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MISD school board sells \$22 million in bonds

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

In what was described as a historic event, the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the sale of \$22 million in bonds to fund much needed facility improvements on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

"We have a great market that we've priced our bonds into," said Doug Whitt of Southwest Securities, the school district's financial advisor, prior to the school board's vote to issue the bonds.

While the district's voters initially approved a \$25 million bond issuance, the scope of the projects was

reduced by \$5 million by the school district's failure in its application for Instructional Facilities Allotment funds from the State of Texas.

However, this reduction was offset in part Wednesday due to the near record low interest rates for municipal bonds. As a result of the approximately 4.34 percent interest rate, the school district's bonding capacity was pushed up an additional \$2 million.

As was approved by the district's voters in May, the \$22 million bond issuance is contingent upon the school district's receipt of Existing Debt Allotment funds from the state.

"Our interest rates are just

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about as low as they have ever been," Whitt said, adding that the bonds' Triple-A rating was the best possible in the bond market.

"The easy work is what we've done today... the hard work is still ahead," Whitt said.

"This is a historic moment in the school district," Superintendent Gene Sheets said prior to the

board's 5-0 vote. "Like Doug said, it's the first step... it's a huge step."

In other business, the school board set the school district's operational tax rate at \$1.37 per hundred and a debt service tax rate of 30 cents per hundred.

Although the new operational tax rate included a four cent increase, the school district's business

manager, Trae McNeill, noted that the total of \$1.67 was 20 cents less than what the voters were facing when they approved the district's \$25 million bond program in May.

In May, the voters were facing a future debt service tax rate of 37.5 cents, payment on the district's portion of the funds that would have been joined by the state's \$5 million in IFA funds.

Unfortunately, other school districts in the state deemed to be more needy than Muleshoe's were awarded the funds, which required the local school district to scale back its initial construction plans.

"The IFA program just didn't stretch far enough to support us," Whitt said.

Concerning approval of the new operational tax rate, board member Bruce Barrett said, "If we don't do it, we're leaving even more money on the table."

Barrett was referring to a requirement included in the state's recent school funding legislation that school districts increase their rates if they wish to receive additional state funds.

The school board also:

- Approved state-mandated updates to its board policy manual.
- Approved the district's employee handbook.

Court casts moot vote on city softball field

During the Sept. 11 Bailey County Commissioners' Court, a vote to approve funds to assist in the construction of an additional softball field in Muleshoe's new city park passed with opposition only to become moot shortly after the court broke for lunch.

At the urging of Commissioner Juan Chavez, who accused the other, non-Hispanic members of the court of being willing to fund projects for "your people," referring to the golf course at Muleshoe's county club,

and the Bailey County Coliseum, the court voted 3-2 to approve the donation of \$3,500 to the City of Muleshoe should city officials build the softball field.

Commissioners Butch Vandiver and C.E. Grant cast the dissenting votes.

Vandiver also addressed Chavez' accusation by noting that all county residents and community groups use the coliseum, and that the coliseum wasn't constructed for or to exclude any group within the county.

After the morning meeting, it was learned that Muleshoe city officials were not planning to construct a new softball field, as Chavez suggested during the court session, and that the city's budget does not include funds for such a project or even for the field's maintenance.



Flowers and football

Football may be a "rough and tumble" sport, but there is still room for things of beauty beyond a 40-yard pass into tight coverage. In fact, flowers and other plants have a long association with gridiron play. Pictured above, Benjamin Ramirez and Richardo Gonzalez, of Hugo

Vasquez Construction, work on the brick flowerbed being built around the flagpole at Benny Douglass Stadium in Muleshoe Monday. It's not known what plants will be used to decorate the area, but considering the local mascot, plants such as azaleas would best be avoided.

Changes to used vehicle tax figures become effective Oct. 1

Effective Oct. 1, Texas State law changes the method to calculate motor vehicle sales and use tax due when you buy a used vehicle, according to Berta Combs of the Bailey County Tax Office.

"The tax will continue to be due when you title and register their vehicle at the county tax office," said

Combs, explaining that a purchaser must pay the tax within 20 county working days from the date of purchase of the date the vehicle was brought into Texas for use.

If you buy the vehicle from a licensed dealer, the tax is 6.25 percent of the sales price, but if you buy from a private party — such as a

friend or a relative, the tax is 6.25 % of the following:

- The sales price... if you paid 80 percent or more of the vehicle's standard presumptive value (SPV)
- 80 percent of the vehicle's SPV, if you paid less than the amount; or
- The certified appraised value, if you paid less than 80 percent of the vehicle's

SPV and you get a certified value, also within 20 days of date of purchase.

What is a vehicle's Standard Presumptive Value (SPV)?

The law requires the Texas Department of Transportation to determine and publish a SPV data base for used vehicles. Check the TxDot Web site at www.txdot.gov for additional information.

Where do you get a certified appraisal?

Individuals registering vehicles have two options, according to Combs.

First, get a certified appraisal from a licensed dealer for your vehicle type.

Depending on the type of vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle), a dealer's fee can range from \$40 to \$500, with most fees running \$100 to \$300.

Or, get an appraisal from

a licensed insurance adjuster for a fee to be determined by the adjuster.

Submit the appraisal with your title application within 20 county working days of purchase of the date the vehicle was brought into Texas for use.

Be aware than an appraisal fee may offset any tax savings. For example, the tax on a vehicle that is \$1,600 in value would be \$100. In other words, an appraisal must reduce the vehicle's SPV by more than \$1,600 to save money.

Is there any good news to all this?

The good news is that the extra revenue will go toward education in Texas schools.

For answers to questions, contact the the State Comptroller's office at 1-800-252-1382 or the Bailey County Tax Office at 272-3022.

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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September allocation shows an increase

Muleshoe's September sales tax allocation is up from the same period in 2005, according to information received from the Texas Comptroller's office.

The sales tax figures, which reflect collections from July 2006, show a 4.72 percent increase from last year's totals.

In July of this year,

Muleshoe merchants collected \$34,446.76 compared to \$32,892.66 for July 2005.

But when compared with totals collected at other West Texas communities surrounding Bailey County, Muleshoe came in third behind Littlefield — which showed a startling 46.81 percent increase, and Friona with a 14.77 percent increase.

Littlefield's collections for the same period were \$52,480.09 in 2006 and \$35,745.60 in 2005.

Friona collected \$23,110.80 in July 2006 and \$20,135.73 in 2005.

Dimmitt fell by half a percentage point, with collections of \$21,489.70 for July of this year compared to \$21,599.73 during the same period in 2005.



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Seniors' pregame meal

The Muleshoe Senior Class will be hosting a pre-game meal on Friday, Sept. 22, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The meal will include a hamburger or two chlidogs, baked beans, chips, "all of the fixings," and sour cream pound cake. Tickets are \$5, and orders will be delivered from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 272-7306 for additional information, tickets or to place an order.

GED classes to start soon

Muleshoe's WorkSource GED Lab is now enrolling for the fall session. Classes available are:

- GED- ESL- College prep- improve basic skills
- Learn to speak English

Instruction is being provided by Region 17 Adult Education, at 203 Main, Muleshoe

The service center is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 272-5766 for additional information.

Muleshoe Class of 1966 reunion set

Plans have been finalized for the 40th anniversary of the Muleshoe Class of 1966 on Sept. 29. Members of the class are asked to contact Dianne Brown at dbrown@fivearea.com with information concerning class members, or go to www.classmates.com to provide additional information.

The Bailey County Colliseum is reserved from 3-7 p.m. Teachers, coaches, other classes, and the public are invited to visit from 3-5 p.m. The buffet dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 20 to Dianne by email, www.classmates.com, or Dianne's address at 1670 CR BB, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-925-6713.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA and AI-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Diabetes support

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum. The program will be "Dental care for the diabetic." How to keep your teeth and gums healthy will be discussed.

This program is free of charge to everyone interested. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent • Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Athletics boosters to meet Monday

The Muleshoe Athletic Boosters will be meeting every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Muleshoe High School Science Room.

Blood drive set

Muleshoe residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in a community blood drive from at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Donors must be 17 years old, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call Suzanne Nichols at 272-4524, to make an appointment.

4-H fund raiser

The Bailey County 4-H Club is now selling meat, fruit and candles. Meat and candle orders are to be turned in for Thanksgiving and the fruit orders will be done at the end of October for Christmas.

Contact the extension office at 272-4583 or a local 4-H member for more information.

All orders must be received before Oct. 13, and will be delivered the first or second week in November.

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Alzheimers support group

Alzheimers disease is the fourth leading cause of death in adults after heart disease, cancer, and stroke. Alzheimers disease is the most common form of dementia — a brain disorder that seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities. Scientists think that as many as 4.5 million Americans suffer from AD.

Most primary caregivers for the Alzheimers disease patient are family members. Many other people also participate in the care of those with AD. Friends, neighbors, work colleagues, and faith community members often help to care for the person with Alzheimers disease. Research has shown that caregivers are often at an increased risk for depression and illness, especially if they do not receive adequate support.

Bailey County Aging Services and Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, are in the planning stages of forming a support group for those affected by this devastating disease.

The next meeting will be Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey Co. Coliseum. For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent • Family and Consumer Sciences agent, 272-4583.

Scouting sign up

The will be a Cub Scout round-up on Sept. 25, at 5:45 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, at 507 W. Second. For additional information call Noemi Mora at 272-4786.

Boys, ages 11 through 18, who are interested in joining the Boy Scouts may register on that same day, time, and place. They may call Mike Richards at 272-3536 for more information.

Lazbuddie dinner

The Lazbuddie High School Junior class will be hosting a homecoming enchilada dinner in the school cafeteria on Friday, Sept. 22, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and after the game. The menu will include meat or cheese enchiladas, beans, rice, salad and homemade desserts. Tickets are \$6.50 for a regular plate, and \$5 for a lite plate. Call the school at 965-2153 or 965-2156 for additional information.

Texas Tech offer tax assistance

The Texas Tech University School of Law operates a Low-Income Tax Clinic to provide assistance relating to issues involving controversies with the Internal Revenue Service to low income taxpayers and to individuals for whom English is a second language.

Students, under the supervision of a law professor, handle a wide range of issues such as innocent spouse, offers in compromise, federal tax levies, payment agreements and representation before the United States Tax Court.

Services are provided free of charge to qualified individuals.

Persons interested in seeking representation should contact the Texas Tech Law School Low Income Tax Clinic at (806) 742 -4 312 or (800) 420-8037 for further information or to schedule an appointment.

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 — John 1:14

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The Texas Veterans Land Board will conduct a sealed-bid sale of **85 forfeited tracts** of state land at **9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2006.**

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Students of the week

The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Sep. 18 are, from left to right: Front row — Angel Alvarez, Marielena Campos and Ross Steinbock; back row — Alejandra Gomez, Gregorio Hernandez and Marissa Hernandez.

Mule Moments
By Jessica Thornton

WTAC, here we come again!

"Muleshoe Flag Corp!" in all of the moves. That is what I and the rest of the flags will hear Saturday at the West Texas Auxiliary Competition or WTAC as we call it.

I had the honor of going to WTAC last year and had so much fun, performing in front of a lot of people, watching other flag corps performing, and anything else that I have forgotten.

Even though the squad is smaller this year than last, we still have a lot of fun doing our routine which was choreographed by two of the flag corp members. We continued from last year and our song this year is "Do You Wanna Dance?" WTAC is a competition for flag lines and drum lines and is basically a competition among all West Texas schools and they meet together in Lubbock at the different schools for competition.

From what I saw last year, there are a lot of schools that are really good. We worked hard on our routine and it paid off at competition. We automatically advanced to finals because it was only us, Levelland, and Littlefield.

We were one of the few schools that did not do marching contest music for WTAC, we did an original song, "I've Had the Time of My Life," so we were watched a little more close.

Out of the three schools, we were the smallest and I mean it, Levelland flags covered the entire gym floor at Lubbock Coronado where the finals were held.

Our sponsor even said they would probably win and I do have to admit that Levelland was really good and they were all together

This taught me not to judge too quickly, because you never know who is going to come out on top.

I was very nervous after we performed, and flawlessly I might add.

That I think — the flawless performance, not the nervousness — as well as a very good routine helped us secure the first place finish at WTAC in our area.

The euphoria from winning first place was so great and I could tell you exactly what happened when it came down to the placing and awards ceremony after everyone had performed and the judges had calculated the totals.

We were nervous and very anxious on whether or not we finished in first or second. They had already announced that Littlefield had received third place, so it was between us and Levelland and when the announcer said second place, we all started crying and quietly screaming knowing we as a team had done what we came to do.

We were screaming at that point and I think the loudest of anybody else in the gym. That is a very good memory for me and I want to keep it that way.

I guess what I am trying to say is that WTAC is one of those things that you really have to attend to enjoy it to the full extent, and you have to smile because the judges are always watching you.

I want to wish the rest of the flags "good luck" and I know that we will do great and come back hopefully with a trophy.

'Stone family' CD released

The family of Rev. Jack Stone of Muleshoe has announced the release of a new Christian music CD, entitled, "Come away with the Stones."

The CD features the singing of Bro. Stone, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe, his wife Deb, and his oldest daughter Misty.

It was recorded in August and is set for an October release.

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The prospective bride is a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University and is currently employed by Sawyer Design Associates of Dallas.

The prospective groom is a 2004 graduate of West Texas A&M University and is currently employed by AHI Facility Services of Dallas.

The wedding will be held on Nov. 11, 2006, at 6 p.m. at Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

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Obituaries

Monroe Phelps

A funeral service for Monroe G. Phelps, 99, of Frederick, Okla., was held on Monday, Sept. 18, at Jackson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Harlon Woodall officiating. Burial followed in the Frederick Memorial Cemetery.

Phelps died on Friday, Sept. 15, 2006, at the Frederick Nursing Center. He was born on Nov. 15, 1906, in Coryell County to Samuel Sylvester and Sally (Brown) Phelps, and married Lucile Goodknight on April 24, 1931. She preceded him in death in December of 1991.

He was a farmer, carpenter and plumber, a member of the First Baptist Church of Frederick, and a

member of the Gideon Society.

Phelps later married Alta Redeker who preceded him in death on Dec. 5, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives and three grandchildren.

Phelps is survived by three sons and their wives — Donald and Nancy Jo Phelps of Muleshoe, Sam and Roberta Phelps of Frederick and Phillip and Cathy Phelps of Fort Worth; and a son — Kenneth Phelps of Unity, Maine; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Baptist Church of Frederick or Gideon International.

Violet Bryant

A graveside service for Violet T. Bryant, 92, of Houston, formerly of Morton and Muleshoe was held on Monday, Sep. 18, at Morton Memorial Cemetery with Corrie Pannell officiating.

Bryant died on Sep. 10, 2006, in Houston. She was born on March 21, 1914, in Duncan, Okla., and married Vernon Joe Bryant in

Lovington, N.M. on Sep. 2, 1939.

She was preceded in death by her husband — Vernon Bryant, on Sep. 13, 1999, and six brothers and sisters.

Bryant was a member of the West University Baptist Church of Houston.

Survivors include a sister — Margaret Homer of Brownfield.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

On Sept. 11, the commissioners' court passed the 2007 budget. I voted against it. If you disagree with any part of the budget, you have to vote against all of it.

While it was stated in the paper that I was voting against it because of the salary raises, I was only against the county commissioners' and the county judges' pay raise, not the other employees.

Bailey County has one of the lowest paying salaries for their employees in the state. I was in favor of the other raises, they deserve it.

I just wanted to clarify any misconception about why I voted the way I did.

Butch Vandiver
Bailey County
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Births



NOAH JEFFERY LEWIS

Noah Lewis

Carrie and Jeff Lewis of Austin announce the birth of their son, Noah Jeffery Lewis, on May 26, 2006, at 5:48 p.m., at North Austin Medical Center.

Noah weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces at birth and was 19 inches in length. He has a sister, Hannah Lewis, 2.

Noah's grandparents are Joan Lewis of Georgetown, and the late Dr. Charles Lewis, and Donna and John Ashby of Terrell.



DAZZA LISA DELEON

Dazza DeLeon

Cassandra Flores and Gabriel DeLeon, both of Muleshoe, announce the birth of their daughter, Dazza Lisa DeLeon, on Sept. 13, 2006, at 8:03 a.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield. Dazza weighed eight pounds, six ounces at birth, and was 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Mario and Anita Flores and Raul and Charleen DeLeon.

Military News

Ramirez completes basic training

Air Force Airman Cruz A. Ramirez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn



CRUZ A. RAMIREZ

credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ramirez is the son of Daniel and Maggie Ramirez of Muleshoe.

He is a 2003 graduate of Muleshoe High School.

Blood drive to be held at MAMC

Muleshoe residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in a community blood drive from at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Donors must be 17 years old, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call Suzanne Nichols at 272-4524, to make an appointment.

4-H fund raiser set

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Sports

Mules' momentum lost, but they still bring home a win

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Mother Nature had her hand in the game in Shallowater Friday night. This was the second game of the season that she stopped with a lightning show. The delay came early in the second period with the Mules on the Mustang one-foot line.

After the weather delay the Mules returned to the field and could not push the ball into the end zone. The delay may have cost the Mules momentum and given Shallowater time to regain their composure and make adjustments.

The Mustangs turned out to be the Mules toughest competition to date. Mule coach David Wood may have summed it up best by saying "It was not pretty. But it was a win." The Mules dropped the Mustangs 21-14.

"Shallowater has a good ball club" continued Wood "and we will learn a lot from this game. Dustin Barker stepped up big for us by diving in the rain for a catch to extend our scoring drive in the second half."

"We are learning learning each week as we go along. We did not play our best



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Brant Hamilton carries the ball during Friday's game against Shallowater.

game tonight and still came out on top. That is a sign of a good team."

Timothy Conner had a monster game against the Mustangs. He caught all three touch down passes and recovered a fumble that led to the Mules first TD.

The Mules were forced to punt on their opening drive and Dusty Clayton raced down field to keep the ball out of the end zone and kill the ball on the Mustang one.

Shallowater wiggled out of the hole and tossed to the area's leading receiver Jordan Scaff. Garrett Riley and Clayton closed quickly on Scaff and before he could secure the pass jarred him

loose from the ball.

Conner was their to snatch the ball out of the air for the Mustangs first turn over of the night at the Shallowater 34.

Riley made a perfect pitch to Conner on a down and out pattern to the back of the end zone for the Mule's first tally to put the Mules up 6-0.

The Mules were threatening to score again early in the second frame when Mother Nature's light show got to close for comfort. Shallowater refused to budge after the teams returned.

The gold line stand stopped the Mules but left

the Mustangs on their one-foot line. The right side of the Mule defensive line pushed the Mustangs in to the end zone.

Lane Wood, TJ Brantley and Jr. Martinez pulled down Adrian Santos for a safety. The two points pushed the Mule lead to 8-0 with 9:59 left in the half.

The safety forced Shallowater to punt from their 20 in to a stiff south wind.

Conner fielded the short punt at the Mule 44 and raced up field to the Mustang 34.

Riley connected with Conner for his second TD on a fly pattern down the Mule sideline. Victor Vasquez tackled on the point after for a 15-0 Mule lead. Fifteen seconds had lapsed since the Mules' safety.

Shallowater hit pay dirt with a 34-yard toss from Jared Johnson to Wes Dipprey that cut the Mule lead to 15-8.

The Mustangs opened the second half with an eight-play 60-yard drive. Johnson pushed over from the one for the tally. Clayton and Eric Washington made a Dipprey sandwich in the end zone to stop the two-point conversion.

The failed attempt left the Mustangs trailing 15-14.

Rain fell by the bucket full as the Mules tried to begin the final period. The quarter break and down pour set the Mules back to the Shallowater 25. Washington

powered up the middle and broke tackles for a 13 yard gain.

Riley lofted the ball over the head of the defender and Conner soared for the reception in the end zone for the Mules final TD. The tally ended all scoring for the night with just less than 10 minutes left in the game.

Washington ran hard to keep the chains moving on the Mules final drive. Those runs extinguished the clock. Riley took a victory knee on the Shallowater six to finish off the clock and Mustangs.

Riley completed 15 of 31 passes for 201 yards to six

receivers. Washington gained 71 of the Mules 81 yards on the ground. Conner caught five passes for 80 yards and Washington grabbed four for 63.

The Mustangs were keying on Brant Hamilton and limited him to three catches for nine yards. Adam Zamora, Dustin Barker and Dusty Clayton each had one catch each for 28, 24 and three yards respectively.

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JV Mules corral the Mustangs in third win of season

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules continued their perfect season and moved to 3-0 by corralling the Shallowater Mustangs 30-0. The Mules have out scored their opponents 112-0 through three games.

Julio Bustillos raced down field on the opening kick to drop the Shallowater return man at the Mustang 32. Marshal Head and Bustillos pressured the quarter back into an incomplete pass.

Elias Alvarado blitzed to

set the Mustangs back five yards on second down. An incomplete pass forced the Mustangs to punt from their 42. The punt was high and short and rolled dead on the Mule 41.

The Mules marched the 59 yards in nine plays to jump in front 7-0 with 3:15 showing in the first period. Alvarado and Ray Ramirez had runs of fourteen, six and seven yards on the drive.

Wes Wood connected on passes of five and six yards

to Austin Wright and Colby Carpenter. Wood recovered his own fumble before connecting with Wright with a three-yard TD toss. Alvarado tacked on the point after.

Alex Godinez made the stop on the ensuing kick at the 46 to save a possible TD. A penalty gave the Mustangs a first down on the Mule 43 but lost yardage on the next three plays.

AB Flores made the stop for a three-yard loss on

second down. Head and Bustillos blitzed to force an incomplete pass on third down. Stephen Dominguez returned the Mustang punt nine yards to the Mule 39.

Ramirez had bursts of five and 17 yards and Alvarado blasted 21 yards up the middle as the Mules marched toward their second TD. Wood connected with Ramirez for a 28-yard touch down pass and run. Alvarado's kick put the Mules up 14-0 with 11 seconds left in the first

period.

Half time was only four minutes away and the Mules were 50 yards away from their third TD. The Mules picked up two first downs to reach the Mustang 25 with 12 ticks left in the half.

The Mules used a little razzle-dazzle with a throw back pass to Ramirez. He then tossed down field to Dillon Gallman for 19 yards to the six with four seconds remaining.

Wood connected with

Alvarado and he took a hit at the three before diving in for the TD. The tally gave the Mules a 20-0 lead at the half.

The third frame turned into a defensive battle as neither team could score.

Wright took over the helm in the final frame. Patrick Precure went 15 yards up the middle on a quick opener. Wright connected with Ramirez on a swing pass and gained the 10 yards needed for a first down at the Mustang six.

Ramirez crashed in from the one for the final TD of the game and Alvarado added the final point.

The Mules had 356 yards of offense with 173 on the ground and 183 through the air. Alvarado led the Mules in rushing with 72 yards on six carries and Ramirez had seven tries for 54 yards. Wood had eight attempts for 18 yards, Precure one for 15 and Wright five for 14.

Wood connected on 14 of 21 tosses and three touchdowns. Ramirez caught six for 86 yards, Alvarado grabbed three for 45, Wright three for 19 and Carpenter had two for 15.

Alvarado and Head led the Mules with five tackles each. Bustillos and Joe Vargas had four stops each, Austin Thomas, Dominguez, Gallman, Precure and Flores had three each.

The Mules travel to Idalou to meet the Wildcats at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and open district in River Road Sept. 28. The Mules return home Oct. 5 when they host Amarillo Highland Park.

Freshman Mules defeated by Shallowater Mustangs

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshman Mules stormed back from a 6-0 deficit with a 14-play 80-yard drive to take an 8-6 lead over the Shallowater Mustangs. The Mule tally came with 9:37 left in the second frame.

Larry Richardson capped the drive with a five-yard Hammer play. Jared Skipworth rambled in on an option for the two-point conversion and the lead.

That was the only time the Mules could find pay dirt in the contest even though they seemed to move the ball freely up and down the field. Shallowater went on to take a 28-8 win over the Mules.

Shallowater pinned the Mules deep in their end of the field. The Mule defense had stalled the Mustang's first drive near mid field following an opening kick off return into Mule territory.

Austin Bamert made three consecutive stops and

a holding penalty halted the Mustangs at the Mule 43. A muffed punt return forced the Mules to start their initial drive on their one-yard line.

It was three and out for the Mules and Shallowater returned Skipworth's punt to the Mule 26. Shallowater found tough going as DJ Atwood saw past the fake and sacked the quarter back for a loss of six.

A sweep moved the Mustangs inside the 10 for a first and goal from the nine. Adrian Chacon stopped a

swing pass for just two yards. Cole Hawkins started a pile and Bamert stopped the quarter back sneak for a single yard on second and two.

The Mustangs finally pushed in with 2:49 left in the first quarter to take a 6-0 lead.

Skipworth seems to just amble along when he keeps on the option but the yards click off quickly. He had runs of 25 and 35 yards during the Mules scoring drive. Bamert had blasts of four and five

yards as the Mules moved down the field before Richardson scooted in from five-yards out.

Shallowater retook the lead with 7:29 remaining in the half and added two more TDs in the second half.

The Mules travel to Idalou Thursday to tangle with the Wildcats at five pm and travel to River Road on Sept. 28 for their district opener. The Mules return home to host Amarillo Highland Park on Oct. 5.

Valle victorious in second week of football contest; leads in points

By Leah Bell
General Manager

A beefed-up pack of hungry contestants vied for the first place \$25 prize and their share of the top ten points this week — some even jokingly mentioned knocking last week's winner Weldon Smith "off his throne" when placing their entries in the

box.

When the dust settled, the *Journal* crowned a new victor. Contest regular Rene Valle came away with week two top honors and 10 of those all-important cumulative points.

Valle missed only two games and his tiebreaker score guess of 35 total

points was only one point shy of the actual tiebreaker score of the Snyder vs. Marlin game, 14-22.

Nipping at Valle's heels this week were contest regular Alene Bryant and Travis Bessire, who both missed just two games as well but were further from the tiebreaker score at 42

and 46 respectively.

Bryant garners nine points for her efforts and Bessire will get eight for his.

I've had a "rocky" start this season in game choices — it always takes me a couple of weeks to get back into the football groove. This week I had Nebraska playing SMU - wrong! The

Cornhuskers played USC and lost. This game wasn't counted against anyone.

Conscientious reader Justin Brozek called to tell me that last week, Bovina actually beat Clarendon 26-22. This one wasn't my fault, according to the Internet

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Travels of Lewis and Clark
 Fort Clatsop
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 In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson and Congress wanted to learn about the western part of the country. They gave money to Captain Meriwether Lewis and Second Lieutenant William Clark to lead an expedition up the Missouri River. Their goals were to:
 • find a water route to the Pacific Ocean for shipping and trading purposes
 • map the "new" territory
 • meet, make friends with and learn about the Native Americans who already lived on the route
 • study plants and animals along the way
 To learn more about this famous expedition, read the clues below and fill in the puzzle.
 1. President Thomas _____, our 3rd President, wanted a group to travel and map the route.
 2. _____ and Clark became co-commanders of the "Lewis and Clark Expedition."
 3. The men prepared for the trip by doing research, buying _____ and having a keelboat built.
 4. In May 1804 they began their _____ in a keelboat and two pirogues (flat-bottomed rowboats).
 5. The group traveled about 15-20 miles a day. They met fur traders and peaceful _____ tribes.
 6. In the fall of 1804, to get ready for _____, they built Fort Mandan near Indian villages.
 7. They added a trapper to be an interpreter. His Shoshone wife, _____, pointed out landmarks and helped them talk with Indians they met. She had a baby boy in 1805.
 8. In March, when the _____ on the river broke, the group split and went in two different directions.
 9. The group met the Shoshone people, who told them to travel on land and sold them _____.
 10. As they traveled, the group kept _____, logs of the animals, plants and people and made maps.
 11. _____ became very hard through thick woods and bitter cold and snow. The group was forced to eat three of their horses. They met the Nez Perce Indians who fed them and saved their lives.
 12. They traveled on the _____, again finding it very rough. They were battered by storms.
 13. The group soon settled in for the winter in _____. They built a fort called Fort Clatsop.
 14. During the winter, they prepared for their return trip. They got back to _____ on Sept. 23, 1806.
 15. The group had traveled over 8,000 _____ in 28 months through 11 states.
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What Animals Were Seen?
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 wolves antelope duck big horn sheep coyote
 geese beavers elk rattlesnakes eagles
 Grizzlies can weigh over 1,000 pounds and grow as tall as a basketball hoop!
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What States Did They Travel Through?
 The Lewis and Clark trip went through a northwestern area of the country that we now call by the names of eleven states. The names of the states are listed below, but their vowels are missing. **Can you fill them in with the vowels "a, e, i, o and u"?**
 1. _ll_n__s 5. S__th D_k_t_ 9. _r_g_n
 2. M__ss__r_ 6. N_rth D_k_t_ 10. K__ns_s
 3. __w_ 7. M__nt_n_ 11. _d_h_
 4. N__br__sk_ 8. W__sh__ngt_n
What Did They Eat?
 The group brought a "soup paste" with them on their trip. It was made by boiling down beef, eggs and vegetables and could be mixed with water to make a meal. **Can you fill in the missing vowels in the words below to see what they probably ate on their trip?**
 1. c__rn 5. h__rs__m__t
 2. b__ns 6. f__sh
 3. sq__sh 7. __lk
 4. s__lt_p__rk 8. b__ff__l__



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- Develop a "safety first" attitude. Follow safe work practices all the time and set a good example for others.
- Be physically and mentally fit before operating equipment. Fatigue, stress and worry can distract you from safely operating equipment. Take frequent breaks.
- Pay attention to all safety information. Read operator's manual and warning decals.
- Inspect the equipment and correct any hazards before operating.
- Identify hazardous areas on equipment and make sure you stay away from moving parts. Beware of pinch points, shear points, wrap points, pull-in areas, thrown objects, crush points, stored energy hazards and freewheeling parts.
- Make sure everyone who operates the equipment has the appropriate training and is physically able to operate it safely.
- Shut down equipment, turn off the engine, remove key and wait for moving parts to stop before dismounting equipment.
- Keep bystanders and others away from equipment operation area. Do not allow "extra riders", especially children.

Inspection

- Are PTO shields in place?
- Are safety locks operational?
- Is a 20 lb. "ABC" fire extinguisher in place?
- Is reflective "Slow Moving Vehicle" signage in place?
- Are guards and shields in place?
- Are there any leaks in hydraulics?
- Are lights working properly?

Tractor Safety

Farm tractors provide the primary source of power on many farms. Studies show that the farm tractor is involved in a high proportion of farm fatalities and severe injuries. To avoid them, follow safe management principles and implement a tractor safety program on your farm.

- Develop a "safety first" attitude. Follow safe work practices all the time and set a good example for others.
- Be physically and mentally fit when operating tractors. Fatigue, stress, medication, alcohol and drugs can detract from safe tractor operation. Take breaks.
- Read operator's manual and warning decals. Pay attention to safety information.
- Equip the tractor with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS) and wear seat belts.
- Inspect the tractor for any hazards and correct them before operating.
- Make sure everyone who operates a tractor has received training and is physically able to operate it safely.
- Shut down equipment, turn off engine, remove key and wait for moving parts to stop before dismounting equipment.
- Keep bystanders and others away from tractor operation area. Do not allow "extra riders," especially children.

Inspection

- Are ROPS in place and seat belts used?
- Is the operator's platform clear of debris?
- Are lights and flashers operational?
- Is the hydraulic system free from leaks?
- Is a fully equipped first aid kit on the tractor?
- Is a PTO master shield in place?
- Is a reflective "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem posted?
- Are tires properly inflated?
- Is a 20 lb. "ABC" fire extinguisher in place?



Farmers and ranchers need to remember that the general public does not often realize tractors and other agricultural machinery often cannot travel faster than 25 mph and have limited maneuverability. Farmers and ranchers should use their mirrors to watch for motorists. When planning to make a left turn, look to see if someone is attempting to pass. If so, let them pass before starting the turn, if the turn is located in a designated passing zone.

The general public needs to know that tractors and other agricultural machinery often cannot travel faster than 25 mph. Limited speed vehicles are identified by a Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem. The general public needs to realize that tractors towing long trailing or wide machines may need to move to the right before completing a left turn. Therefore, look for unmarked field and other entrances where the tractor and / or machine may turn in before attempting to pass. Don't assume the operator is waiting for the motorist to pass just because he / she moves to the right. **REMEMBER: Only pass if you are in a designated passing zone. Drive Defensively!**

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The matrimony was performed in the courtyard of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell with the Honorable Justice of the Peace Pam Haseloff officiating.

Haylee Fulcher served as maid of honor and Laramie Fulcher served as best man.

The bride is the daughter of Laurel Leppke, and the granddaughter of Treva M. Hughes of Clovis, N.M.

The groom is the son of Paul Fulcher, and the grandson of Pete and Tommie Fulcher of Farwell.

The couple will reside in Muleshoe.

SPC Muleshoe college classes to be offered

South Plains College will offer the following courses at the SPC Muleshoe Center during the Fall of 2006:

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MAHD meeting set for tonight

The regular meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District is set for tonight, Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. in the dining room of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Baby Showers



ASHLEY McELROY

McElroy honored at baby shower

Ashley McElroy was honored with a baby shower on Aug. 6 in the home of Jenna Hardwick.

Hostesses for the event included: Blair Saylor, Diane Saylor, Charlotte Field, Jana St. Clair, Joy Glover, Sheree Hunt, Jenna Hardwick, Linda Wood, Mandy Myers, Monica Tyson, Jill Anderson, Holly Agee and

Lindsey Kitchens.

McElroy received as a hostess gift a glider rocking chair.

Special guests were: Laverne James, Marguerite McElroy, Jonette Walker, LeeAnn McElroy, Marilyn Riley, Betty Jo Beaty, Glenda Copley, Shelbi Pool, Rhonda Lee and Tiffany Copley.

'See you at the pole' gathering set for Sept. 27

Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Church will be hosting "Saw you at the pole" youth night, in conjunction with "See you at the pole," on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

The event, which is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., will feature music by the band "184 Christ," worship and fellowship.

The doors will open at 6

p.m. For additional information contact pastor Steve Friskup.

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What Sets Christianity Apart? Grace!

Philip Yancey writes that at a British conference scholars from around the world were discussing the most basic beliefs that set Christianity apart from other world religions. As they debated some important possibilities, C. S. Lewis wandered into the room. "What's the rumpus about?" he asked, and he was told that they were asking what Christianity's unique contribution among world religions might be. He

made us alive in Christ (Eph. 2:3-5, *The Message*).

It sounds almost too good to be true, doesn't it? Yes, and that's a good sign! Real grace always sounds that way as it amazes those who receive it. (Read the Gospels!)

Real grace is always a little and maybe a lot scandalous. If no one who thinks you're too gracious, you've probably not felt and internalized enough of the grace of God yourself. If our churches aren't regularly accused by some folks of being too gracious—too loose, too accepting, too free from law—that's a very bad sign. It almost certainly means we don't understand how much grace we've received and how rich is God's supply. Read the Scriptures! The Good News, the real Thing, the real Lord, has always scandalized people by the depth of his love and mercy.

If you're God's child, you don't have to live a fearful, tentative life. Indeed, how dare you!? You don't have to be careful lest you exhaust God's amazing resources by being too loving, too gracious, too joyful, too genuinely free. God's supply of love and grace, joy and freedom, is boundless! You don't have to live like the one talent servant in Christ's parable. Afraid that he might make some mistake and tick off his master, he made the worst mistake of all, not loving his master. If we're living lives cowering in fear, afraid to dance before our God because we might miss a step, we're making the biggest mistake of all, not knowing and loving our Father as we should—the Father who continually amazes his children by the depth of his love and mercy, his grace and joy, and the genuine freedom that only he can give.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

answered, "Oh, that's easy. It's grace."

Yancey continues, "After some discussion, the conferees had to agree. The notion of God's love coming to us free of charge, no strings attached, seems to go against every instinct of humanity. The Buddhist eight-fold path, the Hindu doctrine of *karma*, the Jewish covenant, and Muslim code of law—each of these offers a way to earn approval. Only Christianity dares to make God's love unconditional."

We could never be saved by our own effort or by keeping any law, as St. Paul makes clear.

We all [sinned], all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and



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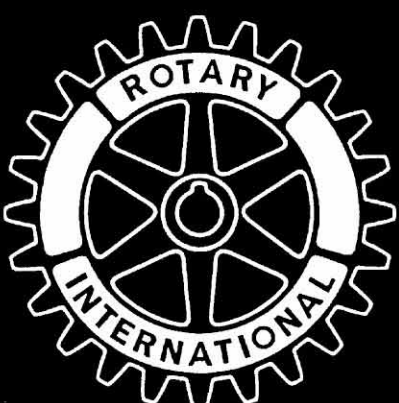
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Bailey County Extension Office News

Texas Extension Office says: Prepare to save your life during a disaster

Many people think that when a disaster strikes the emergency management system, police, or National Guard will be there to rescue them, if needed.

They will, but some disasters overwhelm the local response system, extending the time it takes for help to arrive.

You should be prepared to care for yourself for at least 72 hours after a disaster. Estimates show that about 480 people die and another 2,880 are injured in U.S. disasters annually. In addition, thousands lose their livelihoods and jobs due to disasters.

It is difficult to estimate deaths due to disasters because of the wide and varied nature of disasters. But worldwide, deaths due to disasters often skyrocket to more than 100,000 per year.

While the U.S. population is about five percent of the world population, our death toll due to disasters is often far less than one percent of the world's death toll.

Many factors contribute to our safety record. Local, state, and federal warning systems help us to prepare. The news media do a very good job on disaster coverage, especially in countries that have a free press.

Some governmentally controlled media in developing countries may avoid disaster coverage because it is "bad news" and may reflect poorly on the government. When that happens, fatalities can rise because the people do not have enough information.

Education has helped reduce the impact of disasters. We learn in school

or at work by doing safety drills. Building codes have often saved lives because many city buildings are built to withstand certain disasters.

We could sit around and come up with many other reasons why we've saved lives, but the fact is hundreds of people still die each year and thousands are injured due to disasters in the United States.

Across the nation, organizations and all levels of government are observing September as National Preparedness Month. For all the reasons above, this is important, but what does it mean to the average person?

It simply means take the time this month, September, to take some steps to prepare yourself for the most likely disasters that could

affect you. It doesn't mean, "I'll ignore it, nothing will happen to me!" And, it doesn't mean, "The sky is falling, so I'll build a bunker." What does it mean?

Be informed. A lot of information is available from the U.S. government Web sites, which you can find through the Extension Disaster Education Network Web site at www.EDEN.tamu.edu. Information can also be found at Texas Cooperative Extension's EDEN website <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. In addition, your local emergency management, law enforcement, American Red Cross, local library, and/or

Cooperative Extension Service office may help you find information. The first step is to find out what

potential disasters may affect you. For some it may be tornadoes; for others it's earthquakes.

Being prepared means being informed about the most likely disasters that could affect you. It also means having a battery powered radio in case the power goes out. During a disaster, information is often as important for survival as food and water.

Make a plan. Plan in advance what you will do for the most likely emergencies. Your plan should include a family communication plan and a shelter in place plan, as well as the action steps you will take when disasters are eminent.

The EDEN Web site and agencies mentioned above can help you find guidelines to make those plans.

Get a kit. Think of everything you might need if you shelter at home for 72 hours. The list of items doesn't need to be extensive, but plan to have those items handy. Consider a smaller kit that you can leave in your office or car or take with you in case officials ask you to evacuate the area.

Take these steps and you will make your family safer, maybe even save your lives, during the next disaster. For many places in the United States, the next disaster is a matter of "when," not "if."

For more information on disaster education, contact Curtis Preston or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension, 272-4583 or visit the County office at 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Our many thanks to Wanda Hooten for the treats she brought by the center on Tuesday for playday. The goodies were appreciated by everyone.

We at the center are going to miss three of our regular participants. We understand Thursie Reid is moving to Andrews, Retha Knowles is moving to Friona, and Tinnie McCormick has moved to our beautiful Parkview Home.

We wish happy times and good health for them, and hope they come back to visit us soon. We will miss them. The Bootscooter Band will be playing Tuesday night, Sept. 26, for our senior dance. Everyone has a great time with the band. Bring a friend, your favorite dish for the pot luck supper, and come enjoy the fellowship and fun.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, The Allegiance Behavioral Health Center Of Plainview will be presenting a program to the center at noon. This should be a very interesting and helpful meeting. Make plans to come, have lunch and enjoy the presentation.

The birthday party for

September is Friday, Sept. 22. Please come and let us honor you for having another birthday, if you have a September birthday.

Our sincere thanks goes to Mandi Seaton for the very entertaining and helpful program on nutrition brought to us on Tuesday. We are very glad to have her as our supportive friend and helper.

If you have not visited our center, we invite you to come by and visit with us. There is something going on every day from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Our dominoes and eighty players are always here having fun. We have a great library, large screen T. V to watch, or just meet a friend for coffee. We are getting new participants all the time.

Just come see what we have to offer and we think you will come and enjoy. If you have a question about the center, please call or come by, we are glad to explain our by-laws, rules and regulations.

The results from the board member election are: Cyrus Dale, 51; Nancy Kidd, 17; Frank McCamish, 78; Amelia Madrid, 24; Jarrell Pruitt, 41; Phillip Province, 9; Evaristo Sanchez, 28; Wanda Shafer,

69; write ins — Frank Wuerflein, 2, and Sharon Grant, 1.

We thank all of you for being willing to be on the ballot for the election. The three elected will join Kenneth Henry, Joe Sowder, Fred Clements, and Savannah Killough for the 2007 Board of Directors for the center. We are looking forward to working with them.

Menus for Sept. 25 - Sept. 29:

Monday, Sept. 25 — Turkey and cornbread dressing, gravy, green beans, salad, wheat roll, and frosted cake.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 — Smothered pork chops, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls and applesauce cake.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and blueberry cobbler.

Thursday, Sept. 28 — Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo, mustard, ketchup, french fries, baked beans, peaches and oatmeal raisin cookies.


Friday, Sept. 29 — Fried fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and cobbler.

We're celebrating a milestone!
Calvary Baptist Church of Muleshoe
 is turning 60 years old!
 Join us Sat. and Sun., September 23 & 24 as we
 commemorate this wonderful event!


Please join us for a celebration of 60 years of God's blessings on Calvary Baptist Church. You are a wonderful part of those blessings! We are inviting former pastors, missionaries, former members, friends, family and all who have helped over the years to bring us to this glorious time in the life of our soul-winning church. We extend a special invitation to those who would like to visit for the first time — or those seeking a warm and friendly church home. Jesus loves you and we do too! Come and enjoy this time with us.

Saturday, Sept. 23
 5:00 p.m. — Everyone is invited to a hamburger and hot dog supper.
 6:00 p.m. — Preaching and musical service. Bro. Joe Copley will bring the message and tell us about his missionary work on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Arapahoe, Wyoming. He and his wife, the former Lela Hughes, are both Muleshoe High School graduates.

Sunday, Sept. 24
 10:00 a.m. — Sunday morning services begin with preaching, testimonies and lots of music. Former pastor Bro. B.G. Hill will be bringing the message.
 11:00 a.m. — Hear Bro. Glenn Border with the International Board of Jewish Missions out of Tennessee. Also, Chester Clay Beavers will bring his great piano music.
 Noon — A huge pot luck lunch for everyone.
 1:30 p.m. — We'll begin again with various speakers.
 Throughout the two days, we'll hear much special music, including Blue Grass Gospel and the Children's Choir. Others are making plans to be with us.
 Around 3:00 p.m. — Break time. Refreshments, visiting, pictures & more.
 3:30 p.m. — Rev. Darrell Martin will bring a message and special music.
 He and his wife are now on staff at Girlstown in Whiteface.
 Others plan to attend and the list is getting longer!
 Rev. Earnest Merriott, built the church building in September 1946 on a corner of his farm near Lazbuddie, Texas, and was the first pastor. It was later moved into Muleshoe and is now active as a church on the south end of Main Street. His son, Lonnie Merriott, is the only charter member remaining and extends a big welcome to all. "Ya'll come!"
 The present church, Calvary Baptist, was completed under the leadership of pastor Bill Felts. Calvary Baptist today is pastored by Rev. Jeff Coffman, who will soon celebrate 10 years leading our fold. He and his wife Judy have two children, KaLynn and James.



South end of Main Street, Muleshoe, Texas



Muleshoe Cattle Market

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

SAT., SEPT. 16, 2006

636 head of cattle, 170 hogs and 647 sheep and goats for a total of 1,453 livestock sold at the Sept. 16 sale. Market steady on all classes of cattle with good demand.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Stanley Proaps, Vega	Char. str 210 lbs.	at \$192.50
Keith Hartman, Happy	3 Char. bulls 240 lbs.	at \$162.50
A&G Ranch, Tokio	.....	2 Blk. bulls	..... 263 lbs.	at \$179.00
Vicente Acosta, Olton	.....	BWF bull	..... 285 lbs.	at \$160.00
Oscar Ronquillo, Muleshoe	.....	Blk. bull	..... 215 lbs.	at \$192.50
Weaver Eustace, Seminole	.....	BWF bull	..... 290 lbs.	at \$189.00
Garry West, Plains	.....	4 Char. bulls	..... 418 lbs.	at \$129.00
Garry West, Plains	.....	7 Char. bulls	..... 651 lbs.	at \$107.00
Peter Newfeld, Seminole	.....	BMF str	..... 490 lbs.	at \$127.00
ACU, Morton	.....	5 Red str	..... 607 lbs.	at \$111.00
Sevil Cattle, Plainview	.....	Char. str	..... 670 lbs.	at \$114.00
Isidoro Moreno, Lubbock	.....	Blk. hfr	..... 270 lbs.	at \$137.50
Sevil Cattle, Plainview	.....	2 Mxd. hfrs	..... 283 lbs.	at \$131.00
Garry West, Plains	.....	4 Char. hfrs	..... 316 lbs.	at \$130.00
Garry West, Plains	.....	10 Char. hfrs	..... 425 lbs.	at \$126.00
Oscar Ronquillo, Muleshoe	.....	2 Mxd. hfrs	..... 330 lbs.	at \$128.00
A&G Ranch, Tokio	.....	2 Red hfrs per hd.	..... 180 lbs.	at \$340.00
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	.....	Char. hfr	..... 520 lbs.	at \$114.00
Orecimo Reyes, Dimmitt	.....	2 WF hfrs	..... 648 lbs.	at \$115.00
Cory Rains, Lubbock	.....	2 WF hfrs	..... 648 lbs.	at \$105.50
Oscar Ronquillo, Muleshoe	.....	Blk. pair	.....	\$875.00
Lopez Cattle, Muleshoe	.....	Blk. cow P7	.....	\$800.00
Randy Grim, Lubbock	.....	Blk. cow P	.....	\$700.00
Vicente Acosta, Olton	.....	Yell. cow	..... 1160 lbs.	at \$56.00
Jordan Busby, Springlake	.....	2 Red cows	..... 1050 lbs.	at \$50.00
Ruth Taylor, Plains	.....	Blk. cow	..... 1205 lbs.	at \$49.50
Ruth Taylor, Plains	.....	Blk. cow	..... 885 lbs.	at \$47.50
Garry West, Plains	RWF cow 1210 lbs.	at \$48.50
Oscar Ronquillo, Muleshoe	Blk. cow 1435 lbs.	at \$47.00
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Heritage Foundation News

Mules, mules and more mules, as well as horses of all sizes, wagons, the Muleshoe High School Band, and the flag-carrying Boy Scouts all marched in the Mule Days parade Saturday afternoon, Sept. 9, 2006.

Exciting events were going on all over town, as well as food, food, food. It was a great day! The Muleshoe Heritage Center activities began at 1 p.m. with tours of all the unique old structures and the grounds.

With all of the August and September rains and the care, the grounds looked lovely. Steve Turner, a former Muleshoe High School graduate, was the landscape architect who did the landscaping around the Figure 4 Ranch House and the grounds to the Highway 84 frontage.

Visitors who came not only from Muleshoe but the surrounding area and a number from out of state were amazed by the beautifully redone buildings and the landscaping.

At 5 p.m. all activities at the center halted in order for everyone to attend the nonmotorized parade down main street. Back at the Heritage Center at 6 p.m., the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the Figure 4 Ranch House began.

This beautiful, unique old house was completely redone under the expert supervision of Sammie Simpson, a Heritage Board member from South Bailey County where the Figure 4 came from. Sammie and husband Ted contributed many, many hours in the restoration of the house.

Jo Bob Stevenson, president of the Heritage Board cut the ribbon and invited everyone attending to come into this old home for a visit.

The Rennels family of TV Channel 6 were on hand to video this event and to interview family members connected to the house. Employees from the *Muleshoe Journal* were also busy taking pictures of this important event.

Pat Glasscock Watson of Portales, who was born in the Figure 4 Ranch House and grew up there told of many interesting things which occurred there.

The three children of Katherine Sanders, raised in the Figure 4 and daughter of Henry Hanover who was the ranch manager were present for this occasion.

Bob Sanders and wife of Amarillo and daughters of the Ft. Worth area, Janie and Mary, all told of interesting events which their mother had told them. Katherine Sanders, now deceased was a long-time teacher in the Muleshoe School system. Adding excitement to the event, the Muleshoe High

School Band under the direction of Brad Walker began playing in the background.

Soon the Muleshoe Fire Department arrived at the center and began to make the delicious tractor-made ice cream served free to all attending.

The fire department also brought a fire truck for children to explore.

The Heritage Board members and the Student Community Action Club members served the many attending cake, cookies, lemonade and coffee to go with the ice cream.

Adding atmosphere to all of the activities, the young ladies of SCAC were dressed in long, period dresses as they acted as hostesses. The young men of the SCAC were designated the heavier labor of setting up, etc.

At 7 p.m., the Open Heritage Foundation Membership meeting began with Pres. Stevenson giving a warm welcome to all attending. He then introduced Jean Allison, a Heritage Board member since its inception and the sponsor of SCAC for 23 years, asking her to give an update of center happenings.

Jean began by thanking Jo Bob and wife Sheila for taking over after the unexpected move of Pres. Jim Allison to Alabama and then the move of vice president and wife the Dan Throckmortons to Colorado.

"Thank you, thank you," she continued, "from all of the Heritage Board members." She then expressed appreciation to the many, many supporters of the center and to the dedicated volunteer workers.

"Events like this open membership meeting and of all of the activities in support of Mule Days in Muleshoe would not be possible without your faithful support," Allison said. She noted how important the Heritage Center is to the area with more and more visitors coming all of the time.

"A special thanks goes to board members such as Jenne McVicker," said Allison, "as Jenne attended the first meeting of townspeople who met to save the Santa Fe Depot and has served many years as a board member."

Vivian White came from Amarillo for the occasion and Jean expressed appreciation to her for her many years on the Heritage Board serving as president and treasurer as well as being the manager of the Heritage Thrift Shop for years.

Appreciation was expressed for all of those who now serve as volunteers at the Thrift Shop which provides the day to day funding at the center. The Thrift Shop manager now is



Student Community Action Club members Patrick Precure, Kate Lepard, Courtney Mardis, Kaitlyn Wills, Jacy Lawrence, Tanner Bales, Tara Fullmer, Shayla Hall, Elizabeth Symm, Kelsey Tipps, Laura Cogliandro took part in the annual meeting of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation on Sept. 9. The club presented the Foundation with a check for \$1,500. The club raises money to benefit the Heritage Foundation each year with a televised Bake Auction on Channel 6.

Ladene Spears who does a great job.

"The big happening at the center the past year was the complete restoration of the Figure 4 Ranch House, and what a beautiful job was done," said Allison. "A big thank you goes to Sammie Simpson, her husband Ted, the Throckmortons and others."

The next big project will be the Virginia City Hotel, and probably Sammie is itching to get started on that.

Chris Mardis was then introduced and thanked for the job he has done as sponsor of the SCAC Muleshoe High School group for the past six years.

Dustin Wilhite was also asked to come forward and Allison continued, "I am especially proud of Dustin as he was a former SCAC member, is now a MHS teacher and has agreed to co-sponsor SCAC with Mr. Mardis."

Mardis then introduced Kate Lepard, the present president of SCAC. She introduced the members of the club present who were acting as hosts and hostesses of this occasion.

Kate called Pres. Stevenson forward and presented a check in the amount of \$1,500 to the Heritage Foundation, and she asked that the money be used for a "showy" sign to be placed on the Heritage Center's Hwy. 84 entrance.

She noted that this money was raised on the Annual SCAC Bake-Auction conducted over TV Channel 6 courtesy of the Jack Rennels.

Jo Bob introduced Gary Hooten, treasurer of the Heritage Board, who gave a warm tribute to Dan and Millie Throckmorton for their many years as volunteers at the Heritage Center.

Dan joined the board many years ago, and he served several terms as vice president and as president.

Hooten noted how their former business as furniture refinishers in Muleshoe was so valuable as they could repair many things at the center.

"Whatever needed to be done at the center since the early days of the Heritage Foundation, Dan and many times Millie, were there to do it. They will be greatly missed here as well as all over Muleshoe," concluded Hooten.

The Heritage Foundation's president introduced special guests attending, Pat Glasscock Watson of Portales who was born and raised in the Figure Ranch House, Bob and wife Donna Sanders of Amarillo, Janie Christian and Mary Hilliard of Ft. Worth.

Bob, Janie and Mary were children of Katherine Sanders the daughter of the Henry Hanovers.

Henry Hanover was the foreman of the Figure 4 Ranch for many years, Katherine was their daughter and was a former teacher in the Muleshoe system many years.

Then Jo Bob said, "Look around, all of this beautiful center costs money."

"We owe a great deal to board member Ann McElroy who has obtained a number of grants for the center, one from the Mayer Foundation, one from the Meadow Foundation, another from Xcel and one from the Texas Department of Transportation." He continued. "A big thank you goes to Ann for all she did to get these grants."

"And also we could not do all that has been done here without the loyal support of all of you," he indicated to those attending. "Finally, a special note of thanks goes to the Muleshoe High School Band, the director Brad Walker, to the Muleshoe Fire Department for the tractor-made ice cream and the donation. We appreciate all you did to make this such a great success."

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Football contest

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 scores I checked, Bovina lost. Sorry. I'm only as good as the Internet lets me be!
 It did make me double, even triple check multiple sites this week just for giggles though.
 Games tripping up many of the players were Littlefield's win over Idalou, Palo Duro's win over Clovis, and Sanford-Fritch's loss to Tulia. Lots of folks picked Tech to beat TCU too. Hey, at least you recognized all the teams, right? I'm trying to be good....
 The *Journal* reminds players that we're trying a new deadline schedule for this year's contest. Instead of having almost a week to ponder your picks, you have just a couple of days! Games put in this week's edition of the paper are due in our office by

Friday at 5 p.m. of the same week.
 You can Email your picks to us at ctyankee@fivearea.com, mail them to c/o Football Contest, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or drop them by the office at 201 W. Ave. C (no envelope necessary). You need not live in the area to play.
 Rounding out the top ten finishers for week two are: fourth place, Scott Brown (7 pts.); fifth place, Patty Polando (6 pts.); sixth place, Raymond Villalobos (5 pts.); seventh place, Joel Sinclair (4 pts.); eighth place (tie), Richard Orozco and James Buie (3 pts.); and tenth place (tie), Veronica Gonzales and William Orozco (1 pt.).
 The *Journal* reminds all players that the person who

ends the season with the most combined points will win the \$200 grand prize — so play every week! In the event of a tie, the prize will be split.
 Just out of the points for week two were John Graves, Darin Bratcher, Marilyn Engelking, Debbie Weir and Charlotte Holt.
 Cumulative points thus far (tallied over two weeks): Rene Valle (16), Weldon Smith (10), Veronica Gonzales (10), Richard Orozco (10), Marilyn Engelking (9), Alene Bryant (9), Travis Bessire (8), Scott Brown (7), Patty Polando (6), J.C. Orozco (5), Raymond Villalobos (5), Robby Gauna (4), Joel Sinclair (4), Charlotte Holt (3), James Buie (3), John Graves (2), Willie James (1) and William Orozco (1).
 (PS. Smith came in 24th.)

Class of '56 prepares for reunion

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1956 is proud to get back together after 50 years!
 Thanks to the help family and friends still living in Muleshoe and two skilled classmates on the Internet, almost all 58 graduates have been located.
 The gathering will take place during MHS Homecoming weekend—September 29-30. Coming from California, Washington, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Germany, and of course, throughout Texas, 46 graduates, classmates, spouses and friends have committed to make this 'trip of a lifetime.'
 The celebration will kick off Friday noon at Leal's Café for those who arrive early to visit with Stanley and Barbara Fox of Dallas who are flying to

Europe on Saturday.
 At 3 p.m. the party will transport itself to the Pep Rally Assembly and tour of Muleshoe High School.
 Later, the class will eat together at the high school cafeteria buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. and at the football game that night. If the Mules win, it will be a new experience for the Class of '56 who watched every football game go down in defeat their senior year.
 Coffee, donuts, bagels and fruit will begin the day on Saturday, Sept. 30, with registration at the senior center downtown. The afternoon will find them re-exploring their old home town.
 The Reunion ends with a Saturday night dinner and dance with live music beginning at 6 p.m. at the

senior center catered by Leal's Café. Reminiscent of the senior prom, but with casual dress, the dinner will include dancing, which was banned at MHS during the 1950's.
 "It's been fun," says Velta Gillis Hord of Astor, Fla., "researching where everyone lives now." She and Lucy Davis Carrier of Muleshoe, discovered names and addresses of classmates through the Internet.
 "I've been on a high all week," says Pat Simnacher Ferrell, "and I'm bringing a box of clippings I saved and cards from everyone who graduated with us." The gathering will include classmates who weren't there to graduate.
 "I've traveled all over the country as a Baptist minister for 25 years and had heart surgery twice," says Duane Morrison, who replied late to his invitation because he was in the hospital, but made up for lost time by phoning almost everyone on the list. Duane plans to bring his wheelchair and not miss a thing.
 In the forefront of everything are local residents, Gene Paul and Coralee Jarman, Bobby and Anita Smith Black who have made all the necessary local arrangements. Sue Willman Morris of California will pick up her daughter in Arizona and meet her two sisters who still live in Muleshoe.
 Linda Lou and Robert Brown will take a vacation from their Katy Trail campground on the Missouri River for the weekend. "I guess I was just compelled to help get this together," Linda Lou says, "I really wanted to see all my classmates and find out how their life went."
 For more information call: Gene Paul Jarman, (806)965-2340; Linda Lou (Lancaster) Brown, (573)447-3939; Bobby Black, (806)272-5770; Lucy (Davis) Carrier, (806)272-3601.

'Fall Thang' to be held

Route 14:6, the non-profit Christian youth outreach organization in Sudan, announces the "Fall Thang" scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 4 p.m. on the grounds of Sudan Public Schools.
 The Fall Thang will offer many activities to include: rock climbing wall, a DJ, food and music, a Mr. Potato Head giant obstacle course, giant sumo suit wrestling, head-on-head football bungee, jousting, water balloon vault, giant 22-foot high slide.
 A special guest brought in from Dallas — The David Hira Variety Show, will appear live on the stage of Sudan High School at 7 p.m.
 The last activity beginning at 8 p.m. will be a dodge ball tournament. All activities are free and will be in a fun and safe environment.
 Free cotton candy and popcorn will be available. A concession will also be available.
 Last spring's Route 14:6

"Kick-off Event" hosted approximately 350 students from all around the area. Staffers are planning for 500 to 1,000 at this event.
 Sign-ups for the tournament can be made online at <http://route14-6.scorenet.net>.
 "We encourage everyone in the area to come out and enjoy the day. We especially encourage those in Amherst, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Springlake, Earth, and Maple to come out and see what's happening," an event representative said. "We also invite churches to take advantage of this day and bring their youth for a special outing."
 For more information contact an event representative at "route146@scorenet.net." For more information on Route 14:6, or to volunteer for the event, check the event schedule, or to donate to the event, please check the website at <http://route14-6.scorenet.net>.

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bock, Texas, 79243; Phone: 806-745-7707. 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2006. Gene Sheets, Superintendent, Muleshoe Independent School District. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on September 21 and 28, 2006.*

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CECIL FRANCES DAVID, AN INCAPACITATED PERSON. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of Cecil Frances David, an incapacitated person, were issued on August 16, 2006, in Docket No. 2433, pending in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, to Cheryl Ann Fitzgerald David, who now holds such letters. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are hereby required to present them to my attorney, Michele N. Dodd, at the address given below, and within the time otherwise prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is 2112 Indiana, Lubbock, Texas 79410. Dated this 12th day of September, 2006.

BY: Cheryl Ann Fitzgerald David, Guardian. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on Sept. 21, 2006.*

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS. Request for proposals for Construction Management at Risk services regarding the construction of additions to Dillman Elementary School and Watson Jr. High School, with the possibility, contingent upon State funding, of additional construction projects per MISD long range plan for Muleshoe ISD. Proposals addressed to Mr. Gene Sheets, Superintendent, Muleshoe ISD, 514 W Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas, 79347, will be received at the above noted address until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2006, at which time they will be publicly opened and the monetary proposals read aloud. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at the address noted above at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday October 3, 2006. Proposers may secure one copy of the proposal document from the address noted above or from: MWM Architects, 2574 74th Street, Suite 201, Lub-

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COMMERCIAL

- 40' x 75' METAL BLDG. w/office & restroom on 2.91 acre tract at edge of town (Hwy. 84 & 70), domestic well & MORE!! \$85K!!
- 150' x 100' tract with an approx. 1600 building + approx. 1440' storage on corner of Hwy. 70, 84, & 214!! PRIME LOCATION!! \$45,000!!

- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!
- 413' Frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop, 24' x 30' office, chainlink fence!! \$21K!!
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheeter/bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
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- CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 2 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

RURAL

- SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$49.9K!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Home on 65 acre tract!! Central A&H, built-ins approx. 2575' lv. area, 10 hp. well, workshop, barns, corrals, fenced!! MORE!! \$130,000!!
- NEEDMORE - Gin Building, office, well on 3.6 acres (Hwy. 214 & FM 298)!! \$13,500!!

Agricultural News

USDA extends emergency grazing on CRP acres

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns recently extended the window for emergency livestock grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for farmers and ranchers who are impacted by drought in 30 states, including Texas.

The traditional deadline for emergency grazing on CRP acres is Sept. 30.

"Extremely dry weather conditions have created real hardships for farmers and ranchers in many parts of the country this year," said

Johanns. "This emergency relief measure will provide feed and forage to producers who have lost hay stocks and grazing lands because of drought."

The 30 eligible states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina,

South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

State FSA committees and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state technical committees must agree on the need for the emergency grazing extensions before they are finalized. Once approved, producers in the 30 states may graze on CRP land until the following dates:

- Oct. 20 — Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota,

South Dakota and Wisconsin;

- Nov. 10 — Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Missouri, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming;

- Nov. 30 — Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

Emergency haying of CRP acreage in these states ends Sept. 30.

In mid-July, USDA

announced the expansion of eligible CRP acreage for emergency grazing and haying in Alabama, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. The expanded area radiates 150 miles out from any county approved for emergency haying and grazing in any above-mentioned state.

Additionally, USDA announced that CRP rental payments will be reduced by only 10 percent instead of

the standard 25 percent on CRP lands that are grazed in 2006.

USDA may allow producers to graze or hay on CRP acreage under certain conditions such as during times of drought or other natural disasters. Farmers and ranchers can graze no more than 75 percent of the stocking rate. They also can only graze 75 percent of a field or contiguous field that is enrolled for wildlife habitat.

CRP is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term resource-conserving cover on eligible land.

USDA has other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the emergency conservation program, emergency loans and federal crop insurance.

For more information visit the USDA office in Muleshoe.

Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures at the New York Board of Trade made a strong push to the upside Tuesday on a mix of trade, speculative, and local buying triggered by a neutral to friendly supply/demand report from USDA.

However, the market went back to its old tricks and finished lower for the tenth time in the last 12 sessions on Thursday despite the release of a strong export sales report.

USDA's September supply/demand report released Tuesday morning modestly lowered 2006-07 U.S. production, but the combination of friendly world figures and oversold market conditions should see prices stabilize, according to analysts.

The estimate for U.S.

cotton production was lowered to 20.35 million bales from last month's estimate of 20.43 million while the department's estimate for exports remained unchanged at 16.2 million bales. Carryout was lowered to 4.6 million bales from last month's 4.7 million while mill use remained flat at 5.5 million.

"The U.S. production estimate was a little higher than expected but not shockingly so," one trader said. "In addition, USDA did not cut U.S. exports, and most traders seemed to think they would."

Others in the industry were puzzled by USDA's higher production estimate in Texas despite a severe drought affecting most of the state. Many believe

Texas cotton production, which last year reached more than 8.4 million bales, will be between 4.5 and 5.0 million bales this season, according to one analyst. USDA pegged the state's production at 5.4 million bales.

As for world figures, USDA decreased world production to 114.9 million bales from 115.6 million while world beginning stocks were decreased to 52.18 million from 52.49 million. Meanwhile, consumption was increased to 122.2 million bales from last month's 121.7 million.

"The world numbers were friendly despite the half million bale swing in the Chinese crop and the

country's imports," a market observer noted. "The estimate for Chinese crop production increased to 28.0 million from last month's 27.5 million while imports were lowered to 19.5 million bales from 20.0 million last month. Consumption, though, remained the same at 51.0 million bales."

In other news, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 230,300 bales in the week ended Sept. 7, 59 percent more than the previous week and more than twice the four-week average. Major buyers were China, Turkey, Mexico, Indonesia, and Thailand. Sales of 5,700 bales for delivery in 2007-

08 were for Mexico.

Export shipments of 63,900 bales were seven percent less than the week before and 56 percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were Mexico, China, and Indonesia.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in the week ended Sept. 14 totaled 4,793 bales compared to the previous week when 2,780 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 44.97 to 48.63 cents per pound compared to 44.32 to 50.56 cents per pound the previous week.

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