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## Park View nursing home to be sold

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A verbal agreement to sell Park View Nursing Care Center was announced during the regular meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District on Thursday, Jan. 18.

The announcement, which was made by MAHD

board president Ronnie Dent, did not include details of the impending sale except that the transaction would be subject to a loan approval on the part of Laurel Healthcare Providers of New Mexico.

"Muleshoe Area Hospital District has come to a verbal agreement with Laurel Healthcare Providers to purchase Park View Nursing Care Center," Dent read from his prepared

**'We've got to proceed with what we think is right.'**

— Ronnie Dent

statement. "Intent to purchase papers will be prepared and signed in about two weeks and for closing to be around June 1 of this year, subject to approval of Laurel Healthcare Providers receiving a loan."

At a Jan. 8 MAHD board meeting, Dent and MAHD CEO Ray Mason were authorized to negotiate with representatives of Laurel concerning the purchase of the nursing home and its assets.

Although Thursday's

formal announcement came later during the meeting, Dent indicated such an agreement had been reached towards the beginning of the meeting when area residents voiced concerns about the proposed sale.

Nancy Kidd of Muleshoe told the board she didn't feel selling the nursing home was the answer to MAHD's problems.

"If you need more money,

go up on our taxes... we don't pay that much. But don't sell the nursing home," Kidd said.

"I don't feel comfortable with Laurel," Kidd added, questioning why the Laurel had closed one of its nursing homes in New Mexico.

Kidd also suggested that a greater response was needed from the taxpayers in the district before a final decision was reached.

It was in response to her statements that Dent said, "We've entered into a verbal agreement with them.

...This is not a hasty decision. We need two strong facilities, but right now we don't have two strong facilities.

"I'm as concerned about it as you are," Dent said. "We've got to proceed with what we think is right."

"We've got a tremendous job ahead of us," Dent said, "even with getting rid of the nursing home."

### Premium sale total tops \$61,000

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show's premium auction brought in big bucks Saturday, but fell short of the total for the 2006 auction.

Whereas last year's totals almost reached the \$65,000 mark, this year's event garnered \$61,875.

According to the records received from the Bailey County Extension office, this year's top seller was Kaleb Baker's grand champion British steer, purchased by West TexFeed Feedyard, with a price of \$3,400.

Abby Kirby's reserve grand champion exotic steer took second place with a bid of \$1,600 from the Buyers' Club.

The third highest bid was received for Jacey

### DeShazo Elementary to apply for education grant

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Received a report from DeShazo Principal Debbie Gallman concerning the application for a \$50,000 Texas Educator Excellence Grant.

The grant, which would be based upon the elementary school's 2005 TAKS scores and the number of economically

disadvantaged students attending would provide additional funds to be used as incentive pay for teachers demonstrating an improvement in their students TAKS reading and math test scores.

According to the documentation Gallman provided to the school board, the goal would be for 55 percent of the students to improve beyond their

"expected growth."

While 75 percent of the funds, if awarded by the state, or \$37,500 would be designated for teachers at DeShazo, Gallman pointed out that the remaining \$12,500 would be used in an incentive program at Dillman.

She explained that the improvements wanted at DeShazo could only be accomplished if the

students moving up from Dillman were sufficiently prepared to undertake the course of study they would need to in the third grade.

Gallman said a team effort was needed by teachers at both campuses for the goal to be accomplished. "The decision to include the

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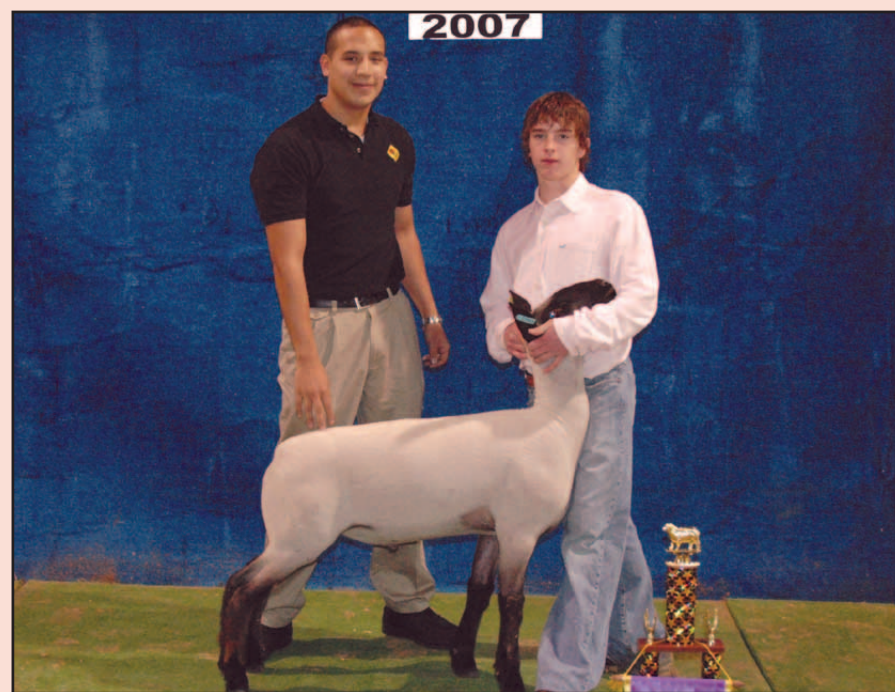
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## Bailey County Junior Livestock Show

Grand Champion  
Cattle — British Steer  
Kaleb Baker



Grand Champion  
Sheep — Medium Wool  
Colt Ellis



Grand Champion  
Swine — Hampshire  
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Grand Champion  
Goat — Goat  
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Thursday

Mt. Sunny..... 46/25

Friday

Winter Mix ..... 45/24

Saturday

Sunny..... 42/20

Sunday

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## Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

### I'm tired of winter!

This winter has become a pain. From what I understand, Muleshoe has not had a bad winter since 2000 and that it was time for one.

I'm not a big fan of winter because of the ice, snow, sleet, freezing rain, and I forgot to mention that it gets way too cold for my tastes.

I lived in Montana for a couple of years when I was younger and it got bad there during winter, but when we got a storm and ended up with a few inches of snow and maybe ice on the ground, there was this wind that would come through and by the next morning all the snow and ice would be gone.

(Dad, what is the name of that wind? *It is called a Chinook, Little One.*)

I wish that would happen here. Because of the snow and ice, I am stuck at home and I can't go anywhere or

drive anywhere and that really sucks. A person can go crazy while stuck at home.

I only like snow around Christmas. I love a white Christmas, but because my family always seems to be traveling around the holidays... I don't want snow then either.

I am so ready for spring and nice warm weather that usually comes with it.

I have noticed the last couple of years, while living here in Muleshoe, that this town has a tendency to get snow right before spring starts, which is the weirdest thing to me. I'd never experienced that before.

As I said, I'm not a big fan of winter because of the very cold conditions; I can tolerate fall at times, just depends on how cold it is, but I really like spring and summer and I am so ready for both of them.

I know because of the amount of snow that we got over the weekend that it will take a few days to melt and for everything to get back to normal, sort of.

I hope that the rest of this winter is just cold and we are through with all the snow and ice.

Of course, as soon as I say that the meteorologists are going to say that we have more snow and ice on the way. Let's hope that is not the case and we are through with all of this and can actually... somewhat... enjoy the rest of our winter.

I'm tired of being cooped up inside!

### Cookie sales

The Girl Scouts of Muleshoe, and other members of the Caprock Council, have kicked off their annual cookie sales. To purchase cookies, or for additional information, contact the scouts and scout leaders in your area.

### Firehouse fundraiser

The annual fundraiser for the Muleshoe Fire Department has been set for Saturday, Jan. 27, from 5-9 p.m., at the Earl Ladd Fire Station. The menu includes chili, beans and cornbread. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from local firefighters.

### St. Ann's benefit dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring its annual German Sausage Dinner, Sunday, Jan. 28, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

Donations will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under six. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner or by contact of any St. Ann's member.

### Diabetes support group rescheduled

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center, because of the cancellation last week due to bad weather.

The program will be "Lifestyle Changes and Emotions." People diagnosed with diabetes must control their disease every day of their life. We will discuss what diabetes is and the general steps for managing blood glucose levels.

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

### IBJM at Richland Hills

Bro. Glenn Border of San Angelo, a missionary with the International Board of Jewish Missions, will be leading the worship service and Sunday school at Richland Hills Baptist Church, at 17th and West Ave. D, Muleshoe, on Feb. 11.

The public is invited to attend. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m., followed the morning worship service at 11 a.m.

"This is a great opportunity to learn more about Bro. Border and the work of the IBJM, said Bro. Larry Thornton, pastor at Richland Hills. Call 272-5852 for more information.

### AA meeting

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

### Hydrogen sulfide training available

South Plains College will be holding Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Training class on Feb. 5 at the Petroleum Technology Building on the SPC Levelland campus.

All courses begin at 6 p.m. through 9:00 pm. Other courses are scheduled for March 5, April 2 and May 7.

The cost of the one-day class is \$10 per person and the three-hour course covers all aspects of hydrogen sulfide including detection, safety procedures and demonstration in the use of safety masks.

The course meets safety-training requirements for oil field work.

For more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

### Cotton conference rescheduled

The 2007 Caprock Cotton Conference has been rescheduled for Feb. 27.

It will be held at the Plains Baptist Assembly, south of Floydada in Floyd county.

The program starts at 8 a.m. with registration available from 7 a.m. It will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Speakers on the 2007 Caprock Cotton Conference Agenda include the following:

- Dr. Dean Ethridge of Texas Tech University, Managing Director of the International Textile Center.
- Dr. Randy Boman of the Texas Cooperative Extension.
- Dr. Terry Wheeler of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.
- Dr. Jason Woodward of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station / Texas Tech University.
- Todd Staples, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture.
- Dr. Randy Boman of the Texas Cooperative Extension.
- Dr. Dana Porter, Texas Cooperative Extension Agricultural Irrigation Specialist.



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## Editorial

### Park View sale is good for the community

One of the basic functions of government is to provide services that cannot be easily provided by individuals or even groups of individuals.

What would a community's sewage disposal system be like if you were responsible for maintaining the pipeline as it ran across your property, only to turn that responsibility over to a neighbor who wasn't quite as "responsible?" No doubt, the neighbor downhill from you would have a greater motivation to keep the line in operation than the neighbor at the top of the hill.

This is why individuals came together, established laws and in many situations took on various projects designed to accomplish tasks meant to better the lives of all of the individuals within the community.

Many years ago, a hospital was built in Muleshoe.

Some years later, the community was faced with the closure of the hospital and responded by forming the Muleshoe Area Hospital District. Individuals joined together to accomplish a task that couldn't be accomplished by one individual or even a small group within the community.

Since that time, the nursing home — which was previously located within the hospital facility — has been moved to a separate location.

During the past year, the MAHD has taken the steps necessary under the hospital's critical access status to separate the two entities under MAHD control — the Muleshoe Area Medical Center and Park View Nursing Care Center.

And now the opportunity has arisen for the hospital district to increase this separation by selling the nursing home and returning its operation to the private sector.

Instead of being a "tax burden," the nursing home will become a valued, tax paying member of the Muleshoe business community.

But is this a good thing? Of course it is.

What is important is that services provided by Park View continue to be available to the communities of Muleshoe and Bailey County.

What is important is that through this action the hospital district — and even more importantly, the hospital itself — become a stronger, more vibrant health care provider.

To claim that a public entity can better manage the nursing home is to suggest that every business in Muleshoe could be improved if placed under government control, and that just isn't so.

## Letter to the Editor

### Reader opposes the sale

To the Editor:

One of the reasons we chose to move to Muleshoe was the medical facilities. Then, in a few years the hospital board and administrator sold, or leased, the hospital to a California-based company.

If taxpayers will remember, when West World left Muleshoe, the hospital was in terrible financial state and the physical plant was a mess.

Doctors and taxpayers contacted Covenant for help. They said if we became a hospital tax district, they would place us under their umbrella.

The community worked really hard physically, to get the hospital "fixed up." Then we voted for the tax district, and it passed, and Covenant sent us an administrator. Doors were opened and the hospital and nursing home ran pretty smoothly.

It looks like we are now faced with a similar situation. And again, were the taxpayers given a chance before the action was done, to have a say?

No! It looks like our beautiful nursing home, with beautiful, caring people working there, has been put on the block, so to speak!

There are lots of questions and the public has not had a chance to get any answers. I attended the last public board meeting. I did not get answers. Some of my questions were answered with a question. Not a good answer.

Do taxpayers know where their hospital tax dollars go? Unless you go to the nursing home or hospital and read

the notices, you don't know when a board meeting is that is supposed to be for general public. Or is it the administration and board does not want the public at their meetings.

My question to the hospital board and administrator in Muleshoe is why was this idea of selling the nursing home not made public when it was first discussed?

A lot of people in the Muleshoe area have put a lot of time, energies, and monies into this nursing home. The facility is Muleshoe's, and we would like to keep it this way.

I do understand that if you sell, the nursing home would then be out of the tax district, and all of the tax dollars would go to the hospital.

I personally do not think that the New Mexico based company has been fully truthful with our board. I have gathered information about this company and so have several other people.

I hope taxpayers will pay attention to what is happening in our community.

Nancy Kidd,  
Muleshoe

### Words to live by...

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck..."  
Proverbs 1:8-9, NIV

## DeShazo grant...Continued from page 1

Dillman staff was made because we know we cannot achieve beyond expected growth or a 90 percent score in any student unless they come to us prepared for a third grade curriculum," Gallman said in her report to the school board.

Board president David Tipps agreed with Gallman, and applauded the decision of DeShazo's grant committee members recognizing the joint effort needed to accomplish the grant's objectives.

In other business, the school board:

- Approved the calendar for the 2007-08 school year, which Superintendent Gene Sheets described as "one of the most difficult one's we've ever done."

"If we are going to finish by the end of May, we had to take something out," Sheets said.

State law requires the first

day of school to be Aug. 27, and Sheets noted that waivers were not permitted.

- Recognized the achievements of students and faculty members.

- Approved a \$19,511 budget amendment that moved monies from one budget item to another, but which didn't change the district's fund balance, according to the district's business manager, Trae McNeill.

- Discussed the preliminary floor scheme for the expansion at Dillman Elementary, including some of the particular issues such as the basic design of the restrooms in the proposed new classrooms.

The superintendent noted that unless the school board wished to meet more frequently to handle various smaller decisions needed in the design stage of the planning process it would

probably need to authorize him to handle such matters.

- Entered into closed session to discuss various personnel issues, including the annual evaluation of the superintendent along with consideration of the superintendent's contract.

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## MAHD...

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In other business, the MAHD board:

- Were addressed by Sandra Cast of Clovis concerning cleanliness at the nursing home.

Dent assured Cast that the staff at Park View would take care of her concerns.

- Approved the minutes from the Dec. 14 and Jan. 8 meetings.

- Approved an update to the hospital's charity policy.

Sharon Novak explained that the hospital was required to give a certain amount of charity, and pointed out that it was better to follow such a policy than to have to address the issue as a "bad debt."

Novak also said she was pleased with the recent collection efforts at the hospital, especially singling out the work of employee Missy Royal.

Mason voiced agreement. "We've seen a tremendous increase in the amount collected," he said.

- Approved the authorization needed to apply for a capital improvement grant.

Mason explained that the \$50,000 grant will be used to purchase 10 hospital beds, along with two stretchers for the emergency room.

- Conducted the annual review of the hospital's first year under critical access regulations.

"I hope you feel good with what we've done with Critical access," Mason said.

- Approved sending accounts totaling \$62,053.18 to collections.

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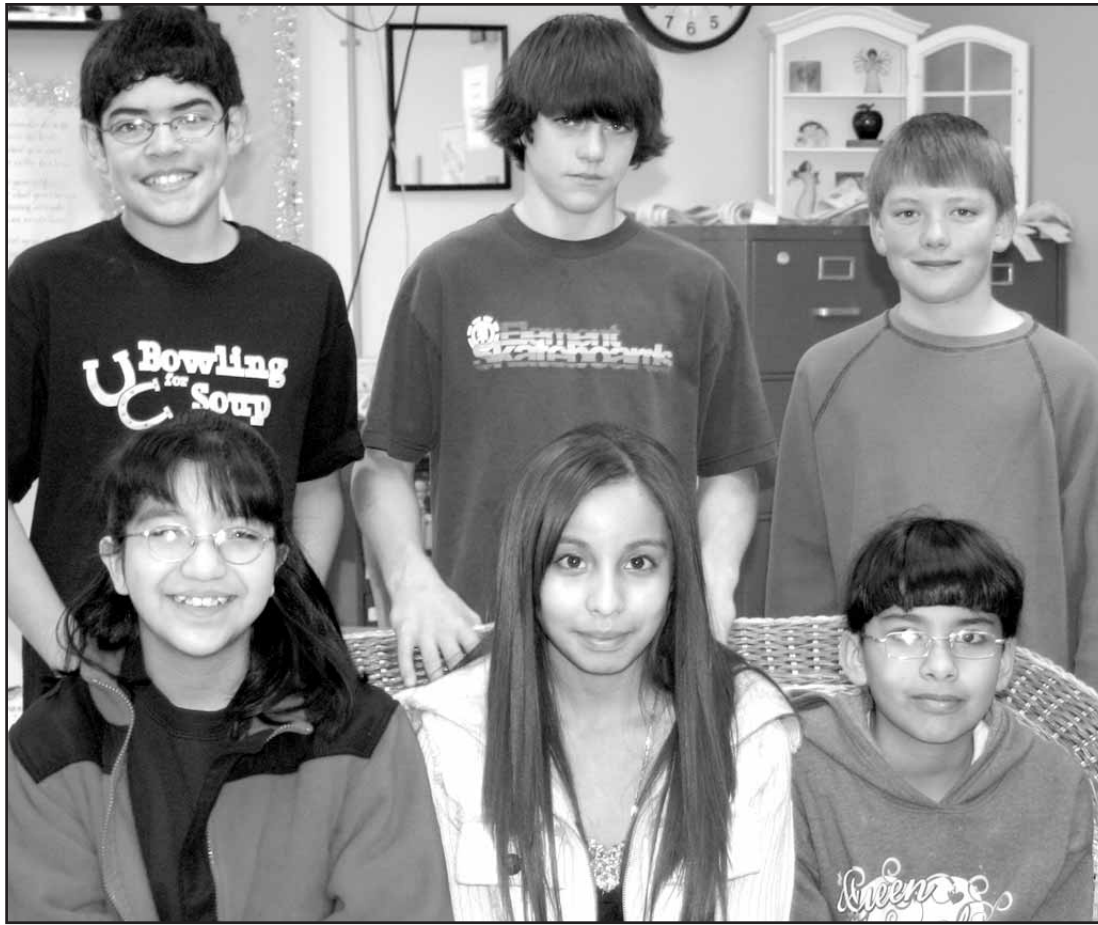
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The Watson Junior High Students of the Week for the week of Jan. 22, pictured on the right, are, from left to right: Front row — Lourdes Martinez, Guadalupe Regalado and Brandy Castorena; back row — Roman Chavez, Steven Durben and Chris Cage.



### Chamber Business of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently recognized Advanced Irrigation and Design, which is owned by Bryce Thomason, as the Business of the Month for January. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Jaelynn Hall, Bryce Thomason and Martha Hunnicutt.

### Corrections

Cody Black was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout during ceremonies held Jan. 3 at the First United Methodist Church, and not Craig Black as was noted in last week's issue of the Journal. The Journal apologizes for the error.

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... IN THE NORTH, SYRIA AND ISRAEL (SEPARATE FROM THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM) HAD FORMED AN ALLIANCE AGAINST THE THREAT OF A TERRIBLE FOE TO THE EAST, ASSYRIA—THEN AT ITS HEIGHT AS A CONQUERING NATION, LOOTING AND DESPOLING ALL KINGDOMS IN ITS PATH TO WORLD POWER! SYRIA AND ISRAEL INTENDED TO ATTACK JUDAH FOR NOT JOINING THEM BUT, BEFORE THEY COULD, THEY WERE CONQUERED BY ASSYRIA, WHOSE KING, SENNACHERIB, THEN FOCUSED ON JERUSALEM, DEMANDING ITS TOTAL SURRENDER! KING HEZEKIAH SOUGHT ISAIAH'S ADVICE—WHEN HE WAS IN TROUBLE, THEN AND THEN ONLY, DID HE TURN TO GOD AND THE PROPHETS—WHEN EVERYTHING WAS FINE, HEZEKIAH DID AS HE DARN WELL PLEASED! ISAIAH TOLD HEZEKIAH TO ACT LIKE A REAL KING, FOR ONCE, AND DEFY ASSYRIA! A HARD THING TO DO WHEN, ALL AROUND HIM, KINGDOMS WERE TOPPLING LIKE TEN-PINS...SO HEZEKIAH STRIPPED HIS TREASURY OF ITS GOLD AND SILVER TO GIVE TO SENNACHERIB, HOPING HE'D GO AWAY! AT THIS TIME, EGYPT TO THE SOUTHWEST, FEARING FOR ITS OWN SAFETY, GOT INTO THE FIGHT AND EVEN AS ISAIAH SHOUTED DEFIANCE FROM JERUSALEM'S WALLS, SENNACHERIB, WITH NEWS OF A SERIOUS REVOLT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, HIS ARMY DECIMATED BY SOME SUDDEN PLAGUE OF ILLNESS WHICH KILLED THOUSANDS OF HIS TROOPS OVERNIGHT, LEFT FOR HOME! INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE TEMPLE TO THANK GOD, THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM CELEBRATED IN A SERIES OF WILD ORGIES! ISAIAH'S WORDS FAIRLY DRIPPED SARCASTIC, AS HE WATCHED, "EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY," SAID HE "FOR TOMORROW," CAME HIS DIRE PREDICTION, "WE DIE!" ISAIAH SAW WHAT THE FUTURE HELD FOR A PEOPLE WHO TURNED TO RIGIDOUS REVELS AT THE SLIGHTEST EXCUSE—AND HE WAS RIGHT! IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS TO COME OUT OF THE EAST AND END FOREVER "THE POWER AND THE GLORY THAT WAS JERUSALEM."

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# Obituaries

## Frankie Fine

Funeral services for Frankie D. Fine, 71, of Marble Falls, formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Wednesday, Jan. 17, in the Edgar Funeral Home Chapel of Marble Falls with the Rev. Ralph Hathaway officiating. Burial followed in the Marble Falls City Cemetery.

Fine died on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, in Burnet. He was born on Aug. 13, 1935, in Bailey County, and married Jeanette Dewbre on June 5, 1954, in Clovis, New Mexico.

Fine had been a member and deacon of Threeway Baptist Church. He moved to Marble Falls two years ago.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife — Jeanette Fine of Marble Falls; a son and his wife — Alan and Connie Fine of Ira;



FRANKIE D. FINE

two daughters and their husbands — Kay and Gary Ramage of Muleshoe and Glenda and Harold Myers of Buchanan Dam; a brother — James Fine of Levelland; two sisters — June Boyce of Levelland and Betty Jo Carpenter of Bridge Port; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 2499 Capital of Texas Hwy.-South, Bldg. A, #203, Austin, TX 78746.

## Juanita Kirk

Funeral services for Juanita Kirk, 88, of Elk City, Okla., formerly of Muleshoe, were held on Monday, Jan. 15, at the First Baptist Church of Elk City.

Kirk died on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007. She was born on Jan. 7, 1919, at Sunset, to Charles and Lydia Mayhugh.

Kirk was an English teacher, and the wife of former Muleshoe school superintendent Jerry Kirk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a daughter-in-law — Hazel Kirk.

Survivors include a daughter and her husband — Carolyn and Lou Decarolis of Mesa, Ariz.; a son and his wife — Mac and Sue Kirk of Norman, Okla.; a son — Gary Kirk of Arapaho, Okla.; five grandchildren; a sister — Florene Jones of Muleshoe; and a brother — Charles Mayhugh of Muleshoe.

## Area students honored by SPC

South Plains College recognized Muleshoe area students for achieving academic excellence by naming them to the President's and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall 2006 semester.

"This is truly a great accomplishment and I commend these students on their hard work," said Darrell

Grimes, vice president of academic affairs.

Students named to the President's Honor List were April Godinez and Herlinda Lopez of Earth and Baylie Nelson of Sudan.

Students named to the President's Honor List earn a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

Muleshoe students named to the Dean's Honor List were David Campos, Joel Cowart, Kayla Spradling and Brittany Thomason.

Area students named to the Dean's List were Maryann Yannis of Earth, Miriam Hernandez of Lazbuddie and Britney Bryant, German Estrada and Rachel Moore of Sudan.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

## Nursing Home News

Friday morning it was "D" day at Park View. (undecorating day.)

Helen Cook, Peggy Dent, Neva Calvert, Irene Mason, Jenny Bamert, Trena Matthews, Analita Haley, Deborah Noble, Marlene Martin, Jerie Flowers, Cindy Purdy, Charles Flowers, Buck Campbell and Danny May undecorated, packed away and hauled to the storage room all the decorations.

Carolyn's Christmas also undecorated and Marilyn Young and Helen Hunter at Lasting Impressions.

Francis Purdy shared her Video's of Catherine Hepburn and Beautiful and Famous Gardens around the world early Friday afternoon.

The Rose Garden Show was shown on the TV in the Day Room with a number of lady residents attending. Refreshments were served as the ladies watched the movie.

Harold and Avis Carpenter came to entertain and reminisce with the residents Friday afternoon. Harold played on the piano the songs the residents requested.

Victor Contreras's family hosted him a birthday party Saturday, Jan 13.

Among those attending the celebration were Pedro DeLeon, Sharon, Charles and James Baca, the Rev. and Mrs. Domingo Luna, Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Zamora, Bill Barrett, Jim Ella and Amelia Clemmons, Noelia "Shorty" Flores, Victor's sister Janie Lopez from Plainview, Mr. Contreras' grandchildren, Lourie and Chris Carpenter of San Angelo, Mike and Erica Garcia of Monahans, TX, Daniel and Natalie Gardea of Monahans, David Pedroza of Artesia, N.M., Cory Contreras of Lazbuddie, Jennifer Acosta of Muleshoe and 11 great-grandchildren.

Art and Edna Freeman of Littlefield directed a celebration of life service for Virginia Barrett Tuesday morning.

Marie Lane returned to Park View Tuesday, after a stay in a Lubbock hospital. Welcome home, Marie. We all missed you.

Saturday afternoon the residents played Bingo. Betty Ramage baked peanut butter cookies for refreshments following the games.

Herb and Betty Ramage unloaded a pickup truck full of sodas to fill the coke machines last week.

The monies from the coke and candy machine go toward Bingo prizes and other things for the residents.

The Trinity Baptist Church came for church services and fellowship Sunday afternoon.

Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint in craft class on Thursday morning.

Bonnie Tibbitts, Floy Hanson, and Francis Purdy are hospitalized at this writing.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Tuesday afternoon Pat Watson, Pat Clark, Dolores Garrett, and Jan Crawford came to shampoo and style the ladies hair.

Beverly Heathington celebrated her birthday Tuesday. Beverly received many good wishes, visits and calls.

Pauline Chappell was visited by her daughter Diane Wiedebush Tuesday.

Renda Logsdon visited her brother Jimmie Dutton Tuesday afternoon,

Bill Wilkins received a visit from Marilyn Nickels Tuesday.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and

sweet rolls to the residents at the Second Cup Café Wednesday morning.

Jimmy Seaton is visited by his wife several times a week.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Loyce Killingsworth and Brother Barry Wiseman directed the singspiration and devotional Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed a sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon.



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*would like to express our deepest appreciation for your gifts of food, flowers, phone calls, cards, memorial contributions, and most of all your thoughts and prayers during the loss of our wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.*

*Jodie Barrett  
Rickey and Raygena Barrett & Family  
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Susan and Terry Wheeler & Family  
Robbie and Stephanie Barrett & Family*

## Hearts Can Be Warm Even When the Winter Is Cold

As I write this morning, the pure white blanket of snow just outside my window keeps pulling my eye away from the computer screen. Always beautiful I think, the snow saw enough sunshine yesterday that now a glistening crystal concert of color ripples its way across the surface of the snow blanket.

I love it! I'm not sure I'd like living where winter is


As I write on this Tuesday, the roads are still slick and our yard is still covered with the better part of a foot of the white stuff. It's bright outside but 16 degrees warm!

But I've been quite toasty warm and very satisfied since Thursday evening, January 18, 2007, at about 6:30.

You see, that's when Brylan Paige Shelburne was born. Little Miss Brylan is the most beautiful living creature these two now-grandfatherly eyes have ever seen. It could be 20 degrees below zero outside in a 60 m.p.h. wind and my heart would still be warm.

Little Brylan was born in Amarillo at the same hospital where her proud father Jeffrey and her Uncle Christopher were born a couple of years apart a heartbeat or two ago. Jeff got his name because we liked the sound of it, and we liked it even better when we realized that Jeffrey means "God's peace." I still remember walking through darkened hospital halls to try to find a phone the night he was born. Cell phones were as plentiful then as DVDs, you see. I needed to call my good friend Wade Aplin to tell him about Jeffrey Wade Shelburne.

Little Brylan is as beautiful as her mother Amy Paige. Brylan was one of the only girls in a baby-boy-filled nursery Thursday night when she met her grandfathers. On the way out, Grandpa Randy warned all of those guys that he took their names and numbers. Brylan's heavenly Father has known her name and her heart for all of eternity. What a blessing for the rest of us who love her to be getting to know her now.



**Focus  
On  
Faith**  
*Curtis  
Shelburne*

largely theoretical and fireplaces are primarily ornamental. I love seasons, but I figured out a good while ago that I'm more of a winter than a summer person.

The "thermometer" on my computer says that we're presently in a heat wave. Whether Al Gore and Company are right or not in the larger scheme, our part of the globe is definitely warming this morning. From 5 degrees earlier today we've broken into double digits and are sweltering at 16 degrees.

I was warm even at 5. In fact, I've been amazingly warm for several days now.

For the first time in my almost 22-year pastorate here at our little church, we cancelled Sunday services due to ice and snow two Sundays in a row. I'd guess our average rate of snow cancellations per winter would be one or so. Maybe two. But I don't remember two such Sundays in a row. That was a first.

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

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# Sports

## Lady Mules encounter the home court advantage at Friona, River Road

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Home court is a huge advantage in basketball. The Lady Mules have successfully defended their home floor and even stolen a couple on the road.

Friona successfully held off the Lady Mules at home and the River Road Lady Wildcats managed to do the same.

The Lady Cats shot lights out from behind the arc as the Lady Mules struggled to score in the Purple Pit at River Road High. The Lady Mules fell behind by 11 with 48 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Morgan Smith made a pair from the line before the

period ended to cut the deficit to nine. The Lady Mules made up the difference in the first four minutes of the final period and took a 50-49 lead with 4:12 left. The Lady Mules tank seemed to run dry after that and River Road took over to defeat the Lady Mules 56-53.

Sarah Johnson spotted Kyra Kimbrough open in the lane and delivered her a strike. Kimbrough spun and kissed the ball off the glass. The Lady made two from the line to keep the lead at nine.

Chelsi Hawkins drove deep in the lane and kicked the ball back out to Chi Hernandez. Hernandez had a foot on the line as she

knocked the bottom out of the bucket. River Road missed the front end of a one and one and Kimbrough grabbed the rebound.

Hawkins found a crease in the defense and drove hard to the hoop from the wing. Kate Leopard stepped in a passing lane and drove the base line and stopped and popped from eight feet. She was fouled and completed the old fashion three-point play to cut the lead to 49-47.

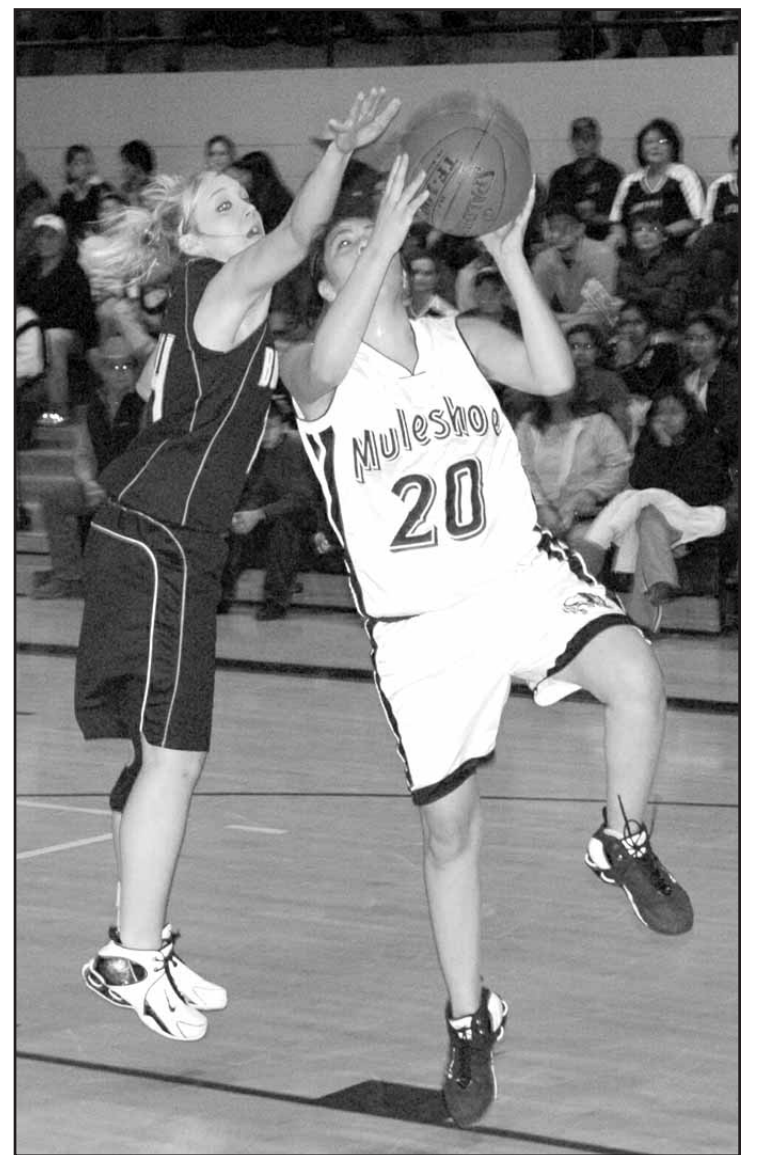
Leopard chased down a long defensive rebound and pushed the ball ahead to CiCi Reyna. Reyna completed the break despite being hacked across the arms. She added the point

after to give the Lady Mules a 50-49 lead.

River Road regrouped and made the next six points to go in front 55-50. Kimbrough made one of two from the line at the one minute mark and then stole a pass near mid court and drove for a lay up to cut the margin to 55-53 for the Lady Mules final points.

Nine Lady Mules scored and Kimbrough led the way with 13. Johnson added nine, Hawkins dropped in seven and Smith and Hernandez made six each. Leopard had four, Reyna and Ashley Grumbles made three apiece and Kelsey Tipps chipped in two.

The Lady Mules made up Friday's game with Highland Park on Monday and traveled to Tulia to tangle with the Hornets. They return home Friday to meet the Dimmitt Bobbies.



Lady Mule Cholov Hernandez shoots during the Jan. 9 game against Bushland. Photograph by Norm Brantley

## From the Stands

By Delton Wilhite

There was a lot of excitement this past week end in spite of Mother Nature playing havoc with the Lady Mule and Mule athletic schedules. Highland Park could not get to Muleshoe Friday night for their scheduled games here. An attempt was made to move the games to Thursday to beat the predicted snow event.

However, the Falcons had to make up their previous Friday night games and had already used up their two school night limit set by UIL. The Muleshoe-Highland Park games are currently scheduled for Monday and will have been played by the time you read this.

Mother Nature sets her own rules and we as mere humans must play by those rules. It was not safe for Highland Park to attempt to be in Muleshoe on Friday night and made since not to put their athletes in danger by playing and then try to get home in a blizzard.

There have been more games stopped, cancelled or rescheduled this school year than all the years put together that I have been



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reporting the sports. My first sports article appeared in the Journal after the 2000 Mules defeated the Lubbock Cooper Pirates.

But life goes on and there are some things that can not wait on a more safe time to travel. Coach Jeff Shelburne and his wife Amy beat the storm to Amarillo for the birth of their baby girl Thursday. We congratulate them look forward to meeting the young lady.

Coach Wes Boatmum and his wife Erin were not quite as fortunate. They had a doctor's visit on Thursday afternoon and all appeared to be well. By Friday morning things were beginning to happen they did not understand.

They drove back to Lubbock as the storm began

on wet roads. Shortly after their arrival Baby Boy Boatmum made his appearance. He weighed in at seven pounds six ounces and stretched out to 21 inches in length.

The coaching community and the population of Muleshoe both grew this past week by two despite one of the largest snow storms in our area in many years. Mother Nature continues to rule!

Most Journal readers know that Erin is Nelda's and my baby girl. Baby Boy Boatmum is number six in our line up of grand kids. Jeff Shelburne is all but an adopted son and we will claim his and Amy's as one of our own also.

Muleshoe looks great under a 12 inch blanket of snow and the area needed the moisture. Mother Nature never ceases to astound me. Whether it is with a foot of snow or a new born baby.

*(We now know his identity. He will be known as Sye Wesley Boatmum from this day forward. His parents finally hung a name on him just past midnight.)*

## Mules get off to a slow start

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules got off to slow start in the Purple Pit at River Road High School. Fortunately for the Mules so did the Wildcats. Patrick Precure scored on an in bound play as the first period ended with the Mules trailing 11-12.

The Mules began to take over in the second period and put a little distance between them and the Wildcats by the half. The Mules led 27-21 at the intermission and continued to pound River Road in the second half. The Mules won 67-41.

TJ Brantley got the second half started as he was fouled on a put-back attempt. He made one of two from the line. Colby Carpenter threaded the needle with a pass across the lane to Eric Washington.

Washington slipped past his defender for the short jumper. The Wildcats

answered with a bucket. Precure picked off a River Road pass and drove the floor. He dished to Dustin Barker and he was fouled attempting to complete the fast break.

Barker converted one from the line. Brantley made two of three from the line after being hammered on a 3-point attempt. Brantley's free throws gave the Mules a 10-point advantage.

The Mules went on a 3-point flurry following a trey by the Wildcats. Precure ripped the net from the top of the key to start the rally. Brian Poynor nailed one from the wing and on the next trip down the floor Precure dropped in his fourth trey of the night.

Tony Guzman kept the ball alive after a missed shot and stuck it back for a bucket. Guzman found Washington open in the lane and zipped him the ball. Washington was hacked on the way up and converted

one from the line. Garrett Riley end the Mule 20-6 run in the third period with a six foot jumper. The Mules led 47-27 going into the final period.

Barker had been on fire all night and in the final quarter he made two from the line, nailed a 3 from the top of the key and made back to back buckets for nine of his game high 22 points.

Precure made four treys in his 18 points and Riley quietly dropped in 12. Poynor added four points, Brantley and Washington made three each, Carpenter and Guzman had two apiece and Elias Alvarado chipped in one.

The Mules completed their first lap of district Monday night as they hosted the Highland Park Hornets. The Mules traveled to Tulia Tuesday night to battle another nest of Hornets. The Dimmitt Bobcats will visit the Mules Friday.

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## Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Association met Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Muleshoe Country Club with 20 members present.

The meeting was called to order by president Marlene Martin. We wished "Happy Birthdays" to Jerie Flowers, LaVerne Winn and Deborah Nobel, who celebrated their birthdays during the month of January. We were pleased to welcome our guest Glenda Ott. Due to the cold weather, we only had card players.

Deborah opened is in prayer before our business meeting. Treena Matthews called the roll and read the October minutes. We do not meet during the months of November and December because the members are busy with their families.

Pat Kirk gave the treasurer's report.

We discussed our future money making projects, as we will be having a couple of men's and women's tournaments at which we could serve food.

A report was given on Gene Templeton and Doyce Turner. We pray they will be feeling better soon.

We decided to donate to the Oneita Wagnon Senior Citizens Center in honor of the Earl Schmitz family, the father of Judy Wilbanks and Anita Beck, who loved playing dominoes at the center.

Pat and Deborah are our January hostesses for the locker room. We also need someone to coordinate our meals. Be prepared to volunteer for these jobs.

Our next business meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 21. Golfers will tee off at 1 p.m., weather permitting.

Card players and golfers meet for friendly competitive play every Wednesday. Remember to check the calendar to see what we're competing for, such as low score.

Come join us in some easy exercise and fun.

Members present included Treena Matthews, Marlene Martin, Jeanetta Precure, Sheila Stevenson, Glenda Ott, Lynn Campbell, Melanie Hettinga, Jerie Flowers, Analita Haley, Jam fontanilla, Irene Mason, Jeannie Bamert, Tammy Black, Claudine Elliott, Elimore Yerby, LaVerne Winn, Sheryl Engelking, Pamela Miller, Helen Templeton and Deborah Noble.

## Springlake-Earth releases honor roll

Springlake-Earth High School has released its honor rolls for the third six-week period of the 2006-07 school year.

Among the students honored are:

### "A" Honor Roll

Senior — Andrew Lancaster and Logan McCurry.

Junior — Kate Sides.

### "B" Honor Roll

Senior — Laurie Davis, Haley Lunsford, Kristi Miller and Erica Proctor.

Junior — Neal Barton, Amanda Furr, Laura Geissler and MiReyna Reyes.

Sophomore — Sarah Bass, Garrett Bridwell, Amy Fennell, Blake Fennell, Heath Fennell, Hunter Jones, Claudia Longoria and Jimmy Vasquez.

Freshman — Jennifer Brown, Courtney Duran, Blake Estrada, Ben Gresham, Ashlee Rowan, Corbin Parish and Tanoah Ritchie.

## Firehouse fundraiser set

The annual fundraiser for the Muleshoe Fire Department has been set for Saturday, Jan. 27, from 5-9 p.m., at the Earl Ladd Fire Station. The menu includes chili, beans and cornbread. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from local firefighters.

## Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The weather is really letting us know it is winter time. All the snow and ice has been beautiful, but it does give us a thought to be careful getting out.

A grateful thank you goes to all who have given memorials or just a donation to the center. The center operates on donations only and any gift is very much needed and appreciated. If you wish to honor someone with a meal ticket, a memorial or just a donation, please come by and visit with us.

We urge all you senior citizens to come by the center if you are tired of staying in by yourself. We have had several seniors come in to walk, play dominoes, and just visit. We always have the coffee pot on and ready.

We have puzzles to put together, a library corner for you to sit and read or take a book home with you. We want to thank everyone that has donated the good books to our library. There are westerns, love stories, history, and a good overall coverage for your reading enjoyment. Again, thanks to you that were so generous in stocking our library.

Tuesday is our designated play day, but every day is play day. So come on in and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Our Tuesday night senior dances have had to be cancelled due to the weather, but maybe we will get back on track next Tuesday night. The Bootscooters band was to play Tuesday night but due to the weather, the dance was cancelled. Sandy will be back next Tuesday night to furnish the music. The seniors are really missing the fun and fellowship.

Our Thursday bingo was

cancelled last week due to weather and a funeral. But we will be going strong this week.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the families that have lost loved ones. We at the Center will miss them and hope you will come in and visit with us.

Menu for Jan. 29 - Feb. 1:

Monday, Jan. 29 — Hamburger, oven fries, tomatoes, lettuce, onion, pickles, baked beans and blonde brownies.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 — Salisbury steak, scallop potatoes, mixed greens, wheat roll and snickerdoodle bars.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 1 — Barbecued brisket, black-eyed peas, broccoli, salad, wheat roll, frosted cake.

Friday, Feb. 2 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hushpuppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

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Where I am right now, it is too cold to stay outside for long periods of time, but there is no snow for sledding and the ponds are not safe for skating. I have noticed that people are getting outside for exercise and a breath of fresh air.

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# 2007 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show

## Bailey County's livestock show winners

The following students were among the class winners at the 2007 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show:

### Steer Show

Kaleb Baker, senior, grand champion steer, breed champion - English; Abby Kirby, senior, reserve grand champion, reserve breed champion - cross;

Baylee Bessire, senior, reserve breed champion - English; Austin Bamert, senior, reserve breed champion - cross.

First Place — Logan Harrison, beef; Baylee Bessire, British; Baylee Bessire, British; Kaleb Baker, British; Abby Kirby, exotic; Craig Black, exotic.

Second Place — Braden

Bessire, British; Shelbi Harrison, British; Conner Harrison, British; Logan Harrison, British; Austin Bamert, exotic; Austin Bamert, exotic.

Third Place — Shelbi Harrison, British; Braden Bessire, British; Ashley Thomas, British; Baylee Bessire, British; Corie Ann Black, exotic; Cassie Kirby,

exotic.  
Fourth Place — Logan Harrison, British; Tanner Bales, British; Craig Black, exotic.

### Heifer Show

Conner Harrison, grand champion - beef; Shelbi Harrison, reserve grand champion - beef; Jacy Lawrence, grand champion - dairy; Jacy Lawrence, reserve grand champion - dairy.

First Place — Conner Harrison, beef; Miranda deBruin, dairy; Keifer Ruthardt, dairy; Jacy Lawrence, dairy.

Second Place — Miranda deBruin, dairy; Johnny deBruin, dairy; Jacy Lawrence, dairy; Shelbi Harrison, beef.

Third Place — Gage Edwards, dairy; Triston Boehning, dairy; Triston Boehning, dairy; Tanner Bales, beef.

Fourth Place — Johnny deBruin, dairy; Macoy Ruthardt, dairy; Bradley Bransum, dairy; Bailey Bales, beef.

### Swine Show

Jackson Myers, senior, grand champion - Hampshire; Brandon Ellis, senior, reserve grand champion - cross

Brandon Ellis, senior, breed champion - Berkshire; Garrison Myers, junior, reserve breed champion - Berkshire; Jackson Myers, senior, breed champion - white

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## Premium sale...

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Lawrence's breed champion dairy heifer, a \$1,450 bid that was split by Boehning Dairy and Muleshoe Vet Supply.

The hog market was topped by a split bid from Muleshoe Vet supply and Muleshoe Feed Barn, which paid \$1,250 for Jackson Myers' grand champion Hampshire pig.

Brandon Ellis' Reserve grand champion cross pig shared second place Cori Sheets' Hampshire pig. Both received \$1,025 bids. Ellis' from Deaf Smith County Grain, and Sheets' from Leal's Restaurant and Muleshoe Livestock Auction.

The top selling sheep received an \$1,100 bid from Lowe's Supermarket, which bought Colt Ellis' grand champion medium wool sheep.

Dusty Clayton took second place with his reserve grand champion medium wool sheep, which was purchased by Dr. Kyle Sheets.

Jim Pat and Susie Claunch bought Colt Ellis' grand champion goat for \$1,050.

While second place in the goat market went to Dusty Clayton, whose reserve grand champion goat was bought by Muleshoe Vet Supply for \$1,000.



## Livestock show another success

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show was deemed another huge success this year, due to all of the hard work from individuals, businesses and organizations, and of course the participants, who made the show possible.

## Ellis takes 2007 Jimmy Dale Black Award

Colt Ellis took home the Jimmy Dale Black Showmanship Award from the 2007 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show Saturday.

Other showmanship award recipients included:

Sheep Showmanship — Katie Scott, junior trophy; Dusty Clayton, first place senior trophy and overall buckle; Colt Ellis, second place senior trophy; Autumn Rainey, third place senior trophy.

Goat Showmanship — Miranda deBruin, junior

trophy; Colt Ellis, senior trophy and overall buckle; Dusty Clayton, second place senior trophy.

Swine Showmanship — McKenna Dunham, first place junior trophy; Kayla Preston, second place junior trophy; Jackson Myers, first place senior trophy and overall buckle; Brandon Ellis, second place senior trophy.

Beef Showmanship — Baylee Bessire, junior trophy; Austin Bamert, first place senior trophy and overall buckle; Kaleb Baker, second place senior trophy.

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## Livestock class winners... Continued from page 9

OPB; Craig Black, senior, reserve breed champion - white OPB; Ben Sheets junior, breed champion - Duroc; Brant Hamilton, senior, reserve breed champion - Duroc; Jackson Myers, senior, breed champion - Hampshire; Brandon Ellis, senior, reserve breed champion - Hampshire; Austin Thomas, senior, breed champion - black OPB; Colton Heinrich, senior, reserve breed champion - black OPB; Kaleb Baker, senior, breed champion - Yorkshire; Madison Myers, senior, reserve breed champion - Yorkshire; Brandon Ellis, senior, breed champion - cross; McKenna Dunham, junior, reserve breed champion - cross.

First Place — McKenna Dunham, gilt; Macoy Ruthardt, gilt; Kayla Preston, gilt; Brandon Ellis, Berkshire; Jackson Myers, white OPB; Mindy Hamilton, Duroc; Ben Sheets, Duroc; Jackson Myers, Hampshire; Austin Thomas, black OPB; Kayla Preston, Yorkshire; Kaleb Baker, Yorkshire; Autumn Rainey, cross; Garrison Myers, cross; Kayla Preston, cross; McKenna Dunham, cross; Brandon Ellis, cross.

Second Place — Bailey Bales, gilt; William Wauson, gilt; Judd Baker, gilt; Garrison Myers, Berkshire; Craig Black, white OPB; Johnny deBruin, Duroc; Brant Hamilton, Duroc; Jacy Lawrence, Hampshire; Dal Whalin, Hampshire; Colton Heinrich, black OPB; Kaleb Baker, Yorkshire; Madison Myers, Yorkshire; Logan Harrison, cross; Kaleb Baker, cross; Triston Boehning, cross; Judd Baker, cross; Cassie Kirby, cross.

Third Place — Cori Sheets, gilt; Keifer Ruthardt, gilt; Johnny deBruin; Cassie Kirby, Berkshire; Judd Baker, white OPB; Brandi Hamilton, Duroc; Keifer Ruthardt, Duroc; Madison Myers, Hampshire; Cassie Kirby, Hampshire; Brandi Hamilton, black OPB; Dal Whalin, Yorkshire; Jackson Myers, Yorkshire; McKenna Dunham, cross; Dal Whalin, cross; Madison Myers, cross; TJ Brantley, cross; Katie Scott, cross.

Fourth Place — Tanner Bales, gilt; William Wauson, gilt; Corie Ann Black, gilt; Macoy Ruthardt, Berkshire;

Mindy Hamilton, white OPB; Corie Ann Black, Duroc; Johnny deBruin, Hampshire; T.J. Brantley, Hampshire; Mindy Hamilton, black OPB; Austin Thomas, Yorkshire; Keifer Ruthardt, Yorkshire; Colton Heinrich, cross; Craig Black, cross; Austin Thomas, cross; Logan Harrison, cross; Logan Harrison, cross.

Fifth Place — Gage Edwards, gilt; Ben Sheets, gilt; Bailey Bales, Berkshire; Brant Hamilton, Hampshire; Triston Boehning, Hampshire; T.J. Brantley, Yorkshire; Garrison Myers, cross; Corie Ann Black, cross; Macoy Ruthardt, cross.

Sixth Place — William

Wauson, Berkshire; Cori Sheets, Hampshire; Colton Heinrich, Yorkshire; Brandi Hamilton, cross; Craig Black, cross.

**Sheep Show**  
Colt Ellis, senior, grand champion sheep; Dusty Clayton, senior, reserve grand champion sheep; Katie Scott, junior, breed champion finewool cross; Colt Ellis, senior, breed champion medium wool; Dusty Clayton, senior, rbreed champion medium wool.

First Place — Katie Scott, finewool cross; Colt Ellis, medium wool; Colt Ellis, medium wool.

Second Place — Dusty Clayton, medium wool; Dusty Clayton, medium

wool.  
Third Place — Autumn Rainey, medium wool.

**Goat Show**  
Colt Ellis, senior, grand champion goat; Dusty Clayton, senior, reserve grand champion goat; Baylee Ruthardt, junior; Jessica Kube, junior; Colt Ellis, senior; Dusty Clayton, senior.

First Place — Baylee Ruthardt; Jessica Kube; Colt Ellis; Dusty Clayton.

Second Place — Baylee Ruthardt; Miranda deBruin; Dusty Clayton; William Wauson.

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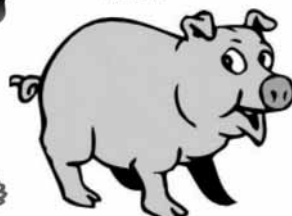
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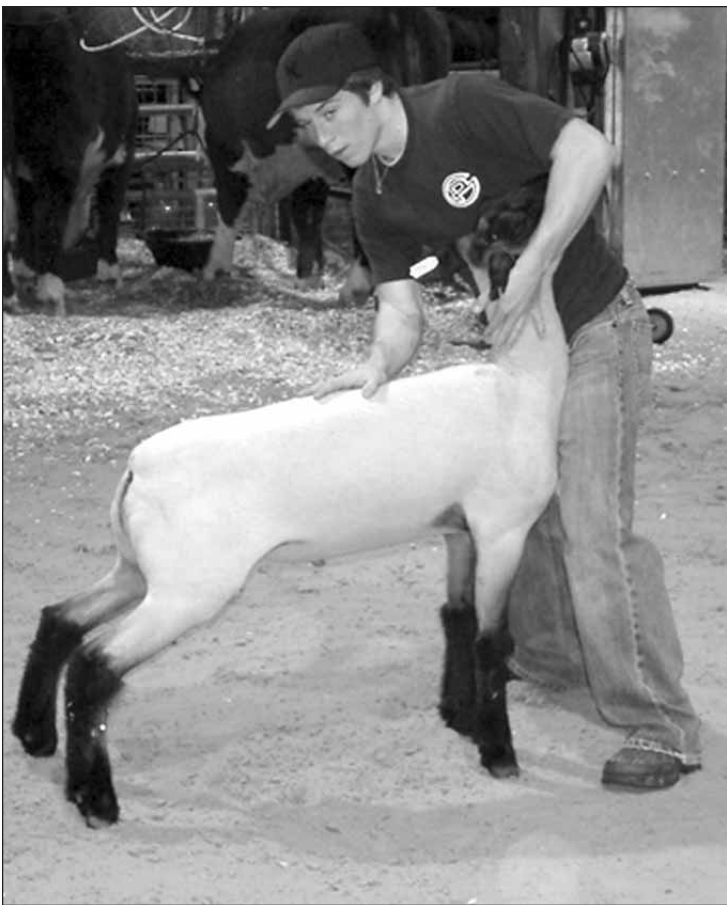


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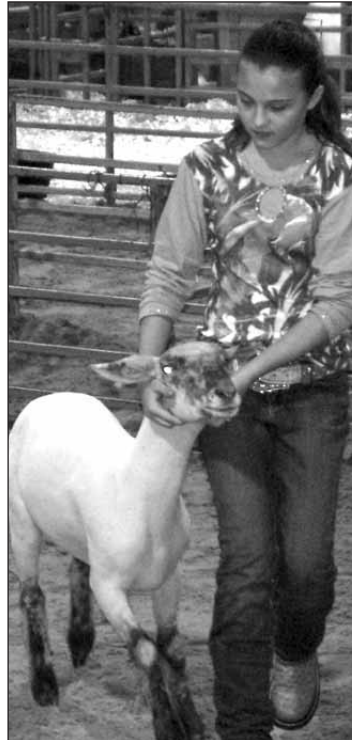
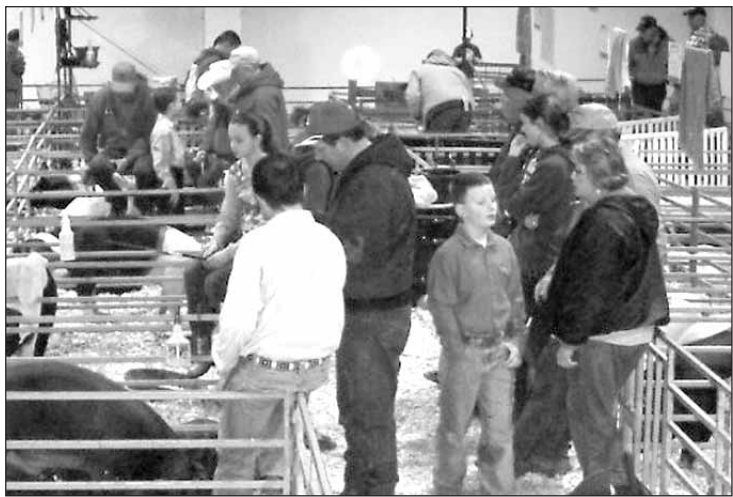
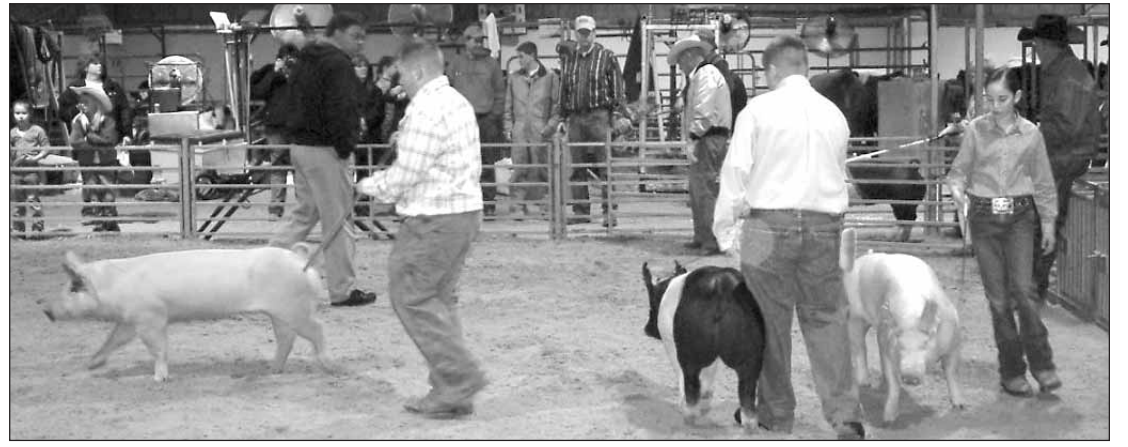
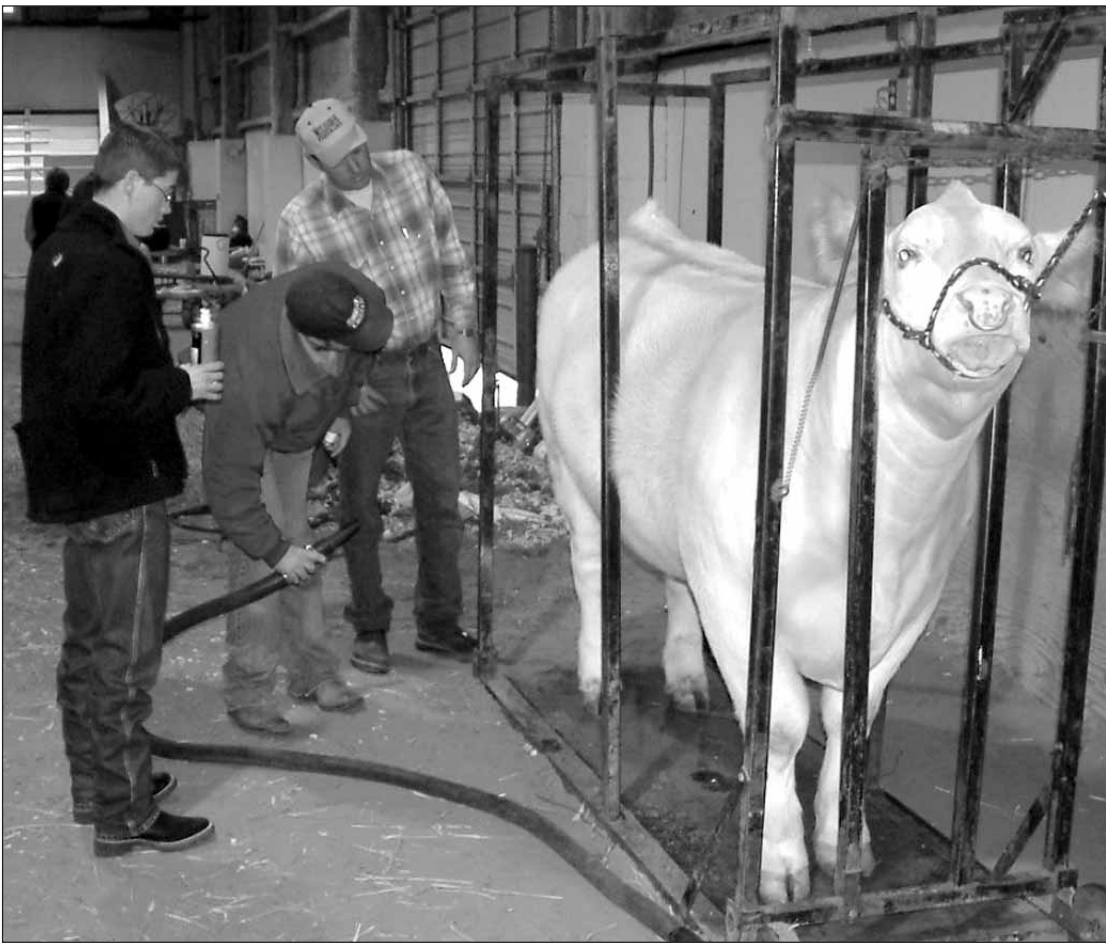


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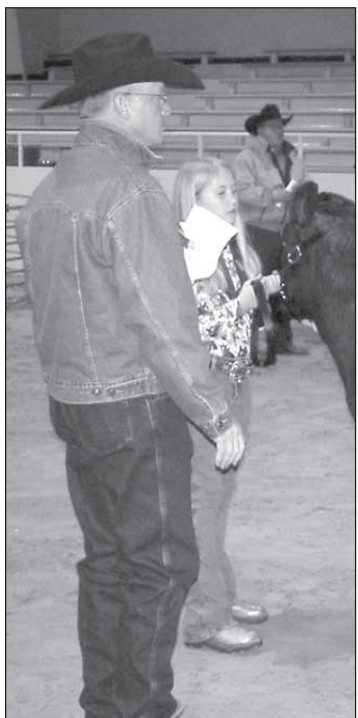


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*We offer our congratulations to all exhibitors for a great show!*  
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**Thanks for reading!**



We're Proud of Every Livestock Show Winner and Participant!

**Congratulations On Another Great Show!**

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**We Think You're All The Tops!**  
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**Congratulations To All Area Livestock Show Winners & Participants! Best Of Luck At Upcoming Shows!**

"I can't do it" never yet accomplished anything;  
"I will try" has performed wonders.  
— George P. Burnham



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*"If you want to get somewhere you have to know where you want to go and how to get there. Then never, never, never give up."*  
— Norman Vincent Peale


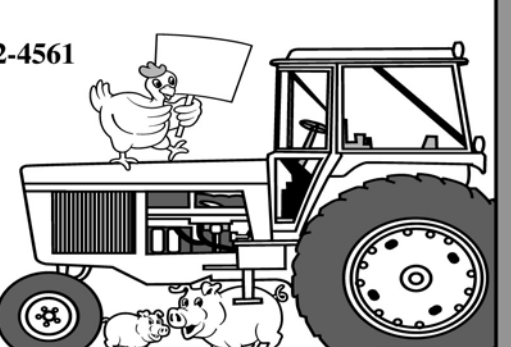
**We Proudly Support The Youth Of Bailey County, FFA and 4-H! Thanks For A Great Show!**

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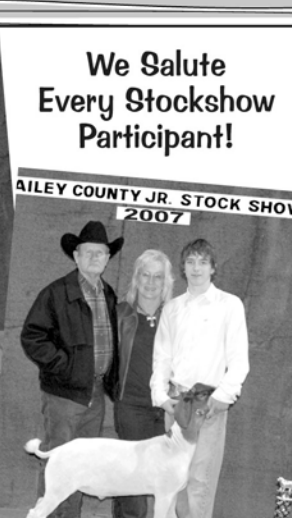

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**BAILEY COUNTY JR. STOCK SHOW 2007**

We Salute Every Stockshow Participant!

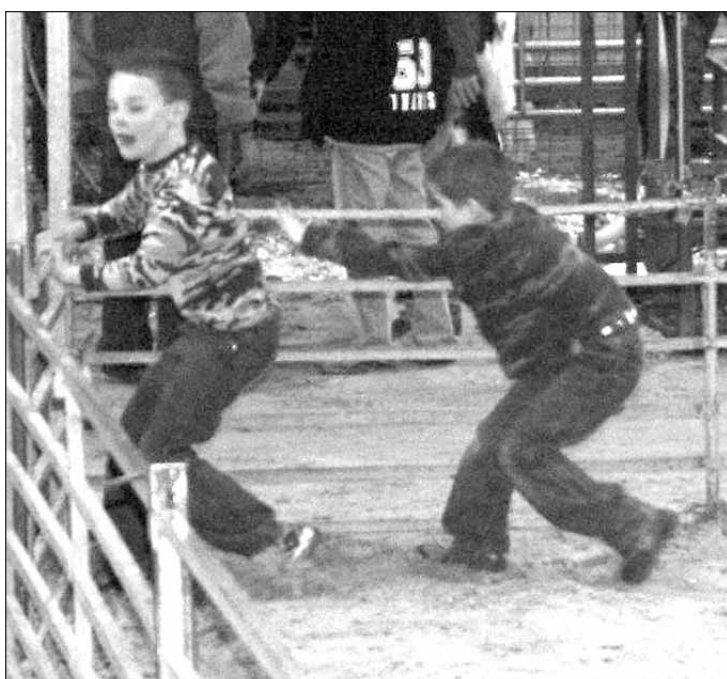




**BAILEY COUNTY JR. STOCK SHOW 2007**

Good Job Colt & Dusty! Your Hard Work Paid Off! We're Proud Of Ya'll!

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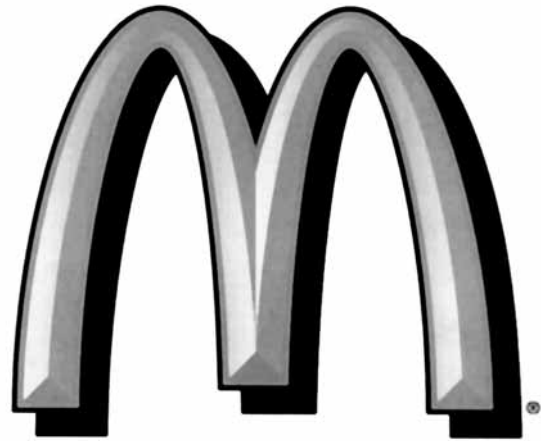


Livestock show photographs by Larry Thornton

*"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."*  
 — Thomas Edison

**THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PROUD OF YOU ONCE AGAIN BAILEY COUNTY YOUTH!**

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**We love our Bailey County youth!**  
 Your efforts at the 2007 county stock show were "golden!"

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**"Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions."**  
 — Harold S. Geneen



*We Support Your Hard Work And Encourage You To Hang In There!*

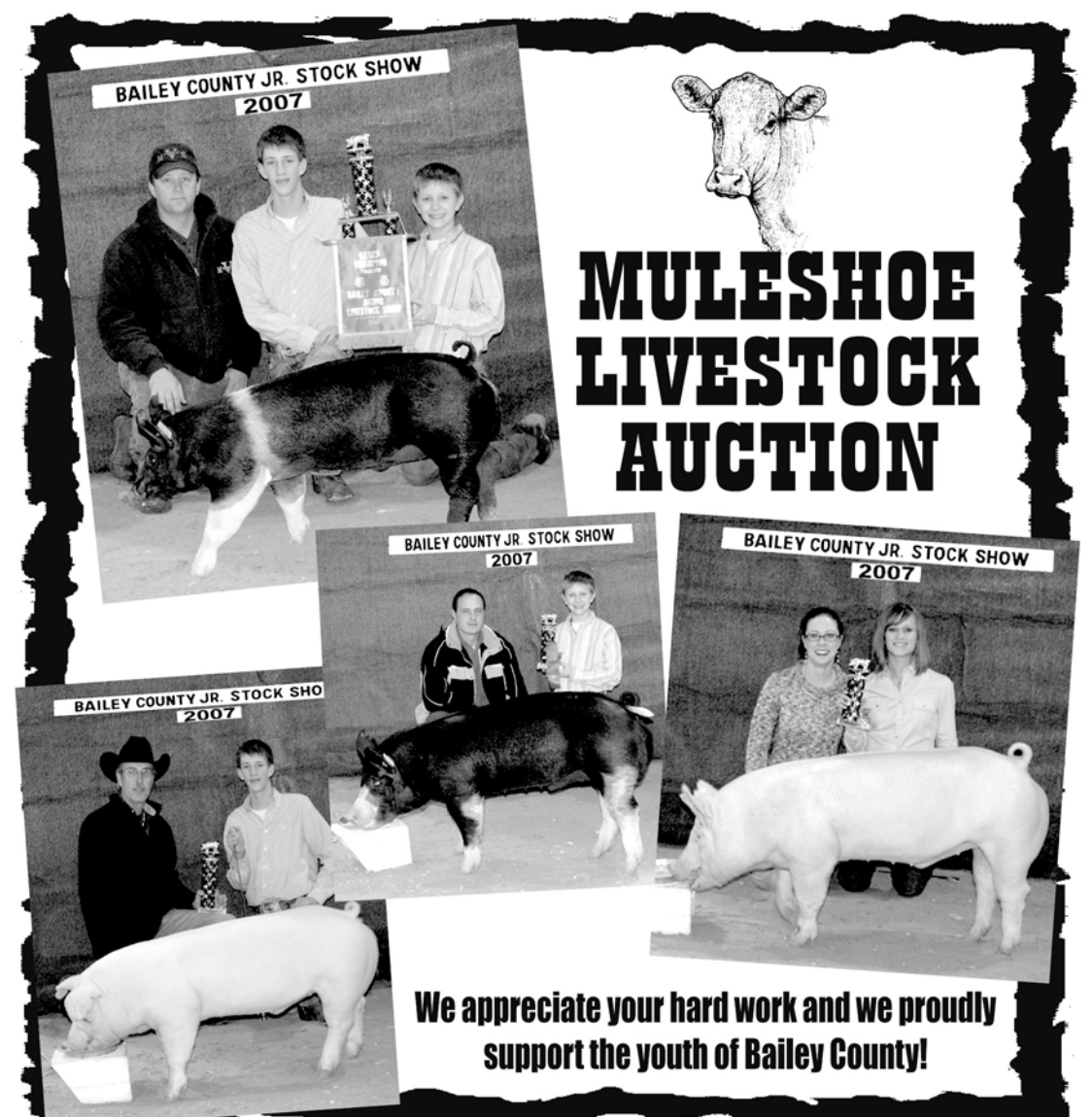
*Congratulations To All Winners & Participants!*

**We proudly salute the young people, their parents and instructors and all the volunteers who make the annual Bailey County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale a success!**



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**We appreciate your hard work and we proudly support the youth of Bailey County!**

# 2007 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show



**Earl Ladd & Sons, Inc.**  
 602 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe  
 (806) 272-3308

You're all winners in our eyes! Thanks for putting in the hard work that made the 2007 show such a success!

Good Job Kids!

IT MAY SOUND CORNY, BUT WE THINK BAILEY COUNTY KIDS ARE THE BEST IN THE WORLD! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR A WONDERFUL STOCK SHOW AND FOR PROVING ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE RIGHT!

**MOHAWK AUTO PARTS**  
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 Muleshoe - 272-4425

**Congratulations to the Bailey County Livestock Winners!**

## Ooops!

Kem Bales of Muleshoe studies what to do when a calf hops over a railing prior to the cattle show at the Bailey County Coliseum.

## Bhakta among students honored

The Dean's Honor Roll at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla., has been announced for the 2006 fall semester.

There were 668 students on the honor roll after completing 12 semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher with no grade lower than a "C".

Among the students named to the fall semester Dean's Honor Roll was Deepa Dinkar Bhakta of Muleshoe.

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 272-4408

*Congratulations to everyone for a grand show! Best of luck to the winners as they take their animals to other shows! Your dedication is appreciated.*

To All Stock Show Participants  
**Congratulations!**  
 We're Proud Of Everyone!

**Bailey County Kids & Show Animals Are The Best Around!**

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**You did a great job!**  
 (And ewe did too!)

**WE PROUDLY SUPPORT THE YOUTH OF BAILEY COUNTY!**

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Date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage;

Limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of relatives who have preceded the person in death;

Names of survivors (including husband and wife, parents, in-laws, brothers, sisters, grandparents (only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren) will be included; and where memorials may be directed.

We will be pleased to run a one column black and white photo at no charge. A larger photo or a color photo will cause the obit to be paid.

Please keep in mind that everything must be submitted by your funeral home.

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*Muleshoe Journal & Olton Enterprise*  
 Serving Bailey & Lamb Counties  
 Deadline - 5 PM Monday

### HELP WANTED

**HEAD START TEACHERS**, Texas Migrant Council Muleshoe Center. Competitive salary commensurate with education and experience. Responsible for planning and implementing a child development program for Migrant Head Start classroom. Minimum Qualifications include Associate degree in Early Childhood Education or Associate degree in a field related to Early Childhood Education which must include at least 6 courses in Child Development or Early Childhood Education. Submit online application at [www.tmccentral.org](http://www.tmccentral.org). Submit transcripts and resume to: [jim.rodriguez@mail.tmccentral.org](mailto:jim.rodriguez@mail.tmccentral.org) (preferred) or Texas Migrant Council, Inc., Jim Rodriguez, Human Resources Manager, 4630 50th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79414; or Fax (806) 763-9136. *Texas Migrant Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*<sup>1ch1-25</sup>

The City of Muleshoe is taking applications for a worker in the Public Works Department. High School graduate/GED required. Upon employment, subject may be required to pass a drug test. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 215 South First, Muleshoe, TX. Position open until filled. *EOE/ADA.*<sup>TFN11-30</sup>

**Elevator Help Needed** — The **AGP Grain Marketing elevators** are in need of **elevator help for various locations. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. Must be able to work in grain dust. If interested, please pick up applications at the main office in Bovina or call 806-251-1521 local, or toll free at 866-583-7362.**<sup>2ch1-25</sup>

**Head Start Teacher Aides**, Texas Migrant Council Muleshoe Center. Responsible for assisting the Teacher in planning and implementation of the classroom program. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Application is available at [www.tmccentral.org](http://www.tmccentral.org) or at 4630 50th Street, Suite 107, Lubbock, TX 79414. *TMC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*<sup>1ch1-25</sup>

**Nurses Unlimited, Inc.** needs attendants to assist with personal care, meal prep. and light housekeeping. Part-Time Call: 1-888-892-8512. *EOE Mon-Th 8-5 Fri 8-12.*<sup>2ch1-18</sup>

**Park View Nursing Care Center**, Muleshoe, is accepting applications for DON, CMA or CNA positions. Nurse needed for 10-6 shift with sign on bonus. For more info, contact Jodie Rose, 806-272-7578.<sup>TFNch12-7</sup>

Muleshoe Journal is seeking a hardworking, reliable, self-motivated week-end cleaning person. Call Leah at 272-4536 for more information.<sup>TFNch1-25</sup>

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**PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS TO SHAWN AGUILAR, Defendant, and to all whom it may concern:** You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of LANNY DALE KNOWLES, WANDA JEAN MAXWELL, SHIRLEY SUE OSBORN, BETTY JO THOMPSON, JANNIS

**McNEELY, JEFF KNOWLES, NEISHA SMYERS, CAROLE TUTTLE, CHRISTI HICKS, CHANON KNOWLES and JEANNETTE KNOWLES, Plaintiffs, was filed against SHAWN AGUILAR, Defendant, on January 10, 2007, in the 287TH Judicial District Court of Bailey County, Texas, and is numbered 8312, and entitled as shown above.** This lawsuit is a suit in partition. Defendant is notified that he is an heir of the Estate of Jack Nelvis Knowles in regard to an interest in a home located at 1818 West Avenue E, Muleshoe, Texas wherein said property is to be sold and in which he is entitled to an interest in the proceeds. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Muleshoe, Texas, this 17th day of January, 2007. Signed Elaine Parker, Clerk of the 287th Judicial District Court, Bailey County, Texas. Published in the Muleshoe Journal January 25, February 1, 8, and 15, 2007.

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- IN CONTRACT**
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## ENMU releases honor roll

Muleshoe High School graduates who are attending Eastern New Mexico University are among the students on the 2006 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll.

The students' names and majors are: Che Silvas Chavez, criminal justice; Jennifer Ann Heredia, accounting; Kelsey Hill, family and consumer sciences; Janice Pacheco, music education; and Madison Smith, business administration.



## MHS Students make A/AA All-Region Band

Three members of the Mighty M Band qualified for the A/AA All-Region Band this past Thursday night at Abernathy High School.

The students were Steven Richards, second chair, baritone saxophone; Brittany Ambriz, third chair, baritone saxophone; and Sara Cisneros, 11th chair, clarinet).

Two students qualified as alternates. They were Rene Orozco, euphonium, and James Coffman, trumpet.

These students will be performing with the A/AA All-Region Band at the Lubbock Civic Center on Saturday, Jan. 27, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

members Franklin Piland and Courtney Mardis will perform at 3 p.m.

The Junior High All-Region Band will also perform at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. There is a \$2 admission at the door.

Band director Brad Walker said, "This is the first year we've had an opportunity to compete for spots in the A/AA All-Region Band simply because of our reclassification to 2A. I am proud of all the Mighty M Band Students who participated"

"The competition was very tough since several of the instruments like trumpet, clarinet, and flute had over 70 students per section



SARA CISNEROS, STEVEN RICHARDS AND BRITTANY AMBRIZ

Other students competing Thursday included Belen Nunez, Lissi Hall, Jacob Cain, Andrew Villareal, Adrian Chacon, Joaquin Ruvalcaba and Brenda Rodriguez.

## Muleshoe Chamber recognizes Employee of the Month

The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture recently recognized Mary Helen Orozco of Sparkle Cleaners as the January Employee of the Month. Pictured on the left, from left to right are: Rob Tapley, Leticia Leal, Mary Helen Orozco, Jaelynn Hall and Martha Hunnicutt.

We live in such a wonderful community where places like Zack's Target can thrive, due largely to our loyal customers. As we closed the doors we wondered what it would be like not to see the familiar faces that have become such a valued part of our lives. Well, we really miss you guys! For the past six years you have been our extended family. Without you our store would not have created so many wonderful memories. We were blessed that you shared your lives with us. We sincerely thank you.

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The family of Greg Guzman wishes to express appreciation for all the prayers, food, visits, flowers and other expressions of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one. These simple words cannot begin to show you how much we wish to thank you. Special thanks to the Ellis Funeral Home staff for your kindness. God bless all of you.

**Ruth Guzman  
Greg Julian Guzman & family  
Daniel Guzman & family  
Paul and Brandon Guzman  
Joseph Guzman & family  
Liz Chavez & family**



## Interesting icicles

Frank Wuerflein of Muleshoe snapped this unusual photograph of the icicles forming on the eave of his roof on the west side of town. As the snow melts and slowly slides off of his roof, a new series of icicles is formed and the previously formed row is rolled up under the eave of the house.

## Bridal Shower

### Bruns feted with shower

Luke and Kendra Bruns were honored with a shower on Saturday, Dec. 9, at Trinity Christian Center Church.

The groom is the son of Gail Bruns and Benny Bruns. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Ellen Gallman.

Hostesses for the event included Brenda Black, Dianne Brown, Sandi Chitwood, Lou Venia Garlington, Jennifer Givens, Joy Glover, Donna Green, Diana Harrison, Jan Morris, Linda Schuster, Juana Shelburne and Glenna Yell.

Their hostess gift was a set of Olympus beverage glasses.

Among the guests attending were Ellen Gallman, Mrs. J.W. Herrington, Leah Spears,



KENDRA BRUNS  
Johanna Martinez, Jana St. Clair, Gail Bruns, Donna Pittman, Tammy Black and Debbie Jo Kemp.

## WBU releases fall honor roll

Wayland Baptist University students from Muleshoe were named to honor rolls for the recent fall term.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the term.

Included on that list are Christy Morgan and April Morgan of Muleshoe.

The Dean's List includes full-time students who earned between a 3.5 and a 3.99 grade point average for the term.

Included on the Dean's List is Kelsey Beggs of Muleshoe.

## Muleshoe student selected as delegate

Janae Pyle, a student at Muleshoe High School, has been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Program, an educational travel program founded by former Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Janae will explore Australia for 20 days in the summer of 2007 as a member of the Amarillo Ambassador Delegation.

By participating in the South Pacific itinerary, Janae can earn college academic credit while getting to know the people, culture and history of the places visited.

She will take part in a variety of activities such as a community service project, snorkeling at the



JANAЕ PYLE

Great Barrier Reef, climbing the Sydney Harbor Bridge, visiting the Sydney Opera House, enjoy a ceremonial feast with Aborigines, explore a rainforest, meet with members of Parliament, and enjoy animals such as koalas, kangaroos, fur seals, and the world's smallest species of penguins, in their natural habitat.

## AA meetings set

Open AA and AI-Anon meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings call 806-965-2870.

Acceptance into the Student Ambassador Program is an honor. After being nominated, Janae Pyle was required to submit letters of recommendation and successfully complete an interview process.

Before departing she will attend orientation meetings with program leaders and other delegates to learn about the destination and prepare for the journey.

Pres. Eisenhower founded People to People during his presidency in 1956 with citizen leaders including entertainer Bob Hope, Olympic champion Jesse Owens, amusement entrepreneur Walt Disney, and Hallmark cards founder Joyce Hall.

The family of *Ronnie Spies* would like to say thank you for the many acts of kindness during our recent loss. The visits, phone calls, flowers, food, thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to all of those who worked so hard to get us all home and together so quickly. We are truly blessed to live in such a caring community and have so many wonderful friends.

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