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School board members honored by campuses, students

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The members of the Muleshoe Independent School Board's Board of Trustees received a pleasant surprise at the beginning of Monday's regular meeting.

As the board members gathered before the meeting desk to honor students who

had achieved success from "outside the district," the board members found themselves being honored by representatives from the school district's four campuses.

The board members and administrative staff present received a variety of candy, soup, "thank you" notes, and other tokens of appreciation

from student representatives honoring them for the work they do on the behalf of the district's students

After the board received its honors, they in turn recognized the achievements of Muleshoe's students and the faculty working with them.

Among the groups of students being honored were Muleshoe's varsity football team, which advanced to the playoffs; the "Mighty 'M' Band," of which several students made the All-Region Band; and FFA students who competed in District LDE contests.

In other business, the

school board:

- Approved the minutes from the district's Dec. 19, 2005, and Jan. 12 meetings.
- Adopted a state-recommended "wellness and health services" policy.
- Approve policy committee by-laws for Muleshoe's Heat Start program.
- Entered into closed session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation

and contract.

- Accepted the resignation of coach Gary Fussell, and approved the hiring of Dora Diaz as a bilingual second grade teacher after returning from open session.

• Were advised of the new state requirements concerning the filing of "conflict of interest" documents by MISD officials
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MAHD board expresses concerns about spending

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The purchase of Medicare software for Park View Nursing Home brought sharp words of concern from Muleshoe Area Hospital District board members during Thursday's regular meeting.

Board member Ronnie Dent indicated that while the program may be

needed, he was concerned about the purchase being brought to the board after the fact, and said he had a problem "rubber stamping" such purchases, and urged the administration to at least contact the board president before making large purchases.

Board president Mike Miller expressed similar concerns. "We're spending money like we have a lot of

money," he said.

Miller said the hospital and nursing home were spending money, but the "top line" wasn't getting any better. While Miller said the hospital district's financial condition was sound, it wasn't that long ago when the district's cash flow was in trouble.

Later during his report to the board, Ray Mason, administrator of the

Muleshoe Area Medical Center and MAHD's chief executive officer, said he didn't want a board that rubber stamps his decisions, and promised to do his best to keep the board better informed.

Other items Mason reported included the hiring of an employee who would help with emergency room

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Bailey County women dies in traffic accident

A Bailey County woman was pronounced dead at the scene of a traffic accident west of Baileyboro during the early morning hours of Jan. 23.

Kathleen Waggoner, 42, of Muleshoe died as a result of a single vehicle accident at the intersection of Farm Road 298 and County Road

97. According to Sr. Trooper Lacie Kirk of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Waggoner missed a curve, overcorrected and rolled her pickup one time.

Waggoner, who wasn't wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, Trooper Kirk said, was thrown from
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Parent survey says to start school early

At this time, it appears that Muleshoe School District will be starting the 2006-07 school year on Aug. 15 instead of Aug. 21, as recommended by the State of Texas.

After conducting two public hearings and surveying parents and business leaders, it was announced the overwhelming majority favored the early starting

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Local Weather

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Words to ponder from Beverly

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Bailey County Junior Livestock Show

**Grand Champion Cattle — Exotic Steer
Brady Black**



**Grand Champion Sheep — Medium Wool
Dusty Clayton**



**Grand Champion Swine — Cross
Kayla Preston**



Photographs by Norm Brantley

**Grand Champion Goat — Goat
Dusty Clayton**



Junior livestock show's premium sale total approaches \$65,000

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show's annual premium sale garnered big bucks Saturday, with totals that almost reached the

\$65,000 mark. According to records received from the Bailey County Extension office, Brady Black's Grand

Champion exotic steer pulled in the top dollar at the sale, \$2,800, purchased by West Tex Feedyard. Black's Breed Champion

American cross steer pulled in the second highest total at the sale, \$2,200. It was purchased by Mike and Terry Hahn.

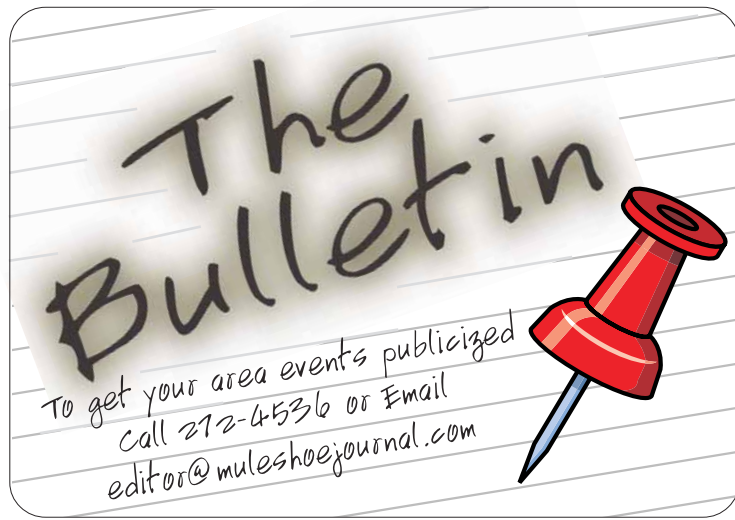
Kayla Preston's Grand Champion Swine was purchased by Muleshoe Feed Barn at a price of
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Business After Hours host sought

Any chamber business or individual who is interested in hosting the February Business After Hours, set for Feb. 9, is being asked to contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture office, at 272-4248, any weekday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is a last-minute substitution, and any help would be appreciated. The event will last from 5-6:30 p.m., and some type of refreshment and food should be served.

Trinity Baptist to celebrate 50th

Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Jan. 29. Past and present members as well as any and all who would come and celebrate a love for the Lord are invited to attend. Services will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend and have lunch, call the Rev. Bennie Wright at 272-3301 or Johnnie Parker at 272-4788.

Melba Bratcher retirement party

After serving more than 20 years with the Bailey County Farm Service Agency office, Melba Bratcher is retiring. With that in mind, a farwell party has been scheduled in her honr on Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

AA and Al-Anon 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 and Al-Anon 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

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 to March 15.

High Plains CEU opportunities

Sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, the High Plains Conferences offer valuable production information for producers entering the 2006 growing season including continuing education units necessary to maintain private and commercial applicator licenses.

This year's remaining conference dates and locations are:

Jan. 26 Southern Mesa Ag Conference, 8 a.m. Dawson County Annex Bldg., 609 N. First Street, Lamesa. Early \$20 registration can be mailed to Texas Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331. Registration at the door is \$25

For more information contact Jeff Wyatt, Dawson CEA-AG, at 806-872-7539.

Feb. 7 South Plains Ag Conference, 8 a.m., Nikki Vinson Youth Center, 110 W. Hill, Brownfield.

For more information contact Chris Bishop, Terry CEA-AG, at 806-637-4060.

Columbine Redemption

Craig Scott, the brother of Rachel Scott of Columbine High School, will be speaking on Feb. 4, at 7 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum about the Columbine experience, which has been described as the worst school shooting in history. Scott will be talking about life before and after the tragedy which claimed the life of his sister. The public is invited to attend this youth and family rally.

Muleshoe Class of 1991

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1991 is currently looking for classmates. Please visit www.mhs1991.myevent.com or call (701)866-5063 for further information.

Fire department chili dinner

The annual Muleshoe Fire Department's Chili Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28, at 5 p.m., at the Earl Ladd Fire Station. Tickets are \$5, and are available from local firefighters or at the the door.

Senior parent meeting

There will be a meeting for all senior parents interested in helping with Project Graduation on Feb. 8, at 5 p.m., at Muleshoe State Bank.

Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselor, Gayla Gear. Final day to apply is Feb. 23.

Breast cancer screening clinic set

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on Feb. 6.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806)356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Support urged for Bailey County's Relay for Life

If you know...

- A child who has been cured of leukemia,
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- A woman who has a regular Pap test and mammogram,
- Anyone who has quit smoking,

...then you know someone who has benefited from research supported by the American Cancer Society.

The Bailey County Relay for Life committee will meet

Monday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Trinity Christian Church, 1723 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe

Anyone interested in participating or helping with the event is welcome to attend.

The Bailey County Relay for Life will be held June 23. Funds raised from this event will support the American Cancer Society's programs for Bailey County cancer patients, continue education and risk reduction programs in schools and businesses, and to help fund valuable cancer research.

For more information contact chairperson Kim Cook at 272-4093.

College News

ACU honor roll

Two former Muleshoe High School Students students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the fall 2005 semester:

Sara Sheets, who is majoring in nursing, and Landon Sheets, whose major is undeclared, were honored.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

ENMU honor roll

Three students from Muleshoe who are attending Eastern New Mexico University have been included on the 2005 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll.

Kelsey Jones, whose major is family consumer science, Lindsey Wood, whose major is undeclared, and Timothy Castorena, whose major is accounting, were honored.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 grade point average.

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MAHD hires someone to collect old debts

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admissions during the weekend, and would also be working on collecting on the hospital district's past due accounts.

At previous board meetings it was noted that a large number of people — especially people without medical insurance — were using the MAMC emergency room as an after-hours clinic with no intention of paying their medical expenses.

Part of the new employee's job would be to explain the payment options available to these patients. The remainder of her time would be spent notifying patients of their outstanding balances and making payment arrangements. Previously, the hospital board encouraged the hospital's administration to pursue legal action whenever necessary to collect on such past due accounts.

While the board expressed concerns about the money being spent at the nursing home, the board also expressed its appreciation to Park View Administrator Paul Chaisson, whose work on the nursing home's "in-house" laundry appeared to be saving the district several thousand dollars a month.

"Paul, I think you've made the difference," Dent said, referring to a substantial decrease in the nursing home's year-to-date expenses

In other business, the

MAHD board:

- Discussed the annual MAHD election, and the new state-requirement that each of the polling places must be equipped with electronic voting machines. Mason said he had met with school district and city officials, which also must meet the new state requirements, and that planned to meet with Bailey County officials to discuss the possibility of using the county's voting machines.

"It's going to be a learning experience for all of us," Mason said.

The hospital board also discussed and approved moving the "in-town" election to Muleshoe City Hall, which Mason thought would benefit the hospital district, especially since Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman had agreed to handle this year's hospital district election.

At one point during the discussion, board president Miller asked about the Lazbuddie and Parmer County voters who reside within the hospital district, but outside of Bailey County. Mason said he would have gather additional information and bring it back to the board.

This year, there will be three board positions up for the May 12 election. The incumbents currently holding the seats are Mike Miller, Ronnie Dent and Lary Hooten.

Mason noted that a special meeting would be required to officially call for

the election.

- Discussed workers' compensation insurance for the hospital district, during which Mason pointed out that public entities such as MAHD were required to have either a state-approved self insurance plan in place or an insurance policy with a state-approved insurance provider.

Mason said the district's existing plan — which was in part handled "in-house," with injured employees being treated at the hospital when possible — didn't meet state requirements. He also noted that in the past few years the hospital district's expenses for injured employees have approached \$107,000, included medical expenses and salaries.

- Voted to sell the old ambulance that has been parked at Park View after noting that it wouldn't be cost efficient to try to repair the unit and place it back into operation.

- Approved an agreement with the Farwell Clinic that would split any profit or loss with the hospital district.

"They really want to work with us," Dent said, describing it as a "win-win" situation because the clinic has started referring patients to Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Miller, who has previously voiced concerns about the Farwell Clinic, voiced agreement with Dent, indicating that the new written agreement with the

clinic would remove many of the financial concerns that had previously troubled him.

- Tabled action concerning the purchase of new beds for the nursing home.

- Approved a bad debt write-off totaling \$44,429.

- Were informed by Mason that the hospital district had recently passed three major medical inspections with only two deficiencies. "That speaks very well of the staff," Mason said.

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Lamplight By Larry Thornton

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In Luke 11:1-4, NIV, we read, "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.

When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

"He said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, or we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

The men Jesus picked to be his apostles became some of the greatest preachers this world has known. But today's text points out that the most important part of a preacher's life, in fact the most important part of any Christian's life is his prayer life.

The apostles recognized that prayer is at the very center of their relationship with God. Likewise, it is at the center of our relationship with him.

The Gospel of Luke has been called the "gospel of prayer." Throughout its pages, Luke documents the prayer life of Christ. Now, if prayer was so important to the Son of God, can it be any less important in our

life?

There is a story about a group of tourists visiting a picturesque village. While there, they saw an elderly man sitting by a fence. At one point, one of the tourists asked, "Were there any great men born in this village?"

Without looking up, the elderly man replied, "No, just babies."

Even the apostles started out being toddlers in the spirit, their walk with Christ began just as ours did. They were babes in Christ, and as such asked their Lord how to pray.

Without prayer, we may be living, but we're not living in Christ. Without prayer, we may be working, but we're not doing the work it is God's will that we do. And without prayer, we may be experiencing earthly success, but it's not the success that really matters.

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Obituaries

Arnold Gross

A chapel service for Arnold Gross, 83, of Amarillo was held Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Gross died on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. He was born on April 8, 1922, in Loup City, Neb., to Jacob and Ina Frances Gross, and married Erald Long in Clovis, N.M., on Feb. 21, 1947. He was preceded in death by his wife on Aug. 6, 2005, and a brother — George Gross.

Gross was a graduate of Muleshoe High School, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, and a member of the American Legion. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In



ARNOLD GROSS

1984, he retired from Five Area Telephone Cooperative.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law — Jimmie Edward and Carolyn Gross of Odessa, and Joe Lloyd and Georgia Gross of Amarillo; a sister — Fern Davis of Muleshoe; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Methodist Church, 507 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Katherine Wittner

A church service for Katherine Wittner, 90, of Maple, was held Saturday, Jan. 21, at the First Baptist Church of Morton with the Rev. Harold Abney officiating. Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Wittner died on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, in Covenant Hospital, Levelland. She was born on Sept. 27, 1915, in Waco, and married Andrew Wittner in Waco on Oct. 25, 1930. He preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 1992. She was also preceded in death by three

sisters and a brother.

Wittner moved to Maple in 1931 from Waco. She was a member of Threeway Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons — R.B. Wittner of Midwest City, Okla., and Eugene Wittner of Morton; a daughter — Peggy Knox of Kingsland; two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church, 202 SE First, Morton, TX 79346.

Fire department chili dinner

The annual Muleshoe Fire Department's Chili Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28, at 5 p.m., at the Earl Ladd Fire Station. Tickets are \$5, and are available from local firefighters or at the the door.

Publication of Obituaries

Obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed free of charge and contain the following types of information:

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Morris Bush

Funeral services for Morris Bush, 95, of Littlefield were held Saturday, Jan. 21, at Crescent Park Church of Christ with minister Wilburn Dennis officiating and Gary Johnson, pastor of Spade Baptist Church assisting. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Bush died on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield. He was born on Aug. 13, 1910, in Ben Franklin to Joe and Eva Bush, and married Malissie Fowler on Dec. 2, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. They farmed in the Littlefield area until 1974 when they moved into Littlefield.

He was a past member of the Fieldton Coop Gin, and a member of Crescent Park Church of Christ.

Bush was preceded in death by his wife Malissie on Nov. 20, 2005, also by three brothers, a sister and his parents.

Survivors include a daughter — Rose Buckner of Muleshoe; two sons and daughters-in-law — Joe Mac and Marilyn Bush of Spade, and Tommy and Karen Bush of Littlefield; nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Vista Care Hospice.

Bernice Fields

A church service for Bernice Fields, 90, of Lubbock, formerly of Morton, was held Jan. 23 at the First United Methodist Church of Morton with the Rev. Keith Wiseman of Lubbock and the Rev. Jon Foster of Morton officiating. Burial followed in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Fields died on Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, in the Carillon House, Lubbock. She was born on July 21, 1915, in Mills County, and married Cyrus W. Fields in Goldthwaite, on Dec. 20, 1936. She was preceded in

death by her husband in 2001, and a sister — Ella Lubbock, formerly of Douglas Henry.

Fields moved from Morton to Lubbock in 1996. She taught school in Mills County, Morton and Whiteface, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Morton.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law — Todd and Zoellen Fields of Lubbock; a daughter and son-in-law — Diane and Steve White of San Antonio; a sister — Ina Beth Wall of Evant; a brother — Oren Soules of Goldthwaite; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 419 Taylor, Morton TX 79346.

Jesus Marquez Jr.

A graveside service for Jesus Antonio Marquez, Jr. was held Friday, Jan. 20, at Llano Cemetery - Garden of Angels. Rosary was held Thursday, Jan. 19, at Angel Funeral Home.

Jesus Antonio died on Jan. 16, 2006, the day of his birth.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather — Antonio Marquez, and great-grandparent — Carlos Marquez.

He is survived by his parents — Jesus Marquez and Arleen Keithley of Amarillo; grandparents — Delores Marquez of Amarillo and Theresa Haley Mendez of San Diego, Calif.; great-grandparents — Peggy and Jerry Bruton of Muleshoe, and Angie and Tony Escoto of Amarillo.

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Sports

Mules fall to Levelland, but take Lubbock Cooper

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules hung tough in the first half when the Levelland Lobos came for a visit Tuesday night. The Lobos led by two at the intermission but out ran the Mules to take the game 57-38.

The Mules traveled to Lubbock Cooper Friday night and cleaned the Pirates out of Woodrow with a 59-47 win. It was the Mules first district win in three games.

Arsenio Geter drove the

baseline for a bucket to open the Levelland contest. Brady Black made a charity toss to break a 2-2 tie and Trevor Turnbow finished a break to put the Mules in front.

Tyler Sheets completed a break with two minutes left in the period. The Lobos scored five in the final minute and a half to take an 11-7 lead into the second period.

Turnbow grabbed a long rebound and drove from the wing to cut it to a two point game. Geter, and Black each answered Lobo buckets to

"...We had to have a district win tonight and now we just need to take care of business the rest of the way..."

keep the Lobo lead at two. Myles James soared for an offensive rebound and put it back on the glass to knot the game at 15.

James drove the lane off a pick set by Black to give the Mules a brief lead. Geter drained a trey from the top of the key to put the Mules

up by three. The Lobos went on a 6-1 scoring run to in the final two minutes of the period to to lead 23-21 at the half.

Turnbow made a pair of threes in the third frame and Geter made a bucket for the Mules eight while the Lobos pumped in 15. Black had

eight in the final frame and Geter made five for the Mule's 13 in the final frame.

Geter led the Mules with 15 points and Black dropped in 11. Turnbow added 10, James four and Sheets chipped in two.

Brant Hamilton and Turnbow each nailed a trey in the opening frame in Cooper Friday night as the Mules ran out to a 14-10 lead. Black fought through a foul for the hoop and the harm. He completed the three-play to open the second frame.

Black was allowed to finish a break before the Pirates scored. Turnbow knocked down back to back 3-pointers to give the Mules some breathing room. James answered a Cooper bucket with a trey from the top of the key and repeated the process after another Pirate scored.

The Mules led 32-18 at the half. James, Turnbow and Hamilton each scored in a 6-2 run to open the third quarter. Hamilton added a bucket and two from the line and Eric Washington finished a break as the Mules out ran the Pirates 13-10 in the third.

The Mules may have backed off their intensity in the final frame. Turnbow was four of five from the line in the final minute and a half. Geter scored all ten of his points in the final frame. He completed back to back three-point plays in the process.

"We were fortunate to pull tonight's game out," said Mule coach Ralph Mason. "Cooper did a good job of cutting our lead to six in the third but our kids got it together and put the game away."

"I was glad to see Hamilton score more tonight and Geter had a big final period. We had to have a district win tonight and now we just need to take care of business the rest of the way," he said.

Turnbow led the Mules with 16 points, Hamilton made 11 and Geter dropped in 10. James added nine, Black seven, Sheets four, and Washington chipped in two.

The Mules traveled to Littlefield Tuesday night for the third time this season but the first time it really counts.

The Mules take on Sweetwater at Lubbock Christian University Friday night. The Mules start the second round of district by hosting Brownfield on Jan. 31.

JV Lobos' proves too much for Mules to overcome

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules failed to score Tuesday against Levelland in the opening quarter as the Lobos ran out to a 14-point head start on the Mules. Levelland only out scored the Mules by six in the final three periods. The Lobos took the game 56-36.

The Mules could not seem to get their offense in gear against the Pirates at Lubbock Cooper Friday night. The Mules fell to the Pirates 45-37.

Dusty Clayton drained a trey from the corner to open the third frame for the Mules. Cade Smith added a 3-pointer from the top of the key to cut the Lobo lead to

11-25. Dusty Clayton and Patrick Precure finished back to back breaks to complete a 10-3 run for the Mules.

T.J. Brantley and Colby Carpenter played catch on the way to Mule break with Brantley doing the honors. Elias Alvarado drove from the wing to cut the Lobo lead to 34-22 to open the final period.

Adam Zamora knocked down a pair of buckets in the final period and Stephen Dominguez added a charity toss. The Lobos out scored the Mules 22-14 in the final frame.

Clayton made three treys to lead the Mules with 11 points and Brantley made nine. Precure and Zamora

made four each, Smith had three, Alvarado and Carpenter made two apiece and Dominguez chipped in one.

The Mules had fallen behind the Cooper Pirates 27-17 by the intermission. Dominguez and Carpenter each dropped in a trey in the third as the Mules mounted a come back. Brantley scored twice in the lane and Clayton finished a break to cut the Pirate lead to 34-29 to open the final period.

Carpenter opened the final frame with a bounce pass inside to Smith. Smith dropped in the dink shot before Carpenter drove the baseline to make it a one point game. Brantley made

a baby hook to answer a Pirate bucket.

Cooper out scored the Mules 9-2 in the final two minutes.

Brantley led the Mules with 11 points and Precure dropped in eight. Carpenter added seven, Smith had six points, Dominguez three and Clayton chipped in two.

The Mules traveled to Littlefield to wrap up the first round of district Tuesday night against the Wildcats. The Mules play Sweetwater at Lubbock Christian University Jan. 27 and return to district action Jan. 31 when they host the Brownfield Cubs.

JV Lady Mules destroy the JV Loboettes

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules used a monster second period to bury the Loboettes of Levelland Tuesday night 45-38. Friday night the Lady Mules seemed to struggle with focus as the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates cashed in on Lady Mule errors. Cooper took the game 30-26.

The Lady Mules used a fast start to jump in front of Levelland 7-1 with Cecilia Reyna making all seven points. The Loboettes came back in the final three minutes of the period to overtake and lead the Lady Mules 9-7.

Reyna found Morgan

Smith running on a break as the second period began with a lead pass. Smith drove to the hole and fought off a foul for the bucket and added the charity toss for an old fashion three-point play.

Reyna added a pair from the line after being hacked on a fast break. Ashley Grumbles lobbed the ball inside to Janae Pyle. Pyle turned to the baseline and made the short jumper. Reyna nailed a trey from the wing with 4:27 left in the half to give the Lady Mules a 17-11 lead.

Smith added two buckets before the intermission and Reyna knocked down her third trey of the half to push the Lady Mule lead to 24-

15 at the intermission.

Reyna paced the Lady Mules with five three-pointers and 22 points and Smith added 11. Grumbles dropped in five, Gabby Agundis made four, Pyle two and Kelsey Tipps chipped in one.

Agundis went coast to coast after Reyna forced a turnover for the Lady Mules first points at Cooper. Reyna added one from the line and drove the baseline and knocked down a six-foot floater to end the period with the Lady Mules trailing 9-5.

Smith drove down the lane through the heart of the defense to open the second

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Sports

Freshman Lady Mules get a little revenge

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshmen Lady Mules extracted a little revenge from the Springlake-Earth Wolverines Monday night.

The Lady Mules had been defeated by the Wolverines by 18 earlier in the season. The much improved Lady Mules defeated the Wolverines 34-32 Monday night.

Springlake jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the opening frame. The Lady Mules came back strong in the second frame to out score the Wolverines 12-6 to only trail by one at the half.

The Lady Mules continued to pressure the ball in the second half and Gizell Vasquez nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key to take a 23-20 lead

going into the final frame.

Cassie Steinbock was five of six from the charity line in the final period as the Wolverines fouled to stop the clock and get the ball.

Steinbock set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with seven points in the final frame and 13 in the game.

Tiffany Luna scored in each period for seven points and Vasquez added six. Gabby Perez and Amelia

Clemmons made four each.

The Brownfield Lady Cubs visited the Lady Mules Monday night.

The Lady Mules are in the Dimmitt Tournament Jan. 26-28 and then travel to Levelland Jan. 30 to tangle with the Loboettes.

The Lady Mules wrap up their season at home Feb. 6 with the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates.

Eighth grade Lady Mules defeated by Lady Wolverines

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules fell to a much larger Texico Wolverine Monday night 27-15. Texico jumped in front of the Lady Mules 16-5 in the opening half.

The Lady Mules stayed with the Wolverines in the

third frame with each team putting seven on the board. Ali Eagle knocked down a shot from downtown in the final frame for the Lady Mules only points of the period.

Sarah Johnson knocked down a trey in the opening frame and added a second

with four seconds left in the third to lead the Lady Mules with six points.

Eagle added three, and Ashley Cisneros and Breann Baca made a bucket each in the third frame for two points apiece. Marisela Casanova chipped in a pair of charity tosses in the opening frame.

The Lady Mules take on the Brownfield Lady Cubs in the Muleshoe Athletic and

Convocation Center Monday night and then travel to Levelland January 30 to meet the Loboettes. The Lady Mules will complete their season at home against the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates Feb. 6.

Seventh grade Lady Mules defeated

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules put up a battle against the Texico Lady Wolverines Monday night. Texico held the Lady Mules to four first half points while pouring in 13.

Alejandra Gomez Gomez led the charge for the Lady Mules in the third period with six points with an assist from Heather Gutierrez on each bucket. The Lady Mules out ran Texico 17-15 in the second half. Texico defeated the Lady Mules 28-21.

The Lady Mules passed the scoring around in the final frame. Gomez led the Lady

Mules in scoring with eight points. Valerie Olivas made four in the final period and had six in the game.

Yvone Gardea made a bucket in each of the final two periods for four points, Gutierrez had a bucket in the final frame to go with her assists and Ivone Mendoza chipped in a free throw in the final frame.

The Lady Mules hosted the Brownfield Lady Cubs Monday night and will play in the Levelland Tournament Jan. 26-28. They will finish up the season by hosting the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates Feb. 6.

JV Lady Mules...

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frame and added a charity toss as the Lady Pirates racked up eight in the period. The Lady Mules trailed 17-8 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules out scored Cooper 18-13 in the second half but came up four points short on the night.

Reyna led the Lady Mules with eight points and Agundis had five in the final period and seven in the game. Smith dropped in five, and Grumbles, Tipps and Amy Withrow had two each.

The Lady Mules opened the second round of district in Littlefield Tuesday night against the Ladycats and then take a game off Friday night. The Lady Mules are back in action Jan. 31 when they host the Brownfield Lady Cubs.

Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met Wednesday, Jan. 19, for lunch and a business meeting. After lunch the meeting was called to order by MLGA president Judy Wilbanks.

There was 13 members present and two new members, Janell Turner and Irene Mason.

Minutes were read and approved by secretary Shelia Stevenson, and a treasure's report by treasure Pat Kirk.

Birthdays for January included Lavern Winn, Jerri Flowers and Deborah Noble.

Play Day chairman Jerri Flowers gave a report of what

would take place on Golf Play day, also Sheryl Engleking sent word that High Plains Golf would start in April.

Judy and Jerri said the trip to Ruidoso would be Aug. 13-15.

No golf today, 11 members played card with the two top-scoring members getting a special prize.

Those present included Judy Wilbanks, Pat Kirk, Shelia Stevenson, Marlene Martin, Claudine Elliott, Helen Templeton, Elinor Yerby, Anita Black, Janetta Precure, Jerri Flowers, Analita Haley, Melody Hettinga, Lynn Campbell, Janell Turner and Irene Mason.

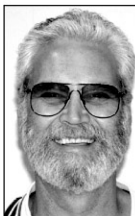


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Keeping focused

An unidentified young showman concentrates on his entry and the judge during Friday's Swine Show at the Bailey County Coliseum.

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Keifer Ruthardt trims his pig for the Swine Show.



Craig Black washes his lamb for the Sheep Show.



Livestock show deemed a success

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show was deemed a huge success this year, according to Mandi Seaton of the Bailey County Extension Office. Seaton was one of many who worked long hours to bring the event to a successful conclusion.



Kayla Preston shears her goat in preparation for Friday's Goat Show.



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Bailey County's 2006 livestock show winners

The following students were among the winners at the 2006 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show. The students, their parents' names, school and grade, years in 4-H and FFA, and reason they enjoy participating in the shows are:

T.J. Brantley — Curby and Kay Lynn Brantley; junior at Muleshoe High School; Swine Show; 9 yrs.; "Good experiences, learn a lot, and have a lot of fun."

Cami Jo Vandiver — Monti and Lyn Vandiver; senior at Muleshoe High School; Meat Goat Show; 10 yrs.; "Working with my goats and hanging out with my friends at the major stock shows."

Myles James — Bill and Connie James; senior at Muleshoe High School; Swine Show, 3 yrs. FFA; "I enjoy watching the community come together and supporting the youth for all of their hard work."

Autumn Rainey — Bonita Drennan; junior at Muleshoe High School; Swine Show; 3 yrs.; "I enjoy the things it teaches me about life, good sportsmanship, responsibility and respect."

Jackson Myers — Thurman and Rhonda

Myers; freshman at Muleshoe High School; Swine Show; 7 yrs. 4-H, 1 yr. FFA; "Spending time with my family getting the animals ready an at the show spending time and competing with my friends. I learn a lot about taking care of animals and responsibility."

Ashley Thomas — Kathy and Eddie Waggoner, 6th grade at Watson Jr. High; Swinw Show; 2 yrs.; "Always getting to compete and see all my other competitors and how much they enjoy the show."

Kayla Preston — Curtis and Karie Preston; 3rd grade, homeschooled; Meat Goat Show; 1 yr.; "It's fun working with my animals."

Roper Kerby — Leslie and Susan Kerby; 6th grade at Watson Jr. High; Swine Show; 4 yrs.; "Working with the animals and getting together with my older brothers and friends."

MaCoy Ruthhardt — Jedon and Tonya Ruthhardt; Swine Show; 4th grade at DeShazo Elementary; 2 yrs.; "Spending time with friends, working and playing hard."

Dal T. Whalin — Sam and Lisa Whalin; sophomore at Muleshoe High School; Swine Show, judging; 8 yrs. 4-H, 2 yrs. FFA; "Spending time with family and friends, traveling to shows and showing."

Bailey Bales — Ken and Lori Bales; 4th grade at

DeShazo Elementary; Swine Show; 2 yrs. 4-H; "Showing, working with animals, playing with my friends."

Brandon M. Ellis — David and Donna Rivas; 7th grade at Watson Jr. High; Swine Show; 2 yrs. 4-H; "The pigs are fun to work with."

Corie Ann Black — Cliff and Carren Black; sophomore at Muleshoe High School; Swine, Sheep and Cattle Shows; 4 yrs.; "Showing the animals and being around my friends."

Madison Myers — Rhonda and Thurman Myers; junior at Muleshoe High School; Swine Show; 9 yrs.; "Watching myself and my peers succeed with our projects."

Austin Bamert — Nick and Rayniel Bamert; 8th grade Watson Jr. High; Cattle Show; 6 yrs.; "I like working with the animals."

Brett Bamert — Nick and Rayniel Bamert; senior at Muleshoe High School; Cattle Show; 10 yrs.; "The cute girls."

Dusty Clayton — Todd and Starla Ellis; sophomore at Muleshoe High School; Sheep Show, Goat Show; 7 yrs.; "Meeting new people. being with family, having a good time with friends and not causing trouble... most of the time."

Colt Ellis — Todd and Starla Ellis; sophomore at Muleshoe High School; Sheep Show, Goat Show; 7 yrs.; "Meeting people."

Braden Bessire — Todd and Cindy Bessire; 3rd grade; Cattle Show; 1 yr.; "Working with my animals and showing with my friends."

Baylee Bessire — Todd and Cindy Bessire; 6th grade; Cattle Show; 4 yrs.; "Being around the animals and friends. I also enjoy making new friends."

Garrison Myers — Rhonda and Thurman Myers; 5th grade at DeShazo Elementary;

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Premium sale

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\$1,600, while James Myles' Breed Champion Duroc was purchased by West Tex Feedyard for \$1,250.

Dusty Clayton's Grand Champion lamb garnered a price of \$1,200 from Lowe's while the second highest selling sheep was shared by Craig Black's Breed Champion Finewool Cross at \$675, purchased by Steve Kennedy, and Corie Ann Black's Breed Champion Southdown, also at \$675, purchased by the Buyers Club.

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Bailey County winners...

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Swine Show; 3 yrs.; "Showing, learning more, having fun, and spending quality time with my dad."

Logan Harrison — Kelly and Cindy Harrison; 5th grade at DeShazo Elementary; 3 yrs.; "Getting to be with animals."

Abby Lawrence — David and Jan Lawrence; junior at Muleshoe High School; Cattle Show, Swine Show; 8 yrs.; "Going to the show, hanging out with friends and all the food."

Cody Black — Cliff and Carrenn Black; senior at Muleshoe High School; Cattle Show, Swine Show; 4 yrs.; "The fun competition and friendly people."

Jacy Lawrence — David and Jan Lawrence; sophomore at Muleshoe High School; Cattle Show, Swine Show; 6 yrs.; "Going to all of the shows."

Shelbi Harrison — Alan Harrison and Sherri Harrison; 5th grade at DeShazo Elementary; Cattle Show; 3 yrs. 4-H; "I like playing with my friends and I love being around animals."

Logan Caddell — Alan and Missy Caddell; senior; Cattle Show; 9 yrs.; "The competition, but mainly being with my friends and family."

2006 Class Winners

Class Winners — Steer Show

Brady Black, Grand Champion Steer; Brett Bamert, Res. Grand Champion Steer; Braden Bessire, Breed Champion - British Steer; Baylee Bessire, Res. Breed Champion - British Steer; Brady Black, Breed Champion - American Steer; Logan Harrison, Res. Breed Champion - American Steer; Brady Black, Breed Champion - Exotic Steer; Brett Bamert, Res. Breed Champion - Exotic Steer.

Class Winners — Heifer Show

Shelbi Harrison, Grand Champion Beef Heifer; Corie Ann Black, Res. Grand Champion Beef Heifer; Logan Caddell, Grand Champion Dairy Heifer; Abby Lawrence, Res. Champion Dairy Heifer.

First

Logan Cadell, Cattle-Dairy Heifer; Shelbi Harrison, Cattle-Beef Heifer; Brady Black, Cattle-American Cross; Braden Bessire, Cattle-British Steer; Austin Bamert, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Brett Bamert, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Brady Black, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Cody Black, Cattle-Exotic Steer.

Second

Abby Lawrence, Cattle-

Dairy Heifer; Corie Ann Black, Cattle-Beef Heifer; Logan Harrison, Cattle-American Cross; Baylee Bessire, Cattle-American Cross; Baylee Bessire, Cattle-British Steer; Brady Black, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Shelbi Harrison, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Brett Bamert, Cattle Exotic Steer; Abby Lawrence, Cattle Exotic Steer.

Third

Jay Lawrence, Cattle-Dairy Heifer; Turner Bales, Cattle Beef Heifer; Baylee Bessire, Cattle-American Cross; Shelbi Harrison, Cattle-British Steer; Braden Bessire, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Cody Kirby, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Cody Kirby, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Logan Caddell, Cattle-Exotic Steer.

Fourth

Dillon Meeves, Cattle-Beef Heifer; Logan Caddell, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Cody Kirby, Cattle-Exotic Steer; Clay Pena, Cattle-Exotic Steer.

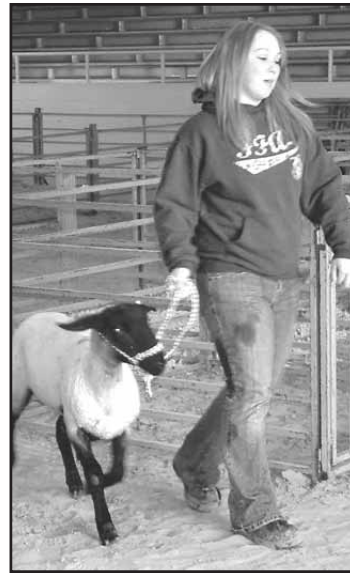
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Cody Kirby, Cattle-Exotic Steer.

Class Winners — Sheep Show

Dusty Clayton, Grand Champion Sheep; Dusty Clayton, Breed Champion Sheep.

Dusty Clayton, Breed Champion-Finewool; Craig Black, Breed Champion-Finewool Cross; Craig



Black, Res. Breed Champion-Finewool Cross; Dusty Clayton, Breed Champion-Medium Wool; Dusty Clayton, Res. Breed Champion-Medium Wool; Corie Ann Black, Breed Champion-Southdown.

First

Corie Ann Black, Sheep-Southdown; Dusty Clayton, Sheep-Finewool; Craig Black, Sheep-Finewool Cross; Dusty Clayton, Sheep-Medium Wool; Dusty Clayton, Sheep-Medium Wool.

Second

Craig Black, Sheep-Finewool Cross; Colt Ellis, Sheep-Medium Wool; Craig Black, Sheep-Medium Wool.

Third

Corie Ann Black, Sheep-Finewool Cross; Colt Ellis, Sheep-Medium Wool.

Fourth

Corie Ann Black, Sheep-

Finewool Cross; Colt Ellis, Sheep-Finewool Cross.

Class Winners — Swine Show

Kayla Preston, Grand Champion Swine; Brandon Ellis, Res. Grand Champion Swine; Judd Baker, Grand Champion Gilt; Autumn Rainey, Res. Grand Champion Gilt.

Brandon Ellis, Breed Champion, Berk; Judd Baker, Res. Breed Champion- Berk; Jackson Myers, Breed Champion-White OPB; Judd Baker, Res. Breed Champion-White OPB; Myles James; Kaleb Baker, Res. Breed Champion-Duroc; Brandon Ellis, Breed Champion-Hamp; Kayla Preston, Res. Breed Champion, Hamp; Roper Kerby, Breed Champion-Black OPB; Corie Ann Black, Res. Breed Champion-Black OPB; Madison Myers, Breed Champion-York; Kaleb Baker, Res. Breed Champion-York; Kayla Preston, Breed Champion-Cross; Brandon Ellis, Res. Breed Champion-Cross.

First

Ashley Thomas, Pig-Gilt; Autumn Rainey, Pig-Gilt; Judd Baker, Pig-Gilt; Brandon Ellis, Pig-Berk; Jackson Myers, Pig-OPB; Macy Ruthardt, Pig-Duroc; Myles James, Pig-Duroc; Roper Kerby, Pig-Black

OPB; Kayla Preston, Pig-Hamp; Brandon Ellis, Pig-Hamp; Jackson Myers, Pig-York; Kaleb Baker, Pig-York; Madison Myers, Pig-York; Dal Whalin, Pig-Cross; Bailey Bales, Pig-Cross; Kayla Preston, Pig-Cross; Brandon Ellis, Pig-Cross; Madison Myers, Pig-Cross.

Second

Zane Johnson, Pig-Gilt; Arsenio Geter, Pig-Gilt; Autumn Rainey, Pig-Gilt; Judd Baker, Pig-Berk; Judd Baker, Pig-White OPB; Brant Hamilton, Pig-Duroc; Kaleb Baker, Pig-Duroc; Corie Ann Black, Pig-Black OPB; Travis Free, Pig-Hamp; Kirby Kimbrough, Pig-Hamp; Myles James, Pig-Hamp; Austin Thomas, Pig-York; Dal Whalin, Pig-York; Mindy Hamilton, Pig-Cross; McKenna Dunham, Pig-Cross; Brady Black, Pig-Cross; Garrison Myers, Pig-Cross; Jackson Myers, Pig-Cross.

Third

Bailey Bales, Pig-Gilt; Keifer Ruthardt, Pig-Gilt; Cody Black, Pig-Gilt; Kirby Kimbrough, Pig-Berk; McKenna Dunham, Pig-White OPB; Gunner, Kerby, Pig-Duroc; Keifer Ruthardt, Pig-Duric; Brandi Hamilton, Pig-Black OPB; Brant Hamilton, Pig-Hamp; Brant Hamilton, Pig-Hamp; Cassie Kirby, Pig-Hamp; Brady Black, Pig-York; Abby

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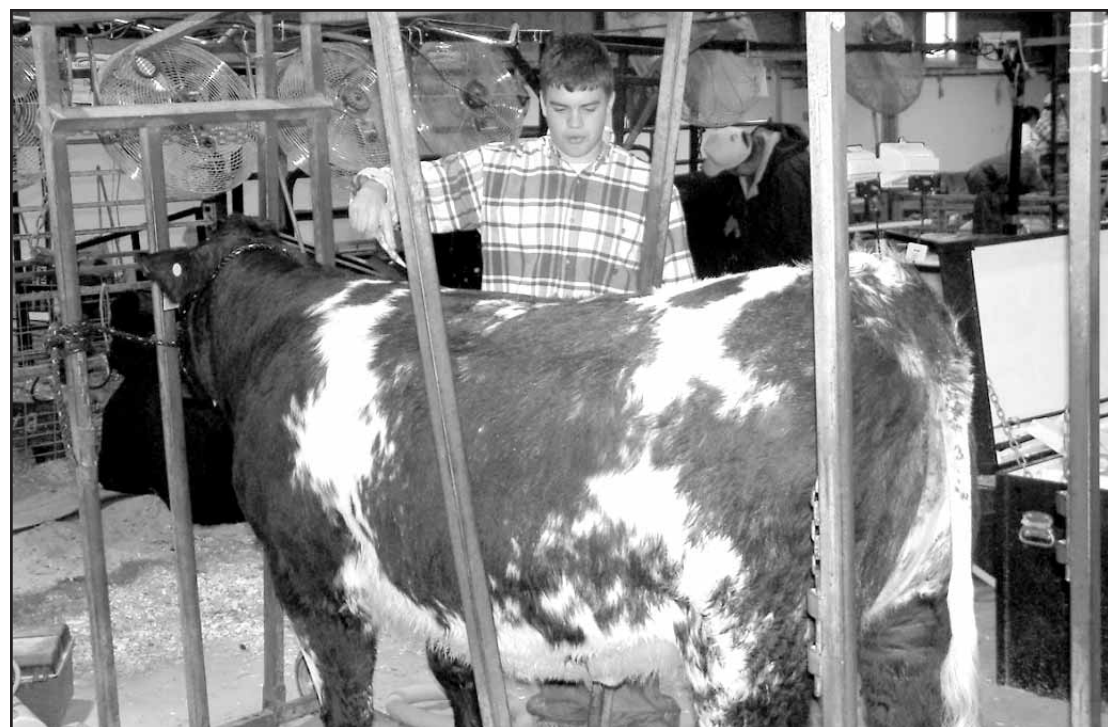
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Fifth
Macy Ruthardt, Pig-Gilt;

Sixth
Dusty Johnson, Pig-Gilt; Travis Free, Pig-White OPB; Cody Black, Pig-Black OPB; Jacy Lawrence, Pig-Hamp; Geoffrey Sirkel, Pig-Hamp; Craig Black, Pig-York; Clay Pena, Pig-Cross; Brandi Hamilton, Pig-Cross; Austin Thomas, Pig-Cross.

Class Winners — Goat Show
Dusty Clayton, Grand Champion Goat; Colt Ellis, Res. Grand Champion Goat.
First
Cami Jo Vandiver, Goat-Goat; Colt Ellis, Goat-Goat; Dusty Clayton, Goat-Goat.
Second
Kayla Preston, Goat-Goat; Cami Jo Vandiver, Goat-Goat; Dusty Clayton, Goat-Goat.
Third
Cami Jo Vandiver, Goat-Goat; Colt Ellis, Goat-Goat; Colt Ellis, Goat-Goat.
Fourth
Jessica Kube, Goat-Goat; Dusty Clayton, Goat-Goat.

Seventh
Ashley Thomas, Pig-



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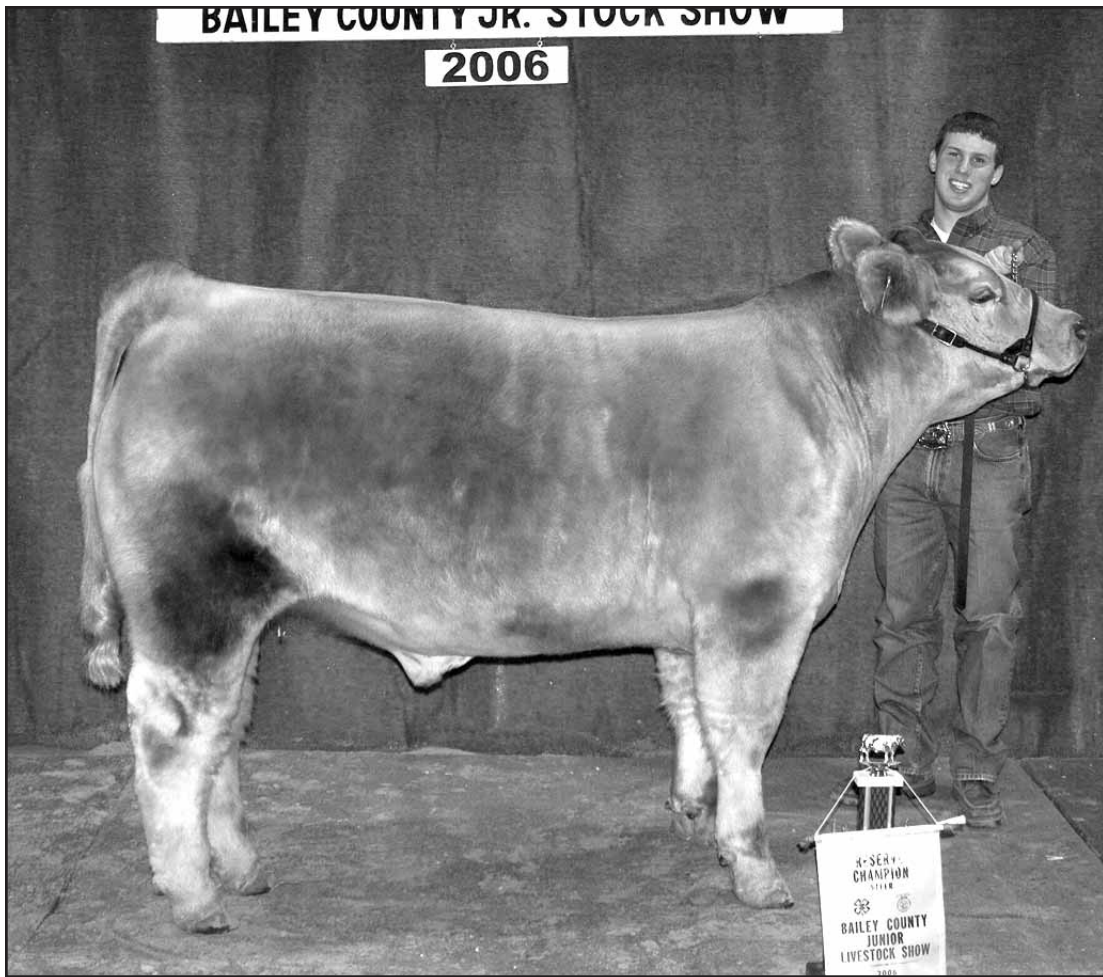
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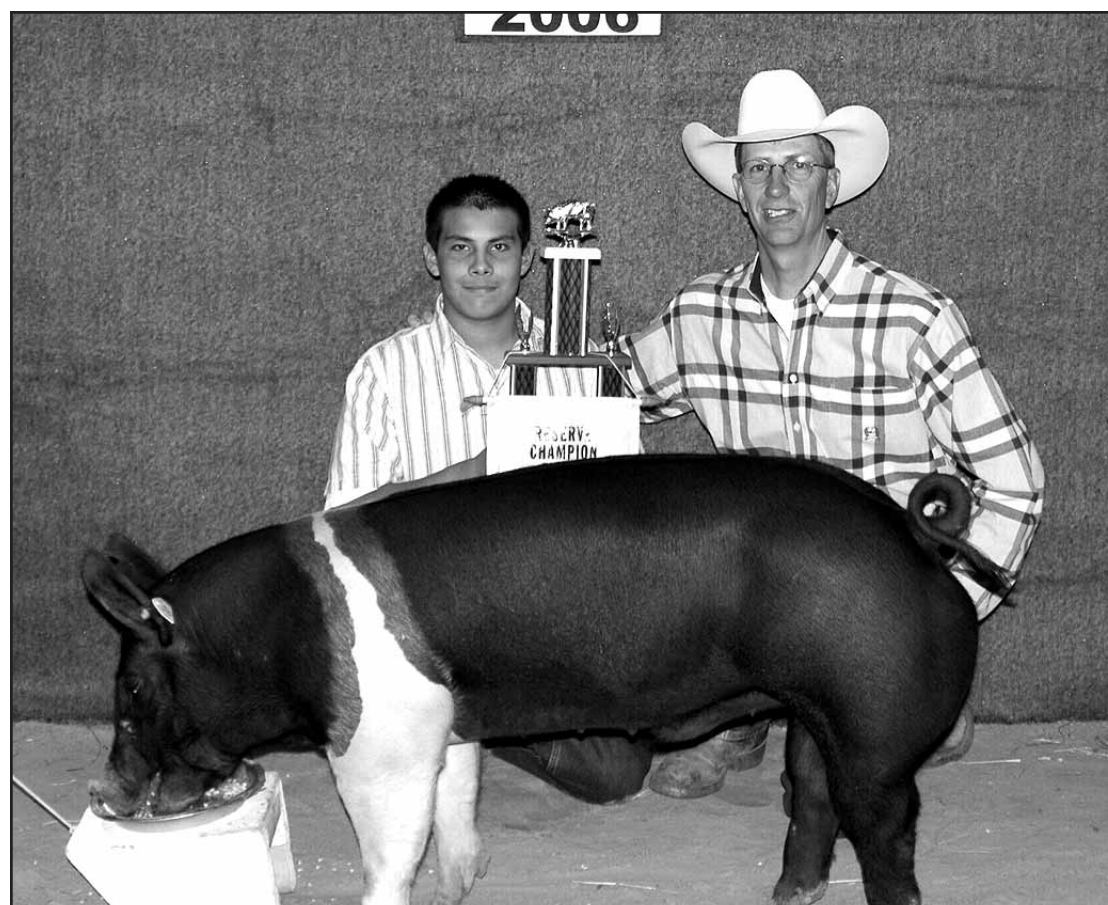
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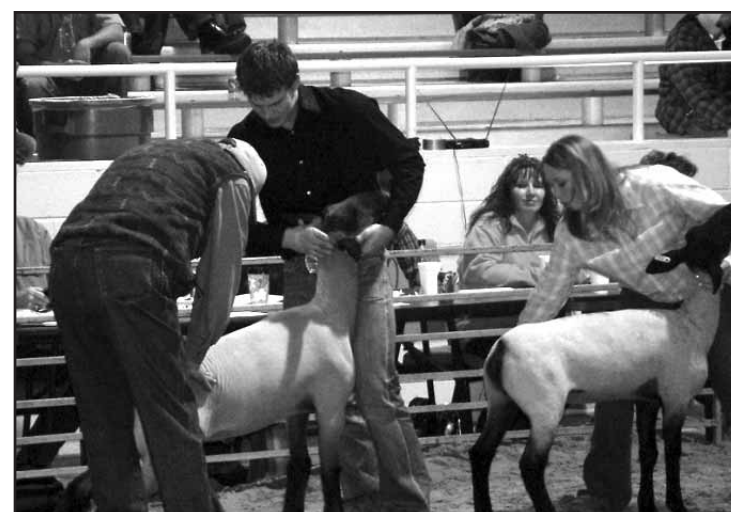
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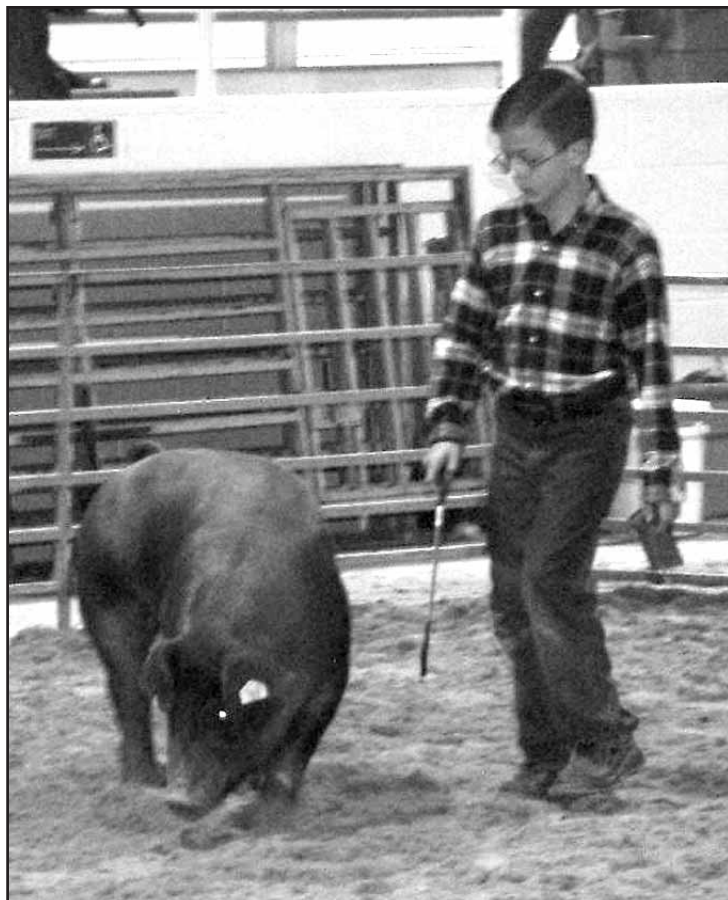
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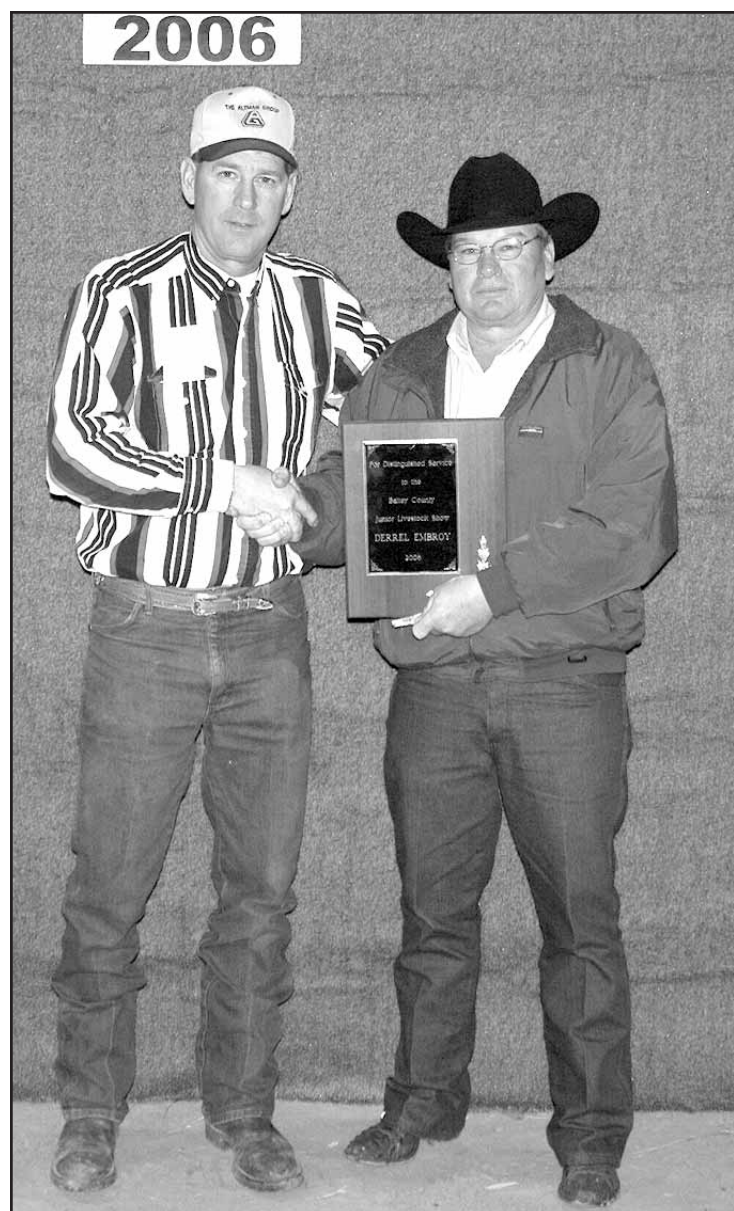
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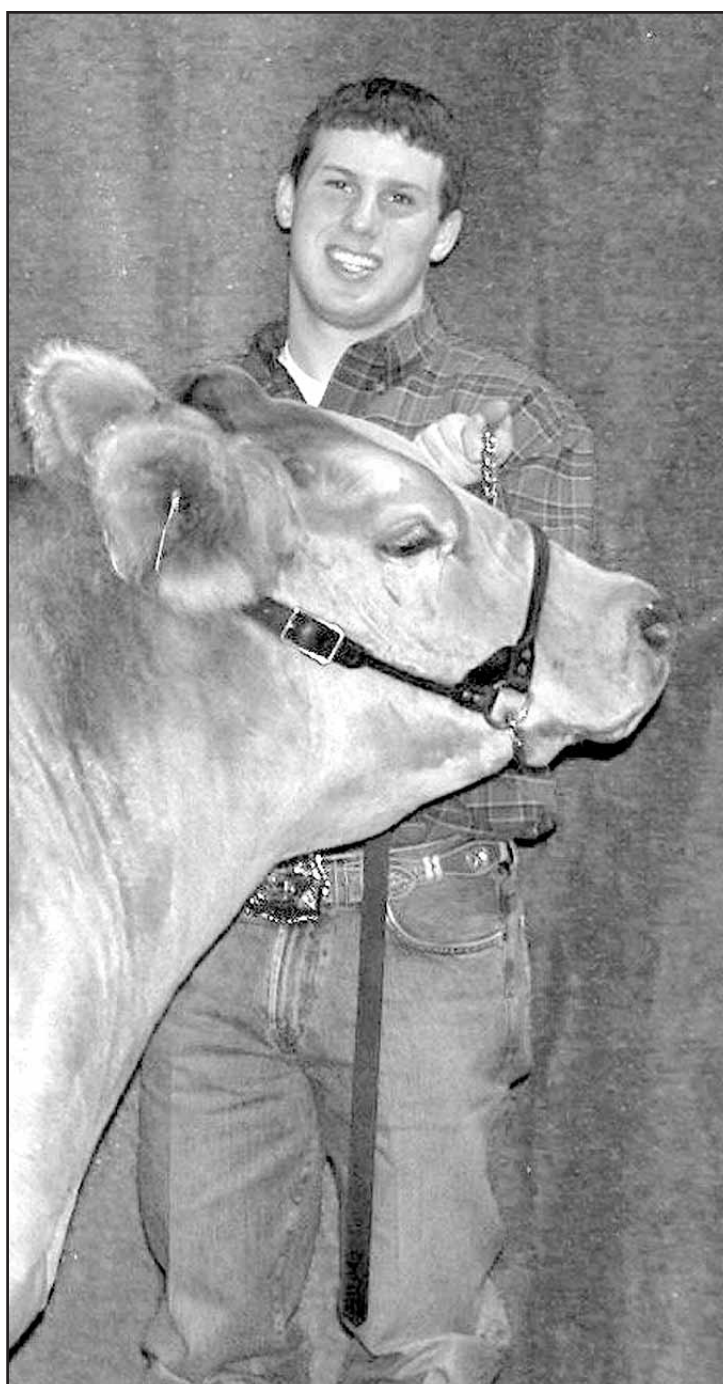
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Embry honored

Show board president Rodney Baker presents Derrel Embry with the 2006 Retiree Plaque during the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show.



Jimmy Dale Black award recipient

Brett Bamert, pictured above, the son of Rayniel and Nick Bamert of Muleshoe, received the 2006 Jimmy Dale Black Showmanship Award during this year's junior livestock show.

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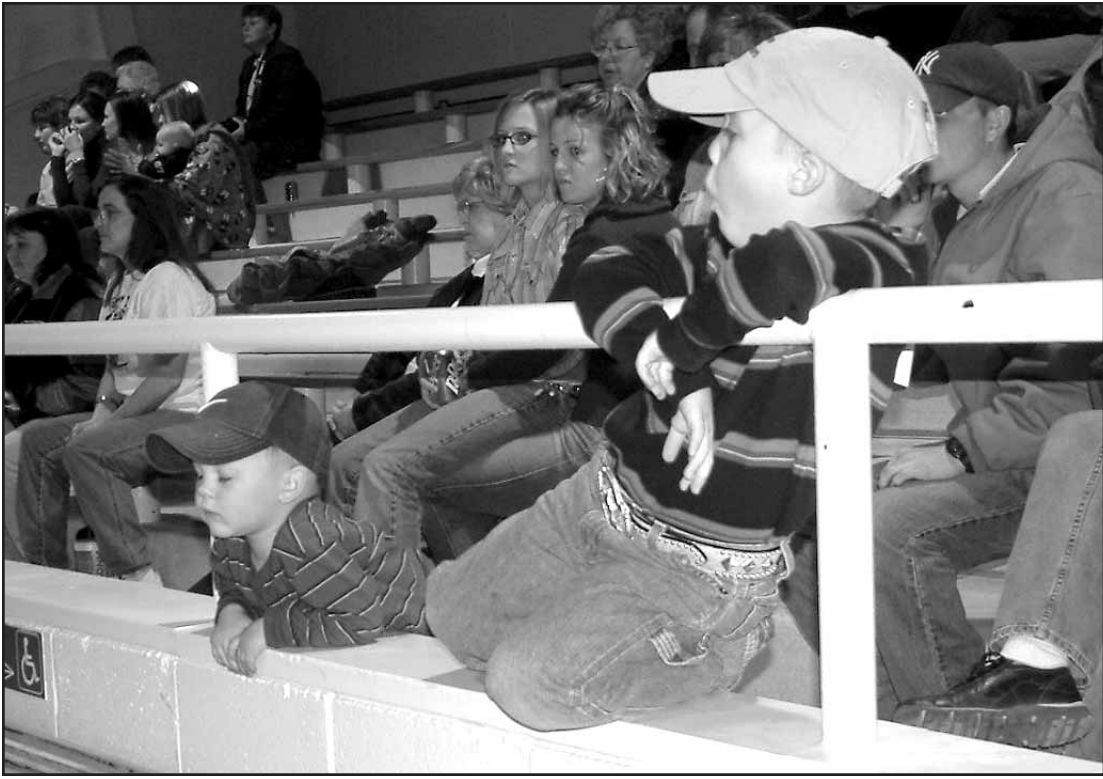
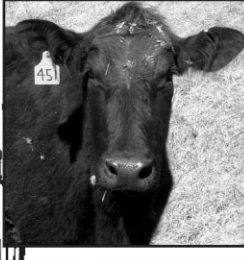
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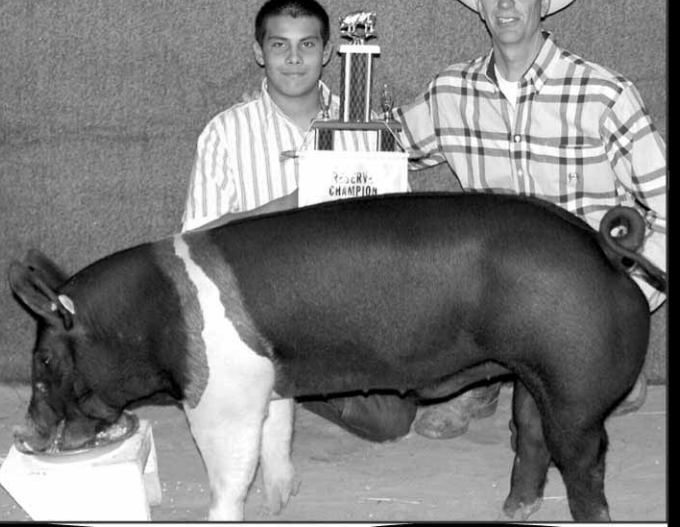
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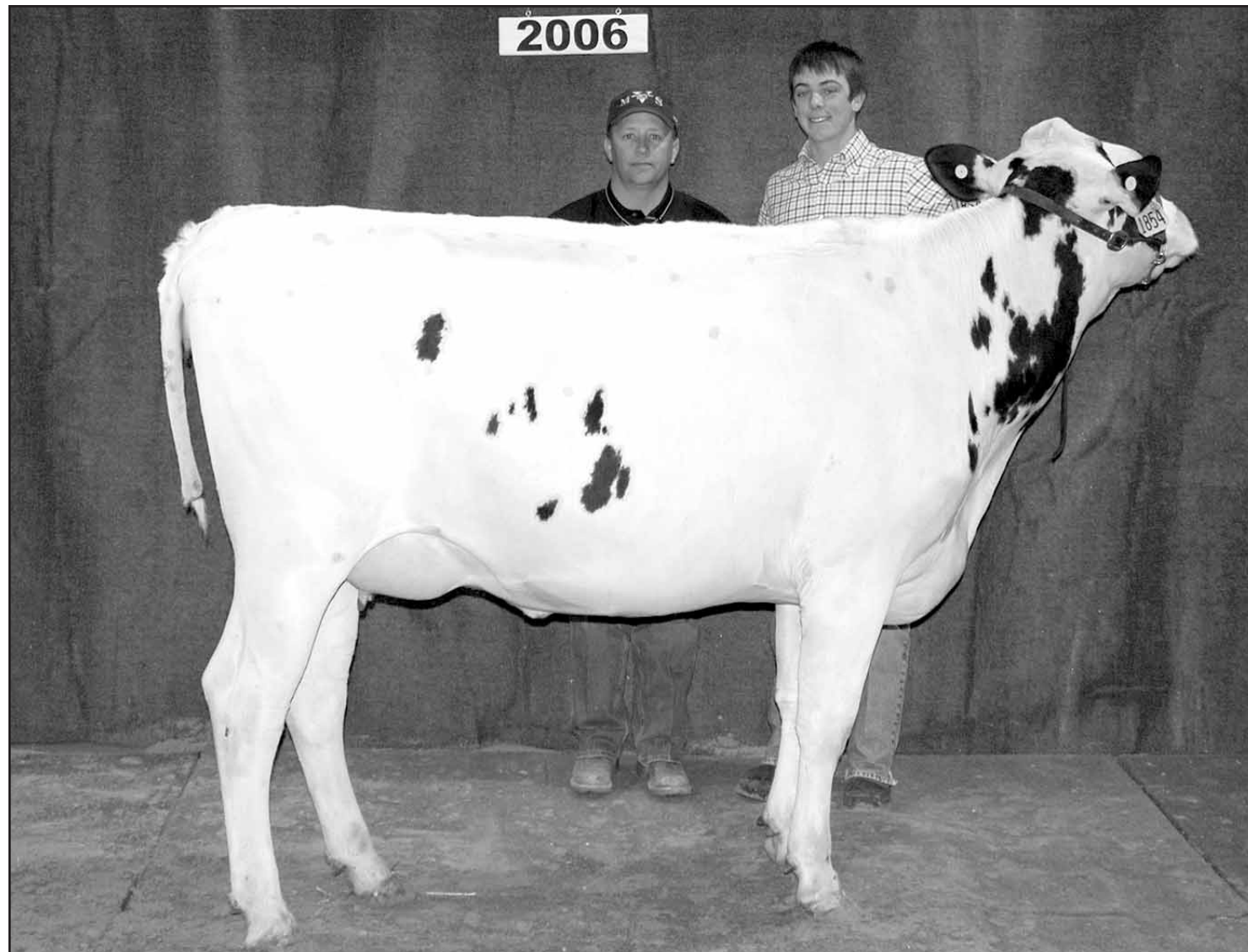
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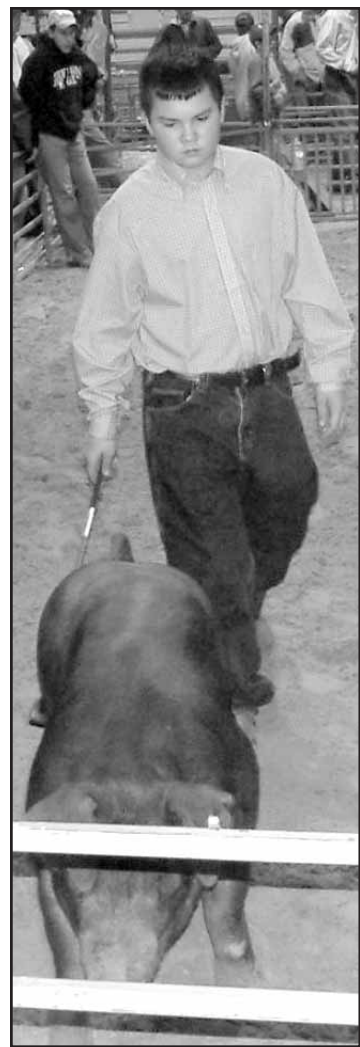
— Stevie Wonder

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The undersea world of DeShazo Elementary

Students in Dale Arnold's class at DeShazo Elementary appeared to be holding class under water Thursday, due to the aquarium placed in the classroom's hall window.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We have another enjoyable and entertaining week planned for the Oneita Wagon Senior Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, we were entertained by a program that featured Laverne James and Jimmy Clyde Holt. If you were not with us, you missed a great time.

Mandi Seaton, with the Bailey County Extension Office, will be bringing a program on the dangers of Telemarketing on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at noon.

The general meeting for all the participants that support us will be held on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Mark your calendar and be here. Your presence is needed and appreciated. The By-Laws will be discussed and acted upon. Plan to join us for Play Day, and stay for

lunch.

Judye Pumroy, with the Texas Veterans Land Board, will be with us on Friday, Jan. 3, at noon.

Judye will present a program on the new nursing home for Texas Veterans. All of you senior veterans should make plans to come and listen to the program. It could be very beneficial in years to come.

The number of our participants are increasing each week. We encourage any of you that are lonely and depressed, to come to the center.

We have participants here every day visiting, playing dominoes, working a puzzle, or watching the big screen television. We also have exercise equipment or just come and walk. You just might renew an old friendship.

This center is for our senior citizens of this area and we do encourage you to use it.

The center is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on selected holidays.

We are working on having a health fair again soon. As soon as they set the time and date, we will let you know.

The menu for Jan. 30 - Feb. 3 is:

Monday, Jan. 30 — Beef stew, salad, cornbread and jello fruit salad.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 — Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pears and cottage cheese salad, hot roll and peanut butter cookies.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 — Hamburger on a bun, tator tots, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickle, mustard or mayo, ketchup and apricots.


Thursday, Feb. 2 — Salisbury steak, scallop potatoes, spinach, tossed salad, dressing, wheat roll and frosted cake.

Friday, Feb. 3 — Fish or chicken strips, tator tots, coleslaw, hushpuppies and peach cobbler.

Columbine Redemption program set for Feb. 4

Craig Scott, the brother of Rachel Scott of Columbine High School, will be speaking on Feb. 4, at 7 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum about the Columbine experience, which has been described as the worst school shooting in history. Scott will be talking about life before and after the tragedy which claimed the life of his sister. The public is invited to attend this youth and family rally.

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Felan graduates

Beverly Felan, pictured above, graduated from the Clovis Community College Nursing Program on Dec. 14 with an associate registered nurse degree.

MAEFB meeting set for Thursday

The Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation Board will be meeting with the South Plains College Muleshoe Center Advisory Committee on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Muleshoe City Hall.

Among the topics to be discussed are class offerings, the projected budget and 2006 projects.

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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., JAN. 21, 2006

826 head of cattle, 197 hogs and 316 sheep and goats for a total of 1,339 livestock sold at the Jan. 21 sale. Market steady on most classes of w/350-550 lb. cifs. 1-2 higher w/excellent demand. Not enough pairs & bred cows to establish market. Packer cows and bulls 1-2 lower.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Carl Steiner, Plainview	2	Hol. bulls	385 lbs.	at \$123.00
Eldorado Dairy, Clovis, NM		Hol. str	315 lbs.	at \$130.00
Eldorado Dairy, Clovis, NM	6	Hol. str	424 lbs.	at \$119.00
Leo Chavez, Muleshoe	14	Hol. str	650 lbs.	at \$99.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	12	Blk. bulls	per hd.	205 lbs. at \$385.00
Sean Reagan, Ft. Sumner, NM	2	Red str		228 lbs. at \$165.00
Flying M Cattle, Muleshoe		Char. str		300 lbs. at \$160.00
C.E. Moore, Muleshoe		Blk. str		365 lbs. at \$141.00
Ricky Dale, Muleshoe		Blk. bull		445 lbs. at \$131.00
B&P Cattle, Lubbock	7	Char. str		464 lbs. at \$136.00
Easystreet Farms, Levelland	4	Blk. str		486 lbs. at \$125.00
Elsa Bilbrey, Bledsoe	3	Mxd. str		513 lbs. at \$121.00
Bar C Cattle & Feed, Littlefield		Blk. str		520 lbs. at \$132.00
Diamond H Cattle, Seminole	5	Blk. str		586 lbs. at \$124.00
Diamond H Cattle, Seminole	9	BMF str		662 lbs. at \$116.00
Jim T. Cooper, Monument, NM	13	Blk. bulls		641 lbs. at \$112.50
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Terry Jesko, Muleshoe	67	Mxd. str		675 lbs. at \$116.50
Leo Chavez, Muleshoe	2	Char. str		943 lbs. at \$95.00
FM Farms, Brownfield	11	BMF hfrs	per hd.	183 lbs. at \$290.00
Lee Bilbrey, Bledsoe	3	Red hfrs		347 lbs. at \$136.00
Diamond H Cattle, Seminole	3	BMF hfrs		348 lbs. at \$134.00
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Vicente Acosta, Olton	2	Blk. hfrs		363 lbs. at \$132.00
Vicente Acosta, Olton	2	Char. hfrs		455 lbs. at \$121.00
Johann Wietzen, Seminole	6	Char. hfrs		378 lbs. at \$143.00
Johann Wietzen, Seminole	22	Brang. hfrs		452 lbs. at \$129.00
Ricky Dale, Muleshoe	2	Blk. hfrs		668 lbs. at \$102.00
Ron Bakkus, Muleshoe		Blk. hfr		705 lbs. at \$102.50
Megan Hill, Abernathy	3	Blk. hfrs		717 lbs. at \$105.00
JCL, Inc., Sudan	9	Blk. hfrs		810 lbs. at \$99.50
Eugene Edwards & Sons, Earth	2	Blk. hfrs		1173 lbs. at \$70.50
Eugene Edwards & Sons, Earth		Blk. cow		1455 lbs. at \$46.25
JD Cage, Muleshoe		WF cow		1260 lbs. at \$47.50
Kelly Munson, Littlefield		Blk. cow		1230 lbs. at \$47.00
Mike Watts, Anton		Hol. cow		1570 lbs. at \$49.75
Gerald Osterkamp, Muleshoe		Hol. cow		1505 lbs. at \$48.75
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Agricultural News

USDA approves emergency CRP haying and grazing

In continuing response to this year's widespread drought, Kim Hanlin, County executive director for the Bailey County Farm Service Agency has announced approval for emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Texas.

"Texas continues to experience severe drought conditions and a severe shortage of forage," said Hanlin. "The authorization of emergency CRP haying and

grazing will provide forage for livestock and help producers in areas most severely impacted by these drought conditions reducing the potential need to liquidate herds."

Emergency haying of CRP is authorized until May 1, 2006 and emergency grazing is authorized until June 1, 2006. Producers must file a request to hay or graze CRP acreage and visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service to obtain a modified

conservation plan prior to haying or grazing the acreage.

"CRP annual rental payments will be reduced 25 percent times the number of acres actually hayed or grazed times the per acre annual rental payment," said Hanlin. Other restrictions and limitations also apply.

CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the haying and grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer

located in an approved county.

"In light of recent weather patterns, it is imperative that USDA offer the Emergency CRP haying and grazing program to Texas producers. Availability of forage is literally a matter of survival in the unpredictable and often unforgiving agriculture industry," said Hanlin.

CRP offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving cover on eligible land. USDA will monitor producers to ensure the land is hayed or grazed without damaging conservation covers.

USDA offers additional programs to assist drought-stricken producers, including emergency farm loans, the emergency conservation program and the noninsured crop disaster assistance program. For more information and eligibility requirements, producers should contact the local FSA office at 806 272-4538 or visit FSA's website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Bass to bring home national first place honors in sorghum contest

Chris Bass of Muleshoe placed first nationally in the conventional till, irrigated category of the 2005 National Sorghum Producers Yield and Management Contest.

He will be honored at the 2006 North American Grain Congress, the joint conference of the National Sorghum Producers (NSP) and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), in San Antonio Feb. 4-8.

Bass' contest plot yielded 10,762 pounds per acre, out-yielding the 5-year Bailey County average by 7,161 pounds.

comparison to other crops. "Sorghum is more stable, more reliable than other high-risk crops. But as far as pumping cost, diesel fuel, and labor, we have to keep getting more efficient every year. Efficiency is number one in my operation. I just try to keep getting more efficient and squeezing yields out of less money," he said.

To learn more about the contest or to compare county averages and winning yields of the

winners, visit www.sorghumgrowers.com.

NSP represents U.S. sorghum producers nationwide. Headquartered in Lubbock, in the heart of the U.S. Sorghum Belt that stretches from the Rockies to the Mississippi River and from South Texas to South Dakota, the organization works to ensure the profitability of sorghum production through market development, research, education and legislative representation.

Heritage Board Report

Like the other top growers in the category, Bass planted Pioneer 84G62. "It's good all around. It's been good to us even on very limited water. It has good yield and stability. It doesn't seem to lodge."

Bass said that his planting rate depends on available water. On the contest plot, he used a planting rate of 42,000 seeds per acre.

Bass says that he spaces the seed precisely and is "planting less and less population with any crop."

Because of a hailstorm, Bass said he opted for conventional tillage on the contest plot which was previously planted to cotton. Based on a soil test, he applied 100 pounds of nitrogen.

To control weeds and grasses, Bass applied one quart of Bicep II per acre at pre-emergence and 1 quart of Atrazine 4L per acre at post-emergence. Bass said he makes his herbicide plans based on information in publications and test plot results. He said he also relies on experience. He also planted seed treated with Cruiser to control insects.

Bass said it was an average year for moisture. "Our average is about 18 inches. It wasn't the 40 inches from the year before, although I'd like to see some of that now." Bass said that keeping the field wet was a challenge.

"We went six weeks without any additional moisture besides irrigation. But, if we get behind on water or have pump problems, sorghum is a lot more durable than corn," Bass said. He applied 11 inches of water by sprinkler.

Bass said that input costs for sorghum are lower in

another good month. Proceeds from the Thrift Shop are used for the day-to-day expenses at the center.

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Big 2005 crop still growing; High Plains forecast up from December totals

By Shawn Wade, PCG

The old saying "big crops keep getting bigger" seems to be holding true as the 2005 High Plains cotton crop received yet another boost to its production estimate in the Jan. 12 USDA Crop Production Report.

Based on the National Agricultural Statistics Service report, the High Plains region will produce a record breaking 5.63 million bales from the 2005 crop, eclipsing last year's 4.9 million-bale record by more than 700,000 bales.

The January NASS estimate is 80,000 bales higher than the agency's December forecast of 5.55 million bales for the region. An adjustment in the expected yield per acre for Texas Agricultural Statistics Service Districts 1-N and 1-S precipitated the increase.

Breaking down the numbers indicates USDA believes production from the Northern High Plains (1-N) will reach 1.45 million bales, up 30,000 bales from December, and that the Southern High Plains (1-S) district will produce 4.1 million bales, up 50,000 bales.

Statewide the 2005 Upland Cotton crop is forecast at 8.2 million bales. USDA production estimates are reported in 480-pound bales.

The report estimated that yields in District 1-N should average 899 pounds per harvested acre, up 18 pounds per acre from December, and that yields in District 1-S are projected at 746 pounds per harvested acre, nine pounds higher than the previous estimate.

While the 2005 production forecast continues to climb on the High Plains, the area wasn't the only part of the state to see significant increases in the January estimate. Both the Northern (2-N) and Southern (2-S) Rolling Plains TASS districts recorded 40,000 bales increases in the Jan. 12 report as well.

In addition to being a High Plains record-setter from a production standpoint, the 2005 crop also continues to exhibit outstanding fiber quality measurements as well.

Season to date averages on the 4.15 million running bales classed by the Lubbock and Lamesa USDA Cotton Classing offices show that the dry weather pattern that has prevailed during the harvest season has helped gins run at near peak capacity throughout the season and caused no degradation in fiber quality between harvest and ginning operations.

Since the High Plains cotton harvest was essentially finished by Jan. 1, all that remains now is for area gins to finish processing the last 1.5 million or so bales that remain. Ginning is expected to continue for another 6-8 weeks in some areas.

Staple length is one of the most important of the physical characteristics of the cotton fiber. Staple length readings reported by the Lubbock USDA Cotton Classing office, which processed approximately 3.187 million individual bale samples through Jan. 12, is averaging a respectable 34.9.

The Lamesa Classing office, which has processed just over 955,000 bale samples, is averaging a Staple length of 35.1.

Staple length is measured in 32nds of an inch. A Staple reading of 35 is equivalent to a fiber length of 1-3/32

inches.

Micronaire readings at the Lubbock and Lamesa offices are both averaging 3.7.

Strength measurements at the two offices average right at the 29 grams per tex level.

Uniformity readings at the two offices are stable at 80 percent for the season.

Color grades from the two offices are averaging Strict

Middling 21 or better for the season. An average Leaf

grade of 3 has also been reported by both offices.

When comparing the bale totals from the Lubbock and Lamesa Cotton Classing offices to the latest NASS production estimate, it is important to remember that NASS figures are reported on

the basis of a standardized 480-pound bale size.

USDA Classing office totals are reported on running bales, or the actual number of bales produced. In terms of actual bale weights running bales tend to average approximately 500 pounds or

three to four percent more than a statistical 480-pound bale equivalent.

When converting from running bales to statistical bales the total number of bales produced will increase by three to four percent due to the conversion.

Obituaries

Mary Murrell

A church service for Mary Boykin Murrell, 88, of Earth, was held Jan. 24, at the First Baptist Church of Earth with the Rev. Jeff Huckeby officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Murrell died on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in Harmonee House. She was born on May 7, 1917, in Hartton. She married Garland Stephens and then later married John L. Murrell in Clovis, N.M., on Dec. 1, 1956. He died on Jan. 3, 1997.

Murrell was also preceded in death by two sons — Kenneth Wayne Stephens in 1998 and Gayland Stephens in 1997; two sisters — Eleanor and Ruby; and three brothers — Charles, Raymond and Rodney Boykin.

Murrell had been a resident of the Earth Community since 1957. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Senior Citizens of Earth and the First Baptist Church of Earth. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law — Donald and Peggy Stephens of Andrews; a daughter-in-law — Carolyn Stephens of Earth; two brothers — Johnny Boykin of Keller, and Leon Boykin of California; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Gayland Stephens Memorial Scholarship Fund, First United Bank of Earth or Earth EMS and Fire Department.

Kathleen Waggoner

A chapel service for Kathleen Waggoner, 42, of Muleshoe was held on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

Waggoner died on Jan. 23, 2006, in Bailey County. She was born on Nov. 28, 1963, in Littlefield. Her first marriage was to Paul Thomas Jr. On March 17, 1999, she married Eddie Waggoner in Capitan, N.M.

She was a graduate of Abilene High School, and had lived in Muleshoe since 1995 after moving from Odessa. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of Abilene.

Survivors include her husband — Eddie Waggoner of Muleshoe; two sons — Austin Thomas of Muleshoe and Joe Edd Waggoner of Muleshoe; two daughters — Katie Thomas of Odessa and Ashley Thomas of Muleshoe; her parents — Kenneth and Mary Wilson of Goodland; a grandmother — Pearline Roberts of Lubbock and three brothers — Rodney Wilson of Goodland, Robert Wilson of Dallas and Guy Wilson of Littlefield.

Memorials may be sent to your favorite charity.

God Absolutely Loves Absolutely Ordinary People

Somewhere in his fine book *Franklin and Winston*, Jon Meacham quotes a friend and colleague of Winston Churchill as commenting, "Winston was not a sinner, but he liked the company of sinners."

Don't worry. I'm not questioning the time-tested wisdom: "Evil companions ruin good morals." Like most parents, I've given some heartfelt speeches along that line.

But still, the quotation above caught my attention. Even the wise and virtuous Abraham Lincoln, who said many more

we've all known—and hoped to avoid—folks cut from that cloth. I've already had the flu and if what they have is "faith," I'd rather not catch it.

Remember what Jesus' enemies said about him? They said that he was not only a "sinner," he was a "friend of sinners." While I'm sorry that our Savior was maligned, I like very much what the misunderstanding says about him.

Christ's enemies were the poisonously "religious" men of his day who, he said with fire in his eyes, used legalistic religion to tie up heavy burdens on the backs of folks but wouldn't lift a finger to help carry those burdens. They didn't love people. They didn't love life. They loved only themselves, their power, and their position. When God stood on earth's sod, the only harsh words he had for anyone were for the "religious" moguls whose twisted "faith" made him sick.

When God in the flesh walks here, he turns out to be a "friend of sinners." The Almighty turns out to be the God who absolutely loves absolutely ordinary people. The God who created life loves life and loves living life with real people. For the Pharisees, that's reason enough to hate him. But real people follow him, flock to him, love him. They have finally met the true God and, wonder of wonders, he loves them. He likes them. He wants to spend time with them. It turns out that the God who created everything of beauty in this universe has never created anything he finds more delightful than one of his seemingly ordinary children.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

inspiring things, also said, "It has been my experience that people who have no vices have very few virtues."

No, I'm not recommending sin and vice, but I think I hear what Churchill's friend and Lincoln are saying. I suspect it's what the writer of Ecclesiastes is saying when he writes, "Do not be overrighteous, neither be overwise—why destroy yourself? Do not be overwicked and do not be a fool—why die before your time? . . . The man who fears God will avoid all extremes" (7:16-18). Being translated, I think that means, "Nobody likes a self-righteous twit." I doubt H. L. Mencken was being quite fair when he defined Puritanism as "the sneaking suspicion that somewhere, somehow, someone was having a good time!" But

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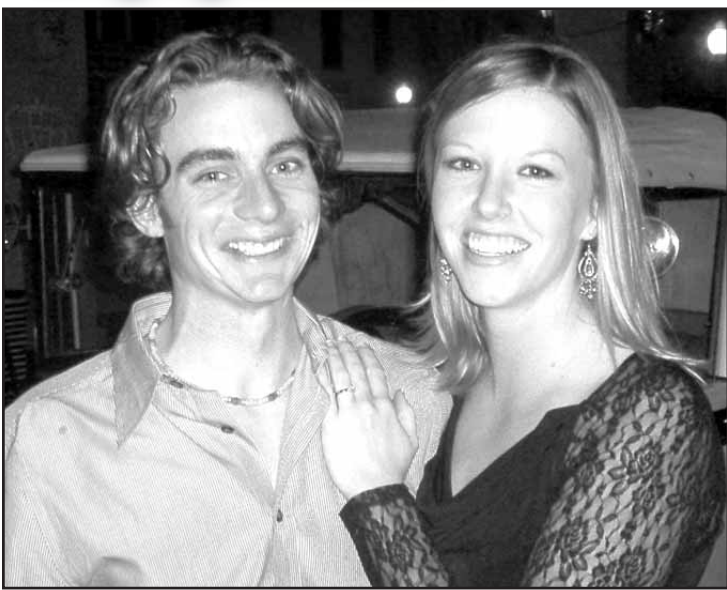


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The prospective bride is a 2002 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and is attending A&M University in the Professional Program for Accounting Masters program. She will begin an internship with KPMG in Dallas beginning in January.

The wedding is planned on the evening of July 29, 2006, at the A&M Church of Christ Chapel in College Station with a reception to follow at the Briarcrest Country Club.

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Watson Junior High Students of the Week

Watson Junior High's 'Students of the Week' for the week of Jan. 23, pictured on the left, are, from left to right: Front row — Melissa Martinez and Lisa Coburn; back row — Saul Elizalde, Alyssa Martinez and Christopher Anguiano.

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Wildlife Refuge News

Crane counts conducted Wednesday, Jan. 18, had 40,000 sandhill cranes on Muleshoe NWR. There were 10,000 sandhills on Baileyboro Lake. The noted decline in numbers can probably be attributed to food resources in the area becoming increasingly scarce. Less than five hundred ducks were observed, mainly pintails and gadwalls. A lone golden eagle was seen at Lower Goose Lake.

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Celebration ceiling at DeShazo

There have been halls of fame, walks of shame and walls of acclaim, but at DeShazo Elementary, they have a "celebration ceiling." Pictured above are just a few of the decorated ceiling tiles celebrating the achievements of students who have accumulated 100 accelerated reading points. Each time a student reaches the 100 AR point mark, the student receives the honor of decorating a tile to be placed overhead. In many instances, according to school officials, it's a day of celebration during which the student's parents come to lunch and stay to help design the tile.

SPC announces summer peace officer academy

South Plains College is accepting candidates of the 2006 Summer Peace Officer Academy, to be held May 3 through Aug. 18, in Levelland. The classes are held Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Applicants must also be admitted to SPC and meet all SPC entrance requirements. Admission to SPC does not ensure admission into the academy. Admission forms are available at the SPC

Admissions Office or online at www.southplainscollege.edu. The approximate course cost is \$1,532 for in-district students and \$2,056 for out of district students in addition to books and supplies. Pre-registration is required by April 21, along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee for a state and federal background check required through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education.

The registration process may take three to four weeks, therefore early registration is recommended. Applicants desiring financial aid must do so through the SPC Financial Aid Office and should seek assistance no later than March 1. For a detailed list of admission requirements, log onto the website www.southplainscollege.edu/law or call 806-894-9611, ext. 2291.

MISD 'Dream Team' to hit the ground running

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor
The Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees recently appointed a "Dream Team" charged with formulating recommendations concerning the school district's facility needs. Discussion of the make up of the "Dream Team," formally named the Citizens' Facilities Task Force, was conducted during the school board's Jan. 18 special meeting, during which Superintendent Gene Sheets and the school board discussed their shock at the construction costs architect Stephen Faulk had

presented to the board at it's Jan. 12 meeting. "At some point, we've got to quit living off what they paid for," board member Nick Bamert said during the discussion, referring to the buildings that were built by previous generations of MISD residents prior to the school district's last major construction project in 1965. Although the MISD school board has accomplished much with cash on hand, since the last bond vote to renovate the high school back in 1981 failed, the superintendent reiterated statements made by Doug Whitt of Southwest Securities, who told the school board that no matter how hard it tried, the school district couldn't save enough to build the buildings it needed.

At the Jan. 18 meeting, the board members also talked about other building options the superintendent and the administrative staff had discussed with the architects. Among the individuals who have agreed to serve on the advisory committee at this time are: David Tipps, Gene Sheets, Cindy Purdy, Don Wood, Daniel Guzman, Sam Whalin, Tadd Young, Brian Arnold, Adena

Johnson, Trae McNeill, Susan Cage, David Jenkins, Danna Perez, David Dominguez, Dawn Williams, Debbie Gallman, Robert Lepard, Todd Newberry, Barry Cowart, Jimella Clemmons, Ed Nickels, Stacy Conner, Juan Chavez, Earl Behrends, Janet Claborn, David Brunson, Phil Kent, Bob Finney, Janice Pacheco, Cole Hawkins, Adrienne Precure, Sergio Leal, Max King, Bruce Barrett, Jason Box, Nancy Benham, Dani Heathington, April Smith, Kenneth Henry and Robin Welch. The Dream Team's first scheduled meeting is on Jan. 26, at 6 p.m., at the administration building.

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the vehicle. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Deb Stone. According to Kirk, the accident was initially reported about 6:15 a.m. as a single vehicle accident with the driver not present.

MISD public hearing

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date. With totals that vastly outnumbered the response at the last school district election, Superintendent Gene Sheets announced there was an estimated five to one surveys returned in favor of the Aug. 15 date.

School board takes action

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and vendors. Received an enrollment report that placed the district's student population at 1,512, with the highest enrollment at Dillman Elementary with 469 students. The high school has 376 enrolled, DeShazo Elementary with 358, and Watson Junior High with 309 students. Received a report from Business Manager Trae McNeill which listed the total year-to-date collections at \$1,660,336.16. McNeill also noted that 58 percent of the current fiscal funds have been expended, for a total of \$4,906,638.

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