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MISD School Board To Approve New Graduation Requirements

By Larry Thornton
Editor

Proposed changes in Muleshoe High School's graduation requirements are to be brought to the local school board for consideration in its May meeting.

The issue was initially brought before the

board during its April 21 meeting by Assistant Superintendent Dr. RL Richards, who noted the district's board policy would need to be changed due to the state legislature's passage of HB 5.

Under the previous "4x4" plan a student needed to accumulate

26 credits of required and elective courses — including English 1 and 2, Algebra 1, Biology and US History, with four dual-credit courses and Spanish III being required for distinguished honors.

Under the proposed "new plan," the students initially

enrolled in Muleshoe High School the 2014-15 school year are required to accumulate 26 1/2 credits with the only additional course for distinguished honors being Algebra 2.

The additional 1/2 credit above the state requirements being considered by the school

board is for Speech.

According to Dr. Richards, all eighth grade students will start with the 26-1/2 hour "Endorsement Plan," choosing from one of the five presented endorsements — STEM, business and industry, arts and humanities, public services, or

multidisciplinary studies.

Only at the end of a student's sophomore year can he or she make the decision to drop down to the 22-credit Foundation Plan. This will allow students who don't have an intent to pursue a college

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Mules Defeat Rough Riders

Bi-District Trophy Awarded To Mules

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules defeated the Boys Ranch Rough Riders in a best two-out-of-three series for the Bi-District Championship Friday and Saturday.

Clarkson was the winning hurler.

The Mules seemed to use the five runs scored in the ninth inning on Friday to power them to a 13-6 win on Saturday afternoon.

It is the first time the Mule baseball team had made the playoffs in six years.

It was a home-and-home series with the first game being played in Boys Ranch on Friday. The Rough Riders traveled to Muleshoe on Saturday to finish the series.

Nacho Elizalde got the start both days but left the game on Friday with no decision.

Wes Clarkson relieved Elizalde on Friday and the Rough Riders tied the game at 11-11 after five innings and again at 13-13 after seven innings.

The Mules crossed the plate five times in the top of the ninth inning and held on to defeat Boys Ranch 18-13 in two extra innings.

The Mules never trailed in the second game. Elizalde again got the start and was the winning pitcher.

Danny Campos came in a pitched two and two-thirds innings. Clarkson got the final two outs.

The first batter for Boys Ranch Saturday skied a ball to right center field but Grey Johnson made a catch on the run for the first out of the day.

The second batter hit a ground ball single through the hole between short stop and third base.

A ground ball back to Elizalde sacrificed the runner to second base and the next batter walked. The runner at second took off for

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Photographs by Gabby Perez

MAHD Elections Set For Saturday

By Larry Thornton
Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's general election is set for Saturday, May 10, at Muleshoe City Hall.

As of Monday morning, prior to the end of the early voting period, 59 voters had cast their ballots at Muleshoe City Hall, according to City Secretary and election administrator LeAnn Gallman, and six ballots had been cast

at Lazbuddie.

Although the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors called for a special election in a bid to raise its rate cap at its May 13, 2013, meeting, in February 2014 the directors rescinded that action, leaving the general election for Dist. 1, 3 and 5, as the only issues on this year's ballot.

Previously, the local

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Yeoowww!

Is the win worth the water? Something tells us it probably was Saturday. Pictured above varsity Baseball Mules Matt Barron and Ignacio Elizalde help Coach Wes Boatman cool down after Saturday's Bi-District win over Boys Ranch.

Legends Honor Awarded

Muleshoe High School Athletic Director David Wood shakes local sports announcer Bob Graves' hand during Saturday's MISD annual Athletics Banquet. Graves accepted the 2014 Legends Award for Ronnie Jones who was lost to the Muleshoe sports community in January.



OPINION

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

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FFA Banquet

Muleshoe High School will be hosting its FFA Banquet on Monday, May 12, at 6:30p.m., in the commons area.

The meal is \$8 per plate, with FFA members' meal being complimentary. This year's menu includes chicken-fried steak with green chili gravy, grilled mango chicken fiesta, mashed potatoes, bacon green beans, homemade rolls, peach cobbler and brownies.

For tickets see any FFA member, or contact the Muleshoe High School Ag Department.

Senior Center Fund Raiser

The Oneida Wagon Senior Center will be hosting a Sunday "after-church" lunch fund raiser on May 18.

The meal will be by donation and will be a prime rib steak lunch with a baked potato, tossed salad and dessert. Call 272-4969 for additional information.

Lazbuddie Blood Drive

Lazbuddie High School and Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Lazbuddie area on Thursday, May 22, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the bloodmobile, which will be in the school's parking lot.

Photo identification or a donor card is required. Donors must be at least 17 years old — or 16 with a signed parental consent form, to donate.

For appointments, call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800.

'Mom Knew That Love's Growing Season Is Forever'

Mother's Day is just a few days away, but my memories of my mother don't need any calendar or greeting card company's prompting.

Memories rushed in yesterday with particular power because I was doing something Mom would have dearly loved, something she taught me to do, with someone she never met but who she would love with incredible love, someone I can hardly wait for her to meet.

I was planting flowers with our little five-year-old granddaughter Brenley.

We were taking a chance. I know this. To plant anything in our country before Mother's Day is to walk on the wild side and live dangerously.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

But plant we did. Out in the backyard. We dug down into the soil of two whiskey barrel planters, set in our plants, and watered them with water from our rain barrels.

We were standing there, our hands covered with mud, Bren holding the "loppers" as I showed her where to separate our "cuttings." And we had time to talk.

That's one of the best things about planting stuff together. You're working for a common goal, looking forward to what God will do to

Too Many 'Tele-Tomes'

Sometimes it seems as if I'm drowning... figuratively, of course, after all this is West Texas and more specifically Bailey County where Lake Muleshoe has to be filled from a well and the closest thing to a river of late has been runoff from someone's in-ground lawn irrigation.

No, instead of water, this past week it seemed as if I was drowning in telephone books. Maybe it was more like one of those California mud slides instead of a flood, but either way it seemed as if I was covered up with them... seven large ones to be exact.

It's a problem many others in Muleshoe experience a couple of times a year, also. Distribution crews of with large telephone books hit town and leave their offerings at residential and business doors alike, and when no ones home for one reason or another, they stack on a few additional copies, which have to be carted around to the dumpster.

Before I continue, let me clarify that I'm not talking about Five Area Telephone Cooperative's telephone



by Larry Thornton

book. It's a tool that I use at the office on a daily basis, and even mark certain pages that I refer to constantly with paperclips to speed up my search.

I'm not even talking about the telephone books we received from the Clovis, N.M., area. Although used less frequently, it's a book that I've occasionally found to be of use.

I'm referring to the massive "Hub City" digests that are tossed onto our front porches, dropped off at local businesses, and are often stacked at local grocery stores.

Even if I had a use for one of these massive telephone tomes, I don't think I need a separate book for every room at the house or office.

In years gone by, such indexes were the improvised booster seats for youngsters who felt the need to leave their high chairs behind before growing out of short pants, and if they'd appeared a half a century earlier probably would have joined the old Sears & Roebucks™ catalogs for outhouse duty, but now they just seem to be a means to re-shape trees enroute

house out of these excess telephone books?

• There's the possibility of using them as kindling to get the annual football rally bonfire going, but floating embers aside, I'm not quite sure Muleshoe wants the reputation of "burning books" no matter what their content.

But you have to admit... it's tempting.

• While there were studies in the 1970s and 90s about recycling newsprint for cattle feed, even if it were possible using soy ink, the cattle numbers in Bailey County alone are too numerous, but with the number of extra telephone books hitting Muleshoe we might be able to keep a dairy or two in feed.



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Five Area, West Plains Scholarship Recipients Announced

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

The board of directors of Five Area/West Plains selected the scholarship winners at the board meeting held on April 28.

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

The scholarship winners are:

- Esmeralda Nicole Flores of Farwell High School, the daughter of Manuela Ornelas and Juan Flores.

- She plans to use her scholarship to attend South Plains College. Esmeralda's field of

study will be in social work.

- Lazbuddie High School senior Haley Beasley, the daughter of Walter Allen Beasley, who plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine at West Texas A&M University.

- Shyann Rainey is a senior at Lazbuddie High School and the daughter of Ann Rainey. Shyann plans to pursue a career in education at Angelo State University.

- Lazbuddie High School's Allison Weaver plans to attend West Texas A&M University. Allison's field of study will be in agriculture. She is the daughter of Shannon Weaver.

- John de Bruin from Muleshoe High School is the son of Julie de Bruin. He plans to pursue a career in mechanical

engineering at West Texas A&M University.

- Muleshoe High School's Marion Gutierrez plans to use her scholarship to pursue a career in physical therapy at West Texas A&M University. She is the daughter of Laticia Gutierrez.

- Austin Ross of Muleshoe High School is the son of Terri Lopez. He plans to pursue a career as a coach at Texas Tech University.

- Cristian Zaragoza is a senior at Muleshoe High School and is the son of Mario Zaragoza. He plans to use his scholarship to attend Texas State University. Cristian's field of study will be in music education and vocal performance.

- Breanna Goen is a senior at Olton High School and is the

daughter of Randy and Kristy Goen. Breanna's future education plans include attending Texas Tech University.

Her field of study will be in exercise and sports science.

- Andrew Garcia is the son of Jesse and Luisa Garcia, and will graduate from Springlake/Earth High School.

His choice of college is Texas Christian University to pursue a career in movement science/pre-physical therapy.

- Chesanie Brantley of Sudan High School is the daughter of Misty Garza. Chesanie's future education plans include attending South Plains College to pursue a career in photojournalism.

- Sudan High School's Kort Hill plans

to use his scholarship to study the field of mass communication at Wayland Baptist University. Kort is the son of Rick Hill.

- Luke Tiller is a senior at Sudan High School and is the son of Billy and Christal Tiller. Luke plans to attend

Texas A&M University to study the field of business.

- Sudan High School's Julianna Rice plans to use her scholarship to study english and literature at Texas Tech University.

She is the daughter of Lisa Rice.

Graduation...

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degree the opportunity to complete their high school education.

"The students have to make a choice... they have to make a decision, and we're trying to see how to work that out," Dr. Richards said at the meeting.

According to Richards, the endorsement area will be useful for the students in their selection of a future career path or academic major.

Regarding the proposed changes, Superintendent Dr. Gene

Sheets said he thought the proposed changes would encourage some students to graduate from high school rather than dropping out.

Still, according to Richards, there are some issues that will have to be clarified — such as what the requirements for an honor student will be — before the proposed changes are brought to the school board for its approval at May's meeting.

"Something that looked like it was going to be fairly simple, has proved not to be," he said.

Texas Lemon Law Applies To Most Vehicles

Q. Does the Texas Lemon Law apply to a motorcycle?

A. The Texas Lemon Law gives you the right to relief if a new vehicle you purchase is not repaired within a reasonable number of attempts.

The law applies to cars, trucks, motorcycles, motor homes and all terrain vehicles.

For more information or to file a complaint, visit, <https://txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/lemon-law>, or call (888) 368-4689.

Q. About 10 years ago I did business with a company and never paid my bills. I was shocked to find out that they still refuse to deal with me until I pay. Isn't there some sort of limitations period for collecting a debt?

A. There are limitation periods for any type of legal action. For example, the statute of limitations bars a lawsuit for a debt after four years.

There also are limits on how long such information may be reported on your credit report. In most cases, after seven years the information becomes obsolete and cannot be reported.

There are no limitations, however, on how long you "owe" a debt. In fact, until it is paid, the money is owed.

If the person to whom you owe the money does not want to deal with you until the debt is paid, he has a legal right to do so.

It may seem "shocking" to you, but it is obviously a matter of some importance to the person to whom you owe the money.

Q. I know someone who never got divorced and now lives with his common-law wife. How can someone have a common-law marriage if they are already married?

A. You cannot have two wives! A common-law marriage is no different from any other form of marriage. You may be married to

Ask A Lawyer...

By Richard Alderman

only one person. Until you get a divorce, you cannot have another marriage, common-law or otherwise.

Q. If you loan someone money and there is no type of legally binding agreement, only verbal, what type of action can be taken to retrieve funds?

A. In most cases, when you loan someone money, he or she signs a promissory note, acknowledging the loan and promising to repay it.

You seem to think that there is no "legally binding agreement," however, because you do not have anything in writing.

If you loaned the person money and he agreed to pay you back, you have a "legally binding agreement," even if it is oral.

It would be easier to collect if you had a signed writing, but it is not necessary.

You can file a claim in Justice Court to collect, but you will have to

Elections...

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elections for the Muleshoe Independent School Board and the City of Muleshoe were canceled because the candidates for the positions up for election were unopposed.

The places and candidates up for this year's election include:

- Dist. 1, where incumbent Herb Ramage is facing off against Dusty Clayton.

- Dist. 3, where incumbent Landon Nichols is facing off against Lupe Olivarez.

- Dist. 5, where incumbent Zona Gatewood is facing off against Rhett Kerby.

prove the loan and promise to repay.

Q. I want to make it clear that I do not wish to be kept alive by a machine. Can I write my own living will? Is there any special language I should use?

A. As you seem to understand, the best way to insure that your wishes regarding the decision to be kept alive by life support is to make sure you clearly spell out what you want to happen in the event you have a terminal condition.

You can do this by a document you prepare, but I strongly suggest you use the form the state of Texas has prepared.

An "Advanced Directive," commonly called a living will, allows you to specify the treatment you

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around them to hold the water in.

I remember playing with plastic army men around those dams, earthen barricades prone to frequent flooding. Drowning was far more a danger to my troops than any enemy action.

Granddaddy was much more rancher than farmer, but he certainly knew how to grow things. And I'm not sure who loved those rare and precious collaborative gardening times more, the father or the daughter.

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Senior Citizen News

By Ron Hohes
 Remember that this coming Sunday, May 11, is the time that we celebrate and honor our mothers which should be a lot more frequent than just on Mother's Day.
 If your mother is still with you, please take time to give her some special attention, she has earned it. For those whose mother has passed, still take some time to recall the special good times that you spend with her. It will brighten your day.
 The countdown continues, just two Sundays and counting until the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center's

Sunday, May 18th, lunch and fundraiser. Yes, the senior center's lunch and fund raiser is the next Sunday after the Mother's Day Sunday. You saw part of the auction list last week. Here are some additional items:
 Handmade table and chairs, Biolage scented candles, blanket, 'grandparent house rules' wall sign, electric pressure washer, beauty products, interiors design clock, hand made wood products, utility sprayer, car battery charger, water hose, Dell venue 8, 60-quart wheeled cooler, 'life is better with grandkids' wall picture poster, 'faith family farming' wall sign, national rodeo belt buckle, men's watch, oil

change, rotate, balance and brake inspection, new car batteries, car washes, car oil changes, ball caps.
 This list is not all of the donated items.
 With some of the focus on the upcoming fund raiser at the center, you might think other center activities have slowed down. You would be wrong with that thought.
 The game participants seem to be growing as more folks are coming early or staying into the afternoon in order play eighty or dominoes and just visit.
 Some folks just come by for a cup of coffee or some tea.
May 12-16 menus:
 Monday, May 12 — Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas,

fruit salad in juice, wheat roll.
 Tuesday, May 13 — Charbroiled beef patty with peppers and onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, mandarin oranges, bread.
 Wednesday, May 14 — Chicken-fried steak with brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, tossed vegetable salad, Italian dressing, green peas, fruit salad.
 Thursday, May 15 — Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, broccoli and cauliflower salad, corn or flour tortilla, apricot halves.
 Friday, May 16 — Fish or chicken strips, Borracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, whole wheat roll, tropical fruit mix.

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Obituaries

Jenny Toscano

Funeral services for Jenny Toscano, 26, of Muleshoe, were held on Friday, May 2, at Immaculate Conception Catholic with Father Leo Pahamtang of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery. Jenny died on April 29, 2014, in Muleshoe. She was born on July 2, 1987, in Lubbock, to Fernando and Rosalinda (Quintanilla) Toscano.

Jenny was a lifelong resident of Muleshoe, and was a member of the

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Michelle Toscano.

Survivors include two sons — Cruz Flores and Davian Flores of Muleshoe; her parents — Fernando and Rosalinda of Muleshoe; a sister — Veronica Toscano of Muleshoe, and a brother — Fernando Guadalupe Toscano, also of Muleshoe

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



Beta Sigma Phi Celebrates Founder's Day; Names Wilkerson Woman Of The Year

Zeta Rho and Xi Omicron Xi chapters of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met in the meeting room of Bailey County Electric on April 29 to honor their sorority and its founder, Walter Ross, relive the past year's accomplishments, acknowledge and thank their retiring officers, announce the coming year's officers.

The organization also announced each chapter's Member of the Year, and surprised a deserving community member as the sorority's Woman of the Year.

Gina Wilkerson was named "Woman of the Year" for her tireless efforts serving as president of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture for the past two years, Alice Liles of Beta Sigma Phi said.

"Gina also works with the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation and the Jennyslippers. Gina's love of Muleshoe and its citizens drives her to develop programs and events that spotlight Muleshoe as well as keeping the community involved in fun and interesting activities," Liles added.

Members of the Year



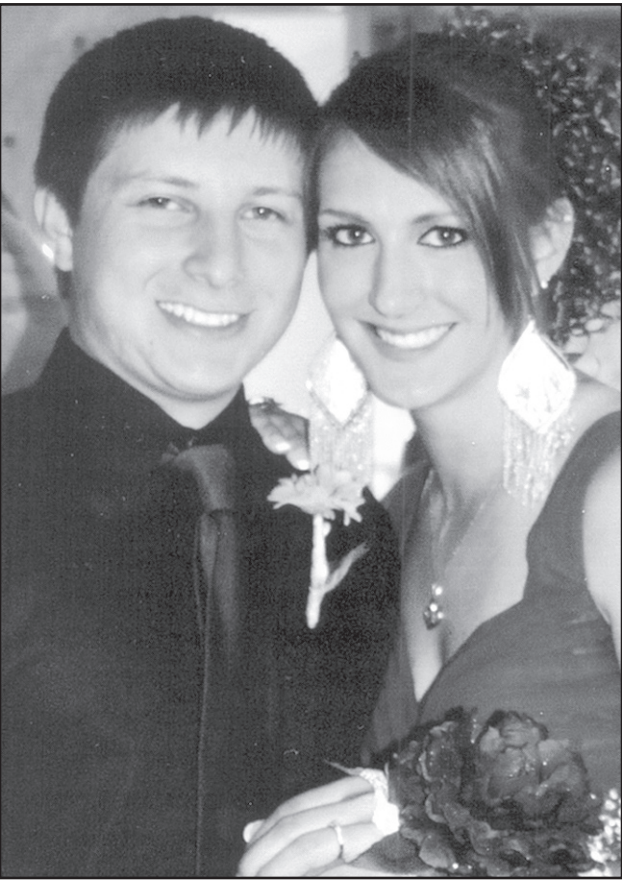
Gina Wilkerson

were Tisha Boehning for her leadership in the Xi Omicron Xi chapter and Alice Liles, who serves as publicity chairman for the Zeta Rho chapter.

A salad supper and desserts were enjoyed by sorority members and former Women of the Year honorees Magann Rennels, Joy Stancell, and special guests Dawn Williams, Becky Hoksbergen, and Pat Angeley.

The sorority members present included Barbara Finney, Cindy Barrett, Alice Liles, Vicki Black, Candice Weaver, Diana Harrison, Sandi Chitwood, Sheila Stevenson, Cindy Purdy, Linda Wood, Judy Davenport, Sherri Shipman, Pamela Miller, Sharon Agee, Val McCamish, Brenna Burch, Pat Young, Kristine Isaacson, and Jo Pierson.

Engagement



Lee, Meeks To Wed

Jorby and Lisa Lee of Portales, N.M., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Taryn Lee, to Garrett Meeks.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Charles and Margaret Hamilton of Muleshoe.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Meeks of Portales, N.M.

The wedding will be at the 16th & D. Church of Christ in Muleshoe, at 7:30 p.m., on June 6, 2014.

Taryn is a 2014 graduate of Floyd High School, N.M., and Garrett is a 2011 graduate of Floyd High School.

Taryn plans to pursue a career in nuclear medicine, studying in Amarillo.

Garrett is employed at the Head Start in Portales, N.M., and plans to study early childhood development.

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Mule Baseball's Area Schedule Announced

After the Muleshoe High School varsity baseball team's Bi-District win last weekend the Muleshoe Mules will now play Idalou for the Area Championship this weekend in Levelland.

Idalou won their district and then swept Colorado City for the right to play the Mules in the Area Championship.

The Area Championship will be played as a best 2-out-of-3 series.

The first game will be played this Friday, May 9, at 6 p.m. at Levelland

High School.

The second game will also be played at Levelland High School on Saturday at 1 p.m., followed by a third game, if necessary.

Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

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On behalf of the **MULESHOE ROADRIDERS** we would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of the vendors that participated at our **Annual Motorcycle Rally**.

Also, a big Thank You to all of the Merchants in Muleshoe that donated prizes for the event, it was a great success. Hope to see you all in 2015.

God Bless~ Muleshoe Roadriders

Thank You
to the participants, businesses & individuals who donated to the Kick-Ball tournament that was recently held in honor of Richard Castorena. He and his family thank you. It was a great success!

A Special Thanks to **Raymond Toscano, Jesse Reyes, Victor Leal, Sergio Leal and Laura Leal.**

Students Participate In Digital Arts Festival

Several Muleshoe High School students competed in a Digital Arts Festival at South Plains College recently. The South Plains College Design Communications Club, DeComm, invited digital artists to submit their work for inclusion in the Digital Arts Festival, called Idigi.

The event was sponsored by the SPC College Tech Prep, SPC Foundation, and the Creative Arts Department of SPC. Muleshoe High School students competed in the Digital Photography and Digital Art Categories of the Educational Division.

The students submitted designs from Adobe Photoshop that they had completed in Graphic Design.

Julio Alvarez and Dustin Smith altered their photographs in Adobe Photoshop™.

The rest of the students created their own designs in Adobe Illustrator™.

Mireya Castorena received the Judges Choice and Gold Medal. Julio Alvarez received the Silver Medal.

Jacob Espinoza received the Bronze Medal.

The following students received Honorable Mention: Ramon Martinez, Bobby Flores, Liliana Vasquez, Dustin Smith and Elliot Reyes.

The art submitted had to be original, created digitally, and submitted by the artist. Photography and live action were allowed as long as the result could not have been accomplished without

Lazbuddie Blood Drive Set

Lazbuddie High School and Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Lazbuddie area on Thursday, May 22, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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For appointments, call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800.

Super news from MISD

By Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets

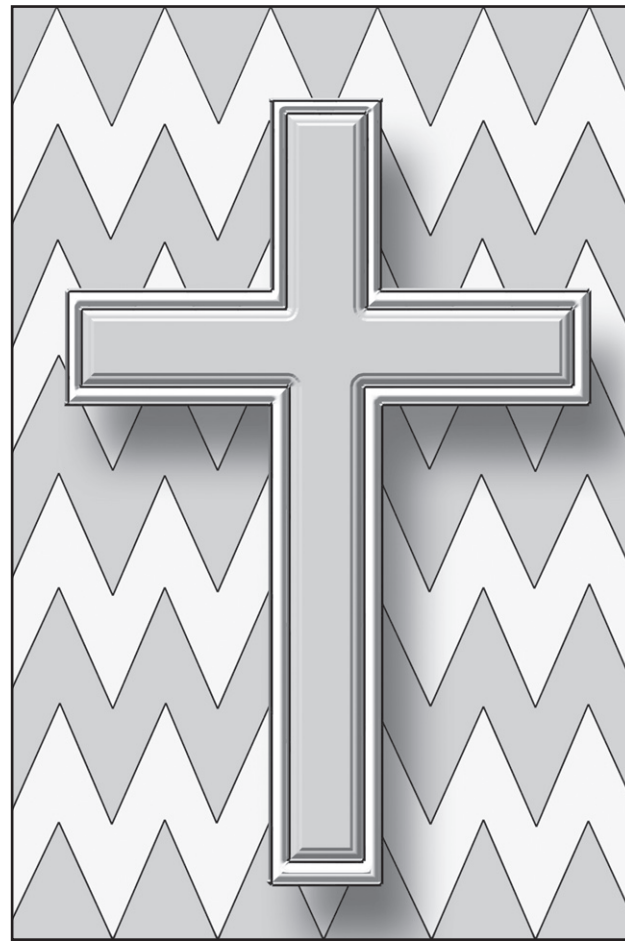
the assistance of digital technology.

Judging for the contest was done by professionals from the industry, many of whom made presentations at the festival.

Jennifer Gresham, Tech Prep teacher at Muleshoe High School, is the sponsor for the students.

We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our students. The success of these students demonstrates the dedication of our teachers to encourage the talents and abilities of our students.

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Artwork by Mireya Castorena



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Weather Whys: Super Tornado Outbreaks

Q: You sometimes hear of a 'super outbreak' of tornadoes. What does that mean?

A: A super outbreak is a large number of tornadoes occurring over a two or three-day period that affects multiple states, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"There are two super outbreaks that stand out above all others," he notes. "The first is the outbreak of April 3-4, 1974. This outbreak saw 148 tornadoes that officially touched down in 13 states, killing 319 people."

"Another 5,400 people were injured and the entire storm track covered over 2,500 miles," he said. "The town of Xenia, Ohio, was hardest hit as an F-5 tornado slammed into the town and destroyed most of it, killing 32. The powerful tornado actually lifted several railroad cars off the tracks."

Q: What is the other super outbreak?

A: The super outbreak of April 25-28 in 2011 produced an incredible 358 confirmed tornadoes all the way from Texas

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The Sudan Buzz

UIL Team Takes First At SPC Contest

By Cheri Sain
Sudan Correspondent

For the first time in school history, the Sudan Hornet Academic Team placed first at the Region I UIL Contest at South Plains College on Friday, May 2.

Sudan is the only school out of 97 to score over 100 points with 131 total points. Plus, eight of the 16 regional qualifiers have advanced to the state competition in two weeks.

The accounting team of Adam Harper, Joe Luis Melendez, Patti Azua, and Mandy Rojas placed first as a team and will advance to the state competition.

Adam Harper was the overall winner in accounting beating

his next competitor by almost 100 points.

The computer science team of Adam Harper, Andrew Harper, Jacob Markham, and Deric McCurry also placed first as a team.

Adam Harper placed second individually as well as Andrew Harper placing third and Jacob Markham placing fourth.

They beat out regional rival Booker by only nine points in a close match between two strong teams.

Adam Harper also placed first in mathematics with a score of 194 points.

Adam will compete in three events at state this year and has a chance of medaling in all three with some of the best



Regional qualifiers for Sudan High School: Jacob Markham, Adam Harper, Joe Luis Melendez, Carson Phillips, Deric McCurry, Kendon Drennan, Andrew Harper, Alex Hernandez, Brianna Azua, Patti Azua, Jazmin Solis, Vanesa Aguilar, Mandy Rojas, Celeste Montemayor, Jessica Barrett.

scores in the state.

Deric McCurry placed first in informative speaking. Deric will be

returning again in this event to state.

Last year, he placed second overall in the

state as a junior. Kendon Drennan placed fifth in informative speaking.

Brianna Azua placed second in persuasive speaking.

This was Brianna's first time in this event at regionals, and she beat some well-known tough teams to earn her

way to the state level.

Brianna also placed fifth in headlines at regionals.

The overall speech award winning team went to Sudan with their combined totals from their extemporaneous dominance.

AgriLife Writer To Receive National Recognition



Kay Ledbetter

Kay Ledbetter, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research communications specialist at Amarillo — and whose articles often appear in the *Muleshoe Journal's* agricultural special sections — has been selected to receive the 2014 ACE Award for Excellence in Writing.

"Awards of Excellence exemplify excellence

in a specific Special Interest Group and Kay's nomination certainly highlights both her leadership in Texas A&M AgriLife Research work and in ACE," said Becky Koch in her congratulatory letter confirming the honor.

Koch is North Dakota State University at Fargo's ag communication director and president of ACE, the abbreviated acronym for the Association for Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Life and Human Sciences.

Ledbetter will receive the award during the association's annual conference, which this year is set for June 24-27 in Portland, Ore.

The 300-member professional association is international in scope and is comprised of communicators, educators and information technologists.

In her nomination of Ledbetter, Natalie Hampton, North Carolina State University department Extension coordinator and ACE writing specialist interest group chair, noted that Ledbetter has been in the writing business more than 30 years, 23 at the *Amarillo Globe-News*, a daily newspaper, and almost 10 years with AgriLife.

"As a 'one-woman

band' communication shop for the Amarillo and Vernon units of Texas A&M AgriLife, Kay provides a multitude of services to personnel who rely on her to help get their message out," Hampton wrote.

"Kay is involved with many different communications projects, which aside from writing news releases, includes working with print and electronic media, taking photos, shooting video, providing editing assistance for the seven-member AgriLife Communications state news team, conducting media training and developing various marketing efforts."

All told, Ledbetter writes more than 150 news releases for statewide distribution annually for her AgriLife clientele, comprised of 150 researchers, specialists and county agents in the Texas Panhandle and Rolling Plains, as well as in two departments located on the Texas A&M University campus at College Station.

Hampton said Ledbetter's ACE contributions include service as chair of the Media Relations and Writing Special Interest Group, offering training sessions at national conferences and webinars, and serving as the association's Texas representative.



Coach Lawrence Altum celebrates with Noah Baker and Call Morris on their sweep.

Sudan JH Tennis Place At SPC Meet

The District 5-A north zone tennis meet on Saturday at the South Plains College Tennis complex.

For seventh grade, Joe Joe Nolte broke out the "big serve" for this tournament but was edged out by his teammate

Anthony Cantu in a 9-7 match. This

gave Sudan first and second place points in the seventh-grade division.

For eighth grade, Noah Baker got by Call Morris in a 7-5 tiebreak for first place.

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Mothers have been honored in many ways, even before they got their own holiday. Some children picked wildflowers to surprise their mothers. Some thanked or remembered their mothers by attending religious services or banquets that honored them. Mother's Day became a national holiday in the United States in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May to be a day of "...public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." How will you show your mother your love?

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword:

- Mother _____ - old woman in nursery rhyme
- mother _____ - the nation of a family
- Mother _____ - our planet
- mother _____ - first language learned
- Mother _____ - controlling force of life, events
- mother-of- _____ - hard, shimmery layer in shell
- Mother _____ - "author" of children's rhymes
- mother _____ - protects/services smaller vessels
- mother _____ - being a female who has children and is caring for them
- mother _____ - main vein of gold in the hills

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RANDY'S ROUNDUP

UPDATE BY CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER

district offices, travel to and from Washington, travel within the district, communications with constituents and other office expenses such as computers, printers, phones and supplies. Since 2011, Republicans have cut MRAs by 20 percent overall. Even with those cuts, I turn

more than 32,500 miles last year. We have assessed and reassessed the value of leasing cars versus reimbursing staff for personal vehicle mileage. Over and over we come to the same conclusion: it is less expensive per month to lease two cars than it would be to spend more than \$18,000 per year reimbursing staff for personal vehicle mileage. At a time when families and businesses must cut back and make choices to tighten belts and do more with less, my staff and I are doing the same. Balancing the federal budget must be a priority for everyone.



Continued from A5 to Canada, McRoberts said. "There were 211 tornadoes in just one day, on April 27, and four of those were classified as F-5. In all, 348 people were killed, with Alabama being especially hard hit, suffering 238 tornado-

related deaths," said McRoberts. "This outbreak was also the costliest storm ever produced by tornadoes, resulting in over \$11 billion in damages. Such 'super outbreaks' are rare, but they can literally destroy entire cities," he said.

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SPORTS NEWS

Lady Mules Suffer Bulldogettes' Bite

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Coahoma Bulldogettes bit the Lady Mules for the second time in two years to eliminate them from the Texas State Softball Playoffs.

The teams met on the Lady Pirate Field of Lubbock Cooper ISD. The neutral site is a total turf field and the ball takes much bigger bounces off the turf than the dirt and grass where the Lady Mules normally play.

"This was not our choice of places to play," said Lady Mule coach Erin White. "The ball acts very differently coming off the turf than it does grass or dirt. But it was a great season for us."

"We should continue to be strong again next season despite losing three fine seniors. Marissa (Cortez) has done a great job for us in the pitching circle the last two years," Coach White said.

"We also lose the left side of the infield with Amber (Lopez) and Diamond (Lopez) both were three-year starters and are graduating."

"The good news is we have some players on the bench and on the JV team that should be ready to go next year. We had two freshmen starting for us in most games this season so our future looks bright," the coach added.

"The girls, Coach Sheri Veazy and I want to thank the fans for the support they have given us all season. It is great to be a Mule every day."

The Lady Mules led for four and a half innings when the Bulldogettes tied the game at 3-3.

The game remained tied during the fifth, sixth and top half of the seventh inning. The first two batters to the plate for Coahoma doubled and singled to end the game.

Coahoma won the Area Championship 4-3 over the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules lost the flip at the plate

before the game started. The Bulldogettes chose to be the home team and batted in the bottom half of the inning.

Neither team could score in the first two innings with pitching and fielding holding the opposition off the board.

But that changed in the top of third inning when Reagan Reynolds blasted the ball off the wall in left field and motored into second with a stand up double.

Diamond Lopez singled to left center field to score Reynolds to put the Lady Mules ahead 1-0.

Marissa Cortez threw ground balls to top of the order in the bottom of the third inning. The lead off batter grounded out to Brittany Mendoza at second base.

The second batter sent a ground ball down the first base line to Gabi Chavez. She snagged the ball and stepped on the base for the second out.

The third batter bunted down the first base line. Chavez charged the ball and Cortez raced from the circle to cover first base.

Chavez made the under-handed flip to Cortez just prior to her reaching first base for the third out.

Miranda DeBruin's fly ball to right center field bounced off the glove of the running center fielder and DeBruin was standing on second when the ball was returned to the infield.

Cortez helped her own cause with a single to right field to score DeBruin from second base and put the Lady Mules ahead 2-0.

Coahoma scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning when the Bulldogettes sent eight batters to the plate.

They hit four singles and walked to tie the game at 2-2. The Lady Mules made no errors.

The Lady Mules added a third run in the top of the fifth inning to retake the lead. Chavez

sent a ground ball single past the short stop into left field.

Reynolds singled to shallow left field to put runners at first and second base.

D. Lopez reached on a fielders choice when the second baseman fielded the ball and flipped it to short stop to force out Reynolds.

The throw to first for a double play went over the first baseman's head.

In the confusion Chavez scored and a second throwing error allowed D. Lopez to wind up at third base.

A ground ball ended the inning with the Lady Mules leading 3-2.

Two ground balls sent the first two Coahoma batters back to the bench in the bottom of the fifth inning. The next batter sent a ground ball to left center field for a single.

A double scored a run to tie the game at 3-3.

Sasha Esparza chased down the ground ball and came up throwing to Mendoza as the cut-off man. Mendoza's throw to D. Lopez was in time for the tag at third for the final out to end the inning.

Back-to-back strike outs ended the top half of the sixth inning for the Lady Mules with runners at first and second base.

Coahoma threatened in the bottom of the sixth inning with a lead-off single to center



Photograph by Gabby Perez

An unidentified Lady Mule is called safe in a recent bi-district game.

field.

An error allowed a runner to reach and put Bulldogettes at first and second. Cortez struck out the ninth batter in the order for the first out of the inning.

A single to short right left field was scooped up by Mireya Ruvalcaba and thrown to Amber Lopez at short stop.

A. Lopez fired a strike home to Adriana Loya for the tag and the second out.

A ground ball to D. Lopez at third ended the inning with the score still tied at 3-3.

The Lady Mules went in order in the top of the seventh inning with a strike out and two

ground outs.

Cortez gave up four runs on 11 hits, hit one batter and walked two. She struck out four and stranded eight on base.

The Lady Mules committed one error. Cortez and Reynolds

led the Lady Mules in hitting by stroking two hits each in three opportunities.

The Bulldogettes committed four errors.

The Lady Mules had seven hits and only left four runners on base.



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Varsity Baseball... Continued From A1

third and Elizalde overthrew Danny Campos at third base.

Beto Diaz ran in to grab the loose ball and fired a strike home to Dustin Smith. The runner did not attempt to slide and ran over Smith knocking the ball loose.

The second runner also came home and kicked dirt in Smith's face while he was still on the ground.

The home plate umpire called the first runner out for not sliding home as it is against the rules to not slide and run over a defensive player.

That was the third out and neither run counted and the first runner was ejected from the game for unnecessary rough play.

Matt Barron led off for the Mules in the bottom half of the first inning and hit a fly ball single to short center field.

Nathan Rejino slapped a ground ball through the hole in to left field to put Mules at first and second with no outs.

Barron stole second on the first pitch to Diaz. Rejino drew the throw to second base on the next pitch. Barron broke home when the catcher threw the ball and stole home.



Photograph by Gabby Perez

Mule Jesus Manzanares arrives safe at home plate.

The throw from second back home was late and Rejino could have walked the rest of the way to second base.

Diaz bunted back to the pitcher to sacrifice Rejino to third. Rejino scored on a wild pitch that got past the catcher.

Smith doubled to right center field but was caught attempting to stretch it to a triple with throws from center to second and on to third for the tag.

The Mules led 2-0 after one inning of play.

Barron caught a line drive from the lead off batter of the second inning. Elizalde struck out the next batter on three pitches and a ground ball to Barron ended the inning.

The Mules did not score in the bottom half of the inning and continued to lead 2-0 going into the third inning.

A ground ball and two strike outs kept the Rough Riders off the score board in the top of the third inning.

An error on the second baseman allowed Rejino to reach first in the bottom of the third with one out.

Diaz singled to right center to put Mules at the corners. Diaz stole second base with no throw to second. Smith singled to right field to score both Rejino and Diaz.

Smith attempted to steal second on the first pitch to Jesus Manzanares. The pitcher appeared to balk not once but twice

but no call was made.

Smith was called out on a throw from the pitcher.

Manzanares lined a single to center field and stole second base. Campos doubled to right field to score Manzanares and put the Mules ahead 5-0 after three innings.

A walk, a double and single scored two Rough Riders in the top of the fourth inning.

The Mules got one of those runs back in the bottom of the fourth inning after Barron walked with one out. He stole second base and went to third on a throwing error by the catcher.

Diaz singled to left to score Barron to keep the Mules ahead 6-2.

Campos had relieved Elizalde for the final out

of the fourth inning and came back in the top of the fifth inning. He gave up a double to the first batter he faced.

A sacrifice fly to deep right field was chased down by Manzanares but the runner advanced to third after tagging up at second.

Campos struck out the next Rough Rider but gave up a double to score a run. A walk and another double scored a second run and Boys Ranch had cut the Mule lead to 6-4.

Campos struck out with one out in the fifth inning. But the catcher dropped the ball and Campos stole first base. He went to second on a passed ball and to third on a wild pitch.

Clarkson walked and stole second base with no throw.

Keagan Gonzales' ground ball tied the short stop in knots and Campos scored. Johnson laid a bunt down the first baseline for an infield single that scored Clarkson from third.

Gonzales went home on a throwing error. Barron doubled to score Johnson to put the Mules on top 10-4 after five innings.

It was three up and three down for the Rough Riders in the top

of the sixth inning.

Smith was hit by a pitch to start the bottom half of the sixth inning and he stole second base. Manzanares hit a line drive into left field for a single and Smith advanced to third.

Smith scored on a wild pitch and Manzanares went to second.

A second wild pitch sent Manzanares to third base. Campos was hit by a pitch and went to second on a wild pitch. Jason Florez blasted a single to right center field to score both Manzanares and Campos to end the Mule scoring at 13.

The Mules led 13-4 after six innings.

The Rough Riders could not make up the difference in the seventh inning but did score two runs.

The Mules will play the Idalou Wildcats on the Levelland Lobo Field.

It is a two-out-of-three series with the first game to be played at 6 p.m. Friday afternoon, May 9.

The second game will be on the same field Saturday afternoon with the first pitch scheduled for 1 p.m.

Admission the Area Round of the Texas State Baseball Playoffs is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.



MHS Athletes Honored

Part 1
The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters hosted the 2013-2014 Muleshoe High School athletes, coaches, fans and friends Tuesday evening in the Commons Area of the High School.

After the meal was served and a highlight film of the various sports was shown the crowd moved to the Kerry Moore Auditorium for the introductions and presentation of awards.

Father Sergio Leal led the invocation prior to the meal and the benediction at the end of the festivities. Sam Whalin acted as the master of ceremonies and introduced the members of the Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees in attendance. Carol Precure, Sergio Leal and Curtis Preston were introduced.

Other introductions included Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, Assistant Superintendent Dr. RL Richards, High School

Principal Steve Myatt and Assistant Principal Erin White.

And also, Delton Wilhite, sportswriter, for the *Muleshoe Journal*, as well as Lonnie Wilhite, Rene Torres, Frank Wuerflein and Bryan Morris for the support they give through Muleshoe Sports Network.

Gil, Magann and Jack Reynolds along with Bob Graves and the late Ronnie Jones for their coverage at Channel 6 cable television.

Frank Wuerflein for all the beautiful awards he has donated and for being Delton's right-hand man on Muleshoe Sports Network. Jody Wood produced the programs for tonight's event and Erin White for taking and making the senior pictures displayed around the cafeteria.

The coaches spouses were ask to stand and received an ovation for the sacrifices they make to allow the coaches to do their jobs. A huge thank you was

extended to the Mighty "M" Band, cheerleaders, fans and parents for all the support they had extended to the teams.

The Senior Spotlight provided by Muleshoe Athletic Trainer, Josh Woolbright.

The Legends Award was present by Muleshoe Athletic Director David Wood. The award is given to a special person or group of people that give their ultimate support to Muleshoe Athletics.

This was a special and unique individual who was lost and was an icon in Muleshoe Sports for many years. In the most recent years he and Bob Graves did the play-by-play of Mule football on Saturday mornings.

The seniors of 2014 thought it was only fitting to honor Ronnie Jones as the year's Legend's Award recipient. Accepting for Jones was Bob Graves.

The student athletic trainers were the first group to the stage and

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Athletic Awards... Continued From B2

they joined Coach Josh Woolbright.

"The Muleshoe Sports Medicine Program has had an outstanding year," said Woolbright. "They have strived to keep our athletes in the game and playing a high level. I want to thank the Student Trainers for everything they accomplished. They have recorded 4,000 treatments and rehabilitations this year."

Woolbright honored two of the trainers for their untiring efforts. The Most Improved Student Athletic Trainer of the Year Award went to Jaki Huerta. The second award was the Student Athletic Trainer of the Year. Alex Baca was presented the award and has dedicated herself to the program for three



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years. The cheerleaders were the next group invited to the stage. They had a great year and their hard work and dedication to the support of the Lady Mules and Mules was recognized. The four Varsity cheerleaders were Lilana Vasquez,

Bailey Bales, Hadlea Geissler and Adrienne Precure.

Juniors on the squad were Daniela Diaz, Michelle Chavez, Kayla Preston and Ashton Hunt.

Coach David Wood then invited the Mule football team to the stage while the freshman and JV teams were ask to stand and be recognized by those in attendance.

"The Mule varsity was a young squad and many adjustments had to be made in the non-district portion of the season," said Wood. "The team made the playoffs and gained valuable experience for the seasons to come."

Austin Ross was the Wall of Fame inductee

for receiving All-State recognition on all of the All-State teams. He was also first team All District two consecutive years. Wood present the team captains, Jaxon Lee, Danny Campos, Braden Bessire, Matt Barron and Ross miniature helmets.

The Most Improved Award went to Danny Campos. The Defensive Player of the Year was presented to Chamel Regalado. The Offensive Player of the Year went to Dustin Smith. The Most Outstanding Player of the Year was Austin Ross. The Football MVP-Fighting Heart Award was presented to Matt Barron.

The Cross Country Lady Mules and Mules were next on the stage

to join their coach, Jay Gorman.

"Both teams competed at the Region I Meet," said Gorman. "The Lady Mules won their second consecutive District Championship and finished ninth out of 22 team in the regional competition."

"The Mules made tremendous strides and were the district runners-up. They placed 13th at the regional meet and defeated the district champions at the Region I Meet."

Adrienne Precure was named as the girls MVP and Noah Del Toro was presented the Boys MVP.

Coach Gorman remained on the stage and called for the Lady Mule varsity basketball team to join him. The JV and JV 2 Lady Mules were also recognized.

"We were young this year but decided to not accept youth as an excuse but to use it as motivation," said Jay. "The seniors improved this year and were the

team leaders. The three freshmen grew up in front of our eyes. The two juniors are ready to assume the leadership roll next season."

"Adrienne Precure was selected as First Team All-District and McKenna Dunham and Sadie Sudduth were selected as Honorable Mention All-District."

The Most Improved Award went to Daniela Diaz. The Free Throw Champion was Sadi Sudduth and the Defensive MVP Award was given to DonAnn Rempe.

The Offensive MVP Award went to Adrienne Precure. The Team MVP went to both McKenna Dunham and Adrienne Precure.

Coach Clay White called the Mule Basketball team to the front and recognized the efforts of the JV Mules and Freshmen Mule teams.

"We got off to a hot start but suffered an injury to Eli Leal," said White.

"The team rallied and gelled at a critical time to make the playoffs. The Mules were defeated in the Bi-District round by a highly rated team from Canadian but finished the season with a record of 18-13."

The Defensive MVP Award went to Matt Barron. The Team MVP/Fighting Heart Award was presented to Eli Leal.

(Part 2 of the 2014 Athletic Awards will be in next week's issue of the Journal.)



SURE Sign Up Is Under Way At FSA

The US Dept. of Agriculture Farm Service Agency has announced that sign-up is under way for 2012 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program.

The program, established by the 2008 Farm Bill, provides for one final period of eligibility for producers suffering crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011, for crops intended for 2012 harvest.

"Most producers who suffered losses before Sept. 30, 2011, have already been compensated if they applied for SURE benefits for the 2011 crop year," said FSA Administrator Juan M. Garcia.

"This sign-up period is only for those producers who suffered crop losses for 2012 crops before Sept. 30, 2011."

To be eligible for SURE, a farm or ranch

must have:

At least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance resulting from a disaster occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

A crop of economic significance contributes at least five percent of the expected revenue for a producer's farm.

Additionally, the crop must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

The crop must be considered a 2012 crop which means, in general, that the crop was intended for harvest in 2012;

For insured crops, the coverage period must have begun on or before Sept. 30, 2011;

For crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program, the coverage period must have begun on or before Sept. 30, 2011;

The final planting date, according to the specific coverage for the crop, must have been on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

Note: A producer who

only plants fall seeded or spring seeded crops with a final planting date on Oct. 1, 2011 or later) cannot meet the above eligibility criteria and will not be eligible for the 2012 SURE program.

A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for all economically significant crops;

Been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a Secretarial Disaster Designation.

Without a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

A "farm" for SURE purposes means the

entirety of all crop acreage in all counties that a producer planted or intended to be planted for harvest for normal commercial sale or on-farm livestock feeding, including native and improved grassland intended for haying.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage.

Farmers and ranchers interested in signing up must do so before the Aug. 29 deadline.

For more information on the 2012 SURE program, visit any USDA Service Center or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/sure.

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