



**Myers Honored** Sterling Myers was honored at the Robert Lee Elementary Music Program last month by the RLISD administration and her students. Mrs. Myers retired at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

**When is the right time?**

By Morgan Runyon  
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Before our recent rains, the mesquite tress had started their color change of going from the bright green to a darker olive green and landowners/property managers have started to think about spraying the trees. Since we were blessed with rain, producers will most likely start to notice new growth on mesquite trees. This will push back the date for spraying foliar spray. However as the temperature continues to increase and the mesquites tree leaves all turn a uniform dark green, you will see better results with your efforts.

Some steps to follow are: Allow the soil temperature to reach 75 degrees at a depth of 12 inches or when then trees leaves are a uniform dark green. When a mesquite tree puts on leaves at the first of the year, the color of the leaves is a bright green. As spring goes on, the color of the leaves starts to change from bright green to a dark green. When the leaves appear this color, it is a sign that the soil temp is reaching 75 degrees. At

this point, you are clear to conduct foliar spraying and you will maximize your kill rate.

Prepare your equipment and make sure your sprayer has an adjustable nozzle capable of delivering a coarse or large droplet spray. A well tested spray mixture for foliar spraying mesquites is using 1/2% Reclaim, 1/2% Remedy, 1/4% Surfactant and 1/4% blue dye. Using this method, it is necessary to cover all leaves of the trees to the point where they are wet but not dripping.

A method that can be used throughout the growing season is the stem spray method. This method calls for a mixture of 20% Remedy with 80% diesel and it is most effective when you cover the lower 12 inches of all stems. This method is best when it is applied with a XP-1 spray tip to help reduce waste of the herbicide.

For more information of using herbicides go to <http://texnat.tamu.edu/about/brush-busters/> or [http://www.angelo.edu/dept/agriculture/ag\\_research/spray\\_mixtures.php](http://www.angelo.edu/dept/agriculture/ag_research/spray_mixtures.php) and as usual always feel free to come by the

extension office.

**Howard College Dance Troupe visits Bronte**

A dance troupe from Howard College in Big Spring recently performed cultural and ethnic dances for students in grades 4 through 12 at Bronte I.S.D.

Members of the troupe danced various types of dance including, African, a Chinese fan dance, an Indian dance, hip hop, Hawaiian hula dance and also danced a contemporary dance to the music of



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Footloose. The troupe is under the direction of Eulaine McIntosh. For more information about the dance program at Howard College in Big Spring,


or other programs, please visit <http://www.howardcollege.edu/> Scholarships are available for many of the programs at Howard College.



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