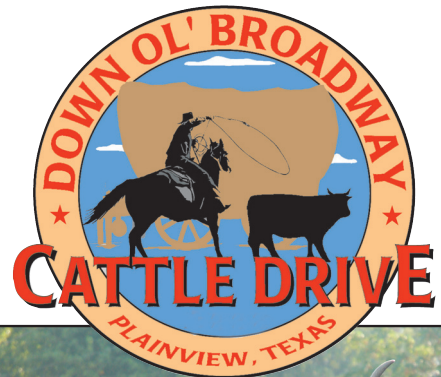
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# 13TH ANNUAL COWBOY DAYS

## Saturday, Sept. 17 • Plainview



**Saturday, Sept. 10**

4:30 - 10:00 p.m. Trail Boss Shootout Contest - Plainview Civic Center

**Friday, Sept. 16**

4-10 p.m. NEW EVENT - Bands on Broadway featuring Jake Kellen - Kidsville Park  
Fireworks Display  
First Responders Program & ASB Flag Display  
Cowboy King and Queen Contest

**Saturday, Sept. 17**

7-9:30 a.m. Chuck Wagon Breakfast; Ollie Liner Center; Tickets \$5  
7:00 a.m. Hale on Wheels Bike Ride Registration opens (Ollie Liner)  
8:30 a.m. Hale on Wheels Bike Ride & 5K Run begins  
10:15 a.m. YMCA Moo-a-Thon (9th & Broadway)  
10:30 a.m. Cattle Drive and Parade (9th & Broadway)

**After Parade events located at the Ollie Liner Center**

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Chuck Wagon Lunches (three chuck wagons): Burgers & Chips, \$5; Ribs, \$5; Brisket Sandwiches & Chips, \$5; Nachos w/Meat, \$4 Nachos, \$3; Hot Dogs, \$2; Drinks, \$1; Cobbler \$2.50

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Mechanical Bull  
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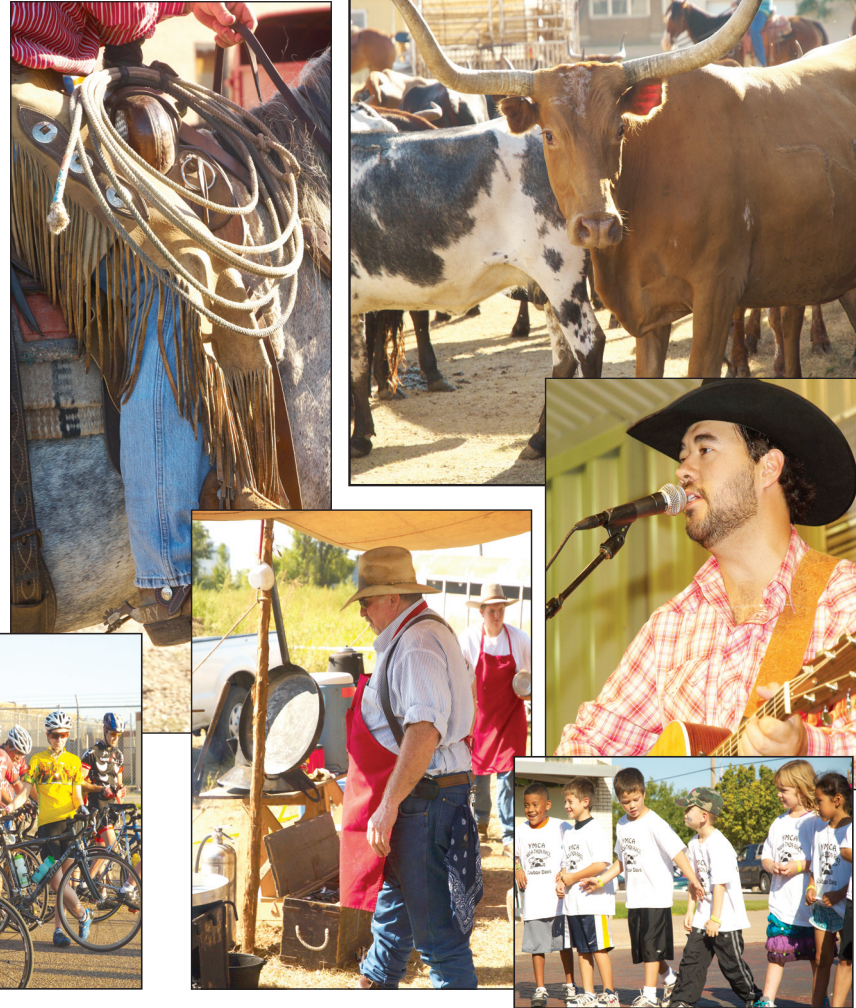
Texas Drama Play & Shootout  
Petting Zoo (Miniature Farm Animals)  
Vendors (\$30per entry/Non-profit information booth free)  
WBU Kid's Kraft Korral & Games  
Giant Inflatables - YMCA \$2  
Go BIG Game Truck  
Rock Wall  
Basketball Free Throw  
Cowboy Scavenger Hunt -  
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**The Following Events at Bar-None Rodeo Grounds, 601 S. Date**

5:00 p.m. Cowboy Church  
6:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo  
9:00-12:00 p.m. Rodeo Dance

**Sunday, Sept. 18**

1-6 p.m. NEW EVENT! Women's Ranch Rodeo - Bar None Rodeo Grounds, South Date



**For More Information Contact: Vernah Ramsower-Sprou, 296-1320 (Vendors & General Information) Or Monica Garcia, 296-1311 (Parade Entries)**

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