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## Local graduates serve country, and see the world

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor  
"Join the Navy and see the world," might be the slogan used by the U.S.

Navy, but a pair of local graduates have found that other government service members see quite a bit as well.

With 1972 Lazbuddie graduate Bobby Balderas' recent subscription to the *Muleshoe Journal* came the information that the weekly newspaper would be traveling outside of Bailey County... information that isn't unusual as there are a large number of "out of county" subscribers.

But when it was learned that Balderas — a Foreign Service officer with the State Department — is currently stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia, the resulting telephone conversations took on a new level of interest.

"It was my turn," Balderas, who serves as an information management officer, at the embassy, said about his current assignment to Moscow — his second assignment to the capital of the United States' "Cold War" adversary.

As the information management officer,

Balderas is responsible for the management and oversight of "Information Resource Management" programs for U.S. Mission, Russia.

"We support over 25 federal agencies here in Moscow and three American Consulates in Russia," Balderas said. "We are responsible for all voice

and data communications within the Embassy and back to Washington from Russia."

"The history here is unbelievable," Balderas said. "We spent New Years Eve watching the fireworks at the Kremlin."

Balderas said his first tour of duty in Russia was 20 years ago, when the atmosphere surrounding Moscow was "colder and darker."

Now, Balderas said, the capital of Russia is a lot like

other modern western European cities. "It's a much warmer, brighter place," he said, comparing Moscow today to Paris, France.

"Living here in Moscow has been fun, the Russians are good people," said Balderas.

"We go out and about here in Moscow all the time," he said. "We are a

Defense Attache Office, where she is a civilian member of the U.S. Army section in the DAO office there in Moscow, and serves as an administrative assistant to the Army Attache.

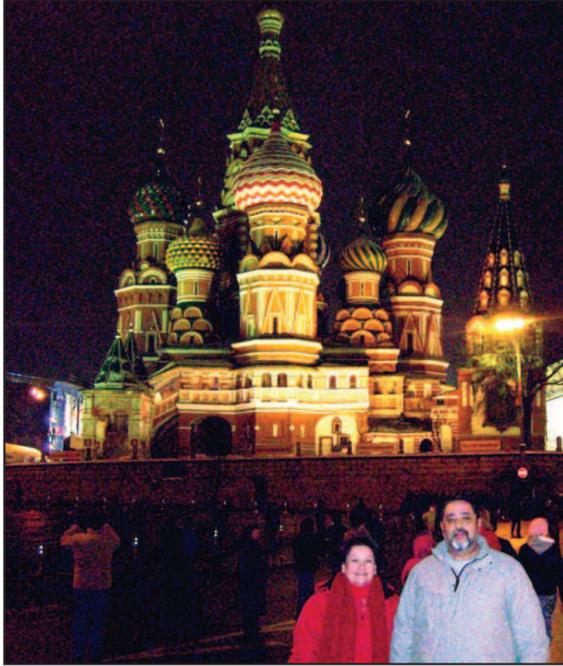
"My overseas tours have been in Montevideo, Uruguay; Karachi, Pakistan; Bonn and Frankfurt, Germany; Cairo, Egypt; and Moscow, Russia," Balderas said, "I also have three Washington, D.C. tours under my belt."

When asked about his tours as a foreign service officer, "Balderas said, "All of my tours both overseas and in Washington have been exciting, all for different reasons, but all very exciting."

"Montevideo was our first overseas tour and that was like living in a dream," Balderas said, talking about how "interesting and rewarding" his work is.

Diana is assigned to the

### Where are they now?



Bobby and Diana Balderas standing in front of Red Square during the 2006 New Years Eve celebration.

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## Chamber manager resigns; Banquet still set for March 3

Although it was announced Tuesday, Feb. 6, that Muleshoe's chamber manager — Martha Hunnicutt has resigned, plans for this year's chamber banquet are well underway.

"Martha did a great job,"

said Tadd Young, president of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, "helping with the community."

The chamber's 57th annual banquet is set for March 3, at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Entitled "A Night Out with the Stars," the event will include several traditional chamber banquet items — including a great steak and shrimp dinner, a silent auction, door prizes and its annual awards ceremony.

Entertainment for this year's banquet will be provided by the Jeff McCreight Band.

Tickets for this year's event remain at \$40 per person, or \$35 each if four or more are purchased.

Call the chamber office at 272-4248 for additional information.



## Improvements continue...

Monday's warmer temperatures made it easier for outdoor work. Pictured above, workers replace a circa

1940 auger on one of Deaf Smith County Grain's facilities in Muleshoe. Photograph by Larry Thornton

## School board vote shows confidence in superintendent

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees gave its superintendent a public vote of confidence during Monday's regular meeting, giving him the authority needed to approve various portions of the construction project at Dillman Elementary without bringing the items before the school board.

"This is pretty much a 'no brainer' here," board president David Tipps said prior to the vote Trustee Daniel Guzman's motion to grant Superintendent

**'We have someone here who can do it...'** — David Tipps

Sheets the authority, "We have someone here who can do it."

Guzman's motion, seconded by Trustee Mike Riley, received a unanimous vote. Barrett and Nick Bamert were the only board members not in attendance.

Prior to this vote, the school board had already approved changes in the school district's written policy that granted the superintendent the authority

to approve large purchases for the district, especially for items already included in the district's budget.

However, it was clear by the board members statements that the changes were the result of their long and trusted relationship with the current superintendent, and that should Sheets leave, the board members indicated they would be readdressing this particular policy item.

The members of Muleshoe's school board also recognized the district's "unsung heroes" during Monday's regular meeting, applauding the efforts of the maintenance staff.

"They have it ready, so we can have school," Superintendent Gene Sheets said prior to presenting the maintenance crew with individual certificates. "We're glad you're part of the school system."

Sheets commented especially about the maintenance crew's efforts to clear the district's sidewalks and parking lots

of snow and ice during recent weeks.

The superintendent also expressed his appreciation for the efforts by Muleshoe municipal employees, who also worked hard and made it possible for the children to return to school.

In other business, the school board:

\* Moved consideration of the district's technology plan to the Feb. 19 meeting.

\* Approved a joint election agreement with the City of Muleshoe. Referring to the May 12, 2006, election, which was the first joint

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### Local Weather

#### Thursday

Pt. Cloudy..... 60/32

#### Friday

Pt. Cloudy..... 60/32

#### Saturday

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#### Sunday

Cloudy..... 66/41

#### Monday

Pt. Cloudy..... 57/28

#### Tuesday

Pt. Cloudy..... 57/28

#### Wednesday

Pt. Cloudy..... 55/27

### Give It A Thought

May the hand of a friend always be near you, and may your helping hand always be extended to one in need.

Words to ponder from Beverly

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**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 by the morning worship service at 11 a.m. Call 272-5852 for more information.

**AA meeting**

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

**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.

**Alzheimer's caregivers support group**

Bailey County Aging Services and Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, have formed a support group for the care givers of Alzheimer Disease patients. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Park View Nursing Home. Roy Puento will present a program on "Nursing Home Transition."

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent – Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, 272-4583.

**Youth valentine cookie, cake sale**

The annual Calvary Baptist Church youth valentine cookie and cake sale is under way. Proceeds from the event will go toward's the church's youth camp. Call 272-4012 to place an order.

**Summer peace officer academy**

South Plains College is still accepting candidates of the 2007 Summer Peace Officer Academy. The academy is set to be held May 2 through August 17 in Levelland, 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 provided after the completion of the entrance exam and background check. Pre-registration is required by April 19, along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee for a state and federal background check required through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education.

For more information, call 806-894-9611, ext. 2291.

**Diabetes support group**

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The program will be "Questions and Answers about Food." Food can be an ongoing frustration for people with diabetes. People with diabetes can live long, healthy lives if they take good care of themselves. This can be done if they control blood glucose levels by following good nutritional guidelines and diabetes meal plans.

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

**Revival set by FUMC**

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be hosting a revival with evangelist John Barrett Feb. 18-21, with evening services at 7 p.m.

There will also be noon services Feb. 19-21. Monday and Tuesday's meal is "bring your own brown bab," and Wednesday's will be provided.

Youth and children's activities will be held each night at 6:15 p.m.

Music for the event will feature Curtis and Allison House

**Students reminded of March 1 scholarship deadline at SPC**

The scholarship application deadline for current and incoming students at South Plains College is March 1.

This deadline includes college-wide, program specific and nontraditional scholarships.

Applications can be located online at www.southplainscollege.edu. Completed applications must be returned to the SPC Scholarship Office, located on the Levelland campus in the Administration Building.

The applications can be hand delivered to the above location or mailed to: SPC

Scholarship Office, 1401 S. College, Box 148, Levelland, Texas, 79336. They must be postmarked on or before March 1.

Departmental scholarships are also available but students must contact the individual departments for application processes and deadlines.

Students are encouraged to submit their applications early and to call and verify the receipt of their applications.

The scholarship office can be reached by email or by phone at 806-894-9611, ext. 2219.

**Sheriff's department takes part in national child ID program**

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas has joined efforts with the American Football Coaches Association, FBI's National Child Identification Program, Texas Association of School Administrators and the office of Gov. Rick Perry to provide ID kits to all Texas children, grades K-6.

This initiative will reach more than two million Texas children, the fourth largest ID kit distribution in U.S. history.

With the help of Texas sheriffs and superintendents, ID kits will be distributed through the public school systems and sheriff's offices.

Students enrolled in the

public school system in grades K-6 will receive an ID kit through their superintendent. Each Sheriff in Texas will also receive 600 kits to be handed out on a first come, first serve basis to children who fall outside of the K-6 age range or do not attend public school.

each kit contains an inkless fingerprinting card, DNA swab and preservation envelope, and a wallet card.

All information can be completed by a parent or guardian and stored at home. In the event of an emergency, the ID kit can be handed over to authorities to help locate a missing child.

For additional information, please contact: Tami Becton, AFCA/FBI National Child ID Program, 806-729-4471-cell, tami@childidprogram.com.

**Thrift Store donations needed**

It's easy to forget that there are people in our town who need basic necessities — clothes, household goods, shoes.

Last month, hundreds of people shopped at the Heritage Thrift Shop and bought thousands of articles. The articles they bought came from your generous donations.

Because the needs of the community have recently been so great, the store is extremely low on inventory. "We need everything but, in particular, we need jeans, sweat shirts, shoes and warm clothing for both adults and children," a Thrift Shop representative said. "We also welcome household goods, electronics, books, and miscellaneous items."

Bring donations to the Thrift Shop on Friday or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations are tax-deductible and proceeds from the Thrift Shop benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

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# Letter to the Editor

## Laurel Healthcare employee responds to letter

**To the Editor:**  
I am writing this letter as a Laurel Health employee. I have worked in this facility since July 1996.

I started out working as a licensed practical nurse working the evening shift. I was promoted to the MDS coordinator position which allowed me to provide each resident with a plan of care that would meet each and every one of their needs. I received my RN license and was promoted to the assistant director of nurses and continued my role as the MDS coordinator. While this promotion added more

responsibilities to me, I was still able to do the Plan of Care for the residents.

Laurel Healthcare took over our building in May of 2003. Since their take over they have made numerous improvements to our building. This building is not just any building but it is our resident's home.

Laurel Healthcare has taken this building and made it into a home like environment for all of our residents. If a resident is unable to stay at home and is in need of assistance Laurel Healthcare provides excellent care. We are able

to provide care to each and every resident allowing the family members to be family members and not care givers.

Not only do I work at Laurel Ridge Healthcare but I have also had a family member that has been a resident here numerous times for therapy.

My current position at Laurel Ridge Healthcare is acting manager and director of nurses. The reason I work in long term care is because this is where God intended me to be.

There is no better job where you can feel

satisfaction, and needed at the same time as there is working in a long term care facility.

The staff that are assigned to work at Laurel Ridge Healthcare provide excellent quality care. A certified nurse assistant's job is the hardest job there is because they let themselves become personally involved with each and every resident.

Each time we lose one of our residents, it is just like losing a sibling, parent, or grand parent. We mourn with our families while each loss takes a little piece of our heart.

Our facility is clean and well kept and there is no "stench" when you walk in our front door. While at times you may have an odor, it is to be expected as our residents are toileted. The housekeeping and laundry department work very hard to keep our facility clean and odor free.

I have worked here many years and hope to be able to continue to be part of the Laurel Healthcare family.

Laurel Healthcare takes care of not only their residents but also their staff. We will continue to provide excellent quality care to each and every one of our residents because this is the job God intended for us.

Please feel free to tour our facility.

Linda M. Dornak,  
Laurel Ridge,  
Clovis, N.M.

## Laurel Ridge family members speak out

**To the Editor:**  
We are writing this letter to dispute the accusations made in your newspaper regarding Laurel Ridge Healthcare.

We are all family members who have a loved one residing at Laurel Ridge Healthcare in Clovis, N.M. We would like to set the record straight and tell the truth about the facility.

Before placing our family members in a facility, many of us visited other nursing homes in the area. We must say that Laurel Ridge Healthcare, which was then known as Sunbridge Nursing Home, was very clean and inviting. We do not think it is wise to judge anyone or any place by just one visit.

The most outstanding quality, in our opinion, at Laurel Ridge Healthcare is

the compassion that the staff gives and shows to the patients. They have allowed us to become wives, daughters, sons, grandchildren, and friends to our loved ones.

We need to know that they are getting the best care and are part of the family at Laurel Ridge Healthcare.

**Phyllis Neuve, et al**  
Family members of patients at Laurel Ridge

## Lamplight By Larry Thornton

### Breaking God's covenant is like a troubled marriage

In many instances, the New Testament compares the relationship between Christ and his church to that between a man and a woman within the bonds of matrimony.

The church is called the Bride of Christ, and the Bible describes the celebration after the rapture as a wedding feast.

In Revelations 19:7, NIV, we read, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready."

Just as marriage is the most intimate of human relationships, the relationship between Christ and his church is a deeply intense, loving relationship. And just as the covenant of marriage is sacred, so is the covenant between God and his people.

While the Book of Malachi also talks about the relationship between God and his people, the picture it paints is of a troubled marriage. In fact, some of the same type of behavior that has endangered many relationships between a husband and a wife are seen in the first couple of chapters endangering the bond between God and his chosen people.

In the first chapter of Malachi, the Bible talks about how the children of God were doubting God's relationship with them. Even though God's love for Israel as his chosen people existed prior to the existence of Israel, they questioned his love.

But even more than God's love, this passage says they were doubting God's election... God's decision to honor them as his chosen people.

We know God loves all mankind. However, the nation of Israel was set aside as something special in the eyes of God.

Malachi's message was being delivered about 100 years after the Jews had returned from exile in Babylon. But they were still under foreign domination and experiencing difficulties. The people of Judah were saying, "How could you love us when you've removed your blessings from us?"

The blessings they thought should be forthcoming, according to what they chose to remember from their covenant relationship with God had failed to arrive. What they didn't understand was that their misfortune was a result of their disobedience.

In the same way, God loves us. In this, there should be no doubt. God loves you, and always will. In fact, Malachi 3:6, reminds us that the Lord does not change.

The first chapter of Malachi also tells us how God's chosen people were taking their relationship with God for granted.

A lack of appreciation within a relationship is more dangerous than many realize. You come home from a hard day at work and cook a meal, and no one expresses appreciation for your effort. You mow the lawn, and no says "Thank you."

What's being said is all of that spouse's efforts aren't of value. You always tip your waiter 15 percent, but the man or woman to whom you've pledged your life isn't worth even that.

Some of us need to remember that a simple "I love you," or "thank you" costs a lot less than a divorce attorney.

The Israelites were also showing their lack of appreciation for God by offering blemished sacrifices. In fact, this goes beyond a lack of appreciation, the Bible tells us it is total disrespect. The priests no excuse for their

actions, yet when they are confronted their response was to question the admonition of God.

We do likewise today when we don't worship God in truth... when we only worship halfheartedly.

How could you love us when you've removed your blessings from us?"

We are permitted to offer acceptable worship only by the grace of God.

And in the second chapter of Malachi, the Bible tells us how Judea was allowing others to interfere in their relationship with God. Maybe the Israelites would have been Dolly Parton fans, because as her song goes, "Here we go again."

Throughout the history of the Israelites, the entire nation has repeatedly been dragged into the mud by its unwillingness to follow the instructions given to Joshua when they first reached the Promised Land. But we shouldn't be judgmental, because mankind in eons past and today has a tendency to repeat its sins. Once more, the Israelites were marrying Canaanites, and were being lead away from the true God.

Just as God disapproves of adultery, he disapproves of his people falling into idolatry. Our God is a jealous God. In both the Old and the New Testament, God tells us that nothing should be allowed to interfere with our relationship to God.

As the bride of Christ we are called to remain faithful to him. Without fidelity, marriage as God intended it to be cannot exist.

How about you? Has something come into your life this past week that threatens your relationship with God? If so, God asks that you do the same thing he told the church in Ephesus, "Repent and do the things you did at first."

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## School board...

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election held by the two public entities, the superintendent said, "They did a great job last time, and helped us a lot."

\* Approved a resolution calling for the May 12 school board election. The positions currently held by Trustees David Tipps and Mike Riley will be on the ballot. Candidates may file for the election between Feb. 12 and March 12.

\* Approved the minutes of the Jan. 22 meeting.

Muleshoe Cattle Market		REPRESENTATIVE SALES	
SAT., FEBRUARY 3, 2007		SAT., FEBRUARY 3, 2007	
468 head of cattle, 252 hogs and 378 sheep and goats for a total of 1098 livestock sold at the Feb. 3 sale. Still fewer receipts due to muddy conditions in the county. Market steady compared to a week ago with better demand.			
FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE-272-4201			
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Wayne Tunnell, Muleshoe	13 Blk. Hol. str.	205 lbs.	at \$235
JCL Inc., Sudan	BWF str.	285 lbs.	at \$129
FM Farms, Brownfield	Char. str.	305 lbs.	at \$124
FM Farms, Brownfield	Blk. bull	440 lbs.	at \$105
Buck Gossett Jr., Anton	3 Blk. bulls	365 lbs.	at \$116
Buck Gossett Jr., Anton	4 Blk. bulls	538 lbs.	at \$93
Kim Mills, Levelland	Blk. bull	445 lbs.	at \$104
Adam Mungiu, Hereford	5 Blk. str.	652 lbs.	at \$90
NM Ranch, NM	35 Mxd. str.	632 lbs.	at \$96
NM Ranch, NM	38 Mxd. str.	753 lbs.	at \$94.50
Francisco Garcia, Portales	Red hfr	330 lbs.	at \$117
FM Farms, Brownfield	3 Red hfrs	425 lbs.	at \$95
Eloy Ortega, Anton	8 Blk. hfrs	509 lbs.	at \$94
Emmanuel Belizarano, Morton	2 Char. hfrs	513 lbs.	at \$92
Francisco Garcia, Portales	5 Red hfrs	525 lbs.	at \$90
Antonio Salazar, Lockney	2 Blk. hfrs	595 lbs.	at \$91
Tony Vega, South Plains	Blk. cow P5		\$735
Hip O Cattle, Hereford	Blk. cow	1355 lbs.	aat \$52.50
Hip O Cattle, Hereford	Red cow	1075 lbs.	at \$50
Bill Bradley, Amherst	Hol. cow	1140 lbs.	at \$51.75
Kirk Kirkland, Denver City	Red cow	1010 lbs.	at \$48
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### Park View, Laurel sale letters...

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## Doyce Turner

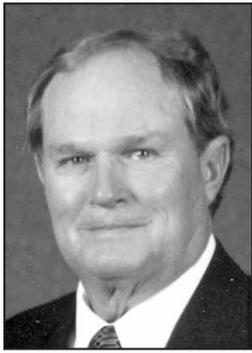
A memorial service for Doyce Turner, 67, of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

Turner died on Feb. 1, 2007, in Lubbock after a long and courageous battle with prostate cancer. He was born on Sept. 25, 1939, in Lubbock to Alma and Doyle Turner, and married Janelle McGuire in Muleshoe on Dec. 27, 1959.

Turner attended Texas Tech University but spent most of his life doing the thing that he enjoyed most, farming. During his many years in Muleshoe he served the community as a former member of the Muleshoe Jaycees, Blackwater Ag Association Board, Muleshoe Coop Gin Board, Farm Bureau Board and past president of the Muleshoe Country Club.

He was a member of the Muleshoe Country Club and the OPC golf group. Turner was also member of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe and a retired farmer. "Poppa's" life was filled with happiness and laughter.

Survivors include his wife — Janelle; two daughters and their



DOYCE TURNER

husbands — Becky and Pat Wiggins of New Braunfels, and their children — Lauren, Natalie, Patrick and Turner, and Amy and Todd Keller, also of New Braunfels — and their children Mason and Axel.

He is also survived by his father-in-law — A.R. McGuire of Lubbock; his sister — Joyce Bucks of Sauges, Calif.; two brothers and their wives — Alan and Dottie Turner of Kingsville, and Royce and Sandy Turner of Muleshoe; two sisters and their husbands — Rita and Peanut Hawkins of Muleshoe, and Sherri and Carleton Johnson, also of Muleshoe. He is also survived by his dear friend and his wife — Coby and Stephanie Baldwin, and their children — Garrett and Rustin.

Memorials may be sent to M.D Anderson or your favorite charity.

## Oron Sims

A chapel service for Oron Sims, 82, of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Coffman officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors.

Sims died on Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at his residence. He was born on Jan. 30, 1924, in Vernon to Lee R. Sims and Lillian Maggie Kerley, and married Dimple Dee James in Clovis, N. M., on Dec. 5, 1946. She preceded him in death on July 9, 1988. His parents and a niece — Karen Page, also preceded him in death.

Sims attended Muleshoe High School and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Woodman of the World, and worked

for the Muleshoe Independent School District as a bus mechanic.

He was employed as a mechanic in the Ford tractor dealership in Muleshoe for 14 years. Later in life, Sims owned and operated a tractor mechanic shop on his farm. He was also a farmer.

Survivors include his daughter and her husband — Rosetta and W.A. (Dub) Bishop of Clovis, N.M.; a sister — Edith Bridges of Littlefield; a granddaughter and her husband — Vanda and Steve Thorp of Roswell, N.M.; a grandson and his wife — Darren and Karen Bishop of Macomb, Mich.; seven great-grandchildren; a niece — Elaine Clark and a great-niece — Amanda Clark, both of Baton Rouge, La.

## Sonny Shafer

A memorial service for Sonny Shafer, 72, of Olton, was held on Friday, Feb. 2, at Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship, with the Rev. Steve Friskup officiating.

Shafer died on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, in the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was born on April 3, 1934, in Muleshoe to Arthur James Shafer and Lou Ruth Barnett.

Shafer was a 1952 graduate of Muleshoe High School, a Navy veteran, and a member of the Professional

Rodeo Association. He was a bull rider, farmer and a rancher. Shafer moved to Olton in 1996 from San Antonio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son — James Alick Shafer in 1985, and a sister — Margie Shafer in 1929.

Survivors include two daughters — Carla Shafer of San Antonio and Tanya Shafer of Lubbock; two sisters — Barbara Marlow of Muleshoe and Morna Beth Holt of Brenham; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Salvation Army or Good Will Industries.

## Raymond Daniel

Funeral services for Raymond Roy Daniel, 84, of The Woodlands were held on Tuesday, Jan. 30, in Cashner Colonial Chapel will Dr. James E. Daniel and the Rev. Earl Holman officiating. Burial followed in Willis Cemetery.

Daniel died on Jan. 27, 2007 in The Woodlands. He was born on Aug. 3, 1922, in Conroe, graduated from Conroe High School in 1939 and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Daniel owned and operated Daniel Office Products, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents — Joie and Ira Daniel; a sister — Dorothy Shelton; and two brothers — George Daniel and Gerald Daniel.

Survivors include his wife — Mary Winona Daniel of The Woodlands; two sons and their wives — Robert and Kathy Daniel of Conroe, and Dr. James and Carla Daniel of Cypress; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Fairfield Baptist Church Building Fund.

## Gene Templeton

A church service for Gene Templeton, 77, of Earth was held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Earth Church of Christ with Terry Wilson and Eddie Moudy officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Templeton died on Jan. 31, 2007, in Earth. He was born on Sept. 30, 1929, in Amherst, and married Helen Williams in Littlefield on Dec. 25, 1949. He was preceded in death by his parents — J.L. and Etta Brannon Templeton, a sister — Oleta Norwood, and a brother — Paul Gray Templeton.

Templeton was a member of the Church of Christ in Earth. He had lived in Earth since 1951 after moving from Littlefield. He started farming in 1947 and continued farming up until his death. Templeton had served on the Springlake-

Earth Livestock Show Board, Springlake-Earth School Board, the Water Board, and was the state vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife — Helen Templeton of Earth; two sons and their wives — David and Julie Templeton and Donald and Susan Templeton, all of Earth; a daughter and her husband — Lesa and Lanny Wood of Denver City; a daughter — Jennifer Gresham of Earth; two sisters — Vernie Rose of Littlefield and Maurene White of Yuba City, Calif.; a brother — Billy Mack Templeton of Plainview; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Springlake-Earth FFA Scholarship Fund, c/o First United Bank, P.O. Box 9, Earth, TX 79031.

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# Sports

## Lady Mules were 'firing on all cylinders' in Friday's game

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules seemed to make the most of their open date and came out firing on all cylinders against the Lady Falcons in Bushland Friday night. They forced Bushland to turn the ball over and scored easily in transition.

When forced into their half-court offense they used patience and ball movement to defeat the Lady Falcons' Ameba zone defense. The Lady Mules jumped out to a 14-2 advantage early in the first period.

The Lady Mules seemed to take their foot off the neck of the Lady Falcons late in the first period and allowed them to go on a 7-2 run before the period ended. The Lady Mules seemed to nap through the second and third periods as the Lady Falcons out scored them 23-15. The Lady Mules entered the final eight minutes with a 31-30 lead.

The Lady Mules poured in 20 points in the last period to only eight by Bushland to take home a 51-38 win. The River Road Lady Wildcats dropped the Tulia Lady

**"I am really proud of these kids... They have come together as a team and each one of them finds a way to make a contribution..." — Coach Sims**

Hornets to clinch playoff berths for both River Road and the Lady Mules with one game left to play.

"This was almost a must win for us tonight," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "We knew a win would put us in position to make our ninth consecutive state playoff appearance. This team did not want to break

that run."  
"This win lifts a huge load off our shoulders and now we can just go back to playing our style of basketball. I am really proud of these kids. They have come together as a team and each one of them finds a way to make a contribution."

Sarah Johnson kick

started the Lady Mule first period run by busting a trey from the top of the key in the opening seconds. She also completed a fast break to put the Lady Mules up 5-0. Chi Hernandez dropped in back to back baseline jumpers as the Lady Mules continued their opening run. Kate Lepard completed an old fashion three-point play after being fouled on a fast-break lay up.

Kyra Kimbrough and Chelsi Hawkins each chipped in two charity tosses each to complete the opening frame with the Lady Mules up 16-7.

CiCi Reyna came off the bench in the second period to nail a 3-pointer. Hawkins had the Lady Mules only other basket of the quarter. Ashley Grumbles made two charity tosses and Johnson and Lepard chipped in one each.

The Lady Falcons only out scored the Lady Mules 10-9 to end the first half trailing the Lady Mules 25-17.

The Lady Mules continued to doze after the intermission and gave up 13 points. Lepard and Hernandez had the only two baskets for the Lady Mules going into the last minute. The Lady Falcons' scoring run had given them a one-point advantage.

Johnson picked her way through the lane and kissed the ball off the glass to give the Lady Mules a 31-30 advantage with eight minutes left to play.

The Lady Mules turned up their defensive pressure

in the final period and held Bushland to only two field goals and eight total points in the final quarter.

Hernandez and Hawkins stepped up their offensive out put in the final period. Hernandez scored two buckets in a row in the paint and added three from the line to match the Lady Falcons total out put of the period.

Hawkins opened the period with one of two from the line before making a bucket. She then drained six consecutive charity tosses for nine total points. Reyna added a bucket and a free throw and Kimbrough chipped in one from the line.

Hawkins and Hernandez set the scoring pace with 13 points each. Johnson dropped in eight and Reyna and Lepard added six apiece. Kimbrough had three points and Grumbles chipped in two.

The Lady Mules celebrated Senior Night Tuesday night after they played their final regular season game against the Friona Squaws. The Lady Mules have clinched either a second or third place playoff position.

They will anxiously await the outcome in not only in District 2-2A but the final results in District 1-2A. The Lady Mules will face either the second or third place team from District 1-2A.

This is the ninth consecutive time the Lady Mules have made the post season and the eighth straight since Coach Simms assumed the helm.

## Mules 'up to the task;' defeat Bushland, 45-41

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules entered the Bushland Falcon gymnasium in a must win situation and proved early in the contest they were up to the task. They jumped out to an early six-point lead and never gave up the lead. The Mules won 45-41.

Bushland made a run at the Mules in the final period and cut the Mules' margin to a single point. They banked in a 3-pointer with under two minutes showing on the board. Garrett Riley raced down the floor and set up on the left side of the lane.

Colby Carpenter brought the ball down the floor and from the right wing and made a pin-point pass to Riley as he broke into the lane. Riley leaped

toward the hoop and put up a baby-hook shot. Contact occurred as Riley released the ball.

The ball cleared the front of the rim and as it nestled through the net a whistle sounded for a foul on the Falcons. Riley stepped to the free throw line and converted the charity toss to give the Mules a four-point margin.

Eric Washington scored twice in the paint as the game began. TJ Brantley had a bucket in the paint and converted a free throw. Colby Carpenter and Riley had a basket each and Patrick Precure chipped in a free throw. The Mules led 12-6 after one period.

The two teams scored eight each in the second period as the Mules hung on to their six-point margin. Carpenter and Brantley

each nailed a three from the top of the key. Brantley also made a drive down the lane for a bucket.

Dustin Barker got hot after the half. He put up a high arcing shot from the right wing that bounced twice on the rim before dropping through the net. He made back to back base line jumpers for seven points in the period.

Patrick Precure dropped in a 3-pointer and Riley converted one from the line as the Mules scored 11 in third period. Bushland matched the Mules point for point in the period. The Mules continued to lead 31-25 going into the final frame.

Bushland pinned their come back hopes on freshman Michael Mathews. He responded with three of four from the line, a bucket and banked in a 3-pointer as

the Falcons made a last quarter run at the Mules.

The Mules responded by making eight of 13 from the line to hold off the Falcons. Carpenter made three, Barker three and Riley two. Barker led off the period for the Mules with a bucket.

Barker made all 12 of his team high points in the second half and Carpenter and Brantley dropped in eight each. Riley added seven, Washington made six and Precure had three.

The win kept the Mules in the mix for a play off spot. The Mules hosted the district leading Friona Chieftains Tuesday during Senior Night and the River Road Wildcats visit on Friday, Feb. 9.

The Mules complete their regular season in Amarillo Highland Park.

## JV Mules take the win against Bushland Falcons after a tough first half

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Mules owned a three-point advantage in Bushland over the Falcons after one period. The Mules had pumped in 13 while holding Bushland to 10. The Mules repeated with 13 in the second period but gave up 16 as the Falcons soared back to tie the game at 26-26.

The Mules stepped up their scoring pace in the third period with 16 points. They also turned up the defensive pressure and grounded the Falcons to just three field goals. The Mules led 42-32 going into the final period.

The Falcons struggled at the free throw line and only converted one of nine from the line. The Mules dropped in 12 points to just 11 by the Falcons to earn the 54-43 win.

Julio Bustillos and Wes Wood made two buckets each in the opening period. W. Wood chipped in one from the charity line for five points. Nathaniel Chavez and Stephen Dominguez rounded out the scoring with a bucket each.

Colt Ellis, Adam Zamora, W. Wood and Bustillos each had a bucket in the second period. W. Wood and Austin Wright converted two charity tosses each and Lane Wood dropped in one.

L. Wood drained a 3-pointer as the Mules came out firing after the half. Wright dropped in a trey and scored from inside the arc for five points in the period. Bustillos made two buckets in the paint and Chavez scored one. W. Wood made two from the line as the Mules got some separation from the Falcons.

The Mules refused to relinquish any ground in the final quarter. Bustillos continued to control the paint and added two more buckets. Wright added a basket and converted two from the line.

L. Wood scored and tacked on the free throw for an old fashion three-point play. Zamora capped the nights scoring with a charity toss. Bustillos led the Mules with 14 points and Wright dropped in 11. W. Wood added nine points, L. Wood had seven and Zamora made five. Chavez scored four and Dominguez and Ellis chipped in two each.

The Mules hosted the Friona Chieftains Tuesday night and will meet the River Road Wildcats Friday night. The Mules will wrap up their season at Amarillo Highland Park on Feb. 13.

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# Sports

## JV Lady Mules fall to the Bushland's JV Lady Falcons, 34-30

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules got off to a slow start in Bushland Friday night. The Lady Falcons had claimed a 10-3 advantage at the end of the opening period.

Bushland continued to hold the Lady Mules down in the second period and led 20-8 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules settled in the second half and began to chip away at the Lady Falcon lead.

They trimmed one off the deficit in the third period and out scored Bushland 13 to six in the final period. The Lady Mules ran short of time as Bushland took the contest 34-30.

BreAnn Baca made all

three of the Lady Mules first period points. Kathryn Owens scored two baskets in the second frame and Ashley Scolley chipped in one from the charity line.

Gizell Vasquez and Cassie Steinbock added a bucket each as the Lady Mules out scored the Lady Falcons, 9-8.

Ashley Cisneros and

Baca each stepped behind the 3-point line and made one each. Baca added a pair of buckets from inside the arc for seven points in the period. Janae Pyle made a pair from the line and Vasquez chipped in one.

Time expired before the Lady Mules could make up the entire deficit.

Baca led the Lady Mules

with nine points and Scolley dropped in six. Owens made four points, Cisneros and Vasquez had three each and Steinbock and Pyle chipped

in two apiece.

The Lady Mules wrapped up their season at home against the Friona Squaws Tuesday night.

## Freshman Mules 'thumped' by Friona Chieftans

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The ninth grade Friona Chieftans had thumped the ninth grade Mules 29-13 in the first round of district. Friona may have been a bit over confident when they left the bus in front of the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center.

The Mules jumped out to an early lead but Friona battled back to take a 26-23 lead by the intermission. The Mules dropped in three treys in the third quarter to tie the game at 38-38 with one period to play.

The Mules poured in 15 points and held Friona to only seven to defeat the Chieftans 53-45.

DJ Atwood went high in the air to block a Friona shot to open the final frame.

Friona recovered the loose ball and scored to take a brief lead.

Sean Thornton set up in the corner in the Mules half-court offense. Thornton had his feet set when he received the ball and neatly dropped it through the net for a trey that gave the Mules the lead for good. Atwood grabbed a defensive rebound and went coast to coast for a lay up and gave the Mules some breathing room.

Jared Skipworth led Atwood with a pass as he broke down the baseline. Atwood stopped and popped from six feet to give the Mules a 45-40 lead. Atwood returned the favor to Skipworth on the Mules next trip down the floor.

The Mules had out scored

Friona 7-2 with just over three minutes left in the game.

Friona trimmed two off the Mule lead near the three minute mark. Caleb Conner saved the ball from going out of bounds and tipped the loose ball to Atwood. Atwood pushed the Mule lead back to five with a short jumper.

Conner grabbed a Friona missed shot and flew down the floor for a break away lay up and some insurance for the Mules. The Chieftans drained a trey with 17 seconds on the clock but it was not enough to catch the Mules.

Atwood capped the nights scoring with a last second lay up. The Mules out scored Friona 15-7 in the final period.

Skipworth and Austin Bamert got the Mules started with a bucket each before Conner dropped in a 3-pointer from the wing. Kyler Steinbock had a toe on the line as he pulled the trigger on a shot from the corner to give the Mules a 9-4 lead.

The Chieftans scored six points before Steinbock end the period with a running jumper from eight feet. The Mules led 11-8 going into the second period.

Brett Poynor hit his first of two 3-pointers in the game to open the second period. The Mules gave up 18 points and the lead by the intermission. Friona led 26-23 at the half.

Justin Griswold and Skipworth joined Poynor behind the arc in the third period as the Mules pulled even with Friona. The Mules tied the game at 38-38 by out scoring Friona 15-12.

Atwood had eight points in the final frame to lead the Mules with 16 points. Skipworth and Conner dropped in seven points each. Poynor and Bamert added six apiece and Steinbock had five. Griswold and Thornton had a 3-pointer each.

The Mules wrapped up their season in Dimmitt Monday night against the Bobcats.

## Eighth grade Mules defeat the Braves

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules had defeated the Friona Braves 44-38 to take the championship trophy in the Friona Tourney on Saturday. They Mules fell behind the Braves 20-15 in the first period. It was the Mules final home appearance of the season.

The Mules battled back to tie the Braves by the end of the third period. Nether team could gain an advantage in the final period and the game ended in a 41-41 tie at the end of regulation. The Mules dominated the Braves in overtime to take a 51-46 win.

Cooper Washington picked off a Friona lob pass to open the extra period. He made the out let pass and raced down the floor in time to put back the missed lay up and was failed. He converted the free throw to give the Mules a three-point advantage.

Washington picked off a second Friona pass and the Mules set up their offense. They ran some clock before Tyson Turnbow got open for a 12-foot jumper. Washington blocked a Friona shot from the elbow and the Mules grabbed the loose ball.

The Mules set up their half-court offense and Turnbow fed Washington on the blocks. Washington turned into the lane and banked in the short jumper despite being fouled. He completed the three-point play to give the Mules a 49-41 advantage with a minute remaining in the extra period.

The Braves scored with 55 seconds on the clock and then nailed a 3-pointer with 17 ticks remaining.

Friona had the ball out of bounds 94 feet from the basket. To conserve time they rolled the ball in bounds. Turnbow raced down the floor and beat the Braves to the ball and was

fouled. Turnbow ended all scoring by making both ends of the one and bonus.

Nick Hurtado had a pair of baskets in the opening period and repeated with two more in the second period.

Rico Alacorn had a bucket in both the first and third periods and scored a pair in the final frame.

Washington led the Mules in scoring with 21 points. He made 17 in the first three quarters and added four in the extra frame. Hurtado made all 10 of his points in the first three periods. Alacorn made six of his eight points in the second half.

Turnbow made six of his eight points in the over time and was four of four from the charity line. Juan Sanchez and Sergio Montejano chipped in two each.

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## A Grand History Continues for Some Grand Hymns

I don't suppose it's particularly surprising that most of us have spent more time choosing toothpaste brands than choosing the hymns we'd like sung at our own funeral. We'd rather think about toothpaste.

I don't know who picked the hymns for President Gerald R. Ford's funeral at the National Cathedral in Washington. I think I heard that they were family favorites. Whoever chose them chose very well. I

"praise songs" will stand the test of time, too, but you and I won't be around to know for sure.)

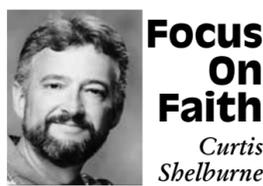
As I watched President Ford's beautiful service unfold, I recalled author Jon Meacham's description (in *Franklin and Winston*) of the preparation and carrying out of another beautiful service.

It was August 10, 1941, and with British and American aides, officers, and sailors intermingled on the decks of Her Majesty's Ship *The Prince of Wales*, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt lifted their voices in song. On the lectern were the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes.

As host, Churchill had given a lot of thought to the service. While drying off from one of his twice daily baths, he had had his private secretary John Martin read prayers to him (no doubt from the beautiful "Book of Common Prayer") from which he chose the those to be read by the chaplains.

Churchill had also picked the hymns. They began with "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and ended with "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." And in the middle of the service, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Churchill and Roosevelt would later recall how deeply they, and all those assembled, were moved (Churchill, to tears).

Churchill had been leading the fight for freedom. America would soon join. Many singing on the deck of that grand battleship on that bright August day would lose their lives when, in just a few months, the Japanese would sink her. But the cause of freedom, the great gift not bestowed by any man or dictator but the birthright given by God, would not be lost.



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doubt I'll care much when the time comes, but I can hardly imagine a lineup of hymns I'd like better at my own service.

Following the reading of the Old Testament lesson—Isaiah 40:28-31, one of my favorite Scriptures and one that was read at the funerals of both my parents ("they shall mount up with wings like eagles")—the first hymn was "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," based on Psalm 23.

The next hymns were the beautiful "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and the majestic "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." I learned the latter two hymns as I grew up singing with my family at home. The former I learned only recently (though the newest of the three was written in the 1870's). All three have stood the test of time and are treasures of the church.

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# Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

All you senior citizens plan to bring you sweetheart to our Senior Dance Tuesday, Feb. 13. The center will be hosting the pot luck meal. We invite any and all our senior citizens to come out and enjoy the good food, fellowship, music and dance. The dance will begin at 7 p.m., there will be a break at 8:30 p.m. for dining and the dance will close at 10 p.m. We are planning a special night for our senior sweethearts. Sandy will be playing the music.

Remember we have Covenant Home Health

coming every Tuesday morning for blood pressure checks. If you should need to have a chart with your blood pressure recording this would be a great way to do it.

Our monthly board meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. in the senior center. All board meetings are open to the public.

Vista Care Hospice will be at the center on Wednesday at 11 a.m. to visit with you on your blood pressure, sugar content and other health matters. Plan to come by and visit with them.

Our bingo on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. is always enjoyable.

A lot of laughter, some winning and refreshments. Call a friend and come play.

Thursday, Feb. 8, will be the last day for the center to prepare and package the food for Meals on Wheels. The center has been glad to do this service for our homebound friends. We invite any of you homebound citizens to come by our center if you should get the chance and eat with us.

We are very proud of our certified cooks and our kitchen that passed with flying colors from a Texas Health Board inspection.

Menu for Feb. 12 - 16:

Monday, Feb. 12 — Smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, wheat rolls and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 — Taco salad, beans, rice, lettuce,

tomatoes, onions, salsa, chips, fruit gelatin and cookies.

Wednesday, Feb 14 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and blonde brownies.

Thursday, Feb. 15 — Stew, salad, cornbread and brownies.

Friday, Feb. 16 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hushpuppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

## Jennyslippers install officers

By Nelda Merriott

The Jennyslippers assembled at the Richland Hills Baptist Church on Monday evening, Jan. 29, for their annual installation banquet.

The Rev. Larry Thornton, pastor of the church, gave the opening prayer.

Cari Kidd led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

The large group of Jennyslippers, husbands, families and friends enjoyed the feast of favorite dishes prepared by the Jennyslippers.

Elaine Parker, president, commended the group for another productive year and gave highlights of Jennyslippers commitment to the community which included:

- Quarterly donations to the prescription fund and to Meals on Wheels.

- Awarding a scholarship to graduating senior, Lindsay Hall.

- Donations to MOST, a cash donation to the food pantry, and the Christmas Card Project.

- Donation to help purchase the new van for the Parkview Nursing Home.

- Donation to PAPA (Physicians Assisting Physicians Abroad) in memory of Tyler Sheets.

- Celebrating Mule Days by serving a pancake breakfast at the Mule-putt Golf Course; hosting two mid-morning tournaments, muleshoe pitching and miniature golf; serving a hot-dog lunch at noon and opening for regular miniature golf in the evening

- A "Beat Pete" challenge by Jennyslipper spouse, Doug Bales, who challenged Pete Christy of Channel 11 to a muleshoe pitching contest.



Brenda Tapley, Ellen Ladd (standing in for Joy Williams), Bobbie Harrison and Dianne Thornton.

Doug won the contest and a coveted "I beat Pete" T-shirt — which his wife, Anna, wore to the next Jennyslipper meeting!

- Operating the Mule-Putt Golf Course from May through September.

- It was a busy summer with birthday parties, reunions, ball teams, church groups and other events held at the Golf Course. The U-Crew of United helped give a colorful facelift to the Golf Course.

- Constructing floats for both the July 4 and Christmas parades.

- Hosting the BBQ food booth at the Christmas Bazaar.

- Teaming with the Rebekahs to provide their annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Brenda Tapley expressed appreciation to the officers and members for a wonderful year.

Donna Kirk installed the new officers for this year who were: Dianne Thornton, president; Bobbie Harrison, vice-president; and returning officers, Joy Williams, secretary, and Brenda Tapley, treasurer.

Ellen Ladd stood in for Joy Williams who was absent due to family illness.

Past president Brenda Tapley, presented out-going president, Elaine Parker a silver bracelet commemorating her two terms as president.

Elaine Parker presented a gavel to incoming president, Dianne Thornton, and also passed on the silver Jennyslipper president's pin which featured a tiny silver gavel.

A video entitled, "Texas Plains Trail," was viewed by the group. It was loaned by Sammie Simpson for this meeting. It was filmed and narrated by Friona High School students and depicts scenes from several counties, including Bailey County, which are on the "Texas Plains Trail" and will draw tourists to the rich history of our counties.

An invitation was extended to all ladies who would like to visit or become members of the Jennyslippers and enjoy the fun with us.

The meeting ended on a high note and renewed commitment to "give back" to our community.

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# Obituaries

## Michael Caldwell

A memorial service for Michael R. Caldwell, 61, of Ruidoso, N.M., has been set for Feb. 10, at 11:30 a.m., at the First Christian Church in Ruidoso.

Caldwell died on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at the University of New Mexico Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

Caldwell was born in Kansas City, Mo., where he attended Rockhurst High School. He graduated from the University of Missouri, and received a juris doctorate from the University of Missouri School of Law. He also was a certified public accountant, a member of the State Bar of Texas and served as a JAG officer in the U.S. Army Reserves.

In 1981, he moved to

Muleshoe, where he maintained an active legal practice. In 2000, he moved to Ruidoso, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his wife — Ginger in 2000, and two brothers — Don Caldwell of Rockmart, Ga., and Kevin Caldwell of Kansas City, Mo.

Survivors include a daughter — Kelli; parents — Robert and Jeanne Caldwell of Tucson, Ariz.; three brothers and their wives — Richard Caldwell of Houston, Terence Caldwell of Tucson, and Christopher Caldwell of Los Angeles, Calif.

Memorials may be sent to the Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 2019, 548 Gavilan Canyon Road, Ruidoso, N.M. 88355.



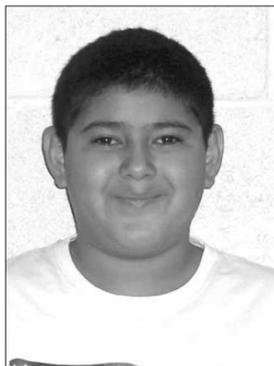
## DECA achievements noted

Eli Symm and Angel Daniel will advance to State competition in Travel & Tourism Management Decision Making. Ivette Regalado placed as first alternate in Retail Services Management State Competition will be March 7-11 in Corpus Christi.



## Lazbuddie Elementary students honored

Kindergarten student Avery Hicks, the daughter of Scott and Tiffany Hicks, pictured above on the left, and fifth-grade student Luis Godinez, the son of Luis and Vickie Godinez, pictured on the right, were recently honored by Lazbuddie Elementary School.



## Lula Mae White

Church service for Lula Mae White, 94, of Morton, is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Evans Chapel COGIC in Morton with a son — the Rev. Lewis Morris and the Rev. J.E. Evans officiating. Burial will follow in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

White died on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, in Levelland Nursing Home. She was born on Sept. 30, 1912, in Dangerfield to Eli Whitmore and Daisey Shaw, and married R.L. Hill, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death

by her parents, a son — Robert Hill, three daughters — Jesse Pearl Huey, Katie Hall and Margaret Williams.

White moved to Morton in November 1972 from Wichita Falls. She had taught third grade in the Winnsboro School District. She was also a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons — James Hill of Lubbock and Lewis Morris of Austin; 57 grandchildren, 127 great-grandchildren and 140 great-great-grandchildren, eight great-great-great-grandchildren.

## Opal Ruthardt

A church service for Opal Ruthardt, 85, of Muleshoe, is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Jack Stone officiating. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ruthardt died on Feb. 5, 2007, in Muleshoe. She was born on Oct. 1, 1921, in Powderley, and married Herman Delbert Ruthardt in Paris on Oct. 1, 1938.

She was preceded in death by her husband — Delbert; a daughter — Unda Burris in 2005; two sisters and a brother.

Ruthardt moved to Muleshoe from Sundown in 1961. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe.

Survivors include three sons and their wives — Pete and Connie Ruthardt of Graham, Jerry and Darlene Ruthardt of Muleshoe, and Joe and Brenda Ruthardt of Levelland; a son — Dean Ruthardt of Muleshoe; a daughter and her husband — Melba and Robert Clark of Muleshoe; three sisters — Mae Rayburn and Gladys Gordon, both of Author City, and Joyce Fletcher of Michigan; 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Assembly of God Church, 521 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

## Baby Showers



JEANINE BACKUS

## Backus baby shower held

Jeanine Backus, the wife of Ron Backus, was honored with a baby shower on Feb. 3, in the home of Judy Brockman.

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### NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization No. TXG920848

**APPLICATION.** Brian Paul Boehning, 690 County Road 45, Earth, Texas 79031, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new mature dairy cattle facility at 4,000 head, of which 3,200 head are milking cows in Bailey and Lamb Counties, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on October 16, 2006. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located at the intersection of County Road 1043 and County Road 230, approximately 1.25 miles north of the intersection of County Road 230 and U.S. Highway 70 in Bailey and Lamb Counties, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Bailey County Clerk's Office, 300 South 1st Street #200, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 and Lamb County Courthouse/County Clerk's Office, 100 6th Street, Littlefield, Texas 79339.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

**INFORMATION.** Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

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## REAL ESTATE

**3 BR/2 BA/2 CAR GA** - 1033 NE 1st, Earth, TX. Spacious brick home, 160 sq. ft. finished basement, large kitchen and living area, 2nd floor laundry, 2nd floor great floor plan. **3 BR/2-1/2 BA/2 CAR GA** - Brick home, approx. 1920' sq. ft. living area, located 1 block from school in Sudan on Hwy. 303. Well kept home, awesome kitchen and nice neighborhood.

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- Earth Area** - 20 acres. Fenced. Irrigated with a sideroll sprinkler, 3 barns.
- Home in Earth** - Extra nice, 3/2/2, finished basement, fireplace, covered patio, large backyard with fruit trees. A very nice place.
- Bailey County - 3 BR/2 BA** - CRP on pavement. Contract ends in 2009.
- Lamb/Castro County Line** - 316 acres north of Earth, 2 central pivots, 4 wells. Very productive.
- Lamb County** - 156 acres north of Springlake, center pivot, 3 wells, 54 acres in CRP.
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- Lazbuddie Area** - Brick home, 3 BR/2 BA, 2 park garage, on 1.3 acres, 20' x 20' plus large enclosed patio, large fenced back yard. ON PAVEMENT.
- West of Muleshoe** - 80 acres irrigated with 2 wells. Lays good. Good dirt road.

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- PRICE REDUCED-VERY NICE 4-2 Mobile Home, Cent. A&H, built-in, 28' x 56', Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, vaulted ceiling, storm windows & doors, large lot!!
- NICE 3-1 Home, Cent. A&H, fenced yd. Stor. Bldg!! \$48,000!!!

**HIGH SCHOOL AREA**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath Mobile home on 85'x140' lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, siding exterior, comp. shingle roof!! \$19,900!!
- VERY NICE 2-2-2 carport Mobilehome, built-ins, fenced yd., workshop/stor., Cent. A&H, cov. porch, patio, 70'x120' lot!! \$29,500!!
- 3-11/2-1 Carport Home, Cent A&H, DW, Disp. fenced yd., workshop/storage!! \$39,500!!!

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

- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!!
- 413' Frontage - S. Hwy. 84, 24' x 25' carport, 24' x 30' office, chainlink fence, \$27K
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetiron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
- Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$35K!!!
- FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

**FARMS**

- LAZBUDDIE AREA - 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!
- CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

**RURAL**

- SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$49.9K!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Home on 60 acre tract!! Central A&H, built-ins approx. 2575' lv. area, 10 hp. well, workshop, barns, corrals, fenced!! MORE!! \$130,000!!
- NEEDMORE - City Bldg. offered well on 2.6 acres (Hwy. 214 & FM 298) \$27K
- PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobile Home on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd!! MORE!! \$75K!!
- SUDAN-2-1-Home

# Local graduates stationed in Moscow, Russia... Continued from page 1



Bobby and Diana Balderas at the Marine Corps Ball.

"I had never imagined representing my country overseas as an American diplomat," he added.

Talking about their years of government service, Balderas said, Karachi, Pakistan was his first tour in the Middle East, adding that while it was fun, it was also "a very sad tour."

"We were in Karachi when Pan Am flight 73 was high-jacked," Balderas said. "We lost 20 Americans that day to a senseless act of terror. I spent a great deal

of time on the phone talking to people that had relatives on the plane."

Balderas said they were "always under a threat of some kind" while stationed in Karachi. "...But that is life in the Foreign Service," he added.

He said their Germany tours of duty "were like a European vacation," and said "living in Egypt was exciting."

"It's been an exciting life," he said.

Referring to his wife and their two children, both of whom traveled around the globe with them, Balderas said, "We're a team."

Their oldest daughter — Mandy, graduated from high school in Bonn, Germany.

Mandy later graduated from West Texas University with a degree in political science. Balderas said she is working in Washington, D.C.

Their youngest daughter — Sandy, graduated from high school in Frankfurt, Germany, and works for Geico Insurance as a human resources officer.

"We still call West Texas home," said Balderas — the son of Manuel and Janie Balderas of Muleshoe, who remembers delivering the *Muleshoe Journal* many

years ago when it was owned and published by Larry Hall.

"My heart is still in West Texas," he said.

Although he joked about whether they would be returning to Muleshoe, suggesting that his wife may need to retire to a community with a sizable shopping mall, Balderas said it wouldn't be a difficult transition for him, describing himself as a simple man with simple needs.

**Thanks for reading!**



"Change of Season" by Frank Piland of Muleshoe, pictured on the right, was one of five pieces awarded the American Vision Award at the 2007 West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Competition.

## Scholastic exhibit honors winning artists from Muleshoe High School

It takes several straight days of labeling, typing, hanging and categorizing to get the West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Competition exhibit ready for public viewing at Wayland Baptist University's Abraham Art Gallery.

But according to Dr. Candace Keller, professor of art at Wayland and curator for the gallery, it's all worth it. In this show, definitely the most work-intensive of the gallery's season, the work of hundreds of young artists are highlighted, showcasing the enormous talent across the South Plains. The exposure from the show is valuable to these young artists.

Another benefit is the scholarship opportunities available to students who enter artwork. Seniors are able to enter a portfolio of work that is judged locally for scholarships both at Wayland and for the Scholastic program. Those potential dollars can come in handy for budding young, college-bound artists.

Top winning pieces earned the American Vision Award, with five total pieces chosen. Winners included Franklin Piland, a junior at Muleshoe High School, for a mixed media piece titled "Change of Season;" Thomas Medina, a senior at Coronado High School, for a painting titled "Self-Portrait with Spirals;" Taylor Pene, an eighth grader at Shallowater Middle School, for a digital imagery piece titled "Stretch Myself Thin;" Tabea Ramirez Hernandez, a sophomore at Slaton High School, for a drawing titled



Muleshoe's award-winning art students, from left to right, are: Front row — Franklin Piland and Kendall Johnson; middle row — Noe Salcido and Alyssa Lopez; and back row — Adrianna Gonzales, Cody Gonzales, Janae Pyle, Linnie McBane, Wes Wood, and Loe Chagolla. Not pictured is Claudia Morales.

"In God We Trust;" and Polina Drigalenko, a senior at Coronado High School, for a mixed media piece titled "Americanization." The show will be on exhibit through Feb. 9 in the gallery, which is open to the public. School groups are encouraged to come for visits and see the work of their peers as well. Judges for the competition included Dr. Linda Kennedy, Texas Tech University; Patrick Jernigan, Plainview artist; and Leah Zeigler, principal at Kress High School.

Local artists included in the show are as follows, listed by school. Students' grades, the medium and title of the work are included for gold and silver key pieces. Students with work in the show that received

honorable mention awards are also listed.

Muleshoe High School: Gold Keys — Kendall Johnson, painting, "Converse All-Star;" Kendall Johnson, mixed media, "Me in the Ballroom with the Knife;" Kendall Johnson, drawing, "Vulture Conflict;" Franklin Piland, drawing, "Nap Time;" Franklin Piland, mixed media, "Change of Season;" Silver Keys — Leo Chagolla, painting, "Floral Encaustic;" Cody Gonzales, painting, "Mask;" David Hernandez, drawing, "Great Ride;" Wes Wood, drawing, "I am Me;" Noe Salcido, drawing, "Cool Dude;" Honorable Mention — Janae Pyle, Linnie McBane, Adrianna Gonzales, Wes Wood, Claudia Morales, Franklin Piland.

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Applications may be obtained by calling the First Ag Credit Office at 272-3010, the Friona High School Counselor at 250-3951, the Lazbuddie High School Counselor at 965-2156, or the Muleshoe High School Counselor at 272-7303.

**The deadline to apply is April 16, 2007.**



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