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He's Coming Through

Move over, Mule Junior Baca is coming through! Pictured above, Baca prepares to pass an opponent during the 800-meter run at the state track meet. This was Baca's final pass before crossing the finish line with a time of 1:56.84, and capturing the bronze medal. A stomach bug reportedly slowed Baca down, but didn't prevent him from medalling in the event. He was in ninth place after the first 500 meters but battled his way back to near the front of the pack for the bronze medal.

Mules Return To State Meet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Junior Baca repeated his trip to the medal stand at the Texas State Track Meet in Austin over the weekend.

Baca had qualified for the state meet for the third time in as many years by winning the 800-meter run at the Region I meet.

A stomach virus slowed Baca down from his performance last year but did not prevent him from winning his second state medal. He won the bronze medal with a time of one minute 56.84 seconds. The winning time was 1:56.35.

"I came to Austin hoping to repeat with a gold medal," said Junior Baca. "The race got away from me but I am happy to win the



Mule Jesus Manzanares attempts to hold off a runner in third leg of the 4x400-meter relay.

bronze medal."

"This is my last meet as a Mule and I want to thank everyone that has watched and supported me through the years. Their support has meant a lot to me and I appreciate that."

"I have a bronze medal to help me remember today and

the 2013 state meet."

Baca began his final 800-meter run in high school in lane five after having battled a stomach virus for two days.

Less than 300-meters after the gun had sounded to begin the race Baca had dropped to the back of the pack.

He continued to run at the back of the pack for the next 300 meters before he shoved the throttle wide open with 200 meters left.

Baca began to pick his way through the pack as he rounded the final turn.

When Baca hit the final straight away the pack was six runners wide crowded into four lanes. Baca's neon yellow socks were flying and he was in

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Former MHS Teacher Claims Her Innocence Of Misconduct Allegation

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Police Department has identified the former teacher under investigation for an inappropriate relationship with a student as Morgan Marricle of Muleshoe.

According to a recently released police report, Marricle, who was a first year English instructor at Muleshoe High School, stands accused of touching a 14-year-old male student in an a sexual manner,

an allegation denied in a press release from her attorney, Chuck Lanehart of Lubbock.

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"...She maintains her innocence as to the allegations..."

— Attorney Chuck Lanehart

"Morgan Marricle has not been charged with any criminal offense, as has been widely reported by the media. An investigation has been launched into accusations that have been made against

states. "Ms. Marricle, a 25-year-old wife and mother who has never been in any sort of trouble with the law, resigned her teaching position with Muleshoe High School well before

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County Court Approves EMS Expansion Grant Resolution

The Bailey County Commissioners' Court approved a resolution related to the expansion of the existing emergency medical service building during Monday's regular meeting.

Bailey County EMS Director Kevin Baize explained that the financial resolution was a requirement for a grant being prepared for submission to Mueller Metal Building.

Although the contract

for the exchange of property adjacent to the EMS' existing building in exchange

Hospital District officials whom he said didn't have a problem with the resolution's

"I think you're moving in the right direction"

— County Judge Sherri Harrison

for the construction of a new parking lot has yet to be prepared by the county attorney, Baize explained that he had been in contact with Muleshoe Area

passage to allow the grant paperwork to be submitted prior to the June 1 deadline.

If the grant is approved, the county was promising in the resolution to prepare the foundation, slab, plumbing and electrical work necessary for placement of the metal building, a cost estimated by Baize at \$15,000.

"We don't have to do anything until they call and say we're getting the building," Baize said.

"I think you're moving in the right direction," County Judge Sherri Harrison said. "You have to apply for a grant before you can receive one."

Since Baize took over as EMS director, the

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Ellis Elected To Local City Council Seat

Colt Ellis defeated opponent Isidoro Trevino by almost threetoone Muleshoe's District 1 municipal election, according to totals released by City Secretary LeAnn Gallman.

Isidoro Trevino received 15 votes in the election that concluded Saturday, May 11, while Colt Ellis received 44 votes.

Only 59 of the

registered 474 voters took part in this year's municipal election.

On a side note, according to the available information at Muleshoe City Hall, Ellis — at 22 years of age, is the youngest person elected to the Muleshoe City Council.

His grandfather, Frank Ellis, also served on the city council for several years.

Sales Tax Results

City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$58,668.38	60,046.74	-2.29%
Dimmitt	\$33,014.87	30,208.59	9.28%
Morton	\$ 9,038.60	11,0003.63	-17.85%
Littlefield	\$115,456.32	101,668.04	13.56%
Earth	\$ 5,353.68	6,183.64	-13.42%
Olton	\$13,131.30	14,456.91	-9.16%
Sudan	\$ 5,337.41	5,574.25	-4.24%
Farwell	\$ 9,414.63	9,435.97	-0.22%
Bovina	\$12,650.31	7,959.78	58.92%
Frona	\$37,468.61	43,851.59	-14.55%

Most Municipal Sales Tax Allocations Dip

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The majority of area communities recorded a decline in their monthly sales tax allocation, according to figures released by the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Only three communities showed a percentage of increase when compared to last year's totals, but the

community with the highest percentage — Bovina at 58.92 percent, climbed high enough to almost equal the percentage points dropped by the rest of the group.

Bovina's sales tax allocation showed an actual dollar increase of \$4,690.53 for the month of May, representing sales tax local merchants collected in March and

reported to the state in April.

In Muleshoe, the 2.29 percent drop represented \$1,378.36 less in sales tax collected, placing it in the middle of the pack in regards to the percentage of increase.

Following Bovina was Littlefield with a 13.56 percent increase, and Dimmitt at 9.28 percent.

The back of the pack was held by Morton with a 17.85 percent decrease, and Frona with a 14.55 percent decrease.

In regards to the year-to-date totals, Littlefield continues to lead the way with \$419,159,07, which approaches double the amount collected by Muleshoe, the second

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Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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Bailey County Relay For Life

Five Area Telephone's relay team, "Connected for a Cure," is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on May 18, from 7-9 a.m., at the Five Area warehouse. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice and coffee. Donations will be accepted.

MHS Awards Program

Muleshoe High School's "Celebration Of Educational Excellence" awards night will be held on Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the Dr. Kerry Moore Auditorium. The public is invited, and encouraged to attend.

Summer Library Volunteers

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is in need of volunteers for its Summer Reading Program's two-year-old through kindergarten group in June and July.

The library will need seven volunteers to travel with the Texas Migrant Council toddlers to the library, stay with them while they are in the program and travel back to TMC with them on their bus each Monday in June and July.

The library also needs someone who is familiar with Youtube.com to help each Monday, along with someone someone to video tape the reading program. Call the library at 272-4707 to volunteer.

Mule Putt Booking

The Jennyslippers' Mule Putt Golf Course on West American Blvd., next to the Bailey County Coliseum, will be opening soon, and is currently booking parties, beginning at two hours for \$35. Call 272-5448 or 946-7292, and also 272-3408 or 806 729 6753 to book a party.

Cemetery Cleanup

The Bailey County Cemetery will be holding its annual cleanup day on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 9 a.m.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring their weed eaters, and other equipment.

The cemetery will also be hosting its Memorial Day service on Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m., with guest speaker Reydon Stanford of Trinity Christian Church.

Muleshoe Blood Drive

The First Assembly of God of Muleshoe will be hosting a blood drive in honor of Joseph Bustillos on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For an appointment, call 806-311-8800. Walk-ins are also welcome. Donors must have photo identification or a donor ID card, and must be at least 17 years of age, or if 16 years old possess a signed parental consent.

MHS Events

Muleshoe High School Mighty "M" Band Spring Concert, Monday, May 20, 7 p.m., at the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

MHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m., at the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

'In My Mind I'm Gone to Carolina'

"In my mind I'm gone to Carolina," sings James Taylor.

Ever since my mind and the rest of me went to Carolina last week, that tune's been playing in my head, and it still is now that we're home. Do you mind a little travel note this week?

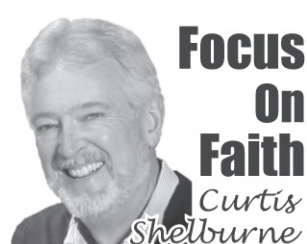
It's not hard to fall in love with Carolina. The rolling hills, rich forests, brilliant flowers taking seasonal turns in the spotlight, lush green vegetation (Water actually falls from the sky there; they call it rain!) is almost enough to throw a Texas (through and through) flatlander into sensory overload!

On a side note, this English major was particularly interested in the way those folks talk. Both Texans and Carolinians speak "Southern American English," which encompasses many dialects. But my tongue felt right at home. I could roll some "y'all's" off it and never raise anybody's eyebrows.

I need to read more about this, but they talk pretty much like my people, but with a soft sort of blanket around some of the words that just feels warm and nice and welcoming.

My wife and I even felt a nice welcome from the Vanderbilts over at the Biltmore Estate (or at least the folks watching their little place there). Talk about sensory overload!

We had fun at the



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte. Even more, we enjoyed touring through the Billy Graham Library at Charlotte.

I don't toss the word "inspirational" around a bunch. But it is. And interesting. And faith-affirming. And peaceful. Just right for what it was designed to be and Who it was truly designed to honor.

We spent some wonderful time with dear friends who opened their warm home and became tour guides deluxe. With them we drove down the Blue Ridge Parkway, sampled some Carolina culinary delights, and floated on some fine Carolina water.

I even did a little work, if you could call it that. We'd gone to North Carolina to record the instrumentals for a Christmas album. Why Carolina?

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and welcoming as the man himself. He plays buttons and dials and sliders at an amazing tempo. Four genuinely nice guys showed up, dragged out a dizzying variety of instruments, drank a little coffee, tuned up, and... from the first note, I was utterly blown away.

I've never been that close to that much world-class talent. As smooth as Carolina and quietly and unpretentiously honoring the One who makes the music of our

lives, those guys have played with and for... a long and eye-popping list of folks.

Somebody goofed letting me in the door. But I'm thankful to the One who opened the door and who'll walk with us and lead on all our journeys if we let him.

I never thought my road would lead through Carolina. Sure glad it did. "In my mind..." this Texan will be spending a good bit of sweet time there.

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Library News

The Muleshoe Area Public Library's Summer Reading Program will start on June 3, and will end on July 31.

Sign up day is June 3. The age group's areas are two years to kindergarten, elementary, junior high and high school, and adult.

The prize for the winner of each group is an e-reader.

The two years to kindergarten is a V-Tech InnoTab 2 the rest are Kindle Fires.

The two years to kindergarten program is each Monday at 10 a.m. Parents must accompany their children to this program.

Elementary's program is Tuesday at 9 a.m. In June we will be reading "Matilda," and in July we will be reading "The Borrowers."

Junior high and high school is Wednesday at 9 a.m. In June we will be reading "Hunger Games" and in July we will be reading "The Fallen, Book 1" by Thomas E. Sniegowski.

The library will be closed July 4, and there will be no program for the two year to kindergarten group on July 8, because Librarian Dyan Dunagan will be at the TLA Annual Assembly.

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Council Approves Energy Rate Resolution

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council approved a resolution allowing a \$50.8 percent increase for Southwestern Public Service communities during Monday's regular meeting.

Although a significant increase, City Manager David Brunson pointed out the negotiated agreement with the energy company was \$39.2 million than SPS originally requested in November 2012.

"According to the steering committee, this is as good a deal as we were going to receive at this time," Brunson said.

The city manager explained that Muleshoe is among the 15 to 20 municipalities that comprise the AXM Steering Committee

which negotiates with SPS, a subsidiary of Xcel Energy.

Brunson also said that while the agreement is high, the steering committee felt it didn't have a choice, due in part to legislation currently under consideration in Austin that would make negotiating with the energy utility more difficult if approved.

The cost of negotiating the cheaper rate was \$493,000, which Brunson said SPS will initially pay and then recover from utility payments.

If the pending legislation is approved, Brunson said, the municipalities that make up the steering committee will be faced with paying the negotiation fees upfront, or failing to reach a settlement send

the issue to the Public Utilities Commission of Texas — which the city manager indicated could result in a rate closer to that initially requested by SPS.

"The committee really wanted to settle it locally and not send it to the PUCT," Brunson said.

Even with the rate increases, Brunson said SPS has been a good energy partner with West Texas, adding that its rates are lower than other areas provided services by Xcel

Commissioners' Court...

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service has applied for three grants of which one was received.

The proposed addition to the EMS building would be 36 feet by 60 feet, and 18 feet in height, according to Biaze, and would allow for two additional ambulance bays, space for a training room and possibly sleeping quarters for on-duty EMS personnel.

In other business, the commissioners' court:

- Approved New York Life for county employees through voluntary payroll deduction.

Kevin Dyer, who spoke to the court Monday, said five county employees policies were required to make the minimum group.

"The guys who get dirty are the ones

Energy.

According to the settlement agreement, the rate increase will be a "two step" increase, with the first — a \$37 million increase, effective May 1 of this year, and the second — an additional \$13,842 million, effective Sept. 1.

In other business, the city council:

- Approved the canvas from the Saturday, May 11, municipal election, which awarded the Dist. 1 seat to Colt Ellis.

"After reviewing

who really appreciate it," Dyer said in his presentation.

Judge Harrison noted that allowing the employees the option of taking the life insurance wouldn't cost the district anything.

- Appointed Julie Cage, Larry Thornton, Sharon Grant, Nelda Merriott, Kevin Smith, Gina Wilkerson and Maurine Hooten to the Bailey County Historical Commission.

- Approved payment of bills totaling \$439,046.07.

- Approved the county treasurer's report for March, and received the report for April.

- Approved soil conservation worksheets totaling more than \$12,000.

- Appointed members to the county's historical commission.

the results, we're in agreement with the election judge (Deborah Noble)," Mayor Cliff Black said prior to the

council's motion and vote on the agenda item.

Ellis will be sworn

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Misconduct Allegations...

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any accusations were lodged against her."

However, while Marricle originally submitted a resignation in March, effective at the end of the school year, according to records at the Muleshoe Independent School District, she submitted a second letter resigning her position effective immediately on April 27, the same day the police department received its initial report regarding the allegations of misconduct.

According to Muleshoe Police Chief Roy Rice, information from the investigation

has been sent to Dist. Attorney Kathryn Gurley, and the case is expected to be presented to a grand jury in June.

When Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets was previously contacted about the allegations — prior to the identity of the suspect in the investigation or the fact that she had already resigned from her position with the school district, he said, "The school district is going to cooperate with law enforcement agencies conducting any type of investigation, and will take appropriate actions as is determined necessary."

Sales Tax Allocations...

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largest recipient with \$235,303.53.

Muleshoe's Y-T-D total is a .61 percent decrease from the amount recorded for this period in 2012.

The smallest Y-T-D amount collected is by Sudan at \$23,185.62

According to the state comptroller's office, the state sales tax revenue in April was \$2.15 billion, up 3.9 percent compared to April 2012.

"Sales tax collections were up in a range of sectors

from construction and manufacturing to restaurants," State Comptroller Susan Combs said.

"As expected, the rate of growth in state sales tax revenue is moderating compared to double-digit growth rates we recently experienced," she said.

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their May local sales tax allocations totaling \$668.5 million, up 5.6 percent compared to May 2012.

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Come on down and support the center with your smiling face and join in on the fun and the valuable information that will be presented.

Save the date again! We are once again hosting the Free Health Fair for 60 and over here at the center on May 28, from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Booths available for your information will be on medical management, blood pressure, home safety, diabetic shoe

assessments, and screenings for bone density, diabetes, nutritional, cholesterol, hearing and vision.

Also, a benefits counselor will be here to answer questions and help with the applications for extra help on Prescription Drugs and Medicare Part B Premium.

This service is sponsored by South Plains Association of Governments, Area Agency on Aging. For more information please call Laverne Winn at the center at 806-272-4969.

We have also started our July 4 fund raiser. This year we are having two drawings. One for

a 42-inch LG plasma television, and our second place drawing will be for a seven-inch Kindle Fire HD.

Tickets are on sale now. One for \$10 or three for \$25. Two chances to win! See board members or the office staff for ticket purchase.

Please join us in wishing these wonderful seniors a happy birthday for the week of May 10-15.

A happy belated birthday goes out to Patricia Clements, Sammie Nell Magby, Sharon Agee, Gail Gladden, and Glen Watkins.

Also wish Beatriz Vega, Paul Wilbanks, Betty Glaze, Billie Graves and Mary Jo Burge a happy birthday

for the week of May 20-24. Happiest of birthdays to all.

Our birthday party here at the center will be Thursday, May 16. Come on down and enjoy lunch with us and a big piece of birthday cake.

We appreciate Accolade Home Care's assistance with the party.

Remember this Tuesday, May 21, is Bunco. Come join us for lots of fun.

Pray for rain!

May 20-24 menus:
Monday, May 20 — Chicken ala king, rice, California vegetable blend, spinach mushroom salad, chocolate chip cookies, and wheat rolls.
Tuesday, May 21 — Salmon patties,

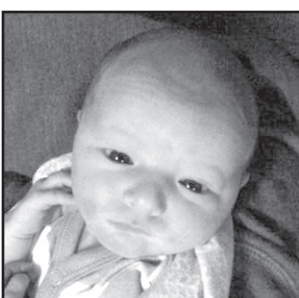
scalloped potatoes, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, whole wheat bread, and peach apple crisp.

Wednesday, May 22 — Grilled steak, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, cornbread, and tropical fruit salad.

Thursday, May 23 — Chopped barbecue with sauce on whole wheat bun, pinto beans, grandma's potato salad, and mandarin oranges.

Friday, May 24 — Fish or chicken strips, boracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, low calorie French dressing, wheat roll, and tropical fruit mix.

Births



Micah Coffman

James and Beth Coffman announce the birth of their son, Micah James Coffman, on May 7, 2013, at 7:25 p.m., at the Medical Center of Arlington.

Micah weighed seven pounds, seven ounces at birth and was 20 inches in length.

His grandparents are the Rev. Jeff and Judy Coffman of Muleshoe, and Ricky and Delynda Terrell of Blossom.

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Wedding Announcements



Flores, Moore Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flores announce the marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Flores, to Dr. Troy Moore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Moore, on April 13, 2013, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Chamber Welcomes Business

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture welcomed eEVOLVE Embroidery, 117 S. Main, with a ribbon cutting during its grand opening on May 10.

Pictured on the right, from left to right, are: Chamber president Gina Wilkerson, Trevor and Ashley Turnbow, Chris Weaver, Rosa Davis, John Mullins, Terry Brewster, Angel and Cory Hunt.



City Council...

Continued from A3 into office at the council's next meeting.

- Approved a contract extension with South Plains Waste Services, Inc., of Olton for trash

collection in Muleshoe. The extension will be at the same rate as the previous five years, except for an adjustment due to the increased cost of diesel.

"I feel like we've had a great deal of success with SPDW," the mayor said, expressing his appreciation for the service the city, its businesses and residents have received from the company.

- Expressed its appreciation for the work and efforts of the Muleshoe Youth Advisory Committee, and presented certificates to its members.

- Approved a \$1,970.58 reimbursement request from the Muleshoe Roadriders, from the city's motel-hotel fund.

- Received the city's financial statement for the month ending April 30.

- Approved the minutes from the April 8 regular meeting.

1 Corinthians 13



Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

Earlier in the year, I wrote about a program called "26 Random Acts of Kindness," begun in Muleshoe by one of our kindergarten classes.

The program started soon after the tragedy of Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.

Some amazing stories of grace have come out of that tragedy that are helping to begin the healing process for those involved, as well as help the healing process for the entire nation.

"26 Random Acts of Kindness" is the brainchild of NBC journalist Ann Curry. You have probably seen her promotional advertisement asking "Are you in?"

Ann said she came up with the idea after Sandy Hook when, like so many grieving Americans, she asked herself, "What can I do?"

So Ann Curry has called for Americans across the country to participate in a campaign to perform 26 Random Acts of Kindness in honor of the 26 victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

She said, "Imagine if everyone could commit to doing one act of kindness for each precious life lost...an act of kindness big or small. 'Are you in?'"

I am proud that Muleshoe ISD is participating in the 26 Random Acts of Kindness, and I want to give you an update on some of the acts of kindness with which our students have been involved.

Mrs. Heathington has filled up an entire wall of the stories of the random acts of kindness by elementary students.

Mr. Myatt has also displayed some of the acts of kindness by high school students on a wall on the high school campus.

Here are a few examples:

"I rubbed my mom's back when she was tired."

"I helped dad take out the garbage."

"I told Alison her work was real pretty."

"I helped my dad clean while my mom was taking a nap."

"When I went to get my hair cut there was a lady that had a walking cane. She was paying for her haircut and dropped her cane. I picked it up for her. She said thank you and I said you are welcome!"

"This weekend my brother and I picked up all the trash around my house and our neighbors houses too. It was really fun helping others."

"I helped clean tumbleweeds from around the fences and helped move feed barrels and buckets to another barn."

"I let Hanna get in front of me in line."

"Today I helped my dad feed all of our cows, horses, and goats. I also fed the barn cats and my pet rabbit."

"I baked cookies and took them to a neighbor lady."

"I helped my mom and dad take care of my baby sister."

"I helped my grandma clean dishes."

"I helped a boy up when he fell off the slide."

"I visited my great granddad in the nursing home."

"I folded clothes for my mom."

"I went to the nursing home with my grana and gave lots of hugs."

"I ran with my dad to get ready for his stress test the next day."

"When we were walking to the bus, my brother forgot his lunch in his backpack; and I ran back to the house to get it."

On a wall at the high school are certificates of appreciation to students and teachers for various acts of kindness, such as: serving as mentors

to new students at MHS, being helpful to others, assisting young children, and helping students with schoolwork.

Think of the difference it would make in our community if everyone participated in doing random acts of kindness!

Let's do our part to make our world a kinder, more peaceful place to live.

Are you ready to be the change you want to see in the world?

I am proud to be a part of a school that participates in the "26 Random Acts of Kindness" program.

Five Area Telephone, West Plains Scholarship Recipients Announced

Five Area and West Plains have awarded 14 \$600 scholarships to students continuing their education at an accredited vocational school, college or university.

The Five Area/West Plains Board of Directors selected the scholarship winners at the board meeting held on May 6.

Thesescholarshipsare awarded to high school seniors who reside in one of the telephone exchanges served by the companies.

The scholarship winners are:

- Chelsea Bass from Farwell High School, the daughter of Chris and Crista Bass. She plans to use her scholarship to attend West Texas A&M University. Chelsea's field of study will be in athletic training.

- Lazbuddie High School senior Jessica Estrada, the daughter

of Maria Vallejo. She plans to pursue a career in massage therapy at Amarillo College.

- Taryn Shea Scott is a senior at Lazbuddie High School, and the daughter of Carolyn Sue Scott. Taryn plans to pursue a career in psychology at West Texas A&M Tech University.

- Lazbuddie High School's Jared Allen Timms plans to attend Clarendon College and pursue a career as a physical therapist. He is the son of Chris and Jill Timms.

- Christopher Cage from Muleshoe High, the son of Jay and Susan Cage, plans to study ag business at Angelo State University.

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A Few Facts About Water Rights In Texas

Surface water in Texas is owned by the state and held in trust for the citizens of the state.

The state grants the right to use this water to different people, such as farmers or ranchers, as well as to cities, industries, businesses, and other public and private interests.

Anyone who wants to use surface water in Texas must first get permission from the state unless they are using the water for one of several "exempt uses" in the Texas Water Code.

The most common exemption is Domestic and Livestock (D&L) use. D&L users are given the highest

priority, and their use takes precedence over other water rights in the basin.

Landowners along Texas rivers and streams can divert surface water for D&L use, without a permit. D&L use includes water used for livestock, to meet household needs, or to irrigate a yard or home garden.

Diverters can also impound water, as long as the average volume is 200 acre-feet or less in 12 consecutive months.

Surface water diversions that are not exempt require a water right. For example, if you use surface water to irrigate crops, you must have an irrigation water right in order to

divert.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is the agency responsible for managing water rights in Texas.

There are limits to the amount of water which can be permitted. Water rights are granted on a "first come, first served" basis. Irrigation rights have these features in common:

They have an assigned priority date. This date determines your seniority, and they specify the volume of water you may use each year.

They can allow you to impound this water, to divert it, or both, depending on the permit, but they do

not guarantee that this water will always be available to you.

Regardless of the priority date, D&L users have seniority over other permitted uses

Irrigation rights are regarded as property interests and may or may not be sold with the land. When property changes ownership, it is important to know if the water right was included with the sale.

All changes in ownership of a water right must be reported to the TCEQ.

Forms to report change in ownership can be found here at www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/wr_amiregulated.html.

Some areas of the state (Concho River watershed, Rio Grande basin, and south Texas) have wastermasters that manage available water and water rights. Outside of watermaster areas, water right holders must submit a water-use report no later than March 1 every year.

Water right holders who fail to submit water-use reports may be subject to fines and/or enforcement actions. The state could revoke a

water right if use is not reported. You can find forms to report your water use at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/water-use-report.

If you have more questions about surface water rights, visit www.tceq.texas.gov/us/goto/w-rights, or contact the TCEQ's Water Rights Permitting and Availability Section at 512-239-4691, or Small Business and Local Government Assistance Program at 1-800-447-2827

USDA Announces Farm Payments Have Resumed

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia has announced that farm payments, which had been temporarily suspended due to sequestration, resumed on May 8.

This includes payments for the 2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) and the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC).

"I'm pleased to announce that farmers and ranchers can expect to begin receiving their payments beginning today, May 8," said Garcia. "We appreciate

the producers' patience during the delay. We're working diligently to get these payments out as quickly as possible."

On March 4, FSA began a temporary suspension of FSA program payments in order to assess the impact of sequestration and determine the least-disruptive process possible for carrying out required cuts.

The Department will use the Secretary's limited authority to transfer funds to avoid reducing these program payments.

Producers should be advised that program sign-up periods currently underway have the following enrollment deadlines:

2013 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program — June 3; 2011 SURE — June 7; and the 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program — Aug. 2.

Producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office as soon as possible for appointments to enroll in these programs before the deadlines.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration — the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act.

USDA has already undertaken historic

efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions.

These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

Alcohol And Your High School Graduate: A Dangerous Mix

Graduation is just around the corner, and there will be many well-deserved celebrations. But before your graduate celebrates, parents need to take the time to talk with their teens about alcohol.

Doing so may save a life and prevent injuries.

To save lives, the minimum legal drinking age is set at 21. The teen brain is still developing and is very sensitive to alcohol.

Alcohol can be tricky because it affects judgment and decision making, which are two things critical to making the right choices.

Alcohol not only affects a teen's decision making; it also affects their inhibitions and physical control.

Teens think they are invincible, and they often take risks that mature adults would not. Dangers associated with teen drinking include car crashes, falls, drowning, fights, and sexual risks.

While they may temporarily feel elated

and happy, alcohol is a depressant.

"Bailey County high school graduates should celebrate their accomplishments," said County Extension agent Kathy Carr.

"But, they should also know that choosing to use alcohol as a part of that celebration is illegal, and dangerous outcomes are likely if abused. Texas has a zero tolerance law. Teens can be arrested for driving under the

influence with any amount of detectable alcohol in their system," she added.

If alcohol is a part of a celebration, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program advises that it is kept out of the hands of teens and that adults set a good example by consuming responsibly.

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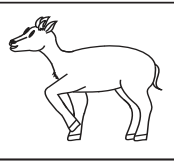
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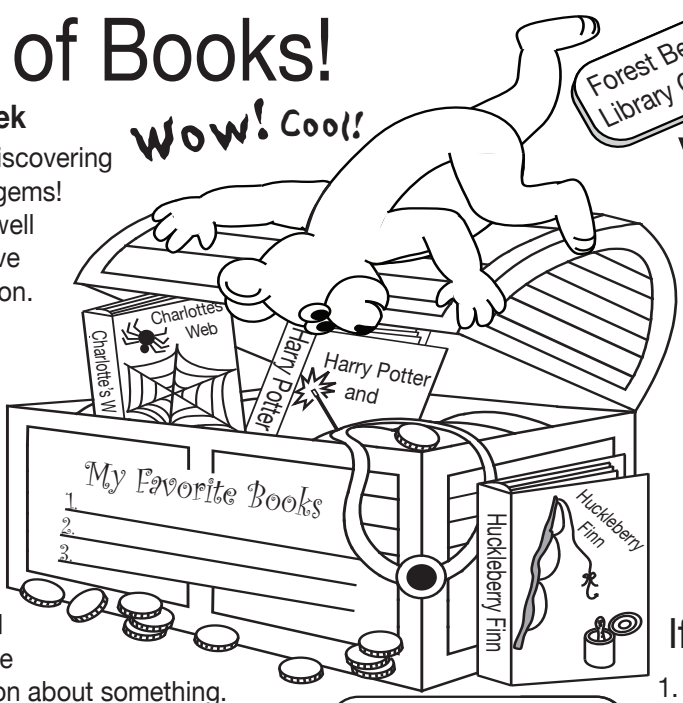
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Use the letters to fill in the blanks to see why we need books.

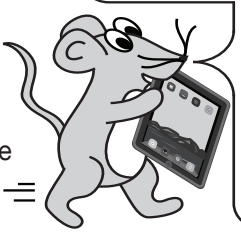
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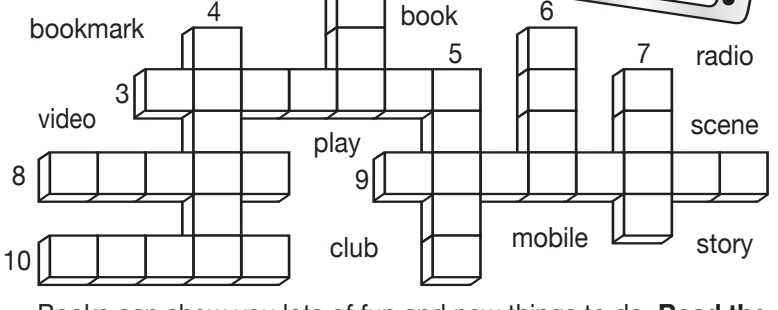
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3. draw or paint pictures
4. hang cutouts from a hanger
5. dress up as a character
6. write another chapter
7. make a popsicle stick puppet
8. pretend to be story characters with a friend
9. cut out a bookworm
10. make up a song about a story

You Can...

- set up a _____ on a table.
- start a new book _____.
- make _____ to hang.
- make a _____.
- act out a _____.
- publish your own _____.
- put on a _____.
- interview each other on a _____ show.
- make a _____.
- record it on _____.

Real or Not Real?

Some characters in books are real people. Other characters are not real. They have been made up in someone's imagination. Seven of the characters below are real while three are not.

Can you mark the right boxes?

1. Christopher Columbus
2. Mary Poppins
3. Mozart
4. Buffalo Bill
5. Peter Pan
6. Abe Lincoln
7. Pocahontas
8. Muhammad Ali
9. Johnny Appleseed
10. Huckleberry Finn

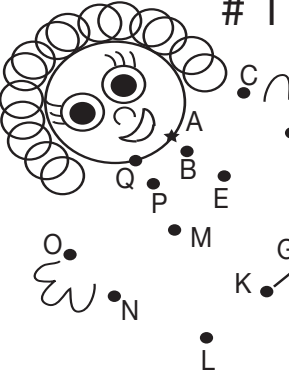
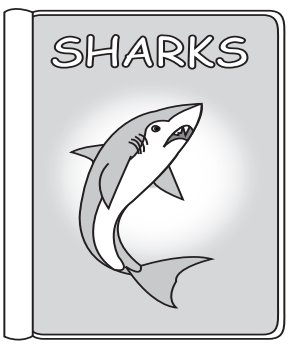
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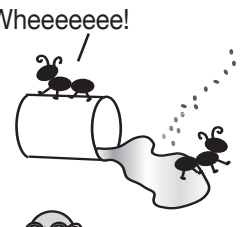
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Five Area Scholarships...

Continued from A5
School's Ryan Johnson plans to use his scholarship to study the field of vocal performance and music education at Texas Tech University or the University of North Texas. He is the son of Chris and Adena Johnson.

• Caleb James Wood from Muleshoe High School, the son of David and Jodi Wood, plans to pursue a career in education at South Plains College.

• Kiersten Adams, a senior at Olton High School and the daughter of Keeley and Kelli Adams, plans to use her scholarship to attend West Texas A&M University.

Kiersten's field of study will be in athletic training.

• Dusten Lane Barnes is also a senior at Olton High School. He is the son of Robert and Sue Barnes.

High School is the daughter of Mechelle Rogers. Shantal's future education plans include attending South Plains College for general studies.

• Sudan High School's Jake Chester plans to use his scholarship to study the field of aeronautical science at LeTourneau University.

He is the son of Mitch and Polly Chester.

• Keela Chester a senior at Sudan High School, who is also the daughter of Mitch and Polly Chester. Keela plans to attend Texas A&M University to pursue a career in nursing.

• Sudan High School's Caitlyn Netherland plans to use her scholarship to study radiology at Texas Tech University or the University of North Texas.

She is the daughter of Jenny Netherland.

Obituaries and Death Notices

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

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

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

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

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State Track Meet... Continued From A1

fifth place. He passed the fourth place runner with 50 meters remaining.

The finish line was rapidly approaching and the crowd was on its feet as Baca made his final move into third place less than 10 meters

tight," said Austin Ross.

"But it is a great atmosphere and I never knew this many people would come to Austin to support the Mules. I will work hard to get back here again next year for

"We had some adversity, but are making no excuses. I am so proud of our seniors and the way they willed our team to get to that level of competition..."

from the finish.

"I was really pleased at the way our kids competed," said Mule track coach Kirk Byrd. "Some of us may have not had our best attempts or times of the year, but we competed as hard as we could."

"We had some adversity, but are making no excuses. I am so proud of our seniors and the way they willed our team to get to that level of competition. Their hard work will not be forgotten. We set a new standard for the Muleshoe Boys Track Team. How 'bout them mules!" he added.

Austin Ross had kicked the state meet off for the Mules in the long jump on Friday afternoon.

"I was pretty nervous and that may have caused me to be a little

a medal."

Ross scratched on his first attempt as his toes were just over the take-off board.

He seemed apprehensive on his next four jumps and was jumping from almost a foot behind the board to prevent a second scratch.

Ross was much closer to the board on his final attempt and unleashed a leap of 22 feet and 3.75 inches into the sand for fourth place.

He was out of the medals by five and half inches.

The gold medal jump was 23-02.5, second was 22-11.75 and third place went 22-09.25.

The final race was also the final event of the meet, the 4x400-meter relay.

Ray Martinez, Ross,



Mule Junior Baca with his medal.

Jesus Manzanares and Baca took their positions in lane one for the relay.

Martinez ran the first leg and made up the stagger to move the Mules into sixth place by the time he made the handoff to Ross.

Ross may have run the fastest leg for the Mules. He caught and passed two runners on the final turn and moved past Sonora just before handing off to Manzanares on the third leg.

Manzanares held on to third until Sonora moved around him on the final turn. He gave the baton to Baca in fourth place for the final 400 meters.

Baca held on to fourth place through the first 300 meters but had slipped back to fifth by the finish.

The Mules had recorded a time of 3:26.28. East Bernard finished first with a time of 3:21.06. Tatum was leading the race on the second lap but their runner fell and dropped the baton.

Hang Time!



Photographs by Delton Wilhite

You do not have to have wings to fly. Pictured above, Mule Austin Ross lands just two inches short of a medal in the long jump at 2013 Texas State Track Meet. His best jump of the day was his last at 22 feet 3.75 inches.



Mule Junior Baca anchors the 4x400-meter relay



Mule Junior Baca at the back of the pack with 300 meters left in the 800-meter run. Baca pulled off a miracle finish by battling his way back through the pack for the bronze medal with a time of 1:56.84. He was just less than half a second away from his second state gold medal.



Mule Ray Martinez gets the Mules off to a good start in the 4x400-meter run.

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Mules Austin Ross and Ray Martinez getting mentally ready to run the 4x400-meter relay at the Texas State Track Meet.

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USDA Announces Conservation Reserve Program Sign-Up

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack reminds farmers and ranchers that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

Vilsack also announced the restart of sign-up for continuous CRP, including the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement Initiative, the Highly Erodible Land Initiative, the Grassland Restoration Initiative,

the Pollinator Habitat Initiative and other related initiatives. Sign-up for continuous CRP began on May 13 and will continue through Sept. 30.

"As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers," said Vilsack. "CRP is an important program for protecting environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the

sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. Through the voluntary participation of our farmers and ranchers, CRP helps us to protect our natural resources, preserve wildlife habitat and bring good paying jobs to rural America related to hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.

Vilsack encouraged producers to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis.

CRP has a 27-year legacy of successfully

protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat.

In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Currently, 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP through 700,000 contracts on 390,000 farms throughout the U.S., with enrollment in 49 states and Puerto Rico.

Contracts on an estimated 3.3 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Enrollment authority for all types of CRP, which had expired Sept. 30, 2012, was extended through 2013 by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

Offers for general sign-up CRP contracts are ranked according to an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. FSA uses the following factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered:

Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract

acres; water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching; on-farm benefits from reduced erosion; benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period; air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and cost.

CRP soil rental rates for non-irrigated cropland were updated this year to better reflect location and market conditions. A nationwide cap was placed on the maximum amount that may be paid per acre for the general sign-up. Taken together these steps help ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent in a fiscally responsible manner while producing the maximum environmental benefits for each dollar spent.

CRP is the largest USDA conservation program and continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion, and protect the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff.

At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail and ducks and is recognized as benefiting certain rare species like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken and other grassland birds. Highlights of CRP accomplishments include:

The restoration of more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers; Prevention of more

than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorous from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.

Providing \$1.8 billion annually to landowners — dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and

Sequestering more carbon than any other conservation program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2011, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration — the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center



Mule Austin Ross passes on the inside to put the Mules in medal contention on the second leg of the 4x400-meter relay. Photograph by Delton Wilhite

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Muleshoe High School Athletic Banquet

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Part 2

Coach Kirk Byrd invited the Power lifters to the stage Tuesday night during the 2013 Athletic Banquet. Coach Byrd thanked Coach Albert Lopez for his help during the season as the team gathered on the stage in Kerry Moore Auditorium.

"This year's team worked extremely hard to get stronger by spending countless hours in the weight room after school," said Byrd. "This team is very young, consisting of one senior and the rest of team are freshmen and sophomores."

"We did not have a regional qualifier, though many on the team were very close to qualifying. I look forward to the years to come because of how much they improved this season. They competed hard at meets and I want thank them

players next year."

"The Varsity competed in five tournaments. The final placing in district were as follows:

Caleb Wood and Chris Cage placed fourth in boys doubles. Cas Moore and Jo Moore placed fourth in girls doubles. Denisse Ramirez placed fourth in girls singles. Nacho Elizalde placed second and qualified for the Region I Tournament. Matt Barron was the district champion in boys singles."

"Nacho (Elizalde) and Matt (Barron) represented our district well as they won their first round of matches at the Regional Tournament."

The Fighting Heart award went to nacho Elizalde. The Tennis MVP award was present to Matt Barron.

"I am proud of all these players," continued Wood. "In a sport where 'Love'

"Golf is a difficult game and just when you think you have it figured out some goes wrong and that ball just does not go where you want it. These kids worked hard and improved and had a good time trying to master the skills they needed to get better."

"The Lady Mules battled injuries and illness and when the district meets around there were only three healthy players. They competed as individuals and Bailey Bales and Miranda DeBruin were both in the picture for a trip to regional with just a few holes left to play. They both came up just a few shots short but they will be back next year to try again."

"The Mules had some early success, winning the team gold medal at Farwell and finishing second at Dimmitt. We did not have a good day the first round of district and needed a big comeback the second day to have a chance of advancing to regional. The guys played better and made it interesting but came up a little short. Colten Harris finished at the second place individual in the district and earned a trip to regional on his own. Colten played well at regional and represented MHS with a lot of class. This was the fourth trip to regional for Colten and we will miss him next year."

The girls Golf Award went to Miranda DeBruin and the boys Golf Award was presented to Colten Harris.

Lady Mule track team was invited to the stage by their coach Benjie Jay. This group of Lady Mules was made up of freshmen, sophomores

and juniors won team championship trophies in five out of the six meets this year. That included the District 2-2A Meet.

"I am very proud of this year's freshmen," said Coach Jay. "They

"There were 13 of these ladies that qualified for the Area Track Meet. They had to be in the top four in the District to qualify for this meet. After the Area Track Meet, we had six that had qualified

best finish at the district meet. They finished in second place and were only three points behind first place.

"I want to thank coaches Wood, Jay McWilliams, Gafford, Woolbright, Lopez



competed extremely well and worked very hard to get better every week. They scored an enormous amount of points which helped our team have the success that we did."

"The returning sophomores and juniors did an outstanding job of leading this team by their work ethic and enthusiasm for the sport. All of the girls had on thing in mind and that was to win the District 2-2A Championship."

"The girls and I would like to give out a big 'thank you' to the other track coaches that helped them. These coaches are: Kirk Byrd who coached the distance runners; Cannon McWilliams, the long jump; Matt Gafford, the shot put and discus; David Wood, high jump and Josh Woolbright that spent countless hours keeping the girls running and able to compete at their highest level."

for the Regional Meet by again placing in the top four."

"The girls competed in six events at Regional. They were Adrienne Precure, Ruby Andrade, Jo Moore, Cass Moore, Jazmin Arellano and Carolina Franco. They competed in the 4x200-meter relay, 4x400-meter relay, 300-meter hurdles, 100-meter hurdles, high jump and pole vault."

Coach Jay presented the track awards. The Most Improved Award was presented to Carolina Franco. The Workhorse Award went to Jo Moore and the Newcomer Award was given to Cass Moore. The Most Outstanding Award went to Ruby Andrade and the Most Valuable 2013 Track Athlete was Adrienne Precure.

Mule track coach Kirk Byrd invited the Mule Varsity Track team to the stage. He recognized the JV Boys track team and said they had competed hard at every meet and had a season

and John Jay for all their efforts in helping our track athletes this year," said Byrd. "These coaches really spent a lot of time with their respective events and it is because of them that we are very competitive."

Coach Byrd also thanked all the volunteers and Booster Club for working both the Muleshoe Track Meet and the District Track Meet.

"This year the varsity boys competed well in a very tough district. The Mules finished second overall. Our track team was solid and each person competed extremely hard and contributed in their own way to help the team. I appreciate their hard work and dedication to our track team."

The regional qualifiers this year were Eli Leal in the 300-meter hurdles, Luis Ruvalacaba in the 1600-meter run and Ray Martinez in the 800- and 1600-meter relays.

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for their efforts."

The Most Improved Lifter award went to Francisco Elizalde. Byrd present the Powerlifting MVP award to Braden Bessire.

The Muleshoe Tennis team was brought to the stage by their coach Jody Wood. Coach Wood thanked David Wood, Josh Woolbright, Jalissa King, Jay Gorman, Edie Niblett, Kari Preston and Denisse Ramirez for their help this year as she coped with a knee injury.

She also thanked Sam Whalin as his crew for getting the tennis courts in great shape. The courts were resurfaced, new nets and posts, new wind blocks and working lights. When the second day of the district meet was moved to Muleshoe, Sam and his crew got the courts ready for play in thirty minutes.

The JV tennis players was ask to stand and given a round of applause.

"Both the Varsity and the JV faced a season of 'weather' challenges," said Wood. "The junior varsity only played in three tournaments. Their first and last, which was district, were cancelled because of weather. We are looking forward to better weather for these

means nothing, we practiced winning every day!"

The Muleshoe golf teams were next on the agenda.

"The MHS golf teams had a season of ups and downs," said MHS golf coach Carey Sudduth.



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MHS Athletic Banquet... Continued From B3

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Austin Ross in the 800- and 1600- relays as well as the long jump and Junior Baca in the 800-meter run and 800- and 1600-meter relays. Jesus Manzanares in the 1600-meter relay and Caleb Wood in the 800-meter relay.

Leal ran a personal best of 41.6 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles and missed going to the finals by seven one-hundredths of a second.

Martinez, Ross, Wood and Baca made the finals in the 800-meter relay and finished seventh. Luis Ruvalacaba placed fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of four minutes 40 seconds.

Ross qualified for the state meet in the long jump with a personal best leap of 22 feet and seven inches.

He won the regional title and set a new school record. Baca won the 800-meter run for the second consecutive year with a time of 1:59.31.

The Mule 4x400-meter relay placed second with a season best time of 3:24.00.

Record Breaking Awards went to Ray Martinez, Caleb Wood, Austin Ross and Junior Baca in the 4x200-meter relay. Ross also received a Record Breaking Award in the long jump.

The Best in Field Events Award went to Austin Ross. The Most Improved Runner Award was given to Jesus Manzanares and the Track MVP Award was presented to Junior Baca.

Coach Wes Boatman called the Mule baseball team to the stage. He recognized the Mule JV team by asking them to stand.

"I am glad to report that the JV players are

well on their way to becoming mentally tough, thoughtful and confident ball players," said Boatman.

"We need them all next year and look forward to their continued improvement and success."

"The varsity season was a challenge but the boys chose to meet it daily. It started with a unique group of seniors, who worked through the off-season perfecting defensive skills during the period and working on cleaning up and preparing the game field after school."

"They wasted no time moving and enlarging our bullpen area to allow for multiple pitchers and catchers to get work instead of just one. These young men carried the same, down-to-business attitude through a difficult season, battling through the early mistakes that always anticipate winning, working through the random injuries that sometimes test your resolve and choosing, daily, to plan on, to work for, and to earn success."

"Ultimately we feel disappointed for not having reached our goals, but the beauty in that is that we feel disappointed as a team. Our level of expectation is high; our pride, deep; our future, bright; our trophy case, desperately seeking treasure."

"I want to thank Freddy Castillo for his work and due diligence on our field, which would not be nearly so striking as it is without his care. Thanks also goes to Coach Joe Cabezuela for giving consistent and sincere effort to our program and our kids."

The New-Comer of the Year Award was presented to Ramon Mendoza and the Roberto Clemente Award went to Matt Flores. The Cy Young Award was given to Nacho Elizalde and the Golden Glove Award went to Felipe Espinoza. The Hank Aaron Award was presented to Matt Barron and the MVP Award went to Chris Lozano.

Coach Erin White brought the softball team to the stage.

"It is a great privilege to be a Mule," said Coach White. I have coached for seven years and have never had a group of girls that have gotten along and bonded as quickly as these girls have, no internal conflicts or personal agendas."

"They define the

word 'team.' I have watched them grow and teach each other since day one," he said.

"I watched varsity starters stay late everyday with the girls that had never played. These are the actions that make me the most proud."

"I feel that regardless of our wins and losses, this team is defined by the character and work ethic they have shown throughout the year. We have had our share of adversity but as I explained to them, your true character is shown when you overcome the road blocks."

"On more than one occasion we have had people step up for numerous reasons and do things out of their comfort zone and position. Not only did they do that, but they

did it well. This is truly the most unselfish group of kids I have ever coached."

Coach White recognized the JV team and their coach Sherri Veazey. This team was more dedicated than most JV teams for the simple fact that they kept showing up each day not even knowing if they would have a game or not. Their record was 4-2 and although they only played six games they have contributed to the success of the varsity.

The Lady Mules were 19-1-5 and were undefeated in District 2-2A with a record of 9-0. They also won the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock.

"We will be holding our awards until we have completed our playoff run," continued

Coach White. "A special thank you goes to Coach Veazey for taking care of everything until I was back from having Chandler and being so helpful all year long."

"Thanks also to Coach Cole, Coach Wood, Phillip and Sam for all the help with the field. You will never know how much you helped us out and you were all life savers."

"Also I want to say thank you to Mr. Coach White for being Mr. Mom, keeping all our stats and putting up with me. I am always in debt to you," he said. "You just thought it was by chance that both our girls were born during softball season."

Sam Whalin thanked all those that came and drew the awards presentation to a close for another year.

Click It Or Ticket Campaign Set

After so many years of having seat belts standard in vehicles, it would seem that buckling your seat belt before driving off would be second nature.

When Pres. LB Johnson signed the legislation that became effective in 1968, seat belts became mandatory in all passenger vehicles. Texas passed their first seat belt law in 1985.

Since then millions of lives have been saved and injuries prevented as a result of these laws. Fortunately, most motorists do buckle up, but for some groups there is still more work to be done.

Pickup truck drivers and their passengers, teens and people who live in rural areas are still not convinced.

Crash data from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) show that there has been

an 11 percent increase in traffic fatalities from 2011 to 2012. Wearing a seat belt is the single most important thing that drivers and passengers can do to help survive a crash.

Yet in Texas in 2012, 45 percent of persons killed in crashes were reported as being unrestrained. Among pickup truck drivers killed in crashes 50 percent were unbuckled.

Nearly half of teens killed in crashes are unrestrained. According to a recent study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute, in Texas only 78.4 percent of teens wear their seat belts. And, in rural Texas where most fatalities occur, seat belt use is also lower.

Pickup truck drivers and their passengers sometimes depend on their bigger pickup truck to protect them in a

crash. Yet, pickup trucks are twice as likely to rollover than passenger cars and pickup crashes can be especially serious — even deadly — due to their tendency to roll over and for unbelted occupants to be thrown from the vehicle.

Teens are inexperienced drivers and subject to distractions in the vehicle.

Seat belts are life-saving for these young drivers and their passengers, yet they are not consistently wearing them on every trip.

The Click It or Ticket campaign has been successful in bringing Texas's seat belt rate to 94 percent from only 76.1 percent when the campaign first started in 2002.

It is estimated that the campaign can be credited with saving almost 3,700 lives and

preventing more than 50,000 injuries in Texas.

This year the campaign is scheduled for May 20-June 2, which includes Memorial Day Weekend. During this time, extra law enforcement representatives will be on the roads enforcing the seat belt and child restraint laws in an effort to save lives.

The law in Texas requires seat belt use for all passengers — front and back.

Children younger than eight years old, unless taller than 4'9", must be in a child restraint. Fines for seat belt violations can range from \$25 dollars to \$250 dollars.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Kathy Carr of Bailey County reminds motorists that buckling up can save you money and, more importantly, save your life.

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Styling BAILEY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. REYES, MARIA DE LA LUZ RAMIREZ LEGAL DESCRIPTION 6. Lots One (1), Two (2), AND Three (3), Block Thirty (30), Original Town Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. Cause No. 9033 Styling BAILEY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. VELASQUEZ HECTOR JAVIER, ET UX, MARIA IDALIA VELASQUEZ LEGAL DESCRIPTION 7. The West part of Lot Seven (7), Block One (1), Harvey Addition to the City of Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas. Cause No. 8949 Styling BAILEY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT v. WILLIAMS, LAILA JOYCE, IND/HEIR OF BILLY FRANK

WILLIAMS, and delivered, I DECEASED, will proceed to sell, at 1:00 P.M. on the 4th day of June, 2013, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Bailey County, in the City of Muleshoe, Texas. Levied on the 3rd day of May, 2013, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction. "ALL BIDDERS MUST NOW DISPLAY OF COMPLIANCE

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