

## Commissioners court approves county burn ban

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Bailey County's Commissioners Court approved a 90-day burn ban during Monday's regular session, replacing the seven-day ban that was enacted by County Judge Sherri Harrison on Jan. 3.

Monday's resolution was passed with a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Juan Chavez casting the opposing vote. Commissioner Joey Kindle wasn't able to attend Monday's meeting.

"I'm going to have to vote against this," Chavez said. "I don't think any of the fires that have been started have been started intentionally."

Prior to the vote, Commissioner C.E. Grant pointed out that without the county burn ban in effect, it was his understanding that victims of a catastrophic fire couldn't apply for FEMA funds.

In the event adequate precipitation is received, the ban can be terminated by a commissioners' court vote prior to the end of the 90-day period.

The burn ban includes all sources of fires outside. During the discussion it was noted that welders will have to construct a solid wall

**A burn ban is in effect in Bailey County**

around their worksites.

The commissioners court also discussed the county's ambulance situation with Chris Thompson, the Bailey County EMS director, who asked the board to consider the lease-purchase of an ambulance to replace an 1993 ambulance with 130,000 miles.

Currently, the county EMS is awaiting the delivery of a new ambulance to replace one that was totaled in an accident in Lubbock; however, Thompson said this won't solve the EMS problems.

Thompson said the two ambulances currently in service are "worn out," adding that the 1993 at the least needed its engine to be replaced.

"We're spending a lot of time with a truck in the shop," Thompson said.

When the new unit arrives, Thompson said he doesn't want it to be "run into the ground." He explained that the 2000 ambulance has 50,000 miles more on it than the 1993 model because the older model

## State education commissioner visits Muleshoe Independent School District

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District welcomed Texas State Commissioner of Education Dr. Shirley Neeley during a luncheon that followed a meeting with MISD faculty and administrators Thursday.

The event, which was triggered a month ago by a visit to Texas School Board member Bob Craig of Lubbock to discuss education and TAKS preparation concerns, allowed educators to voice their concerns face-to-face with the education commissioner.

While talking about the Texas Education Agency, Dr. Neeley said she was trying to make it a "kinder, gentler agency," and said the TEA needed to be service oriented.

"The kind of dialogue to day is what's needed across the state," Neeley said.

Neeley praised MISD and its employees, saying she would carry a report about the successes here to others, noting there was a "real sense of family" in the school district.

"I applaud you with what you're doing," she said. "Keep on going, you're doing it right. ... You're keeping the real thing... the real thing."



Photograph by Larry Thornton

### Where are you going to college?

Commissioner of Education Dr. Shirley Neeley visits with student's in Jennifer Anderson's math class during Thursday's tour of Watson Junior High. Dr. Neeley asked each student where he or she planned to attend college, encouraging students who hadn't given higher education much thought to start planning now.



DR. SHIRLEY NEELEY

"You're just an exemplary district," she said. "I'm on a mission to make it the best in the nation," Neeley said about the

state's education efforts in general.

Dr. Neeley said she tries to visit smaller school district's in the state as often as possible, noting that the needs of smaller district's are different from those of large school districts.

"We're not about politics at the agency, we're about the issues," Neeley said.

While she added that the agency wasn't perfect, Neeley said there have been tremendous gains, noting that she is trying to fill vacancies with

individuals who have worked in the trenches of education.

"You do have a voice," Neeley said. "We do care."

"Sometimes we overlook the easy way to do things," said Bob Craig, who was also able to attend the meeting, luncheon, and tour of Watson Junior High and DeShazo Elementary which followed.

"If we'll just let teachers

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### Local Weather

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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## City council receives clean 2005 audit report

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council received a clean audit report from Randall L. Field, P.C. during Monday's regular meeting.

"Nothing came to our attention to indicate that we had any problems," Field said during his report to the council.

The audit report covered the year ending Sept. 30, 2005. It showed the city's combined net assets as being \$6,209,559, of which "\$2,376,863 is unrestricted

and may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations."

Muleshoe's assets increased by \$97,618 last fiscal year, and the general fund balance is \$208,578.

Total revenues for the city, according to Field's report, were \$3,150,695, with \$1,277,058 of it coming from taxes.

Concerning the city's

enterprise funds, Field's report says Water and Sewer's net assets are

efforts in gathering the records the auditor needed. In other business, the city council:

- Discussed HB 914, which requires members of the city council, certain municipal employees, and vendors doing business with the city to file "conflict disclosure statements," which disclose to the public whether a public official has a

relationship with individuals or entities and should be precluded from voting on actions involving those individuals or entities.

"It's a goofy law," Brunson said, "but we're going to comply with it as closely as possible."

- Approved the minutes from its Dec. 15 meeting.

- Approved an interlocal agreement for a street seal coating project. Brunson said Muleshoe has participated in similar projects with other cities for several years, and said it's advantage was that the number of cities involved reduced the cost of the seal coating. Something that is even more important due to the rise in fuel costs, which has greatly increased projects costs. The city manager said the cost of the project is 50 percent more than last year, meaning fewer streets can be treated.

- Recognized the achievements of Sgt. Benny Parker of the Muleshoe Police Department, who recently received a master

**'Nothing came to our attention to indicate that we had any problems,' — Randall Field, CPA**

## MEDC approves revised revenue bond policy

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation approved a revised policy during Thursday's regular meeting. Action on the proposed policy, which deals with how the MEDC handles the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds, was postponed during the board's December meeting because the board

members felt it didn't meet their needs.

As the board members worked through the "red-lined" edition of the proposed policy, which had been prepared by the MEDC's legal advisor, Alan Rhodes of Lubbock, it was clear that portions of the policy still differed from what they wanted.

Board vice president Max King at one point asked if the names of financial advisors W.R. Taylor, an out-

of-state firm that specializes in handling tax-exempt bonds, could be removed to allow the board to work with other firms if necessary.

Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson agreed, noting that it would be better for the policy to remain as flexible as possible.

Similar action was taken regarding the listing of the MEDC's general counsel, so that the policy didn't have to be changed in the event the board needed to appoint

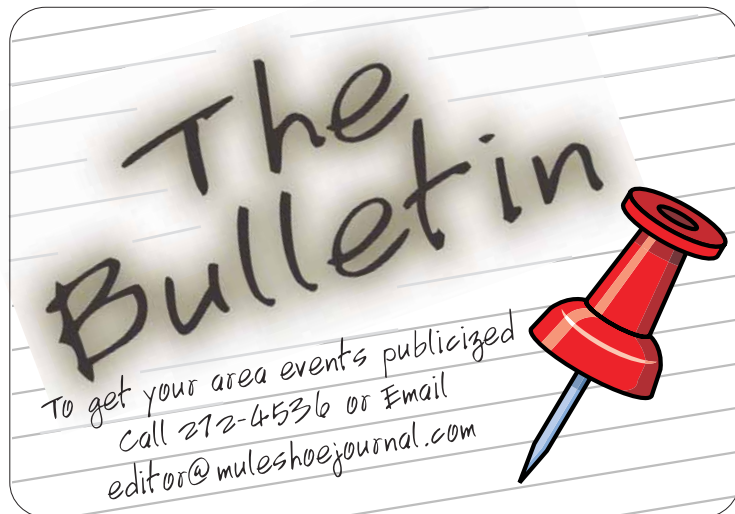
other counsel.

The MEDC board members also discussed what to do in the event a project from outside the immediate area that was seeking the MEDC's assistance as a "conduit issuer" was presented to the board. Brunson said something was needed — either as an addition to the policy or an established "matter of practice," — that

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### Burn ban in place for 90 days

Whereas, the Bailey County Commissioner's Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

It is hereby ordered by the Commissioners' Court of Bailey County that all outdoor burning, including fireworks, is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code ss. 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code ss. 153.048, and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code ss. 153.047.

In accordance with Local Government Code ss. 352.081(h), a violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Adopted this 9th day of January, 2006.

### Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bailey County Coliseum. The program will be "How to have an Effective Doctor's Office Visit." This program is free of charge to everyone interested. The Diabetes Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

### AA meeting

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

### Financial seminar

First Baptist Church will be hosting Financial Peace University, a Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar, beginning Jan. 29. Orientation dates are Jan. 15 and 17 at 6 p.m., and classes start on Jan. 29 at 5 p.m. This is a 13-week study. Child care will be provided.

For more information or to reserve your seats call Tadd and Annie Young at 272-5883 or the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe's office at 272-4224, or contact Dave Ramsey at www.daveramsey.com

### It's cookie time again

Muleshoe's Girl Scouts, part of the Caprock Council, have started their annual cookie sales, and will be joining more than 4,000 other Caprock Girl Scouts in the annual marketing venture that will run from Jan. 10 through March 15.

## Births



RANDON KYE FOLEY

### Randon Foley

Patrick Foley is pleased to announce the birth of his baby brother, Randon Kye Foley. Randon was born on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at 9:24 a.m., at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Randon weighed nine pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

His proud parents are Ron and Heather Foley. Grandparents are Gerry and Sharon Grant of Lubbock and Bob and Paula Foley of Maple. Great-grandparent is Mary Kindle, also of Map.

### MISD Fine Arts Boosters to meet

Muleshoe ISD's Fine Arts Boosters will be meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the band hall.



### Business After Hours

Don Woods, Sandy Vandevender of Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Heather Foley and "Shorty" Flores encourage Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture members to attend the Business After Hours celebration scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 12, from 5-6:30 p.m. at Five Area Telephone Cooperative. Cong. Randy Neugebauer is scheduled to attend.

### Youth basketball signup on Jan. 16

There will be a signup for boys, third grade through sixth grade, on Monday, Jan. 16, from 5-7 p.m., at the Watson Junior High Gymnasium. The participation cost is \$37.50.

A draft for teams will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, from 6-7:30 p.m., at DeShazo. Call Tracie at 272-5954 for additional information.

### Cotton conference to be held

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference will be held Jan. 25 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. Registration begins at 8 a.m. There is a \$15 fee, which includes lunch at the seminar. Five continuing education units are available. For more information, call Curtis Preston at the Bailey County Extension Office, (806) 272-4584

## Texas FSA supports establishing firebreaks

In response to the continued threat of grass fires statewide, Texas Farm Service Agency reminds landowners of a provision in Conservation Reserve Program procedure allowing for the establishment of firebreaks as a preventive measure.

"Although disking CRP ground is not a typically authorized practice, the benefit outweighs the cost in terms of fire protection of life and property," said Kim Hanlin, executive director

### Trinity Baptist to celebrate 50th anniversary

Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Jan. 29.

"We would like to invite all past and present members as well as any and all that would come and celebrate a love for the Lord with us," said an official with the church.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Special guest speakers will include Caprock Plains Baptist Assembly Director Gene Meecham, Assistant Executive Director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas Chris Liebrum, former pastors, Robert Brown, Dale Berry and possibly others.

Also joining in the event will be former music director Marvin Lewis, leading the music and former pianist, Maudie Mudford.

"We will have a time of visiting and fellowship following the morning activities," the official said.

"If you plan to fellowship with us and have lunch please let us know so we can prepare for your attendance by calling Rev. Bennie Wright at 272-3301 or Johnnie Parker at 272-4788. If you know of anyone that would be interested in this grand occasion please contact them as well," encouraged the official.

for the Bailey County FSA.

Individuals who are interested in disking perimeter firebreaks on ground enrolled in CRP must first visit the USDA Service Center and work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to modify CRP contracts to include firebreaks. NRCS will determine acceptable firebreak widths on a site-specific basis.

With nearly four million acres of CRP in the state, many of those acres bordering communities and residences, Texas FSA supports efforts to reduce combustible vegetation that may cause a fire to spread.

There is no cost-share for establishing firebreaks and rental payment penalties will not be assessed.

Hanlin added, "Although fuel prices are high, a little fuel and some sweat equity may prove to be cheap insurance in the long run."

For more information, contact the Bailey County FSA at (806)272-4538 or the NRCS at (806)272-4538 ext. 3.

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## Higher credit card rates not a figment of imagination

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

You open your credit card bill and notice your interest rate has increased from last month. "Why?" you ask. "I made my payment on time. I made at least the minimum payment. I received no notice from my credit card company of a rate hike. What's going on?"

According to Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Associate Professor and Extension Family Economics Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension, for many people asking this question, it may be due to a

little known provision in credit card contracts called "universal default." "Universal default provisions state that a credit card company can increase the credit card rate it charges you based on how you handle other credit accounts," Cavanagh says. "So, if you make any credit card payment late, not just the payment to that credit card company, your interest rate on the credit card may increase — perhaps by two or three times your old rate."

A recent national credit card survey conducted by Consumer Action, a consumer advocacy organization based in San Francisco, found that about 45 percent of banks now include universal default policies in their credit card agreements.

Advance notice of such increases is not required by law, and often consumers don't know until they receive an account statement reflecting a higher rate.

Asking the credit card company why their rate increased introduces the consumer to "universal default."

You might wonder how your credit card company knows about a late payment to another creditor. Cavanagh explains that "credit card companies monitor the credit reports of their customers. When a late payment shows up or your credit scores decreases, a higher universal default interest rate can kick in."

And if you think only late payments to other creditors can increase your rate, think again! Many credit card companies impose "penalty rates" for making a late payment, going over your credit limit, or bouncing a payment check on their credit card. And the rate increase is in addition to other fees for a late payment, going over your limit, or bouncing a check. According to the Consumer

Action survey, the average penalty rate was 24.23 percent in 2005, up from 21.91 percent in 2004.

How do you know if your credit card company has a universal default policy or penalty rates?

"You need to read the credit card policy statement that periodically comes in your billing statement," Cavanagh warns. "All changes to the terms and conditions of your agreement are included in that little booklet, including interest rates, fees, and the conditions under which they can change."

So, the next time you get one of those booklets, get out your magnifying glass, locate a comfortable chair, and read!

For more information on money management, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

## City council...

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peace office certificate. • Recognized Public Works Director Ramon Sanchez, was recently appointed to the South Plains Association of Government's Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Brunson said Sanchez' appointment was important for the city because of the work it does in opposition to efforts the City of Lubbock makes to close down the solid waste landfills of smaller communities in an effort to promote use of Lubbock's landfill.

• Received a flag that was flown over various Iraq war zones from Tony Scolley.

## MEDC...

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would require some type of documentation from the economic development corporation in the area the project was to be constructed, or from that county's commissioners court, indicating they supported the project.

During the discussion of the related application fee, the board members agreed that the fee needed to be in place.

"I agree with Max," MEDC president Wanda Hooten said. "It says, 'I'm serious.'"

While board member Mark Morton added, "It lets people know it's not going to be a freebee."

At the conclusion of the discussion, the MEDC board adopted the policy with a 4-0 vote.

## Wildfires may injure cattle

Analyzing injuries to cattle following a wildfire is important to minimize losses, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"It might look like they've made it and there was no visible physical damage," said Dr. Floron "Buddy" Faries, Extension program leader for veterinary medicine. "However, it's important to have them looked at by a veterinarian as soon as possible because there could be secondary problems that lead to infections and further problems."

Wildfires have ripped across thousands of acres of ranchland, trapping cattle and causing injuries, and in some cases death, said Ron Gill, Extension livestock specialist in Stephenville.

In one case, the producer lost about 50 head of cattle. Other producers are reporting secondary problems, such as scorched or burned cattle.

"One of the problems we've run into in the past is with the feet," Gill said. "It may take 10 days to two weeks for the damage to start showing. The cattle will start sloughing the hoof wall and become cripple."



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# Obituaries

## Laura Elizabeth Allison DiPardo

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" — II Timothy 4: 7

Beth DiPardo died on Jan. 7, 2006, with her husband Jason at bedside at their home in Dallas after a long battle with brain cancer. She was 30 years old and surrounded by her family in the final stages of her earthly life — the Lord is her shepherd into the next.

Beth was born in Odessa on Sept. 18, 1975, and was raised primarily in Lamesa. As a young girl she was a champion gymnast and attended Bela Karolyi's Gymnastics Camp at age 10.

At 16, Beth was diagnosed with a brain tumor and had surgery in Lubbock followed by treatment at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston in January 1992. She was given little chance of surviving that year but Beth was able to live a full and productive life, cancer-free, for 12 more years.

After returning to Lamesa that same year, Beth played basketball for the Lady Tornados. She was also a cheerleader, a member of the National Honor Society and Odyssey of the Mind — a competitive program for gifted and talented students.

Beth graduated from Lamesa High School in 1994 and was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church where she was baptized and confessed her faith as a Christian.

As a teenager, Beth volunteered at the Lamesa Food Bank and worked part-time at The Flower House where she first developed the love of floral design, which would eventually become her career. She began attending Angelo Sate University in 1994 and worked part-time at Friendly Flowers in San Angelo.

Beth was selected to ASU's homecoming court in 1996 and graduated from ASU with a B.A. in marketing in 1998. She then went to work as a branch consultant for Honda Finance Corporation in Dallas, where she met her future husband, Jason Robert DiPardo.

Beth also worked several summers as a volunteer counselor at



Laura "Beth" DiPardo

Camp Star Trails, a camp for terminally ill children. Her work there inspired Jason and her sister, Becky, to also volunteer at Camp Star Trails.

In 2000, Beth first ran in the Los Angeles Marathon, eventually completing three of them with Jason. Jason and Beth lived in California for two years where Beth began working for Teleflora as a marketing advisor.

The couple became engaged in December 2001 and married at the First Presbyterian Church in Lamesa on June 7, 2003. They spent their honeymoon traveling through California's Napa Valley.

Jason and Beth moved back to Dallas in August 2004 and soon bought their first home. In September of 2004 Beth was again diagnosed with a brain tumor and began a long series of treatments.

Despite her illness, Beth was awarded the highest possible designation from the American Institute of Floral Design after passing a challenging test in New York in December of 2004 that only one in four passed.

Beth is survived by her husband Jason of Dallas, her parents Larry and Gwen Allison of Lamesa and her grandmother Ethel Allison of Muleshoe.

She is also survived by her brother, Scott Nowell, and sister, Becky Allison, of Houston and her brother-in law and sister, Scott and Briget McAninch, and their children, Cole and Paige McAninch of Midland.

A graveside service was conducted at 3:30 p.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park followed by a memorial service at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lamesa.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and the Children's Art Project there (see www.mdanderson.org).

## Cora Belle Jennings

A church service for Cora Belle Jennings, 84, of Muleshoe, was held Monday, Jan. 9, at the Lazbuddie First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Peterson and Al Jennings officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Jennings died on Jan. 6, 2006, in the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. She was born on June 2, 1921, in Jack County, and married Joe Bates Jennings in Portales, N.M., on March 22, 1941.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, 1 brother and a grandson.

Jennings has lived in the Lazbuddie community since 1938.

She lived in McAllen throughout the 1980s, but returned home in 1990. She was a mother and homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lazbuddie.

Survivors include her



Cora Belle Jennings

husband — Joe Bates of Muleshoe; two sons and daughters-in-law — Derrell and Glenda Jennings of Lazbuddie and Joe Brian and Marsella Jennings of Hurst; a daughter and son-in-law — Tamara and Joe Marver of Carmel Valley, Calif.; a sister — Loma Moseley of Muleshoe; a brother — Eldon Page of Muleshoe; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, P.O. Box 129, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.

## Pete Wilkinson

A graveside service for Pete Wilkinson, 73, of Muleshoe, was held Saturday, Jan. 7, at Sudan Cemetery.

Wilkinson died on Monday, Jan. 3, 2006, in his residence. He was born Oct. 10, 1932, in Sudan. He married Marieta Blaylock in Clovis, N.M., on Dec. 28, 1951.

Wilkinson was a tractor

mechanic and a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and belonged to the VFW and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife — Marieta G. Wilkinson of Muleshoe; a son — Michael G. Wilkinson of Lubbock; and a daughter — Dana Shaw of Dallas.

## Carolyn Owens

A funeral service will be held at a later date for Carolyn Ann Owens, 67, of Amarillo in Hollene, N.M.

Owens died on Friday, Jan. 6, 2006. She was born in Amarillo on July, 27, 1938, to Bernice and Juanita Hickman Potts, and worked as a bookkeeper at a feed

yard.

Owens was preceded in death by a son — Bradley Don Owens. Survivors include a son — Stephen Lee Owens of Odessa; a sister — Linda McGonagill of Muleshoe; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## AA meetings being held on Friday

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

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## Bob Palmer

A graveside service for Bob Palmer, 74, of Muleshoe was held. Jan. 7 at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with Tim Harper, chaplain of Vista Care Hospice, Plainview, officiating.

Palmer died on Jan 4, 2006, in Amarillo. He was born on Nov. 7, 1931, in Lubbock, and married Doris Edmiston in Littlefield on Jan. 10, 1975.

He was a Cub Scout leader in Muleshoe and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Palmer had lived in Muleshoe since he moved from Lubbock in 1968. He owned and operated A & B Plumbing and Bob's Key



Bob Palmer

Place. He was preceded in death by his son, Lee Palmer, in September 1988, and a sister, Pat Moore, in December 2004.

Survivors include his wife — Doris Palmer of Muleshoe, and a sister — Jane Tanner of Lockhart.

Memorials may be sent to the Amarillo VA Hospital.

## Girl Scout cookies going on sale

Muleshoe's Girl Scouts, part of the Caprock Council, have started their annual cookie sales, and will be joining more than 4,000 other Caprock Girl Scouts in the annual marketing venture that will run from Jan. 10 through March 15.

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## Christ's Sacrifice Is Indeed All-sufficient

A friend e-mailed me a few days ago for help in finding the source of a quotation from C. S. Lewis.

Whatever the source, it's vintage Lewis: "When a man is getting better, he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worse, he understands his own badness less and less. A moderately bad man knows he is not very good; a thoroughly bad man thinks he is alright."

Another Lewis quotation stands well alongside the one above: "Of all bad men, religious bad men are the worst." Jesus was speaking to this latter class of bad person when he

that kind of holy perfection.

We were in a pickle, and no way out—until God did for us what we could never do for ourselves. "When the time had fully come," God sent his perfect Son, to live with us, to die for us as the perfect sacrifice for sin, to literally take away all of our sin and guilt on the cross, and to be raised to new life by the Spirit of God. Because he died, we live. Because he was raised to new life, we live new lives filled with his Spirit and we become heirs of life eternal. Note clearly: God does this all. We can neither add to nor take away from what Jesus has already done for us on the cross in his once-for-all sacrifice.

And now, back to those quotations. If our religion is, at heart, all about us—all about rules, all about rituals, and very little at all about relationship with God—our religion becomes that which we use to keep God away. Sadly, it will work. Convert someone to that kind of religion, and you've not blessed him.

But if our religion is about the relationship the Father longs to have with his children, the relationship he gave his own Son to make a reality, then the wonderful news of the gospel is that we can indeed have that relationship. And so can everyone else.

The more like Christ you and I become, the more clearly we'll see how very far we have to go to be completely "transformed" into his likeness. It's a far longer trip than we'd imagined. But it's also far more joyful because God is the one holding our hand as he leads and empowers us to take one step at a time.

We could never "get there" on our own. But God's people are never on their own. Those who make Christianity just one more self-help program understand neither the power of the cross, the love of Christ, nor the depth of their own need.

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

**Focus On Faith**

Curtis Shelburne

said, "You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are" (Matthew 23:15).

You see, the aim of religion is to make us like the God we serve, and if our God, Jehovah—the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Paul, and all of our forefathers in the faith—is the one true God, then our religion is all about how we can be made like Jehovah.

Okay. But what's God like? According to the Scriptures, our God is absolutely holy, absolutely loving, absolutely just, absolutely gracious, absolutely—well, absolutely perfect. That sounds absolutely wonderful, until we realize that no human can reach that standard. We have an absolutely perfect God. But imperfect as we are, we can in no way stand before



# Sports

## Varsity Mules pound the Friona Chieftains, 69-44

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules jumped out to a quick start in Friona Tuesday night and held the Chieftains to only two points in the opening eight minutes while the Mules poured in 16. The Mules went on to pound Friona 69-44.

The Lubbock Caprock Holiday Tournament champions Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen came to Muleshoe Friday night with thoughts of plowing up the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center.

The Mules gave the Plainsmen all they could handle for 32 minutes. Monterey left Muleshoe with a 55-47 win and a lot more respect for the scrappy Mules.

Brady Black broke the scoring ice for the Mules by grabbing a long offensive rebound and driving the baseline for a lay-up in Friona. It really began to look like the Mule's night when Arsenio Geter grabbed a rebound and hit

Trevor Turnbow with a three-quarter court outlet pass.

Turnbow had a defender between him and the bucket and as he backed down the lane he turned a dropped in a six-foot baby hook.

Tyler Sheets drained his first of two treys to open the second period. Friona made a run at the Mules with three treys and 15 points before the intermission.

Geter helped hold the Chieftains at arms length with eight of the Mules' 20 in the period. The Mules led 36-17 at the half.

The Mules seemed to take an extended break at the half and Friona took seven off their lead by out scoring the Mules 18-11. Geter had six for the Mules and Sheets added five.

Cory Wallace heated up from behind the arc in the final quarter for three 3-pointers. Sheets, Dustin Barker and Myles James each drained a trey in the final eight minutes as the Mules posted 22 points to

Friona's 11.

Geter led the Mules with 20 points, Sheets added 13 and Wallace made 11. Black dropped in eight points, Turnbow and Barker each made six. James had three and Brant Hamilton chipped in two.

Myles James used his body to protect the ball as he made a lay-up to break the scoring ice against the much taller Plainsman defender. The Mules continued to take the ball inside against the taller team from Monterey and it paid dividends as the Mules led 12-11 after the first period.

Monterey took their first lead of the game with the opening bucket in the second frame. Black drove the baseline to put the Mules back in front. Black answered a second Plainsman bucket with a pair of charity tosses after being fouled shooting.

It took a pair of treys to put Monterey in front with 43 seconds left in the half. Eric

Washington completed a break as the half ran down to cut the Monterey lead to 27-25 at the intermission.

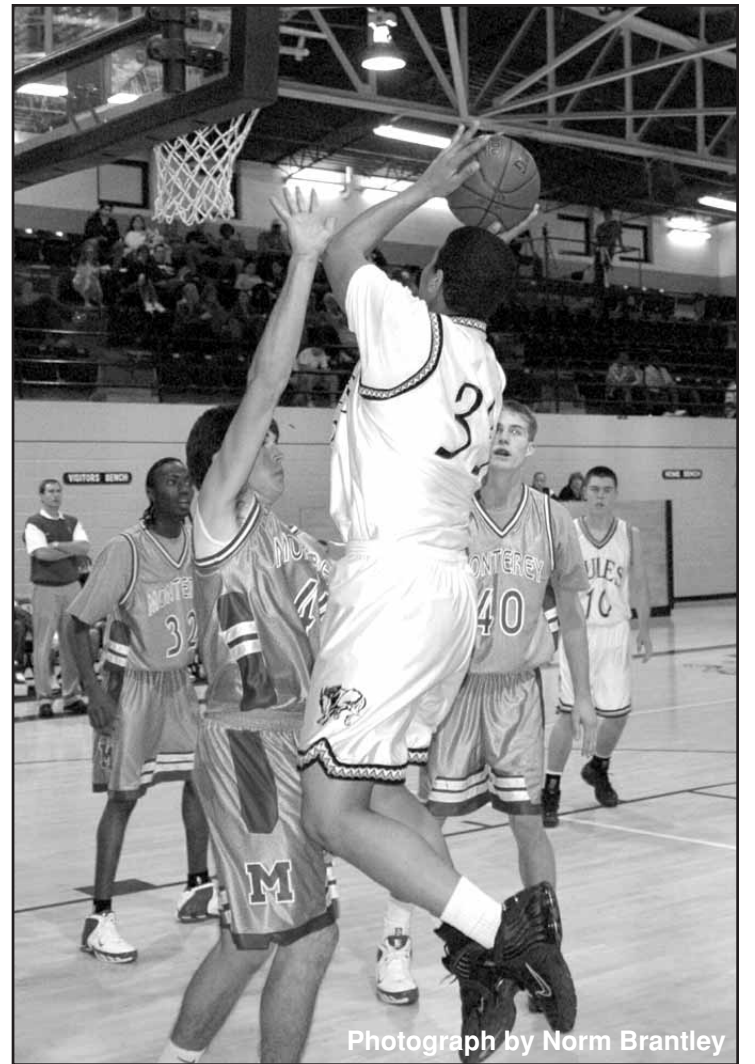
Monterey pushed their lead to by six in the third frame to lead the Mules 44-36 as the final eight minutes began. The Mules battled the Plainsmen to an 11-11 dead heat in the final quarter.

"I was really proud of the kids tonight," said Mule coach Ralph Mason. "They took the game to bigger team and battled them at every turn."

Turnbow led the Mules with 15 points, Sheets had 12 and Black added eight. James, Wallace, Garrett Riley, Washington, Hamilton, and Geter each chipped two for the Mules.

The Mules traveled to Tulia Tuesday and tangled with the Hornets for the second time this season.

They open district play in Brownfield Friday night against the Cubs and return home to host the Levelland Lobos Jan. 17.



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Mule Arsenio Geter takes a shot.

## Friona Squaws scalp the Lady Mules, 46-27

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Squaws of Friona scalped the Lady Mules in Muleshoe's final warm-up game before opening district. Friona got off to a slow start in the opening period and then exploded in the final three periods to defeat the Lady Mules 46-27.

The Lady Mules bounced back against the Ladycats of Littlefield to open district with an impressive 48-39 win and go 1-0 in district play.

"I was so proud of the way the girls got things back together after the Friona game," said Lady Mule coach Shanna Simms. "They executed our game plan to perfection tonight. When we finally got a seven-point lead in the final period they all looked at me in unison as if to ask, 'Now Coach?'"

"I shook my head yes and

they immediately spread the floor and slowed down the offense to force Littlefield out of their zone defense. We felt that if we could get them out of the zone we could finish them off."

The tenacious Lady Mule defense held Friona to only two points in the opening frame. That was the Lady Mule's best quarter of the night. Friona exploded for 12, 13 and 19 in the next three periods.

Brandi Wood led the Lady Mules with eight points and Kate Lepard dropped in six. Kasey Wood had four and Amberlee Steinbock had the Lady Mules' only 3-pointer for three points. Kyra Kimbrough, Chelsi Hawkins and Cholov Hernandez each chipped in two points. What a difference three days made!

The Lady Mules took the court with a purpose and after adjusting to the play of Littlefield's Ashley

Cunningham the Lady Mules tied the game at seven on a three-pointer from the wing by K. Wood with 1:35 left in the opening period.

Lepard added a pair of charity tosses to give the Lady Mules the lead and K. Wood drove the lane for a lay-up over the much taller Cunningham. B. Wood ended the period with a drive down the baseline to give the Lady Mules a 13-9 advantage.

The Ladycats started the second frame with a scoring flurry that included a trey and an old fashion three-point play that gave them a 15-13 advantage. They out scored the Lady Mules 14-4 in the period to take a 23-17 margin at the intermission.

Littlefield increased their lead by two as the third quarter began. The Lady Mules went on an 11-2 scoring run in the next five

minutes. Kimbrough got the run started with a pair from the line and it ended with Lepard driving the lane and shooting in the face of the Cunningham.

B. Wood sandwiched seven points into the same five minute stretch that pushed the Lady Mules in front 30-27. Kimbrough added two from the line with 36 seconds left to go four-four-four from the line in period.

Irma Torres found the loose ball in the lane and flipped it to Hawkins just inside the arc. Hawkins drained the long two as the buzzer sounded to end the third quarter with the Lady Mules leading 34-28.

Ashlie Dickson took three charging fouls Friday night. She went three of four from the line in the final period and drove the lane through the heart of the Ladycat

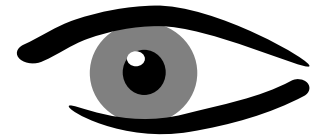
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### Youth basketball signup on Jan. 16

There will be a signup for boys, third grade through sixth grade, on Monday, Jan. 16, from 5-7 p.m., at the Watson Junior High Gymnasium. The participation cost is \$37.50.

A draft for teams will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, from 6-7:30 p.m., at DeShazo. Call Tracie at 272-5954 for additional information.

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## Lady Mules fall to Friona — Continued from page 6.

defense for five in the final period.

Dickson had the task of keeping Cunningham off the blocks and out of her comfort zone. Cunningham made seven in the opening period and had 13 at the half. Dickson held her to only two in the final 16 minutes.

"We all knew we had to step up and play tonight," said Dickson.

"I just kept pushing her off the blocks and if she got the ball I knew I would have help. When she would push me back it kind of riled me up but I like a challenge and it made me play harder," Dickson said.

Cunningham led all scorers with 15 points.

Three Lady Mules reached double digits in scoring and one was a single point short of the mark. B. Wood set the pace for the Lady Mules with 12 and K. Wood and Lepard added 10 each.

Kimbrough added nine points, Dickson five and Hawkins chipped in two.

The Lady Mules take



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Kyra Kimbrough takes a shot.

Tuesday off and then return to district action in Brownfield against the Lady Cubs Friday night. The

Levelland Loboettes are in Muleshoe on Jan. 17 and the Lady Mules travel to Lubbock Cooper on Jan. 20.

## JV Mules defeat JV Chieftains

By Delton Wilhite  
Sports writer

The Mules used a strong inside game to scalp the Friona Chieftains Tuesday night in Friona. The Mules led 34-19 at the half and took the game 59-34. The Mules had tougher time Friday night with the Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen.

The Mules stayed close through three frames but the Plainsmen over powered them 21-11 in the final frame to take the game 70-47.

Cade Smith blocked a Friona shot and Colby Carpenter scooped up the loose ball and went coast to coast. He was fouled shooting and converted a charity toss. The Chieftains took their only lead of the game with a bucket.

Dusty Clayton found Smith running on a break to retake the lead for good. Carpenter tossed to TJ Brantley and then broke to the bucket on the give and go.

Brantley handed off the ball and screened Carpenter's defender. Carpenter kissed the ball off the glass.

Brantley scored in the lane before blocking a Chieftain shot. Carpenter led the Mules with five in the first frame and Brantley had a pair of buckets as the Mules raced out to an 18-7 lead.

Brantley scored eight in the second frame as the Mules increased their lead to 34-19 at the half. Patrick Precure, Carpenter, Zane Matthews and Smith each added a bucket before half.

Friona came out strong after the half and cut the Mule lead by two. Clayton provided the punch for the Mules with six points, Smith added a bucket and Elias Alvarado converted a charity toss.

Smith drove the lane to open the final frame. Clayton spotted up behind the arc and drained the trey. Clayton drove the baseline and dished to Smith for the easy deuce. Smith stuck back a rebound to push the Mule lead to 52-34 with three minutes left to play.

Brantley picked off a pass and drove the floor. He fought through the foul on the lay-up and added the charity toss for a three-point play. Brantley scored on a break to end a seven point Mule run.

Brantley led the Mules with 17 points and Smith dropped in 12. Clayton had all nine of his points in the second half and Carpenter finished with seven. Alvarado made three, Precure, Adam Zamora, and Matthews each chipped in two.

Monterey jumped in front of the Mules 14-8 in the opening frame. Alvarado made a bucket and Clayton added a bucket and a free throw in the opening frame. Brantley went three of four from the line.

Precure found the range from outside the arc for his first trey of the night. Carpenter, Julio Bustillos and Brantley each added a bucket. Smith was three of four from the line and Brantley added a charity toss as the Mules trailed the Plainsmen 29-21 at the half.

Precure nailed four of his six treys in the third period and Clayton dropped in one

for the Mules 15 in the third frame. The Plainsmen increased their lead by five.

Precure's final trey came in the last period and Alvarado added a bucket. Carpenter dropped in a shot and Smith hit a pair of buckets.

Precure led the Mules with 18 points and Smith made seven. Brantley and Clayton made six each, Carpenter and Alvarado dropped in four apiece and Bustillos chipped in two.

The Mules traveled to Tulia Tuesday night to take on the Hornets and go to Brownfield Jan. 13 to meet the Cubs.

The Mules host the Levelland Lobos Jan. 20 and travel to Lubbock Cooper Jan. 24 to face the Pirates.

### FYI

If your college student is graduating or has made the Dean's or President's List, in order for that information to appear in the *Muleshoe Journal*, we must receive notice from the respective educational institution. Your son or daughter must sign a release so the information can be sent to us. Have them visit their bursar's office to sign a form indicating they wish to share their good news! Once permission has been granted, the college or university should send the info via email to: editor@fivearea.com.

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The program will be "How to have an Effective Doctor's Office Visit." This program is free of charge to everyone interested.

The Diabetes Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

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If these plaques were given for outstanding work, talent or bravery, whose name would be written on each? Draw a line from each name to the plaque that would bear their name (one is done for you):

- Lt. Col. Bluford, Jr. (reached for the stars)
- Rosa Parks (arrested for not giving up her seat on this)
- Alicia Keys (recording artist)
- Dizzy Gillespie (could hit those jazzy notes)
- Jane Bolin (lawyer-became this in the courtroom)
- Michael Jordan (in 1984 led the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal)
- Nat Love (liked horses)

Answers: 1. A, 2. C, 3. E, 4. B, 5. F, 6. G, 7. D

**'I have a dream today.'** Match the names of the people below to their achievements and contributions (some are done for you). Next, find and circle their last names in the puzzle. Then color in the squares where you circled letters. The initials of a great civil rights leader will show. Who was this man who dreamed of equality and peace for all people?

- Lt. Cmdr. Samuel L. Gravelly
- Jesse Jackson
- Barbara Jordan
- William "Count" Basie
- Jesse Owens
- Nat Love
- Harriet Tubman
- Hank Aaron

- Underground Railroad "conductor"
- champion cowboy
- hit most home runs in baseball (by 1974)
- candidate for president
- first black woman in Senate
- fastest man in the world (1936)
- first African-American to command U.S. warship (1962)
- orchestra leader

- Jackie Robinson
- George Washington Carver
- Charles Drew
- Jupiter Hammon
- Matthew Henson
- W.E.B. DuBois
- Marshall W. Taylor
- Benjamin Banneker

- physician, surgeon
- scholar, author, writer, worked for freedom, rights
- world champion cyclist
- first black man to play major league baseball
- a discoverer of the North Pole
- inventor, scientist
- first published black poet
- chemist and experimenter (peanuts, potatoes)

Answers: 1. D, 2. H, 3. F, 4. G, 5. E, 6. B, 7. C, 8. A

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## Wedding Showers



STEPHANIE WENTWORTH

### Wentworth, Byers shower held

Stephanie Wentworth and Russell Byers were honored at a bridal shower held Sunday, Dec. 4, in the parlor of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Steve and Karen Wentworth of Fort Worth. The prospective groom is the son of James and Terry Byers of Muleshoe.

Hostes for the event included: Cindy Barrett, Diana Harrison, Nancy Barrier, Tracy Been, Brenda Black, Donna Green, Jo Ellen Cowart, Fran Hamilton, Cindy Harrison, Dani Heathington, Debbi Hutto, Sue Johnson, Sally Messenger, Margaret Quintana, Lindy Schuster, Gwen Sinclair, Pam Thomason, Liz Tipps, Dianne Walls and Jody Wood.

Among the guests were: Karen Wentworth, Terry Byers, Marge Jones, Cathy Buchanan, L'Anna Jones and Linley Jones.

The hostess gift presented was bedding.

## Wills listed among Curry County job candidates

A news story that appeared on Dec. 14 of the Clovis News Journal listed Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills among the top finalists for administrator of Curry County's new adult detention center.

According to the story, which was written by CNJ staff writer Tonya Garner, Wills' name was listed along with six others for additional

consideration. About 40 individuals initially expressed an interest in the position.

Interviews for the position have already been conducted, but at this time, no selection has been made.

According to Curry County officials, the successful candidate is expected to receive a salary of \$50,000 to \$60,000.

When contacted by the Journal, Sheriff Wills said he was perfectly content with his position at Bailey

County, but felt he needed to give strong consideration to a position that would nearly double his current salary.

# Thanks for reading!

## Hospital Report

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

Dec. 30 — Sofia Salas and Ruth Clements.

Dec. 31 — David Bock, Ardith Long and Murpha Street.

Jan. 1 — Verna Metcalf.

Jan. 2 — Juan Garcia, Mary Crane and Carmen Ruiz.

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## Nursing Home News

The First United Methodist of Muleshoe directed a communion service and church service Sunday.

Bro. Monty Leavell visited Park View recently.

Katie Roubinek is visited often by her friends, Missy Royal and Caleen.

Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard of Earth directed a Celebration of Life service for Virgie Perry Tuesday morning. LaVerne James and the residents attended the service.

Michael Dean entertained and Marilyn Wilson hosted the December birthday party Thursday afternoon. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday resident a TY Beanie Baby tied to a big bright balloon. Decorators Floral gave each resident a corsage or boutonniere. Residents who were honored included Cathy Wilson, Hazel Ball, John Hadley, Dorothy Bowers and Marie Lambert.

Tuesday afternoon Beckye Corklin, Pat Watson, Dolores Garrett, Eva Nell

Dale and Billie Mason shampooed and styled the ladies hair.

Peggy Dent came to visit all the residents Tuesday.

The residents made little smokies in a blanket in cooking class Thursday. The food will be served at the New Years Celebration of Friday afternoon.

Zona Gatewood provided music and song for the music program Thursday morning in the day room and in Special Care.

Friday afternoon, Dave Sudduth, Rick and Brenda Sudduth entertained at the residents New Year's celebration. The residents, visitors and the staff all had a wonderful time listening, clapping our hands and patting our feet to the music. Refreshments were served to all attending. The day room and dining room were decorated with a lot of balloons, glitter and glitz.

Saturday afternoon Butch Vandiver directed the Bingo Bash. Mr. Vandiver always makes Bingo a time of fun and surprises.

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a communion service Sunday.

Buster Kittrell taught the Sunday School class Sunday morning.

Wednesday morning, James Wedel came to run errands and go shopping for Park View.

At this writing Ardith Long and Ruth Clements are in the local hospital. Please remember them in your prayers.

Buster Kittrell, James and Ann Sinclair and Anna B. Lane directed our singspiration and devotional time Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings came to direct a sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon.

Carolyn's Christmas Creations came Wednesday to undecorate the day room they had so beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks were regrettably overlooked in the Christmas card project page.

We have lots of beautiful flowers given to us, by the Anzaldia family. They are in our prayers.



### Headed to doggie jail

Muleshoe Animal Control Officer Casto prepares to load an animal caught running at large. Local residents are reminded that Muleshoe has a leash law and stray animals are being impounded. Citizens with animal complaints may call the police department or city hall.

**Do you have story or photo ideas? Let us know!**

Contact **General Manager Leah Bell**

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Dimas Acosta, Muleshoe	430 Blk. str	lbs. at \$133.00
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JCL, Inc., Sudan	4 Char. str	546 lbs. at \$122.00
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NM Ranch, NM	26 Yell. hfrs	612 lbs. at \$110.50
Alberto Acosta, Littlefield	2 Char. hfrs	633 lbs. at \$106.50
Lloyd Bradshaw, Muleshoe	4 BMF hfrs	660 lbs. at \$109.00
Brenda Jesko, Muleshoe	4 Blk. hfrs	785 lbs. at \$93.00
JCL, Inc., Sudan	12 Blk. hfrs	871 lbs. at \$97.25
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	Blk. pair	\$1100.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	4 Blk. pair	\$1075.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	2 Blk. cows P7	\$875.00
Paula Nix, Springlake	5 BMF cows P7	\$800.00
Pete Fulcher, Farwell	Blk. cow P7	\$785.00
Kenny Arnold, Shallowater	Red cow P7	\$775.00
Sudan Feedyard, Sudan	Blk. cow	1215 lbs. at \$51.75
Kenneth Ray, Littlefield	Blk. cow	1310 lbs. at \$51.00
J.C. Pearson, Muleshoe	Char. cow	1730 lbs. at \$50.00
Darrell Mutschler, Muleshoe	Blk. cow	1460 lbs. at \$48.00
Kelly Powell, Grady, NM	Brown bull	2040 lbs. at \$65.50
Sudan Feedyard, Sudan	Blk. bull	1885 lbs. at \$62.25



# Rules and regulations of the 2006 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show

The following are responsible for the proper conduct of the show and are hereafter known as Board of Directors of the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show. Chairman — Rodney Baker; Vice-Chairman — Nick Bamert; Sec. - Treas. — Curby Brantley, Jr. Directors are — Craig Kirby, Rex Black, Ronnie Altman, Thurman Myers, Todd Ellis, Rodney Baker, Sam Whalin, Curby Brantley, Jr., Michael Dunham, Jim Plat Claunch, Steve Kennedy, David Lawrence, Leslie Kerby, Kim Black, Nick Bamert, Monti Vandiver, Alan Harrison, Cliff Black, Jeff Hamilton Todd Bessire. President of the Ag Boosters, Muleshoe Ag teacher, and county extension agent also serve on the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show Board.

Harassment of judges, board members, or show officials will not be tolerated. The board reserves the right to withhold premium monies for violation of any rule, and or to refuse entries for future shows.

**Eligibility** — Any boy or girl who is a member of the 4-H, or FFA, whose projects are supervised by the county extension agent or vocational agricultural teachers of Bailey County and attend school in Bailey County and academically qualified as passing, is eligible to show in the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show. An exhibitor not passing academically is ineligible to participate; however, the animal will be allowed to show by a qualified exhibitor approved by the department superintendent. An exhibitor must be nine years of age by Sept. 1, or in the 3rd grade, to be able to participate in the show. Hardship cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Hardship cases must be approved on or before the December board meeting after entry deadline. If for any reason an exhibitor cannot show his/her animal, the exhibitor must submit a substitute exhibitor to the department superintendent for approval. Superintendent's decision will be final. For any exhibitor not meeting these requirements, the animal will be disqualified from competition.

**Ownership of animals** — Exhibitors must have owned their steers, pigs, lambs, goats, and heifers and have had them in their care no later than the validation deadline for each specie. Exhibitors must be bonafide members of a Bailey County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must have continuously, personally, fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of the CEA or an AST.

Steer: June 30, 2005, Heifers:

Nov. 1, 2005, Swine: Nov. 30, 2005, Sheep: Oct. 31, 2005. Goats: Oct. 31, 2005.

All species will follow state validation requirements for major shows. No animal is eligible for the Bailey County Show if said animal has passed through an auction or premium sale in connection with a livestock show.

**Arrival and release of animals** — All animals must arrive between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Jan. 19, and shall not be removed until the completion of the premium sale. All sifted animals must be removed from barn immediately after the completion of weigh-in. Exception will be made only by the Superintendent for the early release of animals from the show. The Show Board requests that no animals or tack be removed from building during judging. (Cattle can arrive on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m.)

**Judging Schedule** — Swine: Jan. 20, 8:30 a.m.; Meat goats: Jan. 20, 2 p.m.; Sheep: Jan. 20, following goat show; Cattle: Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m.

The Board reserves the right to change the judging schedules at the December meeting.

**Certification of animals** — Each exhibitor is to notify their supervisor by Dec. 1 of all show animals on feed. Each exhibitor will fill out an entry card for each animal that they have on feed, just as they do for major livestock shows. These entry cards will be furnished by the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show. All classes should be divided as equally as possible at the discretion of the Division superintendent and his committee.

**Limit on entries** — 1. Each exhibitor may enter 3 head of cattle which shall be classified as market steers or heifers or any combination of the same.

2. Each exhibitor may enter 3 hogs which may be barrows, gilts, or any combination of the same.

3. Each exhibitor may enter 3 sheep which may be wethers, ewes, or any combination of the same.

4. Each exhibitor may enter 3 goats which may be wethers, does, or any combination of the same.

5. Only 3 animals per species will be allowed in the show barn per exhibitor.

6. No substitutions allowed after weighing and tooting.

**Entry fees** — Steers, \$5; Heifers, \$5; Sheep, \$3; Swine, \$3; Goats, \$3.

Entry fees are to be paid at time of entry, that being Dec. 1, and are non-refundable.

**Division rules**  
**Cattle Show:**

1. Steers will be divided into the following classes: (1) British Pure Breeds, (2) American Crosses, (3) Other Crosses. Exhibitors must declare steer breed at scale and a classifier will be hired to classify the steers into the breed division. Beef Heifer division is open to Purebred and Crossbred. Daily Heifers must show predominant daily characteristics. All Heifers may have one set of permanent teeth and shall not have calved. Only an exhibitor shall run animals through classifying.

2. Steers — No tooth rule.

3. Steers must weigh 800 pounds and over and will be weighed and divided into equal classes by weight. No steers will be re-weighed if they have left the weighing area.

4. Classes for steers and heifers will be divided on the following head basis: 0-4 = 1 class and each five additional animals constitutes a new class. Odd number steers and heifers will be added to light class and then work up to heavy classes. Equal weights will be left in the same class.

5. No dressing powder or adhesives of any kind allowed on cattle.

6. Heifers will be eligible for Premium Sale.

**Meat goats:**  
1. Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. at time of weighing... no maximum weight. All breeds or crossbreeds are eligible to show. Classes will be broken by weight and every 4 goats constitutes a new class. Odd number goats will be added to light weight classes and work up to heavy. Equal weights will be left in the same class.

2. Wethers and does are eligible and must have both milk teeth at time of weigh-in.

3. All goats must be dehorned or have horns tipped before arrival.

4. Goats must be shorn slick to 3/8" of skin above knee and hock joints. Hair should be no longer than 3/8 inches.

5. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.

6. No painting, powder or artificial coloring will be allowed.

7. Showmanship style on goats will be left up to the discretion of the judge.

**Sheep:**  
1. Lambs must weigh at least 75 pounds at weigh in. Sheep will be shown by breeds. A breed of 4 or less will show together in one class. Breeds of sheep with 6 or more will be broken every 4 lambs. Odd number lambs will be added to light classes and then work up to heavy. Equal weights

will be left in the same class.

2. Lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above the knees and hock joints. The wool cannot be longer on any party of the body and head than on any other part. No paint or powder.

3. Lambs — no tooth rule.

4. Classes for sheep will be the following and a classifier will be hired to classify the lambs at the time of the show.

A. Fine Wool, B. Fine Wool Crosses, C. Medium Wools, D. Southdown.

**Swine:**  
1. Barrows will be shown by the major breed classifications. The following breeds will be recognized: Berk — White OPB; Duroc; Hamp; Black OPB; York; Cross.

Each additional 6 animals in that breed will constitute a new class. Odd number swine will be added to light weight class and then work up to heavy. Equal weights will be left in the same class.

2. Swine must weigh between 170 and 270 pounds. If not, they will not be allowed to show. A 5-pound tolerance will be given on the top and lower ends.

3. Only 1 re-weigh will be given for light and heavy barrows, provided they don't leave the barn.

4. Swine can be shown with water only.

5. Gilts will be shown in their

own division. Classes will be broken by weight into equal groups of eight. Gilts will be eligible for premium sale.

**Showmanship division rules (for entries only)**

Exhibitors must be entered in the division to compete for showmanship. Substitute showmen must not wear show number while showing an animal and not entered in the division.

1. Junior Division — age 12 and under on Dec. 1, 2005.

2. Senior Division — age 13 and over on Dec. 1, 2005.

3. Awards — A trophy will be presented to the Junior and Senior winner from each of the four species.

4. Winners of the Junior and Senior divisions will compete for the division species award (belt buckle).

5. Division champions will compete for All Around Showmanship Award (Jimmie Dale Black Award). Once this award is won by an individual they are eliminated from further competition.

6. If a division showmanship winner has previously won the Jimmie Dale Black Award, the judge will pick an alternate to represent that division for competition in the All Around Showmanship drive.

7. A showmanship judge will be hired to select the showmanship

winners for each species and for the Jimmy Dale Black Award.

**BCJIS Premium sale rules**

1. Percentage selling will be determined after entry deadline.

2. Each exhibitor may sell a maximum of 2 animals eligible for the sale.

3. Must sell two highest placing animals. In case of two animals of equal placing, the largest of the two must sell. (Champion and Reserve are the highest placing animals of the division.)

4. If higher placing animals are pulled from the sale order (due to rule #3), other animals in the class move up in the sale order.

5. Animals that weigh in but which do not show in their class will be placed last in their class and will not be eligible for the premium sale.

6. The board reserves the right to withhold a 5% commission from each sale check to cover the cost of pictures, overhead, show expenses, etc. Commission will go to the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show Board.

7. Premium sale will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 21006 (Revised: 3/2/05)

8. Exhibitors must bring in thankyou notes to sale buyers to the Bailey County Extension Office within 30 days of notice that premium checks are ready to be picked up, or the checks will be voided.

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• **Lamb County** — Pleasant Valley- 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on 5 acres, on pavement. Barn and other outbuildings.  
• **Bailey County** — 240 acres, 2 sprinklers. House, barn and other improvements.  
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teach, they'll do fine," Craig said.

Superintendent Sheets said, "The meeting before lunch was a time to dialogue with the commissioner about the issues that the teachers, Don Wood, and David Dominguez brought up to SBOE Rep. Bob Craig."

"The commissioner listened to our concerns and seemed very interested in trying to find solutions to these concerns," Sheets said.

"She was very impressed with the sincerity and passion our teachers brought to these issues and

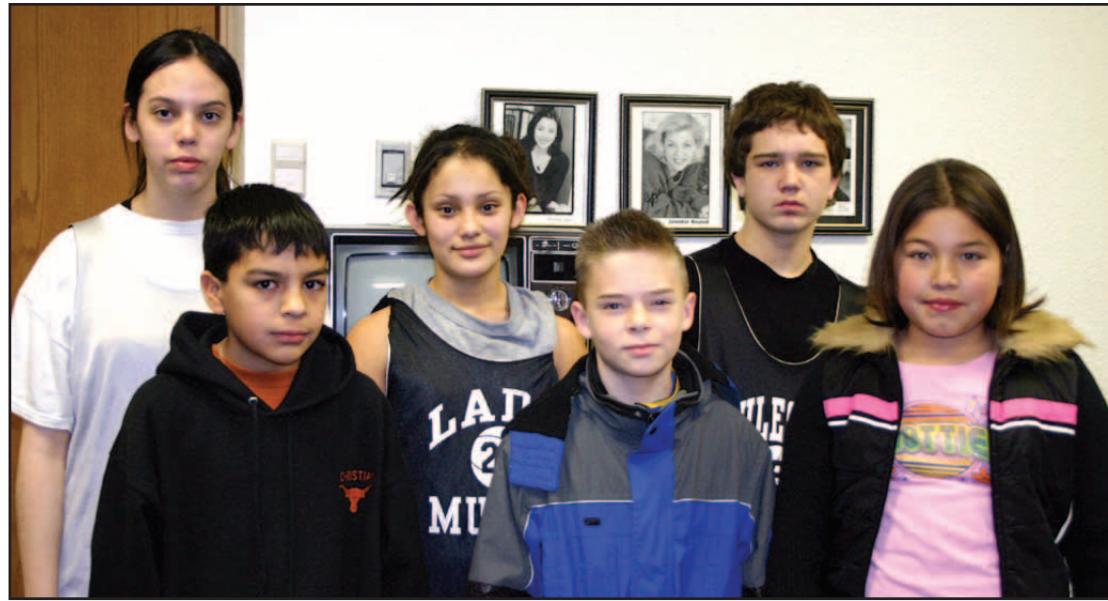


Superintendent Gene Sheets introduces junior high student Kenny Hernandez to Dr. Neeley during Thursday's visit.

to their teaching," Sheets said.

"I think this may help to open lines of communication between

TEA and school districts like us who have concerns about the TAKS test and other accountability issues," said the superintendent.



### Watson Junior High Students of the Week

Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Jan. 9th include, from left to right: Front row — Christian Castorena, Tyler Cain and Samantha Reyna; back row — Ivone Mendoza, Stephanie Garcia and D.J. Atwood.

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## Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We here at the center are enjoying the happenings in January.

Our meals are very appetizing and healthy. We encourage all seniors 60 years and older to come in and dine with us. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. We suggest a \$3 donation for the lunch. Call a friend and come join us.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, Tana Webb with Home Health, will be at the center to check blood pressures and sugar content. They will be here from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We invite you to come in if you need these services.

Remember our Tuesday night dances. We have several senior citizens come from all areas. Come and enjoy the visiting even if you do not dance.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, will be our birthday party. We invite all senior citizens with birthdays in January to come join us for a good time. W. T. and Pat Watson will be sharing their beautiful music with us.

Bingo! If you senior citizens would like to play bingo at the Center, please contact us and let us know. We want to have entertainment for all and would like to hear from you on this.

We want to wish all our senior citizens who are ill a speedy recovery. We miss you here at the center. Take care and get well soon.

Monday, Jan. 16 — Spaghetti, fried zucchini, tossed salad, hot roll, cherry crisp.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — Chicken and rice soup, ham

salad sandwich on wheat bread, tator tots, lettuce and tomato salad, carrot cake.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 — Beef roast, potatoes o'brian, green beans, salad, hot roll, peach cobbler.

Thursday, Jan. 19 — Baked chicken, rice, cauliflower and cheese, tossed salad, rolls apple crisp.

Friday, Jan. 20 — Fish or chicken strips, hash browns, coleslaw, banana and strawberry with glaze.

### Elm trees available under matching grant program

The new Matching Tree Grant Program for 2006 has been announced by Elm Research Institute, a nonprofit organization based in Keene, N.H. This unique, community-oriented promotion features disease-resistant American Liberty Elms which are the only street proven, purebred, native American elms with a Lifetime Warranty against Dutch elm disease.

Contact Elm Research Institute for all the details of this unique offer. Receiving cities pay only for shipping charges for the gift trees. These trees are not available from commercial nurseries... you can get them only from Elm Research Institute.

## Commissioners court...

Continued from page 1 has been so unreliable.

"You're not feeling the frustration we're dealing with down there," said Thompson, referring to several times the ambulance service hasn't been able to transport patients for Muleshoe Area Medical Center because one of the two ambulances were out of service.

No action was taken on the issue during Monday's meeting.

In other business, the commissioners court:

- Approved the minutes from its Dec. 12 meeting with correction.

- Approved the country treasurer's report for November 2005.

- Approved in-county travel forms, county bills, and soil conservation worksheets.

- Discussed the receipt of surplus materials from the Texas Department of Transportation.

- Spoke with Alysia Smith of American Administrative Group, formerly Icon of Lubbock, to discuss changes and problems with the county's medical insurance.

- Discussed the creation of a new part-time position at the courthouse that would handle community service, maintenance and bailiff services.

- Set terms for Justice Court and County Court.

- Approved amendment #2 to the FY 2006 budget.

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