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13th annual Muleshoe Rotary Roping a success

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The 13th annual Muleshoe Rotary's Labor Day Team Roping ended Monday, just minutes before a deluge that would have brought an otherwise highly successful event to a soggy conclusion.

During his presentation at Tuesday's gathering of the Rotarians, past president Gene Sheets thanked current president Janet Claborn for her timing, and noted that the last of the competitors were leaving as the heavy rain began to fall.

During the presentation, Claborn noted that other Rotary clubs are interested in the success Muleshoe's chapter has had with its annual roping.

This year's event attracted 940 teams competing for saddles and money. According to

trophy saddles presented, payouts went to the top six places.

Claborn recognized several members and their spouses for their efforts in the annual event, but gave special recognition to J.D. Cage, whose ideas sparked the event 13 years ago, and Thurman and Rhonda Myers for their experience with roping events.

"We wouldn't have the roping it weren't for the Myers," Claborn said. "We would never be able to have it without you."

Claborn also presented Buddy Embry, president of Muleshoe's Roping Club with an award for his assistance with the event, and noted that a book has been donated to DeShazo Elementary's library in Embry's honor.

For photos and names of this year's saddle winners turn to page 8

Headin' and heelin'

Pictured above, to the right and below teams participating in the 13th annual Muleshoe Rotary Roping at the Dusty Rhodes Arena make a run for the gold and leather. For related photographs turn to page 6 and 14.

Photographs by Larry Thornton



Area businesses join in Katrina relief effort

Several individuals, organizations and companies in the Muleshoe area have joined the relief effort following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and the resulting flooding of southern Louisiana.

This past week, the families and staff of Muleshoe Pea & Bean shipped 3,500 pounds of beans to Lubbock, where they were processed into soup and sent on to the refugees being housed at the Astrodome.

But MP&B isn't the only company or organization involved in such efforts.

The youth at Trinity Christian Center Church have started "Operation SOFT" (Save our Friends Today!), and will be collecting a variety of items for distribution to the families in need who have fled southern Louisiana.

Individuals seeking a copy of the needs list or having questions may contact Pamela Counterman at 272-3877 or 272-5741. Operation SOFT's drop off locations are: Trinity Christian Youth Center, 322 Main; Trinity Christian Center, 1723 W. American Blvd.; and the Counterman's home at 619 W. Ave. E.

At Lowe's and United Supermarket, Megan Green has been collecting canned goods.

Carolyn's Christmas Creations has been designated as a Red Cross cash donation location for the month of September, and will be holding a special sale with a portion of the proceeds going to the relief effort in early October.

At Muleshoe's Pizza Hut Saturday, Sept. 10, will be "Customer Appreciation Day," with 10 percent of the proceeds from 11 a.m. 'til 7 p.m. going to the relief effort.



Who gives a bean about Katrina? Muleshoe does!

Muleshoe Pea & Bean joined in the Katrina relief effort this past week by shipping out 3,500 pounds of beans to the Houston Astrodome. The shipment was transported — by H&W Hay Company, to Breedloves in Lubbock, where they were processed into soup prior to traveling on to the refugees at the dome. Pictured above, MP&B employees and family stand by as the beans are being loaded, from left to right: Front row — Jaegan Nickels, Chad Nickels, Kennedi Nickels and Harvey Alfaro; back row — Joe Rodriguez of H&W Hay, and Jackie Bruton.

Local Weather

Thurs.
Mt. Sunny... 85/56

Fri.
Mt. Sunny... 86/57

Sat.
Mt. Sunny... 84/57

Sun.
S. T-Storms.. 80/55

Mon.
S. T-Storms.. 78/55

Tue.
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Wed.
Sunny..... 83/55

Give It A Thought

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. As a matter of fact, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt!

Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper?
Call the Journal at 272-4536, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

'Dark and stormy night' takes relatives' home



The Ridolfos of New Orleans, from left to right — Jay, Andrea, Jesse, Lynn and Jason. Not pictured is daughter Serah Ridolfo.

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

"It was a dark and stormy night..." or so Snoopy has started many Peanuts® comic strips over the years, sitting on top of his dog house roof and typing away before being interrupted by that little yellow bird.

However, the dark and stormy night, followed by days of rising water did little to bring a laugh to the Ridolfo family, the parents of Annie Young of Muleshoe, as they watched their home of 23 years and

possessions succumb to the waters of Lake Pontchartrain and Hurricane Katrina.

"It's quite an experience to see everything you've accumulated disappear before your eyes," Jay Ridolfo said, describing the events of the past week. "It's been kind of a blur since Sunday night."

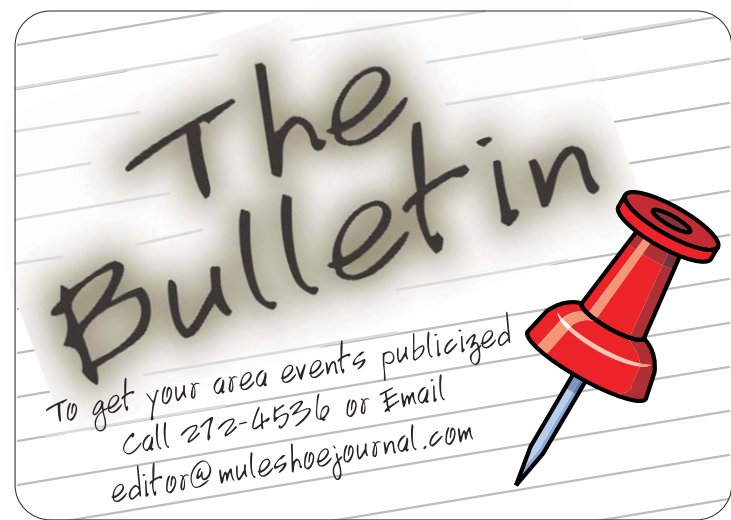
Jay said their home was located in the Lakeview Addition, which he said has the lowest elevation in the entire city of New Orleans, about eight blocks from

where the levee broke.

Although the Ridolfos had lived through other hurricanes in New Orleans, it became evident they were dealing with more than just water from the hurricane.

About 9:30 p.m., Jay said a wall of water came through the housing addition, raising the level about five feet in half an hour's time. "I could tell it was lake water by the smell," he said. "It smelled salty."

After that initial five-foot
Continued on page 14



Reserved seats are now available

Reserved seat tickets for the 2005 Muleshoe Mules football season are now on sale. The tickets are \$25 for five home games.

Persons who held reserved seats during the 2004 season may purchase their seating options at the MISD Administration office, during regular business hours. Persons whose names appears on the chart may pick up their tickets in person, by mail with the ticket holder's personal check, or by third party, if the tickets are purchased with the ticket holder's personal check.

Beginning Aug. 15, all remaining seats will go on sale on a first come, first served basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available for \$6 per game and may be purchased at the administration office on game day. Contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400 for additional information.

Drivers license office closed

Beginning Sept. 6, the driver's license in Muleshoe office will only be open two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. til noon, and from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings or AA in general, call Bobby F. at 272-8948 or 272-4433.

Athletic booster club

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club will meet every Monday during the Mules' football season at 7 p.m. in the MHS science room to discuss the game and make plans. All interested fans, parents and community members are invited to attend. There will be no meeting on Oct. 17 due to an open date in the Mules' schedule.

Golf scramble rescheduled

The Bailey County EMS Organization has rescheduled its scramble. Bailey County EMS is sponsoring a four-man golf scramble on Sept 10 at the Muleshoe Country Club with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Sign ups start at 7 a.m. The cost is \$160 per team golf, cart not included. A cash prize will be paid for first, second and third place winners. Prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive, also. Teams will be flighted. Contact Dustan or Alex at 272-4390 to sign up.

EMS volunteers sought

Bailey County EMS is looking for volunteers to provide the ambulance staffing with a medic from 5 p.m. till 6 a.m. weekdays and on the weekends. Volunteers are required to cover a minimum of four 12-hour shifts per month, and must have their certification or be enrolled in an EMT class within one year of joining.

An EMT -basic class is starting in Sudan on Thursday, Sept 8. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 6-10 p.m. If anyone is interested, contact Chris Thompson, EMS director, at 272-4390 for more information.

Girl Scout signup

Girls wishing to join the Girl Scouts may do so Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. 'til noon, at the Jennyslippers' Putt-Putt Golf Course.



Shirley Temple ain't got nothing on you baby!
Happy 50th Birthday Colleen!

Hunter education

The Texas Parks and Wildlife will sponsor a 10-hour Texas Hunter Education course on Sept. 10-11, at the First United Methodist Church of Littlefield's fellowship hall, 700 W. 14th Street, in Littlefield. The course will be from 6 - 10 p.m. on Sept. 10, and from 2-8 p.m. on the Sept. 11. You must attend both days to receive your certification card. The minimum age of certification is 12 years, and there is a \$10 certification fee. If you plan to attend, call 385-6788 or 385-5495 for more information.

Castro County Harvest Days

The Castro County Harvest Days will be held Sept. 8-10 at the Castro County Exposition Center, 405 SE Fourth, in Dimmitt.

Thursday night will feature a Teen Queen Pageant, a tractor pull and a pet show. Friday night will be a football game. Also fair entrees will be due and judged, and booth set up will begin. On Saturday will be the Harvest Day Parade at 10 a.m., a fiddlers' contest at 1:45 p.m., lawn mower races and water polo.

Craft and food booths, a petting zoo, rides, a quilt show, traditional fair, VFW horseshoe pitching, and a dance will be included in the celebration.

For more information contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at (806)647-2524.

Bailey county diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum. The program will be "Healthy Food Choices," and is free of charge to everyone interested. The Diabetes Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Pipeline Group meeting to be held

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Bailey County Exhibition Center & Coliseum, 2206 W. American Boulevard, in Muleshoe. The program is sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free dinner will be catered for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Bailey, Castro, Lamb, and Parmer counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

For more information call (800) 982-8752.

Open 4-H enrollment meeting

Bailey County 4-H will hold its open enrollment meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Lodge on West Second and Ave C. in Muleshoe. 4-H is open to all boys and girls ages, third grade to 12th grade, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or natural origin. For more information about 4-H, contact the Bailey County Extension Office, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Scout roundup

There will be a Cub Scout and Boy Scout roundup on Sept. 12, from 6-8 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe. contact Noemi Mora, at 272-4786, for additional information.

Critical access meeting set

A "town hall meeting" to explain the proposed critical access designation at Muleshoe Area Medical Center has been set for Monday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m., at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizen Center, according to interim administrator Ray Mason. MAHD residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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Letter to the Editor

Administrator seeks support for tax increase

To the Editor:

The issue of raising taxes is always a very unpopular one, but there comes a time when it becomes necessary. Each and every year the hospital district is faced with less and less reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, insurance companies, HMOs and PPOs. We, the citizens of the hospital district, have to absorb or make up the difference.

Throughout the nation, we are seeing families choose to drop their healthcare coverage because of the cost; therefore, they become self-pay and a lot of the time "no pay" users of the healthcare system. We are also seeing a widespread increase in the indigent healthcare program, and in all of these cases, the hospital district has to absorb or make up the difference.

The hospital facility itself is an aging facility and is requiring a great deal of our financial resources. With the continuing increase in fuel prices, we know that our utility bills will be greatly increased because the cost of delivering these services will be passed on to the hospital. The cost of equipment repair or replacement is constantly increasing as well as the delivery of supplies to the hospital and nursing care facility. When the new nursing care facility, Park View, was constructed, the taxes were not increased. We need to ensure the financial viability of this facility.

It isn't an enjoyable request to ask the taxpayers for additional tax assistance, but the board of directors of the hospital district is proposing a tax increase. This is being

proposed to help offset the above mentioned items, and to offset the deficit in the hospital and nursing care facility. We have to continuously work hard to meet the debt service and increasing list of accounts that are owed by the district. Most importantly, we need to assure the survival of an extremely important commodity... your healthcare needs.

Efforts on our part include applying to the state for designation as a critical access hospital in order to maximize the hospital's Medicare reimbursement, and Park View is applying for a Medicare designation which will bring in much needed revenue. The hospital district is making an effort to take advantage of all governmental programs to maximize reimbursement.

As a point of information, a simple calculation will show what the current and proposed tax rate will generate based on an \$80,000 home:

At the current tax rate of .2525 per \$100 evaluation...
800 X .2525 = \$202 per year.

At the proposed tax rate of .40 per \$100 evaluation...
800 X .40 = \$320 per year

This would be a \$9.83 per month increase.

The board of directors and medical community ask for the support from the citizens of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

Ray Mason,
Interim Administrator
Muleshoe Area
Hospital District

Lamplight By Larry Thornton

Loving others through the pain of their past deeds

It was just four years ago, that I joined with other television viewers and watched in horror as a plane disappeared into the side of the World Trade Center... followed by another plane. Than my horror was multiplied as I watched the towers collapse.

Sept. 11, 2001... a day that has been as indelibly marked in infamy as the Dec. 7 attack that precipitated our nation's involvement in World War II.

Since that day the entire world has taken on a new look... a new feel, and not one that speaks of peace and joy. Since that day, security issues that have troubled other parts of the world were given more than a passing examination in the

United States. And as it did half a century ago, the drums of war followed the ignominy of the Sept. 11 attack.

Back in Oklahoma, we had experienced such horror just half of a decade earlier at the destruction of the Murrah Building, and we also saw that great things often rise from such trouble and adversity. We marveled at the actions of every-day heroes involved in the rescue operation and wept as we heard the stories of airline passengers who did what they could to thwart the terrorists in control of their plane. We watched, prayed and wherever possible participated in the events that followed the attacks. And we saw a President who without hesitation turned to

his Creator for strength, comfort and wisdom.

Now, as the fourth anniversary of the event surrounds us we find ourselves once again inundated with the images of that tragic day, and to be quite honest many of the emotional wounds created four years ago will be at least partially reopened as the television images of the event are no doubt replayed.

As Christians, we know that we must not allow our ongoing search for justice to fill us with hate. But sometimes it is so hard to adopt a Christ-like attitude and turn the other cheek.

I remember reading about an Armenian nurse who found herself in the position of caring for the Turkish soldier who had murdered her own brother in front of her eyes. Although the injuries she had suffered cried out for vengeance her faith in God called for her to love him and nurse the soldier back to health.

Luke 6:27-36, NIV, says, "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes

your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

As we look back on the events of Sept. 11, 2001, let us ask God to help us not dwell upon the anger and fear that resulted from those actions.

And as we continue to seek justice, let us not forget Matthew 18:21-35 and the parable of the unmerciful servant.

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Gulf Coast Disaster Questions Keep Surfacing

As daily we are seeing more ramifications of Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast, new dimensions of the disaster continue to impress themselves on our minds. It is very hard to wrap your mind around such widespread devastation, but the pictures and sound-bytes just keep pouring in.

Water everywhere. Wrecked homes and buildings everywhere. Folks perched on rooftops.

The usual glory-hounds drawn to the media frenzy like flies to cow patties.

Quietly good people all over the country, people who just want to help and want no glory, donating money, food, clothing, and time to help salvage wrecked lives.

And even after the most pressing questions for so many are answered, questions like "Where do I get food today?" many, many more questions pile up higher than the water covering New Orleans. Questions like why, apart from understandable but irrational emotion, would anyone even consider rebuilding in the exact below-sea-level locations and situations where the same thing can and certainly will someday happen yet again?

Some of the questions I'd pondered were answered last evening and this morning by the news people.

How do you get cash when your bank's closed and underwater? Is your credit card any good?

How can you find family members?

What about animals and pets? Just how toxic is that water anyway?

And I still wonder, what about spiritual families? If you're not really a serious part of one, you won't even understand the question. But how hard it must be not just to know that the place where you worship is destroyed, but to have to wonder what's happened to those you worship with who love you as much or more than your physical families. I pray that those spiritual families can get back together. In the meantime, I hope they learn what a truly large Christian family they have.

Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Rescues still going on days after the catastrophic event.

Huge domed stadiums becoming huge anthills of newly-spawned homeless.

Thugs looting.

Thugs shooting.

Families being separated.

Families being reunited.

Evacuees being relocated.

People wondering why such things happen.

People asking some good but tough questions that need to be asked.

Politicians trying to give good answers.

Politicians trying to duck tough questions.

A really loud and foul-mouthed mayor.

Folks already playing the race card (when the far larger societal cracks are, as usual, much more economic and class-related than race-related).

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

Baby Showers

Partin shower held

Jessica Partin was honored during a baby shower at the home of Janice Bradshaw on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Hostess of the event included Beckye Conklin, Stephanie Foster, Ellen Gallman, Lori Hendricks, Gina Hill, Sue Holt, Coralynn Jarman, Lauren Luig, Sheryl Morris, Debra Redwine, Jarah Redwine, Jan St. Clair, Jodi Urbantke and Lanette Whitley.

Guests attending included Vickie Burch — Partin's mother, and her grandmothers Lillian Street and Hazel Burch.

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Obituaries

Vanessa Lynn Fragoso

A church service for Vanessa Lynn Fragoso, 12, of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at the Muleshoe Church Of Christ with Barry Wiseman of Muleshoe officiating.

Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery at Muleshoe.

Vanessa died on Sept. 1, 2005, in Lubbock. She was born on Jan. 26, 1993, in Amarillo.



VANESSA LYNN FRAGOSO

Vanessa was a member of the Muleshoe Church Of Christ. She would have been in the seventh grade this year. Vanessa has lived in Muleshoe since 1995, moving from Amarillo.

Survivors include her parents — Josephine and Juan Fragoso of Muleshoe; four sisters — Sally Gonzales of Kansas, Linda Lavato of Amarillo, Monica Chavez, San Diego, Calif., and Theresa Fragoso of Muleshoe; two brothers — Ray Chavez Jr. of San Diego, Calif., and Adrian Raymond Chavez of Portales, N.M.

She is also survived by her grandmother — Rosie Bustamante of Muleshoe and great-grandmother — Margarite Bustamante of Muleshoe.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

Johnye Eubank

A church service for Johnye "Noni" Eubank, 92, of Farwell, was held Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with Gary Patterson and the Rev. Randy Mullin officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Muleshoe.

Eubank died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2005, in Paradise. She was born on April 29, 1913, to William Madison and Annie Berta Smith in Ratcliff, and married Horace Eubank in Vernon on Jan. 22, 1934. He preceded her in death Sept. 17, 1977. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother — Morris Smith, and one sister — Ruth Jones.

Eubank was a graduate of O'Donnell High School. She was a longtime resident of Meadow, prior to moving to Farwell. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law — J.W. "Sonny" and Lee Nell Eubank of Farwell; a daughter and son-in-law — Betty Jean and Randy Kelley of Paradise; a brother — Hal Smith of Athens; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Compass Hospice, 125 CR 3051, Decatur, Texas 76234.

Wedding Showers



MR. AND MRS. ADAM HATCH

Hatch reception, shower held

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hatch of Tucson, Ariz., were honored Saturday, Aug. 20, with a wedding reception and shower at the Muleshoe Country Club. The bride is the former Reagan McElroy who was reared in Muleshoe.

Special guests were the bride's father and step-mother — Don and Ann McElroy, and brother — Eric McElroy, all of Muleshoe.

Out-of-town guests were the bride's grandmother — Marguerite McElroy of Ralls, her sister and brother-in-law — Stacy and Bill Johnson, her niece and nephew — Avery and Will Johnson, all of Austin. Also, Reagan's aunts — Jonette Walker and Leeann McElroy, and cousin — Jenny Walker, all of Lubbock, and friends — Payton, Alicia and Julia Rennels of Wimberly.

Guests were served fajitas in the dining room of the club, which was decorated in a festive

theme. The hostess gift was a metal decorative floor mirror, antique buffet, candle sticks, and a pitcher with matching glasses.

Host and hostesses were Mike and Cris Cleavenger, Buck and Lynn Campbell, Charlie and Georgette Isaac, Mike and Pamela Miller, Dick and Sandi Chitwood, Joan Lewis, Jerry and Diana Harrison, Corky and Donna Green, Charles and Jerie Flowers, John and Marilyn Young, Jim and Jan Crawford, Sammie Hall, Lary and Wanda Hooten, Katie Roubinek, Jack and Magann Rennels, Max and Pat King, Paul and Judy Wilbanks, and Tony and Nancy Barrier.

Adam Hatch and Reagan McElroy were married on June 18 in Great Exuma, The Bahamas. Reagan is the daughter of Don McElroy and the late Lisa McElroy.

Open 4-H enrollment meeting set

Bailey County 4-H will hold its open enrollment meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge on West Second and Ave C. in Muleshoe. 4-H is open to all boys and girls ages, third grade to 12th grade.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Bailey County Extension Office at 806-272-4583.

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Sports

Mules defense records second shut out of the season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mule defensive unit has recorded their second shutout in as many weeks as the Mules downed Sanford-Fritch 13-0. Late in the third period the Eagles Boe Cearly went 45-yards on a quarterback keeper to reach the Mule six-yard line.

Geoff Sirkel stopped the Eagles for a one-yard loss on first and goal and Garrett Riley blitzed Cearly for a seven-yard set back. An incomplete pass and breaking the huddle with to many men on the field backed the Eagles up another five yards.

Cearly attempted a 37-yard field goal. Freddie Tovar broke through and got his left hand on the ball. Jarad Flores tipped the ball high in the air and Logan Caddell soared above the crowd for the grab.

With an escort of Mules Caddell was finally drug down from behind on the Eagle 35. The Mules erased the final 30 seconds of the third period and six minutes and 42 seconds of the final period inside the Eagle 35 without scoring.



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Brady Black slips by a Sanford Fritch defender during Friday's game

"We remembered the game from last year and thought tonight would be a push over," said Logan Caddell. "They were a much better team tonight than we expected."

"I do not know who blocked the field goal. I just looked up and saw the ball, grabbed it and took off running. It was awesome for me but I just could not keep going."

The Eagles drove from their own one-yard line to just across mid field before Brady Black picked off a Cearly pass to seal the

shutout for the Mules.

The Eagles drove the opening kick to mid field before the Mules called a halt to their advance. Juan Reyes returned Cearly's punt 11 yards to the Mule 28.

The Mules sustained an 11-play, 78-yard drive on the ground. Black, Brant Hamilton and Caleb Heinrich shared the ball carrying duties on the march to the goal line. Black capped the drive with a one-yard Hammer play at the 4:55 mark of the first period. The two-point conversion failed.

"Over all I think we did

pretty good tonight," said Lorenzo Nunez. "We were able to run the ball on them. I thought our defense was awesome and we were able to stop them and did not give up a bunch of yards."

"We had under estimated what they would be like. Several of the guys almost feel like it was a loss but a shut out is a big thing and we are happy about that. They are a very good team."

Neither team could score in the second period and the two teams exchanged interceptions in the final minute of the first half with the Mules in front 6-0.

Reyes took the opening

kick of the second half down the middle of the field from the Mule five to the Eagle 43. It took seven plays for the Mules to march in for the TD with Black getting the call on a one-yard Hammer play.

Eddie Alvarado's kick split the uprights to tack on the extra point with 8:02 left in the third stanza. That ended the scoring for the night.

"This was the scariest team the coaching staff felt like we have on the schedule," said Mule coach David Wood.

"They had so many kids suspended for last year's game and the 58-6 score was all our kids knew about Sanford-Fritch," he said.

"This is a well-coached program with big strong kids and they gave us a battle tonight. We did not score every time we should have but we played well enough to get a shutout win. We are glad to get out of here with the win and move on with the season."

The Mules had 41 rushes for 199 yards and passed for 57 more for a total of 256 yards and 15 first downs. Hamilton completed eight-of-18 attempts with two interceptions. Black rushed

23 times for 127 yards, Hamilton had 13 carries for 60 and Heinrich four for 13.

Seven Mules caught passes with Black snagging one for 16 yards, Rudy Gonzales grabbed one for 12 and Caddell had one for 11 yards. Reyes caught one for six yards, Alvarado one for five, Riley had two for five and Heinrich caught one for two yards.

The Mule defense held the Eagles to nine first downs and 173 total yards. Black and Reyes each had an interception. Cearly was the Eagles leading ground gainer with 75 yards with 45 coming on one play.

Brady Black was chosen as the Offensive Player of the Game and Juan Reyes and Geoff Sirkel shared the Defensive Player of the Game honors. Josh Ramirez was chosen as the Special Teams Player.

Bret Bamert was named as the Most Valuable Player of the Game. Garrett Behrends was voted the Slobber Knocker Award for his hit during the Eagle game.

The Mules put their 2-0 record on the line at 7:30 pm Friday night in Shallowater against the Mustangs.

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Freshman Hornet's fall to Mules after early lead

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Tulia Hornets quickly jumped in front of the freshmen Mules with a 74-yard TD run on the opening play of the game. The Hornets added the two-point conversion to take an 8-0 lead 20 seconds into the contest.

The Mules answer and answered often as they squashed the Hornets 54-16. The Mules first scored with a 70-yard six-play drive that was capped with a 25-yard scamper by Lane Wood. The conversion failed.

Tulia quickly struck back to take a 16-6 lead with 5:45 left in the first period. After that it was all Mules.

The Mule offense took eight points off the Tulia lead when Victor Vasquez finished a 53-yard drive with

a hard five-yard run through the middle of the Hornet defense.

Dillon Gallman caught the quick pass for the two-point conversion. L. Wood took a last second pitch from Wes Wood and scampered the final 19 yards for the Mules go ahead TD with 3:31 remaining in the first half. Gallman caught the two-point conversion pass from W. Wood to put the Mules on top 22-16.

W. Wood picked off a Hornet pass as the first half wound down to end a Tulia drive on the Mule 40. It only took three plays for the Mules to capitalize. W. Wood sneaked in from the one-yard line behind Marshall Head's block. L. Wood tacked on the two-point conversion.

The Mules led at the intermission, 30-16.

L. Wood added his second TD run of the game with 7:53 to go in the third period and Austin Wright snagged the pass for the two-point conversion.

W. Wood sneaked in for his second tally early in the final frame. Brian Poyner was on the receiving end of a W. Wood toss for the extra points to push the Mule advantage to 46-16.

L. Wood chalked up his

third TD on the defensive side of the ball by picking off a Hornet pass on the Mule 45 and raced 55 yards to paydirt. Wright took a pitch wide for the two-point conversion that ended all scoring.

The Mules will put their 2-0 record on the line at home Thursday night at 5 p.m. when they host the Shallowater Mustangs.

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Publication of Obituaries

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Brownfield	0	2	0	0

This Week's Schedule
Muleshoe vs. Shallowater
Levelland vs. Seminole
Littlefield vs. Idalou
Cooper vs. Snyder
Brownfield vs. Lamesa
JV/Fresh
JV/Fresh vs. Shallowater
8th Grade/7th Grade
Shallowater

Last Week's Scores
Muleshoe 13, S. Fritch 0
Graham 21, Levelland 7
Littlefield 33, Shallowater 7
Cooper 44, Lamesa 14
Brownfield 20, Kermit 19

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JV Mules dumped Monterey Plainsmen, 26-6

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Two busloads of Lubbock Monterey sophomores rolled into Benny Douglas Stadium last Thursday afternoon to take on the JV Mules. The Mules built up a 26-0 lead on the Plainsmen. Monterey finally pushed across a lone TD late in the final period. The Mule dumped Monterey 26-6.

Neither team could score in the opening frame of a defensive battle. Jared Mendoza forced a bad pitch by the Monterey quarterback and picked up the loose ball and zipped 25

yards for the Mules first tally. The Mules led 6-0 with 6:04 left in the half.

Julio Bustillos and Patrick Precure rocked the Plainsman ball carrier and separated him from the ball. Precure claimed the ball for the Mules at the Monterey 44. Elias Alvarado and Dusty Clayton shared the ball carrying duties as the Mules marched down field.

Alvarado completed the drive with a two-yard dive with 14 seconds left in the half. Clayton rolled to his right and connected with Colton Heinrich for the two-point conversion. The Mules

led 14-0 at the half. Alvarado took the opening kick of the second half and followed his wedge up the middle of the field to the Monterey 12 for a 68-yard return. Clayton cashed the check for the Mules with a roll out wide to the left to put the Mules in front 20-0.

Nick Brewster jarred the ball loose from a Plainsman ball carrier and claimed the ball for the Mules at the Monterey 32.

Heinrich moved the Mules to the Monterey 16 on back-to-back running plays. Alvarado broke through the middle for the final six yards

with over four minutes left in the third period. The Mules will put their 1-0-1 record on the line as they host the Shallowater Mustangs Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The Bailey County Commissioners Court conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **County of Bailey** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 24.17 percent on September 1, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

The Bailey County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 21, 2005, at 10:00 A.M. at Bailey County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom 300 South First Street, Muleshoe, Texas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Muleshoe Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., September 26, 2005 in the School Administration Building, 514 W. Ave G, Muleshoe, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.4300	\$0.000 *	\$1.4300	\$1,921	\$4,692
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.4576	\$0.000 *	\$1.4576	\$1,914	\$4,699
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.000 *	\$1.5000	\$1,947	\$4,699

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$39,343	\$39,343
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$24,343	\$24,343
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.4300	\$1.5000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$348.10	\$365.15
Increase in Taxes		\$17.05

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Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.5176. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5176.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.000



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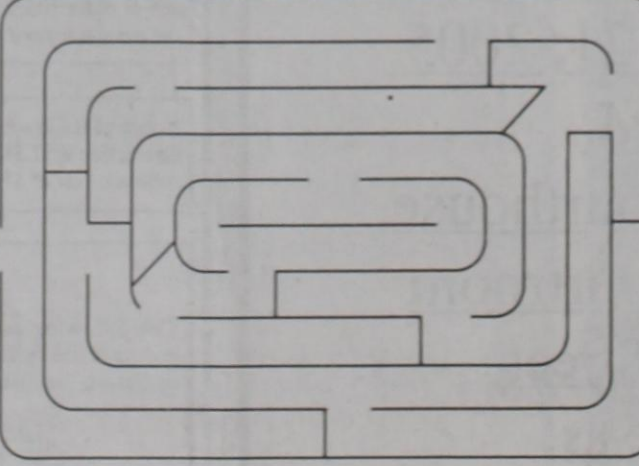

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Blue Ribbon Winner!

I'm so proud of my cousin. He won a blue ribbon today.

Can you help me find my way to his goat pen?

Fine Arts Booster Club News

The Fine Arts Boosters met Aug. 29 to elect officers for the school year and to plan activities in support of the fine arts in the High School and Junior High.

They are again operating the football concessions, and parent sign-ups are encouraged. In addition, the annual Fine Arts Night to Shine will be held in the Spring. Plans are also underway for selling ads for the various fine arts programs held through the year.

Officer election results were as follows: Richard Orozco, president; Bonnie Perez, first vice president; Lori Hall, second vice president; Lynn Vandiver, secretary; Barry Wiseman,

treasurer; and Raven Hernandez and Dave Symm, historian and reporter.

Choir director Lorissa Moffett informed the group that production of the musical "Oklahoma" is planned for 2006, with auditions to be held next May.

The choir will take a trip to Colorado Springs in May. Their fall concert is scheduled for Oct. 17.

She said, "We have a great group of kids. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year."

MHS band director Brad Walker introduced drum majors Lindsey Hall and Janice Pacheco. He reviewed a number of goals,

and said he is looking forward to a growing band program.

Immediate needs are parent sponsors to travel on the bus to out-of-town games. Please call the Band Hall if you can assist.

Walker also introduced the assistant director and junior high director — Marcos Gomez.

Speech and debate teacher Marsha Wiseman spoke to the boosters regarding her program.

MHS will field participants in the Mock Trial events this year. Wiseman thanked the group for their support of her department.

Muleshoe High School will be hosting the One-Act Play competition. One-Act

Play is under the direction of John Gulley.

"The Fine Arts Boosters welcomes parents of young people involved in all of the fine arts programs to participate in our work," said organization president Richard Orozco. "We want to encourage our young people to develop their talents."

The booster organization meets regularly on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be in the band hall at 7 p.m. on Sept. 12.

Births

Gracie Reyes



GRACIE MARIAH REYES

Marcus Reyes and Michelle Guerra of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Gracie Mariah Reyes on July 31, 2005, at University Medical Center of Lubbock.

Gracie weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

She has one brother, Marcus Reyes Jr.

Maternal grandparents are Carlos and Maria Guerra of Muleshoe. Gracie's paternal grandmother is Maria Reyes of Muleshoe.

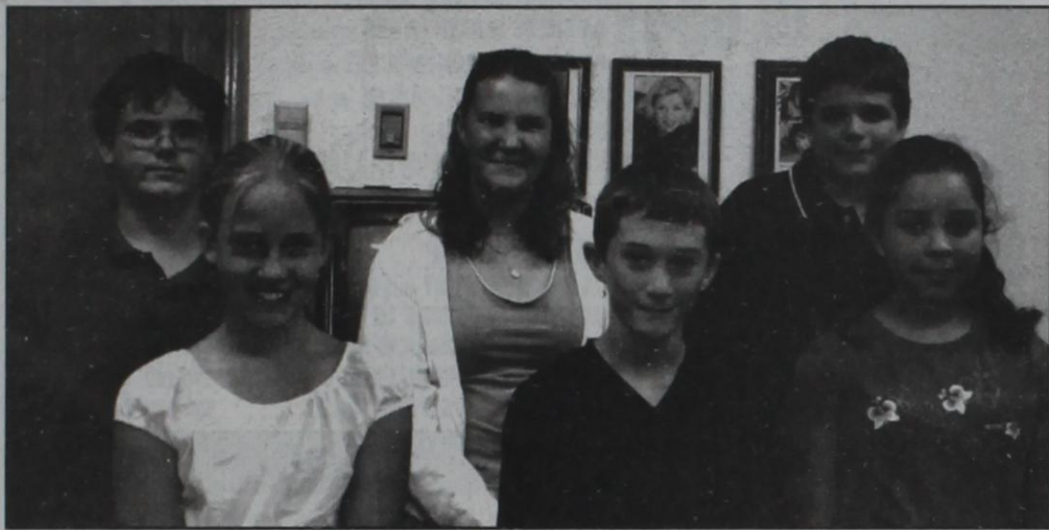
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School News



Students of the Week

Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Sep. 6 include, from left to right: Front row — Ashley Thomas, Bradley Lennon and Daniela Aburto; back row — Robert Brewster, Amy Howard and Cole Hawkins.

Nursing Home News

Dr. Stacy Conner visited Louise Agee and other residents at Park View recently.

Alene Bryant and James Wedel came Wednesday and volunteered their time and talents.

Jearl James visited Park View Friday.

Mandy Seaton gave a program and demonstrated carving a watermelon into a fruit bowl centerpiece. All the residents were served watermelon for refreshments on Friday morning.

Nancy Lemmons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class Thursday morning. Residents participating were Gladys Wright, Gladys Wilson, Ruth Clements, Cynthia Crawford, Lona Mosley, Argilee Miller, and Leona Groneman.

Cynthia Crawford, Gladys Wilson, and Loma Mosley made and baked dog bone-shaped sugar cookies in cooking class Wednesday afternoon.

Ruth Clements received a visit from Debra Noble Thursday afternoon.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard of Earth directed the praise music, singing, and scripture time Tuesday morning.

Cathy Wilson went with her sister Martha Thomas to Lubbock Friday to visit with other family members.

Stanley, Patricia Wilson and Jack visited Gladys Wilson and Cathy Wilson Sunday.

Juanita Burchman was visited Sunday by her daughter and son-in-law and her little dog Casey.

Lula Hennington received a visit from her family and the family poodle Sunday.

Bill Lambert was visited by Claude Riley Sunday afternoon, Bill and Marie Lane are visited often by

Woodie Lambert and Frieda Foss.

Pat Clark, Eva Nell Dale, Mary Jo Burge, Josie Ovalle, Pat Watson, Dianne Brown and Janell Garrett all volunteered their time and talents in the volunteer beauty shop Tuesday afternoon.

Peggy Dent visited everyone in Park View Tuesday.

Elsie Darland received a visit from her daughter and son-in-law, the Ruzickas of Lubbock, Sunday.

Iris Clements and Joyce Hunter directed the Bingo Bash Saturday afternoon. Lillie Edminston, unable to attend the game, played in her room by the way of walkie-talkie. (Paul Chaisson made this all possible.)

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the communion service Sunday morning.

Harold Burge taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

Jearl James and Janis Morrison directed the Cowboy Church services Sunday afternoon.

Truman Stroud was visited by his family and little

schnauzer dog, Sunday afternoon.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice, and donuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday morning.

Following coffee time, Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth and Gary Skaggs and Anna B. Lane directed our singspiration and devotional time.

Phyllis Carrion visited Edna Duncan recently.

Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has released the following list of admissions:

- Aug. 27 — No report.
- Aug. 28 — Ruben Castaneda.
- Aug. 29 — Juan Anguiano, David Marricle and Rodrigo Mendoza.
- Aug. 30 — Jan Copley, Maria Jasso and Manuel Morales Jr.
- Aug. 31 — No report.
- Sept. 1 — No report.
- Sept. 2 — No report.



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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

A general meeting has been called for on Thursday, Sept. 15, at noon, in the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

An amendment to the by-laws will be discussed and voted on. Please try to come and help take care of this important business for the center.

The senior center's garage sale was a big success Friday and Saturday. The garage sale will be again this Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9 and 10.

If you did not get to come by before, come on in and look around, still some good items for sale. The hours will be 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A town hall meeting will be held at the senior center, 319 Main St., on Monday Sept. 12, beginning at 6 p.m.

Ray Mason, with the hospital, will be discussing the possibility of classing the hospital as a crisis hospital. Make plans to come to the center and learn about your hospital.

The Bootscooter's Band

WorkSource to join Katrina relief effort

In response to the immediate employment needs of Hurricane Katrina victims relocated to the South Plains area, WorkSource of the South Plains will host a Job Fair on Friday, Sept. 9.

WorkSource of the South Plains is working in conjunction with Lubbock's Mayor Marc McDougal and a number of regional organizations to carry out a recovery plan that will provide a variety of resources needed.

"WorkSource of the South Plains stands ready to assist these individuals in addressing their immediate need for jobs. Our position as the lead workforce agency in the South Plains area has allowed us the opportunity to bring together local employers with these men and women so desperately seeking to rebuild their lives. We believe this job fair will provide a path in doing so," said WorkSource of the South Plains CEO Martin Aguirre.

The job fair will link local employers with evacuees wishing to obtain employment in the South Plains region. Job seekers will be screened and matched to the employer's job openings.

The effort to locate available jobs is being coordinated by WorkSource of the South Plains. Employers region wide are asked to contact Danny Soliz of WorkSource at (806) 777-0292 to participate in this job fair.

The exact time and location of the job fair will be announced at a later date.

Scout signups

There will be a Cub Scout and Boy Scout roundup on Sept. 12, from 6-8 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe. Contact Noemi Mora, at 272-4786, for additional information.

Also, girls wishing to join the Girl Scouts may do so Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. 'til noon, at the Jennyslippers' Putt-Putt Golf Course.

will be playing for the Tuesday night dance. Call a friend, come and enjoy good music and fellowship.

Voting on three members for the board is still going on. Come in and cast your ballot for the three of your choice. Sept. 15 is the final date to vote.

Menu for Monday thru Friday, Sept. 12 - 16:

Monday, Sept. 12 — Fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, tossed salad, wheat roll and peaches.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 — Lasagna, italian veggeis, tossed salad, rolls and banana pudding.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 — Cheese enchiladas, red beans, spanish rice, salsa and chips, and salad.

Thursday, Sept. 15 — Hamburger steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat roll and jello salad.

Friday, Sept. 16 — brisket, au gratin potatoes, fried okra, pickles, wheat roll and cherry cobbler.

16th & D Church of Christ to celebrate its anniversary

The 16th & D Church of Christ, Muleshoe, will be holding a special anniversary celebration Sunday, Sept. 11, according to pastor Curtis Shelburne.

Ivan Woodward, the church's first pastor, will be preaching at the 10:30 a.m.

morning worship service, and the Christian mines Silent Witness will also be performing.

After the worship, there will be a meal in the fellowship hall, followed by a program with video memories and music at 1:30 p.m.

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Leah Bell

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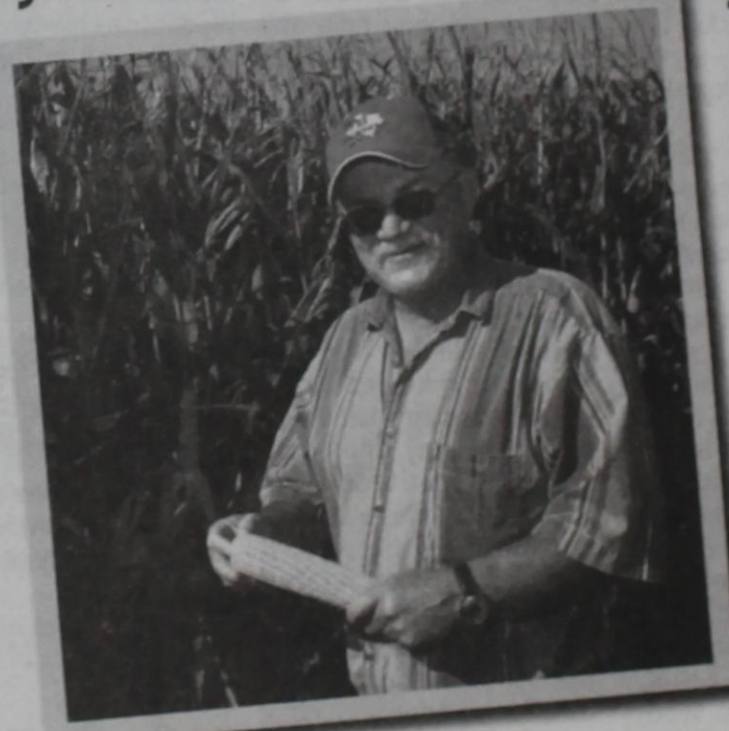
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Agricultural News

Cotton rat population is on the increase

By Monti Vandiver
Extension Agent -IPM

Where is the Pied Piper when you need him? There has been an abundance of rats in the Northwest Plains of Texas.

The good news is that the rat in question is the Hispid Cotton Rat which does not invade homes or buildings.

This outbreak is due to environmental conditions favorable to the cotton rat (i.e. an abundance of grass and weed growth which provide food and shelter).

The cotton rat, *Sigmodon hispidus*, is a stocky, medium-sized rat with a sparsely haired tail which is shorter than the head and body. They are 10-11 inches long and will weigh in at 3-5 ounces.

The hispid cotton rat occurs over most of the southern United States, from California, to Florida.

The Hispid Cotton Rat inhabits a broad variety of habitats where suitable cover is present, such as dense grassy fields, weedy

fields, roadside ditches, marshy areas, brushy or weedy fence rows; pretty much anywhere there is dense grass or weed growth.

Beneath this protective canopy of grasses or weeds, cotton rats develop interconnected runways.

The Hispid Cotton Rat's principal diet is the stems, shoots, and leaves of grasses and sedges, but occasionally it will eat insects, the eggs and young of ground-nesting birds, and even other small rodents.

Since they will eat quail eggs, a high cotton rat population may have a detrimental impact on quail nesting success.

These rats are active during both night and day throughout the year, but are more nocturnal in the hottest months. They build spherical nests of shredded plant material under logs or rocks, in burrows, or beneath densely matted vegetation.

They are active year round and do not store food for winter use. Their home range is small — from 1/4 to 3/4 acre for females and 1 to 1-1/4 acres for males.

The cotton rat is very prolific and will breed throughout the year. Several litters (up to nine) may be produced annually, averaging from two to 15 young per litter.

The gestation period is 27 days, and the young are weaned in 10 to 15 days.

Most young breed for the first time at two to three months of age. Cotton rat populations fluctuate greatly, ranging from 11 to 149 per acre, and cause most problems during population peaks.

They may damage a variety of crops, including alfalfa, grains, grasses, vegetables, peanuts, fruit crops, sweet potatoes, and sugar beets but are especially troublesome in sugarcane and melons. The last serious outbreak in

Texas occurred in 1958 when millions of these rodents seemed to appear from nowhere and caused serious losses to farm crops, particularly peas, peanuts, watermelons, and cauliflower — as much as 90 percent loss in some instances.

Fortunately, every eruption is followed by a crash in the population that is brought on by a combination of factors, principally disease.

Predators such as coyotes, cats, hawks, owls, and certain snakes take their toll, but the main killer is disease. Cotton rats can be managed culturally by the removal of dense cover by mowing, plowing, burning, and the use of herbicides to reduce habitat and therefore minimize their populations.

Small rodent live traps or rat-sized snap traps are effective if only a small number of animals are present. The traps should be baited with a mixture of peanut butter and oatmeal or a piece of fresh carrot or sweet potato. There are no repellents or baits registered in Texas for use on cotton rats.

For more information contact Texas Cooperative Extension 806-481-3300, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service at 806-651-2880.

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Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade closed at a three-week high Tuesday on active speculative buying as uncertainty regarding crop damage from Hurricane Katrina in the Memphis Territory and Southeast Territory spurred the advance.

Toward the end of the week, traders concentrated more on technical factors while damage reports from the week's adverse weather continued to trickle into the news.

Clear skies and rising temperatures returned to much of the Memphis Territory late in the week, and producers throughout the region were waiting to see how the cotton would respond.

Reports were widespread of plants bent to the ground by Hurricane Katrina from the southern Mississippi Delta to west Tennessee.

The potential for boll rot is great if plants fail to recover to a standing position. However, the forecast for temperatures of 80 to 90 degrees in the area will be constructive.

Early reports from southern Mississippi and northeast Louisiana indicate

cotton there has sustained the greatest damage and prospective loss reported thus far. Some fields already had been defoliated, but where bolls were open and plants still were standing, a shortage of diesel fuel may prevent the commencement of the harvest.

In addition to the tragic human toll that Hurricane Katrina has inflicted upon the gulf coast, a number of other longer term factors will remain in place to hinder the cotton market.

Last season, exporters struggled to physically get onboard the amount of cotton USDA predicted would be exported. Now, with two ports unable to operate, it will be even more difficult to get cotton out of the country.

Meanwhile, a severe hailstorm across the Texas High Plains now appears to have severely damaged cotton on approximately 100,000 acres. Regional observers indicated the prospective cotton loss, based on current assessments of yield potential for the area, could range from 100,000 to 200,000 bales.

However, market analysts have noted that the large

supply of U.S. cotton could well make up for all of the weather damages incurred in the country over the past week.

USDA reported this week that net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 211,500 bales in the week ended Aug. 25, 48 percent less than the previous week. The major buyer was China with smaller quantities to Turkey, Mexico, and Brazil. Sales of 13,500 bales for delivery in 2006-07 were for Mexico.

Export shipments of 227,100 bales were 29 percent less than the previous week and 44 percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Sept. 1 totaled 14,241 bales compared to the previous week when 5,761 bales were traded.

Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 38.49 to 42.37 cents per pound compared to 35.72 to 39.84 cents per pound the previous week.

Keep hands clean with good hygiene

By Mandi Seaton
Bailey CEA-FCS

September has been designated as National Food Safety Education Month. The National Restaurant Association Education Foundation's International Food Safety Council began this campaign in 1994 to emphasize the importance of food safety education. This year's theme is "Keep Hands Clean with Good Hygiene."

Each year 1 in 4 Americans will become sick, 1 in 1,000 will be hospitalized, and more than 5,000 will die due to foodborne illness. Foodborne illness can affect everyone. Many foodborne illnesses are caused by bacteria that are very small and cannot be seen, tasted, or smelled.

The first step to keeping food safe is to keep

everything clean. Since bacteria may not be seen, it is important to wash hands and food preparation surfaces often, especially before and after preparing food. The proper hand washing technique is: wash your hands with hot running water and soap. Rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds; scrub between fingers and under nails. Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dry.

Always wash your hands: before and after preparing any food; before and after handling raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs.

Also, after using the bathroom; after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose; after touching your face or hair; after smoking; after taking out the trash; after touching animals; and after changing diapers.

It is also important to wash your food preparation

area, cutting boards, and utensils with hot soapy water before and after preparing food. The dishrags you use to clean can become contaminated with bacteria that can spread to other surfaces; therefore, always use a clean dishrag every time you prepare food. Sanitize washed cutting boards, sinks, and food preparation area. A sanitizing solution can be made by combining one teaspoon of bleach with one quart of water.

By following these precautions, you can help stop foodborne illness before it affects you or your family. For more information on National Food Safety Education Month and food safety, contact the Bailey County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347 or call 806-272-4583.

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Agricultural News

Texas farmers, ranchers receive landowner incentives

On Thursday, Sept. 1, Dr. Larry D. Butler, state conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Texas, announced that 84 Texas farmers and ranchers will receive more than \$2 million in payments for new contracts in the Conservation Security Program.

The 2005 CSP contracts were awarded in 14 watersheds in Texas, covering almost 400,000 acres of land.

Nationwide, NRCS offered 12,700 CSP contracts to farmers in 220 watersheds. These Fiscal Year 2005 contracts being offered translate into more than a \$1 billion long-term commitment to conservation over the next 10 years on nine million acres of private lands. CSP is a landowner incentive program authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill.

While CSP was offered on a limited basis last summer,

this is the first year agricultural producers in all 50 states in 220 watershed locations were given an opportunity to participate in the program.

USDA expects to fully invest the \$202 million provided by Congress in covering the new contracts as well as those signed in 2004.

Unlike most federal farm conservation programs that are designed to address resource problems, CSP is designed to recognize those farmers and ranchers who have already applied a full conservation system that addresses soil quality and water quality to meet program criteria. The bulk of the CSP contract payment; however, is based on agreements to further enhance these and other resources including wildlife habitat, energy conservation, and air quality.

"Thousands of Texas farmers and ranchers are

committed to doing the hard day-to-day work of making the right choices for the land and other natural resources that they manage. They don't boast about it and they don't often get much recognition, but CSP is a step towards rewarding the work they do," Butler said.

"Furthermore, these proven stewards are good candidates for our nation to invest in to further improve the resources that sustain our families, our communities and our landscapes," he said.

CSP applicants participate in the program in five different categories and three tiers reflecting both their documented historical conservation management as well as their agreement to do additional environmental enhancements.

In Texas, 51 applicants were approved in category A and 33 in category B. Of the 84 approved applicants, 29 were approved at Tier I, 11

at Tier II, and 44 at Tier III. Category A and Tier III recognizes the highest level of conservation.

"CSP is a logical companion to the other NRCS programs to help more people get to the point where we are," says Joseph Fitzsimons, co-owner and manager of the San Pedro Ranch near Carrizo Springs.

"We have been at this for 30 years. At some point, when people have demonstrated commitment and longevity to conservation, it makes sense to trust their decision making abilities. That's what CSP does," he said.

The Fitzsimons' innovation in conservation stewardship management helped them qualify as a Category A, Tier III participant in the CSP, which exemplifies their historical commitment to conservation.

In Texas, CSP contracts will average of \$13,500 for Tier I and \$30,800 per year for 5-10 years. A broad range of conservation work that protects and enhances natural resources is being funded.

Typical conservation included in Texas contracts includes environmental improvements such as grazing management plans, crop rotations, riparian protection, no-till systems, wildlife habitat improvements, soil and water conservation, and stream bank stabilization.

CSP is a voluntary program that supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands and enhances the condition of America's natural resources.

For more information on CSP and other NRCS programs see <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>.

NRCS is the lead agency in the USDA for providing conservation technical assistance to owners and operators of private lands. NRCS serves customers

through USDA's network of local, county-based offices. For more information on CSP or other programs and services offered through

NRCS, call your county USDA-NRCS office or access the information on the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Forage silage can equal corn silage

By Kay Ledbetter
Texas A&M University

Cattle can munch more efficiently if producers are willing to look at sorghum forages and silages, two Texas A&M University System specialists said recently.

Stocker cattle grazing systems, confined cattle feeding and a budding dairy industry create a growing demand for quality silage, traditionally met with corn silage.

Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with Texas

Cooperative Extension and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and Dr. Ted McCollum, extension beef cattle specialist, say five years of trials show forage sorghums can help meet the need for high quality silage.

And they can meet that need while saving precious irrigation water. "The potential for replacing corn with forage sorghum exists with the recent development of productive, high-quality forage sorghum varieties," Bean said.

Producers can get the

same tonnage of forage sorghum as corn and use at least 25 percent less water, he said. Also, the quality of certain sorghum varieties equal that of corn and the fuel costs are less to grow forage sorghum, Bean said.

McCollum agreed producers can utilize forage sorghum in their cropping program.

The key consideration, however, will be for producers to be paid according to the value of the crop. "The old conventional method of saying forage sorghums are worth less than corn silage is not necessarily true," McCollum said.

In feed quality trials, he said, corn silage has been replaced with forage sorghum without lowering the rate of gain or the feed efficiency.

Both Bean and McCollum warned there is more variability in sorghum than corn, so it is more important for producers to study variety trials to fit the production needs they have.

More than 80 sorghum varieties are growing next to corn in trials at the Experiment Station's James Bush Research Farm north of Bushland. Results of these trials will be posted at the end of the season. Earlier trial results can be found at <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/programs/agronomy/publications>.

Cotton aronomist offers advice for late season hail damage

"I just hate these late season hail events. They make me sick," said Randy Boman, a Texas Cooperative Extension cotton agronomist, recently, speaking of the horrific damage caused by the weekend's storms.

As estimates slowly come in from around the region it looks as though around 100,000 acres were pummeled. Local observers in the Slaton area put affected acreage at around 50,000 while Extension personnel in Hockley County have tallied up between 15,000 and 25,000 acres.

Losses north and west of Muleshoe and in Hale county are still being assessed.

Boman offers the following advice to affected producers contained in

Extension publications from similar hail damage events in previous years:

- <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/cotton/pdf/assessinghaildamcot04.pdf>
- <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/cotton/pdf/haildamagedcot2003100def.pdf>
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An updated 2005 version will be available soon.

This week, Buster simply asks you to take a moment to pray for the victims of hurricane Katrina and the emergency personnel working tirelessly to rescue lives and property. God bless you all. Our hearts are with you.



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Chamber News



Got spirit? Yes, we do!

A Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture membership drive will kick off Thursday, Sept. 15, at Muleshoe Motor with a mini-telethon "blitz" from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Manning the phones provided by Five Area during the five-hour period will be members of the chamber board of directors along with their SPIRIT teams. The teams will be contacting businesses and individuals with one goal in mind — building the chamber membership. "Runners" will be available to pick up payments or arrangements can be made to bill membership fees. Pictured are (back, left to right) — Five Area's general manager, Sandy Vandevender, Muleshoe Motor Co. owners Wanda and Lary Hooten; front (left to right) — chamber of commerce board members and team leaders Carolyn Johnson, Jake Davis, Heather Foley and chamber manager Amy Young. If you are a business or individual who is not contacted during this event but would like to join the chamber, call the chamber office at 272-4248.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Bringing up the rear...

The saying is that "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man... or a kid." Pictured above, a trio of happy youngsters push steers down the lane during Monday's continuation of the Muleshoe Rotary's roping.

New seatbelt law is in effect

Effective Sept. 1, a new law in Texas requires every child under the age of 5 and 3 feet tall to ride in a child safety seat.

Current law in Texas applies to children under the age of 4 or 3 feet tall. This means that children who may already be out of car seats will have to use an age and size appropriate booster seat.

National statistics show 83 percent of children between the ages of 3 and 8, who should be using car seats or belt-positioning booster seats, are being inappropriately graduated to an adult seat belt.

Ridolfos survive New Orleans flood waters

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rise, Jay said it slowed down to about six inches per hour. He said they were able to move some of their valuables — photographs and certain irreplaceable items — to the second floor, but that all of their appliances and furniture were lost to the rising water.

About 5:30 a.m., Jay said, they lost electrical power.

Jay spoke of elderly neighbors who found themselves trapped in the attic of their home with the water swirling around the eaves, and how his sons were able to help one elderly couple reach safety.

"We were strong and competent enough to get ourselves out of stuff a lot of others weren't," said Jay.

The Ridolfos also talked about sitting on the roof of their house and watching cars float by without anyone in them.

On Tuesday, they decided to evacuate, taking their pets and the few possessions they could fit into a couple of small boats they found in the area.

When they reached dry land, they left the boats and walked to the East Park Community Center at Houma, where they were able to stay for a couple of days.

"The people were so giving," Andrea said, speaking in particular about a woman at the shelter, Susan Price, who made an effort to see the Ridolfos were as comfortable as possible.

Jay, a construction project manager, figures it will be a couple of months before his family will be able return and

begin the process of cleaning up, but for all they've lost, he's thankful that his entire family made it through alive and uninjured.

"That's the important thing," he said.

As for whether he'd do anything different, his son

Jesse answered for Jay. "I'd keep a boat on the roof," he said.

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