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Architects to begin drawing plans for high school

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees authorized MWM Architects of Lubbock to proceed with the design development stage for the expansion of Muleshoe High School and DeShazo Elementary during Monday's regular meeting.

Superintendent Gene Sheets discussed the issue

with the board members using a rough drawing of the high school campus would occupy when completed.

"We need to approve the 'footprint,'" he said.

The project, which will be broken into two parts to allow classes to proceed with as little interruption as possible, and also requiring as few portable classrooms as possible in the process, is expected to take about two years to complete.

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— Leroy Beaver,
WJH site supervisor

Part of the first phase will include the construction of a new gymnasium building with three separate basketball courts, of which — like a similar gymnasium in Amarillo — the center court will probably be sunken or lowered to improve "crowd control," according to the superintendent.

Work at DeShazo Elementary would be included in the second phase.

Although the City of Muleshoe has taken the initial steps to finance and

construct a new municipal swimming pool, the superintendent pointed out that the current expansion plans at the high school probably won't require the area the pool is in unless the high school undergoes another expansion.

It was also noted that Lee Lewis Construction should have a guaranteed maximum price for the high school and DeShazo project by April or May.

"We've got a lot of work to do, but we're on track," said the superintendent after the

board voted to authorize the architects to proceed.

In other business concerning the expansion project, it was noted that the bus parking lot at Dillman Elementary is nearly complete, the brick work on the buildings is under way, and a large portion of the drywall in the classroom areas is up.

"There's a whole lot happening fast right now," David Reyes said.

At Watson Junior High, Leroy Beaver said most of the steel supports were in place.

"We've pushed hard," Beaver said. "We've been working six-days a week, and we will not stop. ...I predict we're going to be moving fast."

Project manager Tom Dooley also addressed the school board, noting that "some outstanding issues" had been resolved, and that Lee Lewis had received authorization from MWM to proceed with various parts of the construction project.

"I really appreciate what MWM has done for us this month," Dooley said, adding that the work at Dillman should be substantially complete by the end of May, and Watson Junior High the following month.

Sheets expressed agreement with Dooley about MWM's recent work.

Dooley also mentioned that the Dillman had recently received a surprise

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MAHD board discusses restructuring its debt

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors met with representatives of Consolidated Financial Resources, Inc. on Jan. 15 to discuss the possibility of restructuring the district's debt with the hope of generating the funds necessary to expand its rural health clinic.

Accompanying the CFR representatives was Ira Chilton of ProjX, LLC, a facility development specialist from Nashville, Tenn.

In December, the hospital board approved a contract with CFR whereby the company will provide options aimed at expanding the clinic building that currently houses Dr. Bruce Purdy's office, and strengthening the district's overall financial

condition.

Chilton suggested consolidating the district's debts with the intent of freeing up funds to be

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Girl Scout cookies

It's that time again! For more than 80 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies — an experience that helps girls build strong skills, values and friendships. This year is no different, with Saturday, Jan. 19, kicking off the annual Girl Scout cookie sales. Cookies are \$3 per package, and may be ordered by calling 806-745-2855, or by faxing 806-748-0769.

Premium, product sale

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show Premium/Product Sale will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19, in the Bailey County Coliseum, beginning at noon. Anyone interested in donating a product for the sale, please turn your product in at the Bailey County Coliseum on Friday, Jan. 18, by 6 p.m. in order to get it listed in the sale catalog.

Project Graduation bake sale

Project Graduation will be having a bake sale on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Watson Junior High gymnasium during the basketball games.

Project Graduation will be having a brown bag special, a hamburger, chips and drink for \$6, on Friday, Feb. 1, at the junior high gym during the basketball games, also, homemade ice cream will be available at the basketball games.

Cotton conference to be held

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference is set for Jan. 24, at the Bailey County Coliseum. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the program at 8:30 a.m.

The conference is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Bailey, Parmer, Lamb and Castro Counties.

This year's conference will address: Regional and county-wide cotton projects, variety selection, pest management, boll weevil eradication, record and a cotton market update.

Five continuing education units (CEUs) will be issued to private, commercial, and non-commercial pesticide applicators who attend this conference.

A registration fee of \$15 will be payable at the door. The fee will provide for lunch, educational materials, and access to commercial exhibits.

For more information contact Curtis Preston, Bailey County extension agent, at (806) 272-4583 or Monti Vandiver, extension agent-IPM, at (806) 481-3300.

Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Kristy M. Landers Memorial Scholarship are available from the MHS counselors, Nanette Anglin and Dana Wright. The final day to apply is Feb. 25.

NAP insurance application closing date set for March 15

Producers in need of insurance coverage for Spring and Fall annually planted crops under the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program have until March 15 to apply for coverage on certain crops for which the catastrophic level of insurance is not regularly available, said Kim Hanlin, executive director for the Bailey County Farm Service Agency.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for producers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Hanlin.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs because of natural disasters.

"Producers must apply for coverage before disaster strikes," said Hanlin. "Like regular crop insurance,

once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone."

NAP applications for coverage on spring seeded crops must be filed and service fees paid, by the application closing date of March 15.

NAP coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county.

Out-of-pocket expenses will not exceed \$900 for any producer, even if production occurs in multiple counties. Service fees may be waived for eligible limited resource producers.

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which standard crop insurance is not available, and include fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass and forage crops.

Application closing dates vary by crop, and producers should contact their county FSA office for details or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

Letters to the Editor

Readers write about sign

To the Editor:

Right before Christmas, I was returning from Clovis after dark. As I got to the intersection of Airport Rd. and Pleasant Hill Road, I was pulled over by a sheriff's deputy who informed me I had a headlight out. I traveled five more minutes and was pulled over by a city policeman in Texico to warn me again of the same problem. As he handed me my warning, I asked if it would be wise to drive with my headlights on bright the rest of the way home; he said he could not recommend me doing that because if there were an accident caused by my bright lights I would be at fault.

After reading last week's paper it seems that the complaints and observations about the Sonic sign are that it's annoying or possibly an eye sore. I'm suggesting that it's much more than that. At night it's blinding and distracts you from watching the traffic. Having a business across the street from Sonic, we have witnessed many close calls because few seem to know who has the right of way — those turning into Sonic or those turning onto American Blvd. from 17th Street. Not to mention those stuck sitting on the highway because someone in the driveway is stopped waiting for those backing out. It's really scary sometimes.

Please know that we all appreciate the great service at Sonic, the really great drinks (especially during happy hour), the best tater tots and other foods that satisfy your Sonic cravings. We are proud that Muleshoe has the latest in advertising but we're just asking that the brightness be turned down a couple of notches. (The same type of sign in other towns, exp. Clovis and Portales, don't seem to be near as bright.) Please don't wait until something bad happens to tone it down or even worse to decide who is at fault.

Jimmie Kay Moore, Muleshoe

To the Editor:

My wife, Robbie, and I were amazed and amused to discover that the new Sonic sign was the big news in my beloved hometown. As many of you know, we live in Oklahoma but our hearts have never left Texas. However, we have developed enough Okie pride that our eyes well up when we hear a good rendition of Oscar Hammerstein's and Richard Rodgers' great song, "Oklahoma."

We also brag about the success of the Sonic franchise which began as a little drive-in in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The company's corporate headquarters are in Bricktown, Oklahoma City's showcase river walk area. As we travel throughout Texas and Oklahoma, we determine if a small town can be classified as within civilization by whether it has a Sonic. In Texas, we add a good DQ to that list.

We have been delighted that having a Sonic is one of the many reasons Muleshoe rates as "more than civilized." Now, in addition to Ol' Pete, Carolyn's Christmas Creations and Channel 6, Leal's, and the look and content of the *Journal* under its current ownership and managing editor, Muleshoe has one more big and bright attraction to keep it on the national map!

Wayne Bristow, Edmond, Okla.

To the Editor:

After reading this story, I don't know what is more embarrassing: that our own elected officials can be so melodramatic, or that this qualifies as front page news.

It's just a lighted sign, many of which dot the "skylines" of towns all over West Texas and Eastern New Mexico with nary a complaint in the news. And people who are lodging complaints with city councilmen about something as mundane as a lighted sign should realize it's that kind of backwards hokey mentality that makes the young people of this town leave in droves as soon as they can.

Besides, if Councilman Behrends' biggest problem when Jesus comes back around is the fact that he's still around to stare at the Sonic sign. I think the sign itself should be on the bottom of his list of priorities.

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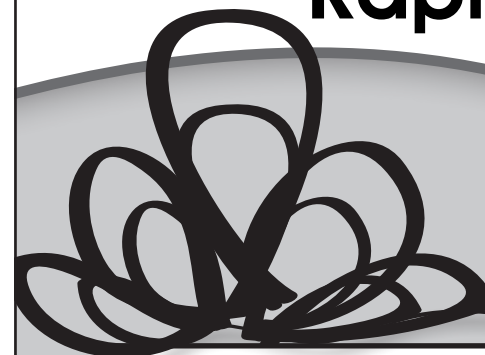
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High school writer wonders 'what's the beef' with sign

By Alicia Porter

In the United States today, the top news headlines deal with the presidential election, the war in Iraq, and the failing economy; however, the subject of interest in Muleshoe appears to be the new sign at Sonic.

Its bright, often blinding colors have really stirred up some conversation in our small town.

I agree that the sign is exceedingly bright, but is **MAHD...**

Continued from page 1 used in the proposed 9,000 sq. foot expansion.

In business conducted at its Jan. 17 regular meeting, the board members approved a "paid time off policy" that allows use of "extended time off" based upon the number of years an employee has been with the hospital district.

Prior to the board's vote, its members discussed whether a doctor's note should be required before employees could access their extended time off.

However, this suggestion by board president Ronnie Dent was shot down by the other board members who apparently felt that sufficient accountability already existed in the hospital district's written policy.

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Don't forget to pick up your photographs

Do you have any blank spots in your photo albums?

Photographs that have been submitted for publication in the *Muleshoe Journal* may be picked up during regular business hours following publication of the photograph.

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Why not drop by and look through the file?

Mule Moments

this really reason for a town to create this much ruckus over it?

Absolutely not. The sign is merely a technological advancement that should be embraced. People generally like new things, and this is something new here in Muleshoe.

It seems it is only brought up for the sake of arguing. Are we really that bored?

If you go to Las Vegas, Nevada, you would be sure to find hundreds of these signs.

I doubt the city of Las Vegas thinks they are an issue worth bringing up, but that is not the case here.

You can really tell when your town is small when the number one topic of discussion is a sign at Sonic.

Even in my pre-calculus class the sign was mentioned. Why are people not talking about other, more noteworthy issues that impact our lives?

I would much rather have

Cowboy Fellowship to host Whitebeard

Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Church will be hosting Peter Whitebird, described as one of America's top Christian singer songwriters on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Births

Brooke Martinez

Benny and Carmelita Martinez announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Cheyenne, on Jan. 15, 2008, at 7:58 a.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center.

Brooke weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces at birth, and was 19 inches in length.

She has six siblings — Brandon, Belen, Benny Jr., Brianna, Brady and Brett.

Brooke's grandparents are Francisca Martinez of Muleshoe, and Antonio and Maria Alonzo of Roswell, N.M.

Bball sign up announced

The Muleshoe Youth Basketball League will be holding two enrollment sessions in January.

The first session is on Jan. 28, from 5-6:30 p.m., at the Watson Junior High gym. The second session is on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the WJH gym.

Boys in third through sixth grade are eligible to sign up. There is a \$37.50 registration fee.

discussions about who the best presidential candidate is and what each candidate stands for.

Muleshoe's city council could be focusing their time on strengthening the community and devising a plan to secure the area in case of a terrorist attack.

Arguing about a bright

Muleshoe representatives to attend 2008 World Ag Expo

Representatives of Muleshoe are to be part of the High Ground of Texas team at the 2008 World Ag Expo on Feb. 12-14.

Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation Director Janet Claborn, along with County Judge Sherri Harrison, County Treasurer Shonda Black and Kim Black of Bailey County Electric are expected

sign at Sonic that displays pictures of tater tots and raspberry-flavored drinks is an unnecessary time-suck.

It is on the same level as following Britney Spears, waiting to see what serious error in judgment she will make next.

Basically, the sign is unimportant, the issue is insignificant, and we all need to move on to more imperative things.

to attend.

Contacts made from this show will reportedly add to the recruitment and expansion of the dairy industry and the various value-added agriculture projects into the West Texas region.

The World Ag Expo is the largest event of its kind in the world and is held each year at the International Agri-Center in Tulare, Calif.

Engagement



AMANDA FUENTES AND JUSTIN LEE

Fuentes, Lee plan April wedding

Amanda Fuentes and Justin Lee, both of Lubbock, are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Rudy and Helen Fuentes of Tahoka. She is a graduate of Tahoka High School, has a degree in human development and family studies from Texas Tech University, and is currently employed with NTS Communications.

The prospective groom

is the son of Albert and Linda Lee of Muleshoe. He is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and is self-employed.

The wedding is planned for April 5, 2008, at Cozumel, Mexico. Following the spiritual ceremony in Mexico, a ceremony and reception will be held at American Wind Power Center of Lubbock.

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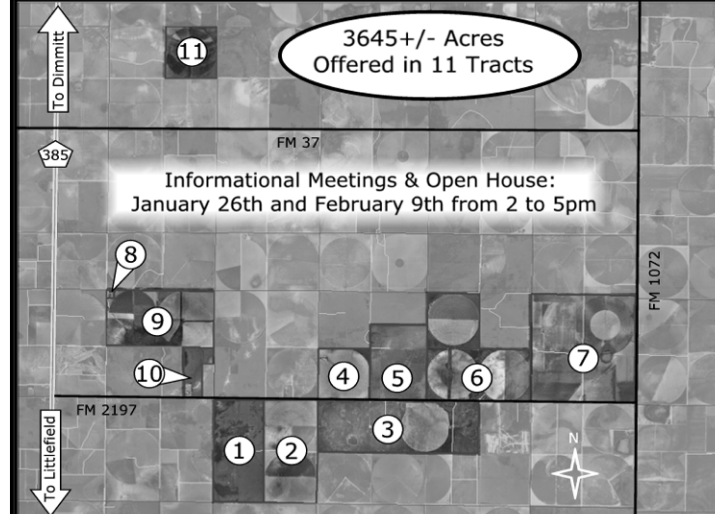
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Muleshoe High Student achieves state honor

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Franklin Piland, Senior Tuba student in the Muleshoe High School Mighty "M" Band, has done just that by recently progressing to the

state level of competition in the Association of Texas Small School Bands.

In order to get to this level Franklin competed at Region

level on Dec. 8 and the Area level on Jan. 5.

By achieving this Franklin will get to perform with the Texas All State Band at the upcoming Texas Music Educator's Association Conference in San Antonio Feb. 13-16.

Franklin was also part of the All State Band last year. Franklin is part of Speech and Debate, Art, Band, One Act Play and is at the top of his 2008 graduating class.

He has written and arranged music and performed with the Clovis Community Band.

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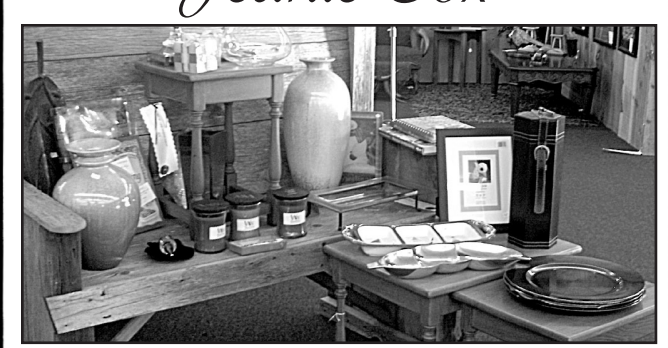
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He Loves to Be with the Ones He Loves

by Max Lucado

Holiday travel. It isn't easy. Then why do we do it? Why cram the trunks and endure the airports? You know the answer. We love to be with the ones we love.

The four-year-old running up the sidewalk into the arms of Grandpa.

The cup of coffee with Mom before the rest of the house awakes.

That moment when, for a moment, everyone is quiet as we hold hands around the table and thank God for family and friends and pumpkin pie.

We love to be with the ones we love.

May I remind you? So does God. He loves to be with the ones he loves. How else do you explain what he did? Between him and us there was a distance—a great span. And he couldn't bear it. He couldn't stand it. So he did something about it.

Before coming to the earth, "Christ himself was like God in every-thing.... But he gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born to be a man and became like a servant" (Phil. 2:6-7 NCV).

Why? Why did Jesus travel so far?

I was asking myself that question when I spotted the squirrels outside my window. A family of black-tailed squirrels has made its home amid the roots of the tree north of my office. We've been neighbors for three years now. They watch me peck the keyboard. I watch them store their nuts and climb the trunk. We're mutually amused. I could watch them all day. Sometimes I do.

But I've never considered becoming one of them. The squirrel world holds no appeal to me. Who wants to sleep next to a hairy rodent with beady eyes? (No comments from you wives who feel you already do.) Give up the Rocky Mountains, bass fishing, weddings, and laughter for a hole in the ground and a diet of dirty nuts? Count me out.

But count Jesus in. What a world he left. Our classiest mansion would be a tree trunk to him. Earth's finest cuisine would be walnuts on heaven's table. And the idea of becoming a squirrel with claws and tiny teeth and a furry tail? It's nothing compared to God becoming a one-celled embryo and entering the womb of Mary.

But he did. The God of the universe kicked against the wall of a womb, was born into the poverty of a peasant, and spent his first night in the feed trough of a cow. "The Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14 NRSV). The God of the universe left the glory of heaven and moved into the neighborhood. Our neighborhood! Who could have imagined he would do such a thing.

Why? He loves to be with the ones he loves.

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Obituaries

Eldon Page

A church service for Eldon Page, 83, of Muleshoe was held on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Lazbuddie Methodist with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner and the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating.

Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Page died on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in Park View Nursing Care Center of Muleshoe. He was born on Oct. 16, 1924, in Jacksboro, to Tracy Lee and Alma (Jones) Page.

He married Ruth Clark in Littlefield on May 22, 1948. She preceded him in death on July 15, 1983.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters — Ila Hughes, Stella Bailey and Cora Bell Jennings; a brother — Troy Page; two nieces — Don Leta Doubois and Nieta Fay Newberry; and a step-mother — Amy Page.

On Oct. 29, 1993, Mr. Page married Doris Reid Middlebrooks in Farwell. She preceded him in death on Sept. 6, 2007.

Mr. Page moved from the Cundiff community (near Jacksboro, Texas) to the Muleshoe area in 1942.

He was a long time farmer in the Lazbuddie community, and a member



ELDON PAGE

of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

All of his family, friends and neighbors knew him as very helpful, kind and friendly to all that he met.

Survivors include a sister — Loma Moseley of Muleshoe; a sister-in-law — Ila Page of Wichita Falls; a brother-in-law — Joe Bates Jennings of Muleshoe; two step-daughters — Sharon Grant of Muleshoe and Jencie Lee of Idalou; four nieces — Mary Ruth Cross, Tamara Jennings, Lawana Kadell and Ruby Nell Underwood; five nephews — Derrell and Joe Bryan Jennings, Leland and Ronnie Gustin and Troy Wayne Page; and special friends — Norma and Bill Bruce of Muleshoe.

Memorials may be sent to Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J Muleshoe, TX 79347; Samaritan Hospice of Hereford, 426 Main St. Suite E Hereford, Texas 79045; or to one's own favorite choice.

Rex Briscoe

A chapel service for Rex E. Briscoe, 75, of Plainview, formerly of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

Briscoe died on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, in Covenant Hospital of Plainview. He was born on Jan. 5, 1933, to Clarence and Hallie Briscoe in Lazbuddie. His parents, three sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

Briscoe was a graduate of Lazbuddie High School, and a member of the Masonic Lodge. For a number of years he was the cafeteria supervisor for Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch.

Survivors include two sons — Kenneth Alan Briscoe of Palm Bay, Fla., and Buddy Dion Briscoe of San

Diego, Calif.; a daughter — Cynthia Ann Briscoe of Plainview; a sister — Joy Freeman of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Willard Carter

A chapel service for Willard Carter, 87, of Muleshoe, was held on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Price officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

Carter died on Jan. 14, 2008, in Amarillo. He was born on July 30, 1920, in Roanoke, and married Hazel A. Ward in Muleshoe on July 15, 1939.

He was preceded in death by his parents — William A. and Dora L. Carter; and his wife on Jan. 20, 1994.

Carter had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1988, after moving from Lubbock. He was a member of the Community of Christ Church in Clovis, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Carter was a member of the American Legion and the Carpenter Local Union.

Survivors include three sons — Conard Carter of Muleshoe, and Oswald O. Carter and Clifford A. Carter, both of Lubbock; two daughters — Geral Dean Averett of Lubbock and Norma J. Vankirk of Amarillo; a sister — Lucille Harp of Levelland; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Irene Dilts

On Jan. 20, 2008, my mother, Irene Dilts, quietly passed from this world into the arms of her heavenly Father. She was born in Oil City, La., on Oct. 10, 1917.

She and her brothers were raised by her grandparents in Vivian, La. She met and married my daddy, Jewel Brackman, on May 18, 1936 in Texarkana, where they lived and worked the family farm for several years.

For more than 60 years, my parents lived in and around the Muleshoe area. Over the years mother worked on the farm, at city hall, the probation office, and operated three restaurants.

She also served on many civic and community organizations. More importantly, she taught children and youth in her church about God, sang in the choir, and served in many capacities for her Lord.

She always had a love for music, sewing, cooking, flowers and fishing. She has missed her little companion, "Suzette," this last year. After she retired, she began a second career of volunteering and fishing.

She willingly gave much of her time to hospitals, thrift shops, senior centers and fishing. Eight years ago, mother moved to Alamogordo, N.M., to be close to her and her family. She immediately became active in her church, Bethel Baptist, the Hospital Auxiliary, and the Alamogordo Senior Center. She made countless, wonderful friends here.

My mother experienced



IRENE DILTS

and accomplished many things in the course of 90 years, but these are a few of the things that I will remember the most: my mother never met a stranger; was always for the under-dog; and gave generously to others no matter how little she had.

She endured many hardships and losses, but her courageous and loving spirit carried her through. She was very loved and will be missed by her family and friends. Thank you, Mother, for leaving me such a rich legacy.

Irene Dilts was preceded in death by her parents, Arvie and Fannie Wall; her brother, Huber and Burton Wall; her sons, Melvin, Jerry, Danny and Ronnie Brackman; and her husbands, Jewel Brackman and Robert Dilts.

She leaves behind a daughter and son-in-law — Jewellene and Verylton Scoggin of Alamogordo, N.M.; five grandchildren — Ritchy Scoggin and his wife Julie of Austin, Justin Scoggin and his wife Kim of Edmond, Okla., Brandon Scoggin and his wife Dena of Austin, Denise Nickels and her husband Jim of Arlington, and Chris

Brackman of Eulis; eight great-grandchildren — Zachary, Laura, Kristin, Taylor, Alexis and Dillon Scoggin, and John and Meagan Nickels; a daughter-in-law — Nancy Brackman of Eulis; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor Howell Scott, the Rev. Bart Montgomery and the Rev. Garland Peek.

Interment will follow in Monte Vista Cemetery in Alamogordo.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, and honorary pallbearers will be the deacons of Bethel Baptist Church.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home in Alamogordo.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund at Bethel Baptist Church, 1316 North Scenic Dr., Alamogordo, N.M. 88310.

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Sports

Mules vs. Hornets: A lot of buzz, but no sting!



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Varsity Mules down Hornets, wildcats

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules picked up two wins this week to remain in sole possession of third place after one loop of district with a 4-2 record. The Wildcats of River Road did not provide many problems for the Mules on Tuesday night. The Mules ran away with the game 52-42.

The Highland Park Hornets did not prove to be a much tougher opponent on their home floor. They got off to a fast start by pumping in three treys in the opening period but that was the end of their threat to the Mules. The Mules took the contest 54-45.

Patrick Precure spotted up past the arc and drained the 3-pointer to open the game against River Road. He added two from the charity line to give the Mules a 5-2 advantage. The Wildcats took a brief lead before Victor Vasquez nailed a trey.

Garrett Riley hit from behind the arc before the

buzzer to give the Mules an 11-8 lead going into the second quarter. Cooper Washington made his presence known in the paint and made two-of-two from the charity line on consecutive trips down the floor to pump the Mule advantage to 15-10.

Vasquez added a bucket to extend the Mule scoring run to six. The Wildcats interrupted the run with a bucket before Colby Carpenter dropped in a 3-pointer and Precure made a short jumper to cap the Mules scoring at the half. The Mules owned a 22-14 lead at the intermission.

River Road attempted to make a run at the Mules in the second half but fell two points farther behind.

Riley scored 10 of his 13 points in the second half to lead the Mules. Precure and Vasquez each made two treys and 10 points each. Washington was a perfect six of six from the line for his eight points and Lane Wood made all four of his in the final period. Carpenter had three points and Wes Wood and Brian Poynor chipped in two each.

The Highland Park Hornets opened with a flurry with three treys to take a 17-10 lead after one quarter. The Mules never wavered and powered back with a 3-point show of their own.

W. Wood got the show started to open the second quarter with a trey and his best quarter during the district run. He added a deuce to continue to cut into the Hornet's lead.

Poynor drained his first of four 3-pointers for the night. W. Wood made it a one-point contest with a bucket.

Riley gave the Mules the lead with a jumper with just over three minutes left in the quarter. Dillon Gallman drained a trey to keep the Mules in front. Poynor hit his second trey of the period to give the Mules a 28-24 advantage.

Riley chipped in one from the charity line but missed his second attempt. Riley would end the period with a bucket for a 44-35 Mule lead going into the final quarter.

W. Wood opened the final quarter with a bucket

and the Mule offense fell silent for four minutes and 44 seconds. The Hornets closed the gap to 46-42 before Poynor nailed his final 3-pointer of the night.

Washington made one from the line and scored in the paint as the clock was

running down. Carpenter was fouled intentionally and made both from the line to cap all scoring. Only six seconds remained on the clock and the Mules got the ball back after the intentional foul.

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Lady Mules tied for third in district

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Two big wins this past week tied the Lady Mules for the third spot in District 2-2A at 5-3. The River Road Lady Wildcats visited the Lady Mules Tuesday night. They had defeated the Lady Mules in the first round 47-43 in their new facility in Amarillo.

River Road went to the free throw line 44 times to only 20 tries by the Lady Mules. Those numbers were drastically different in the second meeting with River Road only reaching the line 12 times while the Lady Mules got 21 chances.

Chi Hernandez made four of six free throws in the final quarter to help the Lady Mules nail down the 49-48 win over River Road. The Lady Mules grabbed their second win of the week in Amarillo against the Highland Park Lady Hornets.

The Lady Mules went into the final period trailing the Lady Hornets 40-37. Hernandez scored as the quarter began to cut the deficit to a single point. Morgan Smith drove the

lane to put the Lady Mules in front.

The Lady Mules out scored Highland Park 18-11 in the final eight minutes for a 55-51 win.

Ashley Grumbles dialed in from the top of the key for a 3-pointer that gave the Lady Mules a 3-2 lead early in the game. River Road took a five-point lead before Hernandez put up her patented fall-away jumper to cut it to three points.

Sarah Johnson picked a Lady Wildcat's pocket and drove the floor for a lay up. She was fouled on the shot and completed the old fashion three-point play to tie the game at 15-15 to end the first quarter.

Smith provided the scoring punch for the Lady Mules in the second period with eight of their nine points. She scored on back-to-back drives to push the Lady Mule lead to 19-15 over River Road.

Johnson picked up a long distance assist by grabbing a rebound and firing a three-quarter court pass to Smith. It was one step, up and in by Smith running on the break. Her final bucket came on a

drive down the left side of the lane late in the period.

Grumbles made charity toss for the Lady Mules only other point of the period. River Road out scored the Lady Mules 11-9 to take a 26-24 lead at the intermission.

The Lady Mules turned up the defense in the third period to hold River Road to eight points. Johnson dropped in a short jumper to tie the game at 26-26 and Hernandez broke the tie with a left handed baby-hook shot.

Smith scored on consecutive trips down the floor to keep the game tied. Gizell Vasquez made one from the line to put the Lady Mules on top to stay. Johnson drained a 3-pointer off the dribble to put some distance between the teams and scored on a short jumper that beat the buzzer. The Lady Mules led 38-34 going into the final eight minutes.

Smith opened the final period with a short jumper, and Hernandez chipped in her first of four free throws to nail down the win. Smith

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Sports

JV Mules defeat the Wildcats, Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules were knotted in a 43-43 tie at the end of regulation Tuesday night when the River Road Wildcats came for a visit. The Mules pumped in 14 points in the extra four-minute period to take the win 57-49.

The Mules traveled to Amarillo Highland Park Friday night and cruised to a 36-15 win. The two wins gave the Mules an 11-3 season record and they wrapped up the first round of district at 5-1.

The Mules knocked down six of eight charity tosses

in the over time period and Tyson Turnbow light up the score board with a pair of treys. Caleb Conner scored a deuce and was three of four from the line.

Kyler Steinbock made one from the line and Jared Skipworth dropped in a pair. The Mule defense gave up two buckets and the Wildcats converted only two of seven from the line.

River Road jumped out to a 13-9 lead after one quarter carried a 23-18 margin to the dressing room at the half. The Mules scored as many points in the third period as they did in the first half to take a 36-23 lead into

the final period.

The Mules were five-of-10 from the free throw line in the fourth period. River Road scored 15 points to only seven by the Mules to force the extra period.

Turnbow provided the scoring punch for the Mules with four 3-pointers and 26 points. Nathaniel Chavez scored nine of his 11 points in the second half and Skipworth added 10. Conner made five of his nine in the overtime and Steinbock chipped in one point.

The Highland Park Hornets could only score six points in the first three quarters. The Mules poured in 11 points in the opening frame and dropped in 13 in the second period. The Mules scoring production dropped off in the third quarter to eight points but they held the Hornets scoreless in the frame.

Turnbow made two

3-pointers and paced the Mules with 10 points. Steinbock and Chavez added six points each. Stevie Cisneros and Sean Thornton each dropped in a 3-pointer for three points apiece. Brett Poyner, Justin Griswold, Skipworth and Conner chipped in two each.

The Tulia Hornets visited the Mules Tuesday night to start their second round of district. The Mules will travel to Dimmitt Friday to meet the Bobcats.

JV Ladies win again

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV lady Mules made a strong run on the River Road Lady Wildcats in both the second and fourth quarters. It proved to be enough to get past River Road for a 38-34 win.

Amarillo Highland Park was not as tough and the Lady Mules sailed to a 33-17 victory.

The two wins pushed the Lady Mule record to 15-6 on the season and 5-2 in district.

"We do not play very pretty," said Lady Mule coach Carey Sudduth. "But these girls are determined to get the big number to appear on their end of the score board. I guess that is really what counts."

River Road jumped out to a 9-4 lead after one period. The Lady Mules came charging back in the second period with 14 points. Val

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scored on a drive and after that it was three Hernandez free throws. Vasquez made a monster charity toss with 48 seconds left in the game to keep the Lady Mules in front by four points. River Road called time out to freeze her and avoid a five-point deficit.

The ploy worked but River Road could not score and were forced to foul Hernandez after she pulled down a defensive rebound. Hernandez made one from the line and that was all the Lady Mules needed for the win.

"We really did not play our best tonight," Coach Val Acree told his Lady Mules after the game. "You won this game on heart. You did what it took to win and stay in the race for a playoff spot."

Smith set the scoring pace by using her speed and scoring off the dribble. She scored 18 points in the game. Johnson pumped in 14 points and Hernandez added 11. Grumbles made four points and Vasquez chipped in two.

The Highland Park Lady Hornets played the Lady Mules extremely tough for three periods despite Kelsey Tipps getting off to a fast start. She tied the game at 2-2 by knocking down two from the charity line. Tipps converted an old fashion three-point play to put the Lady Mules on top 5-3.

The Lady Hornets led 40-37 going into the final eight minutes of play and hoping to win their first district ball game.

Hernandez had only scored two points until she opened the last quarter with a jumper from eight feet that made it a one-point game. Smith drove the lane on the next trip down the floor to give the Lady Mules a 41-40 advantage.

Hernandez dropped in a 12-foot jumper and made both ends of a one-and-one on the next trip down the floor. Johnson scored on a short jumper and then was run over attempting to press the ball. No call was made and when she hit the floor hard she banged her head on the hard wood.

Johnson recovered her wits and was near mid court when Smith stole the ball. Smith fired a bullet to Johnson for the easy break-away lay up. Smith converted a one-and-one opportunity with a half a minute left for a 54-51 Lady Mule advantage. She chipped in one more charity toss to seal the win.

"They made this harder

win than most thought it would be," said Lady Mule coach Acree. "They used their big girl well and had some girls give them some offense that normally does not score."


"We needed this win to get ready for the final run. Coming from behind always help build your confidence and helps us to begin to expect to win. We have won and lost some close games this season. Wins are always much more fun."

Smith did not score in the first quarter but powered up in the second for six points. She added eight after the half and dropped in five in the final period to lead the Lady Mules with 19.

Johnson was perfect from the free throw line and pumped in 17 points and Hernandez made six of her eight in the final quarter. Tipps had all five of her points in the opening quarter, Janae Pyle scored three, Grumbles had two and Vasquez chipped in one.

The Lady Mules hosted the Tulia Hornets Tuesday night and travel to Dimmitt to meet the Bobbies Friday.

The Bushland Lady Falcons fly into Muleshoe on Feb. 1 and the Lady Mules travel to Friona for their final regular season game on Feb. 5.




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Varsity Mules...

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Poyner's four 3-pointers gave him the boost to lead the Mules with 16 points. W. Wood scored seven in the second period for his 11 points, Precure hit two treys in the third period for six points and Washington dropped in five. Gallman made three points and Carpenter and Vasquez chipped in two apiece.

The Mules hosted the Tulia Hornets Tuesday to start their second lap of district. They will travel to Dimmitt to meet the Bobcats and return home to for the Bushland Falcons the following Tuesday.

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A Story About Gambling and Louisiana

I don't think I've ever been more against gambling than I am right now. At this moment, I could preach a pretty poignant sermon against the sin of filthy wagering. My brothers and I were together in Houston to help with a memorial service for our sister. Ruthie had actually passed away several weeks before this and her funeral was held in Robert Lee, Texas, but she'd requested that we also

Ruthie had recently bought a laptop computer. I'd helped her set it up back in June. And she had a TV, a lot nicer than I'd remembered, a flat screen, high-definition Sony TV. And an older desktop computer.

We'd rather have a healthy sister. But that wasn't an option. So what to do with the stuff?

We didn't much care. We talked about whether or not any of us really needed any of it. Not really. We even talked about Solomon's wisdom: cut the booty (not the baby, this time) in fourths with a really sharp sword. Nah!


So, draw straws? Okay. But we decided to draw quarters instead. Four quarters. Four states. Whoever draws Louisiana wins. Three drawings, before which I'd have said that I'd always prefer Kentucky over Louisiana. But no longer. I hate Kentucky.

My younger brother Jim now loves Louisiana. And he can learn more about it on the Internet on his computer or on the Discovery Channel on his high-def TV.

It's terrible what greed does to people. Jim wouldn't believe me when I told him that late in the night in the room we were sharing, I was awakened by a mysterious presence and looked up terrified to see a hand writing on the wall: "Mene mene tekel You! Jimmy!" Aramaic for "GAMBLING IS A SIN, JIM. Give that stuff to the poor. (Or to Brother #3.)"

In truth, I don't need to win anything to be rich. I was born into a family with a father who truly loved us. That makes it easier for kids to love each other—even if one son evidently has a Louisiana trick quarter.

The good news? Anyone who is God's child is a rich heir of the best Father of all.



Focus On Faith
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have a memorial service in Houston for friends there.

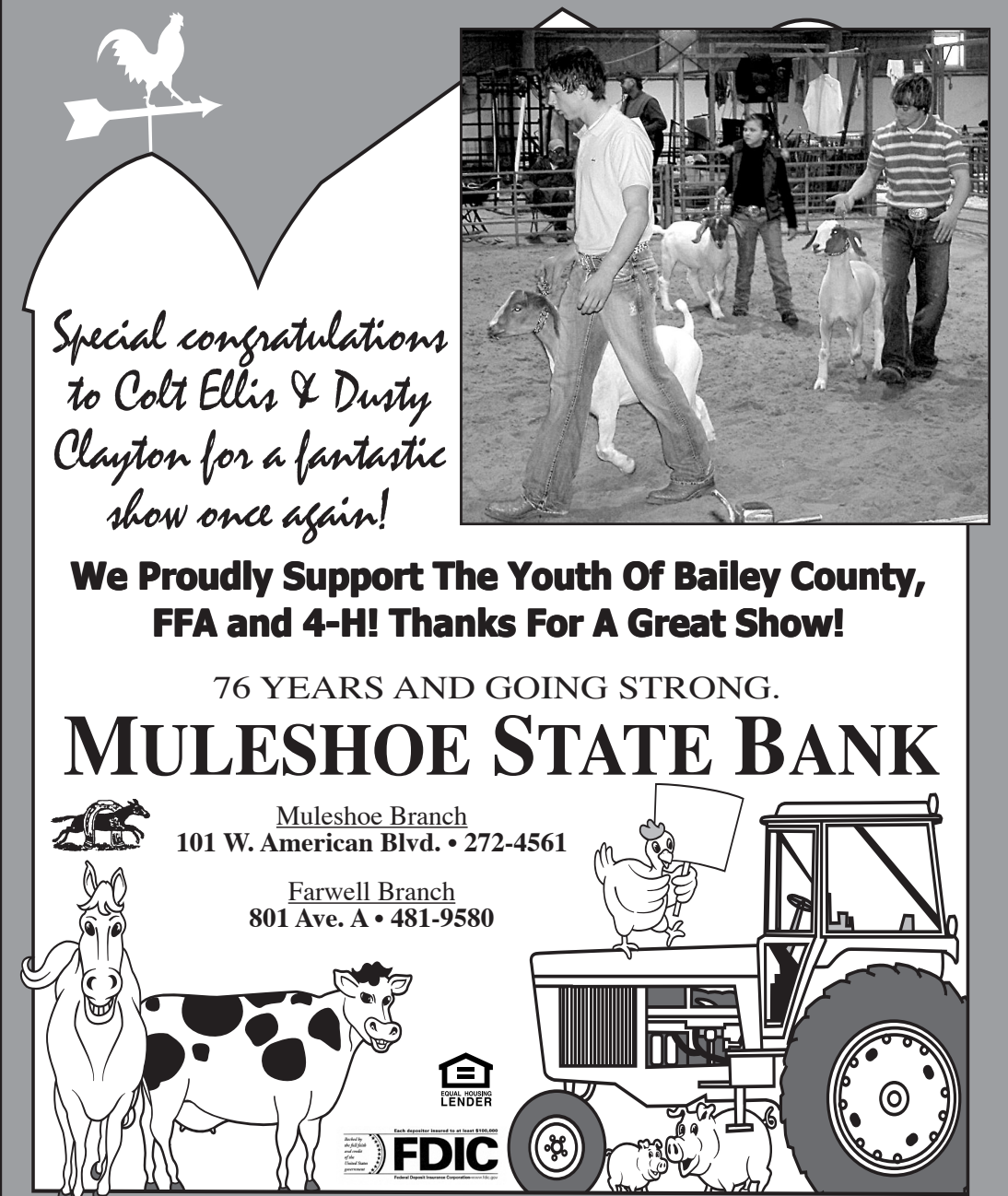
The service went well. (When the time comes I won't care, but one funeral will be enough for me, thanks.) It was a time of sharing warm memories with dear friends, and it was great to be with family. Ruthie would have loved it.

Apart from the service, we also had another goal for those few days—to make some headway in cleaning out my sister's stuff. Pack-rat-ism is evidently genetic. Mom had it. We all have it. And we knew for sure that Ruthie did.

So, with one memorial service behind us, and at the end of a long hard day of cleaning, sorting, walking down Memory Lane, finding a few fine family mementos, and getting loads of pack-rat nest-building material ready for the dumpster, we were totally tired out, collapsed all over one brother's living room.

That's when Brother #1 says, "Well, guys, I guess we oughta make some decisions about what to do with . . ."

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



Special congratulations to Colt Ellis & Dusty Clayton for a fantastic show once again!

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES - SAT., JAN. 19, 2008

373 head of cattle, 200 hogs and 530 sheep and goats for a total of 1103 livestock sold at the Jan. 19 sale. Receipts lower on cattle due to cold weather and several local livestock shows taking place. Market on stocker cifs. under 450 lbs. steady. Stocker and feeder cattle 450 lbs. & up lower. Pairs and bred cows steady. Packer cows and bulls also steady compared to last week.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
David Killough, Amherst	1	Blk. str	290 lbs.	at \$126.00
Brent Mote, Tulla	4	Blk. str	308 lbs.	at \$141.00
Jacob Dueck, Seminole	2	Mxd. bulls	323 lbs.	at \$146.00
Jacob Dueck	1	Char. bull	370 lbs.	at \$128.00
Adrian Muniz, Muleshoe	1	Char. str	345 lbs.	at \$131.00
Henry Dueck, Seminole	2	Char. str	350 lbs.	at \$126.00
Victor Orona, Denver City	1	Char. str	460 lbs.	at \$107.00
San Juana Rodriguez, Hereford	1	Blk. bul	560 lbs.	at \$97.00
Noel White, Friona	3	Blk. str	580 lbs.	at \$91.50
Jace Hill, Abernathy	2	Blk. str	755 lbs.	at \$90.00
Megan Hill, Abernathy	4	Blk. str	784 lbs.	at \$91.50
John Hill, Abernathy	21	Blk. str	829 lbs.	at \$90.75
Henry Dueck	4	Char. hfrs	413 lbs.	at \$96.00
Isabell Ortega, Anton	2	Blk. hfrs	438 lbs.	at \$92.00
Cefferina Reyes, Hereford	1	Char. hfr	533 lbs.	at \$86.00
Cefferina Reyes	3	Blk. hfrs	630 lbs.	at \$83.00
San Juana Rodriguez	2	Char. hfrs	534 lbs.	at \$86.00
Lopez Cattle, Muleshoe	1	Blk. pair		\$815.00
Lopez Cattle	1	BWF cow P8		\$660.00
Fred Renfro, Lubbock	1	Blk. cow P6		\$620.00
Jinks Meyers, Muleshoe	1	Blk. cow P8		\$710.00
David Killough, Amherst	1	BWF cow	1210 lbs.	at \$47.00
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Global Warming and Animals of the Arctic

Have you heard about "global warming?" Scientists worldwide are charting temperatures that are slowly rising and studying the effect of this change on our planet. While it is natural for the earth to have some climate changes, many think the gases and pollution we release into the air is causing a "greenhouse effect" which is causing the temperatures to rise too quickly.

In the northern and southern areas of the world, ice is slowly melting and causing sea levels to rise. This in turn forces animals and humans to change their habits.

Polar bears, who live in the Arctic area of the northern part of the world, are being affected in several ways. The ice they use to hunt, live and sleep on is starting to disappear. They have to swim farther and farther to hunt for food and some are not making it back home. Polar bears have been reported to be getting thinner. More of the polar bear cubs have died. Some people think that today's number of polar bears will be cut by half or more by the year 2050.

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Swimming Out of School!

In 2007, some water animals swam many miles farther north than usual. Some people think that rising water temperature let these animals feel comfortable in areas where they would not normally go. Once there, they moved into a salmon farm, stinging and killing over 100,000 of the fish and destroying the farm. They caused almost two million dollars in damage and business loss to the salmon farmers of Northern Ireland.

Follow this color key to color in the puzzle to see what animals swam farther north than usual:
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Who Am I?

I take long swims in the cold ocean waters. When I need a break I climb onto icy shores or ice floes to rest. Rising temperatures have melted some of the ice and we have been crowding together too tightly. When we have been frightened we have all rushed back to the ocean at once in a panic, resulting in a stampede where some of us have been hurt or killed.

I am a _____
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2008 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show

Junior livestock show placings announced

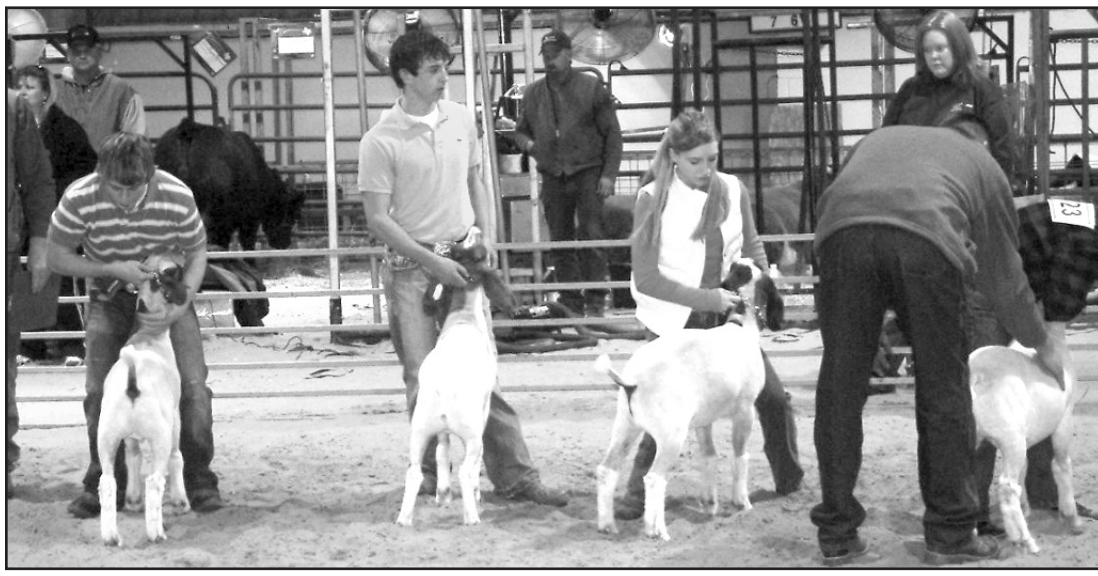
The results from the 2008 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show were as follows:

Cattle Show

Austin Bamert, Grand Champion, exotic steer; Austin Bamert, Reserve Grand Champion, exotic steer; Baylee Bessire, breed champion, British steer; Cassie Kirby, breed champion, American cross; Logan Harrison, breed champion, beef heifer; Johnny deBruin, breed champion, dairy heifer; Jacy Lawrence, Reserve breed champion, dairy heifer; Corie Ann Black, Reserve breed champion, beef heifer; Conner Harrison, Reserve breed champion, British steer; Jacy Lawrence, second place, dairy heifer; Braden Bessire, second place, British steer; Logan Harrison, second place, exotic steer; Johnny deBruin, second place, dairy heifer; Craig Black, second place, exotic steer; Conner Harrison, second place, British steer; Miranda deBruin, second place, dairy heifer; Baylee Bessire, third place, exotic steer; and Shelbi Harrison, exotic steer.

Sheep Show

Colt Ellis, Grand Champion, medium wool; Dusty Clayton, Reserve Grand Champion, medium



Participants in Friday afternoon's Goat Show brace their entries for the judge.

Photograph by Larry Thornton

wool; Jayden Shearer, Breed champion finewool cross; Jayden Shearer, Reserve breed champion, finewool cross; and Gage Edwards, first place, medium wool.

Swine Show

Brandon Eiils, Grand Champion, crosses; Jackson Myers, Reserve Grand Champion, crosses; Corie Ann Black, breed champion, Black OPB; Triston Boehning, breed champion, Duroc; Triston Boehning, breed champion, Yorkshire; Brandon Ellis, Breed champion, Berkshire; Garrison Myers, Breed champion, White OPB; Garrison Myers, Breed champion Hampshire; Kayla Preston, Breed champion, gilt; Ben Sheets, Reserve breed champion, Duroc;

Treg Box, Reserve breed champion, gilt; Jackson Myers, Reserve breed champion, Yorkshire; Ben Sheets, Reserve breed champion, Berkshire; Eli Symm, Reserve breed champion Black OPB; Dal Whalin, Reserve breed champion, Hampshire; Jesse Waggoner, Reserve breed champion, White OPB; Kayla Preston, first place, Hampshire; Judd Baker, first place, crosses; McKenna Dunham, second place, Yorkshire; Dustin Stearmer, second place, crosses; Dal Whalin, second place, crosses; Dustin Streamer, second place, gilt; Treg Box, second place, gilt; McKenna Dunham, second place, crosses; Macoy Ruthardt, third place, Duroc; Jesse

Waggoner, third place, Berkshire; Dagan Dunham, third place, crosses; Keifer Ruthardt, third place, gilt; Kaitlyn Schuster, third place, Hampshire; Cassie Kirby, fourth place, crosses; Dagan Dunham, fourth place Hampshire; Keifer Ruthardt, fourth place, crosses; Katie Scott, fourth place, crosses; William Wauson, fifth place, Hampshire; Craig Black, fifth place, crosses; and Steven Durben, fifth place, gilt.

Goat Show

Dusty Clayton, Grand Champion, goat; Colt Ellis, Reserve Grand Champion, goat; Katie Scott, first place, goat; Miranda deBruin, first place, goat; Baylee Ruthardt, first place, goat; Jessica Kube, first place, goat; William Wauson, second place, goat; Tristin McCollough, second place, goat; Ryan Watt, third place, goat; and Baylee Ruthardt, third place, goat.

Lawrence receives Bailey County's top 2008 showmanship award

Jacy Lawrence received the 2008 Jimmy Dale Black Showmanship Award at the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show's ceremonies Saturday.

Darwin Robertson was the Retiring Recipients winner.

Other showmanship award recipients honored at the coliseum included:

Swine show

Garrison, Myers, junior

trophy winner; Jackson Myers, senior trophy winner; Garrison Myers, overall buckle.

Beef Show

Shelbi Harrison, junior trophy winner; Baylee Bessire, senior trophy winner; Baylee Bessire, overall buckle.

Sheep Show

Kayla Preston, junior trophy winner; Dusty Clayton, senior trophy winner; Dusty

clayton, overall buckle; Kayla Preston, alternate.

Goat Show

Miranda deBruin, junior trophy winner; Colt Ellis, overall buckle; Jessica Kube, alternate.

Dairy Show

Triston Boehning, junior trophy winner; Jacy Lawrence, senior trophy winner; Jacy Lawrence, overall buckle.



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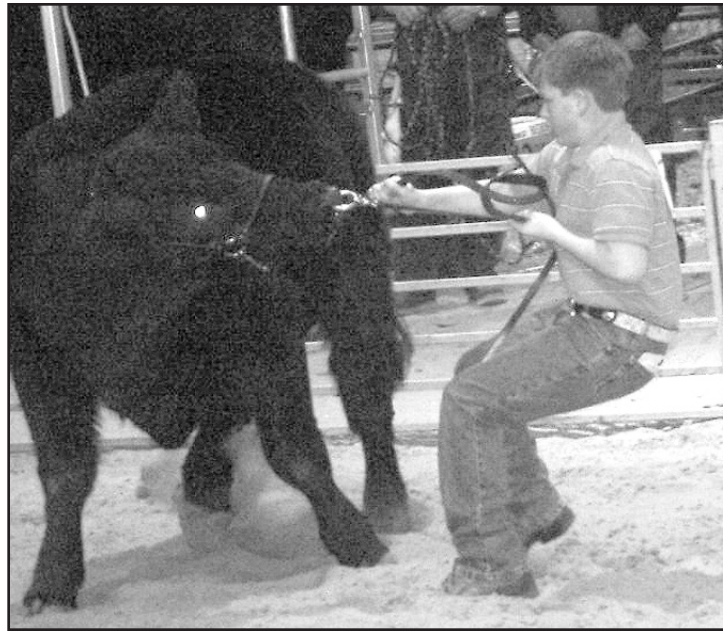
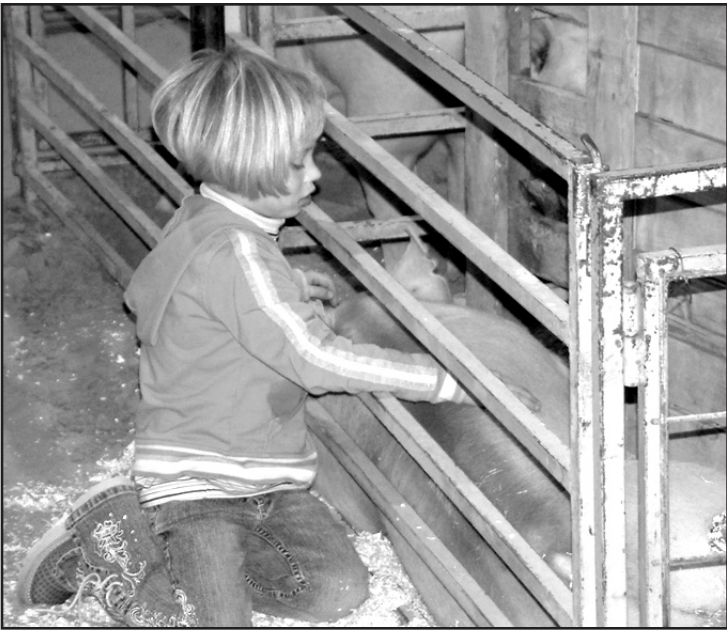
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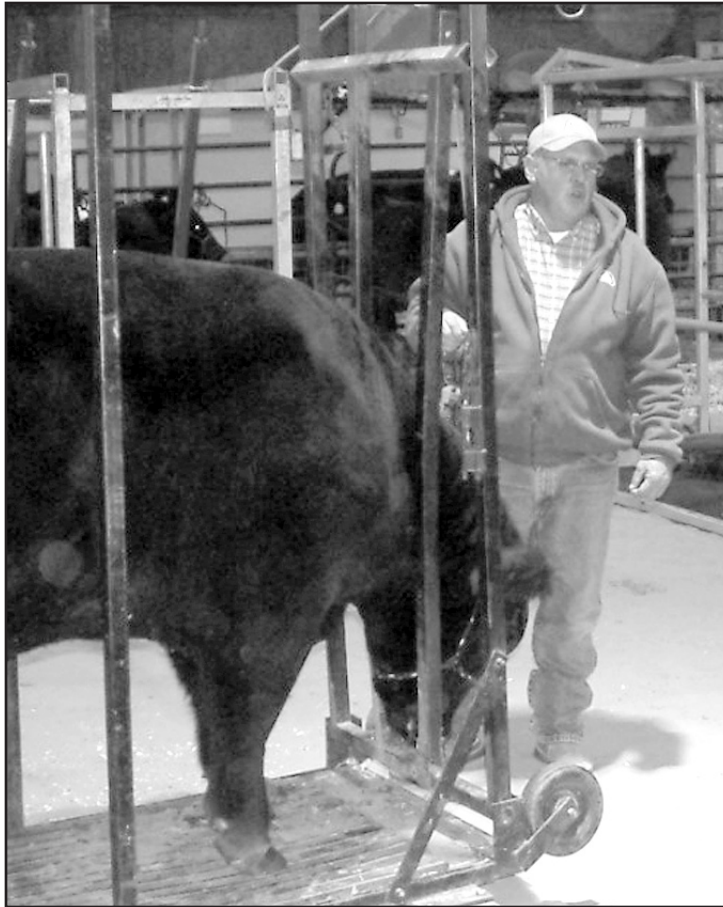
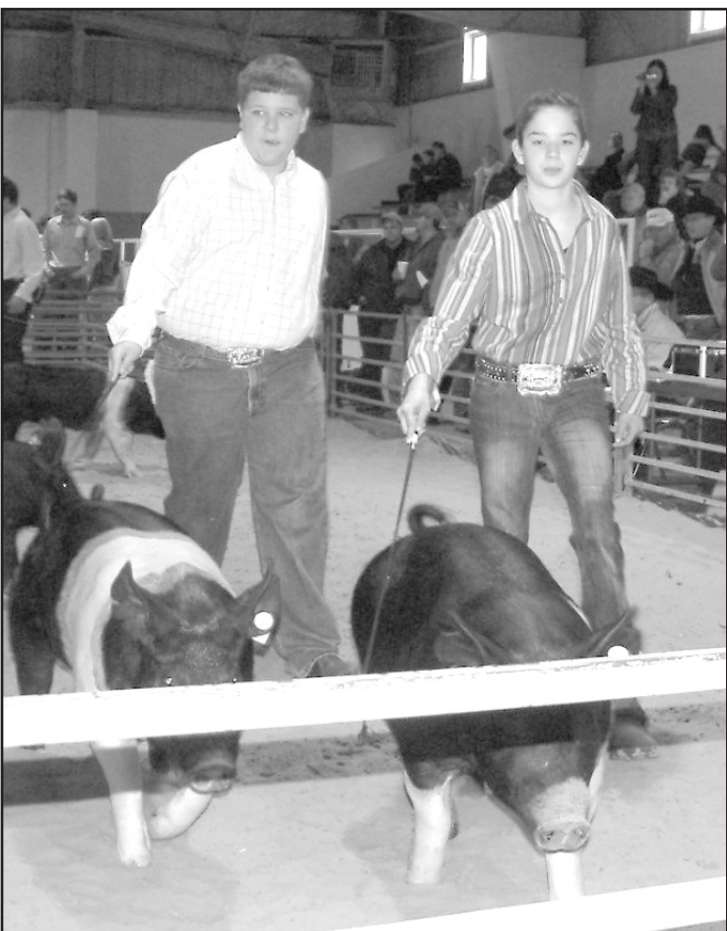
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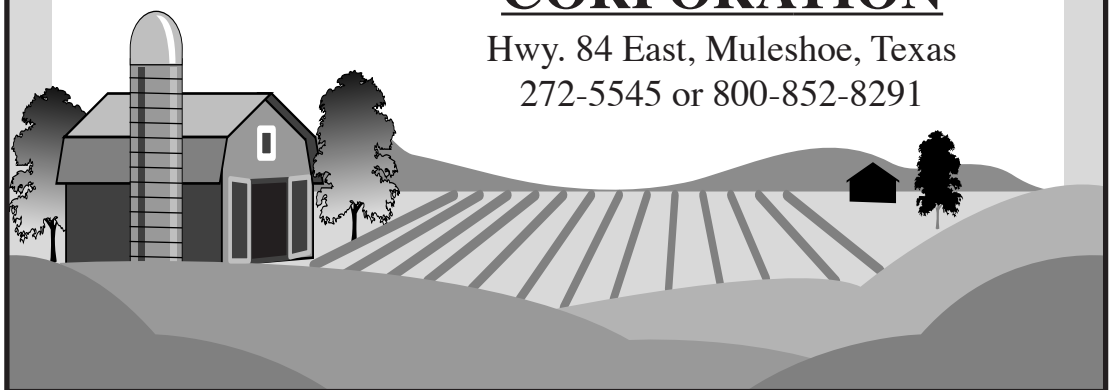
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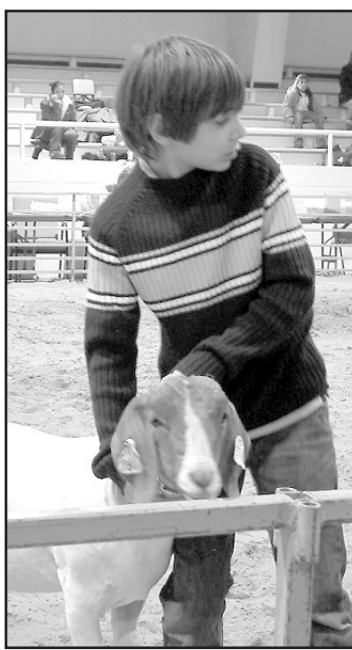
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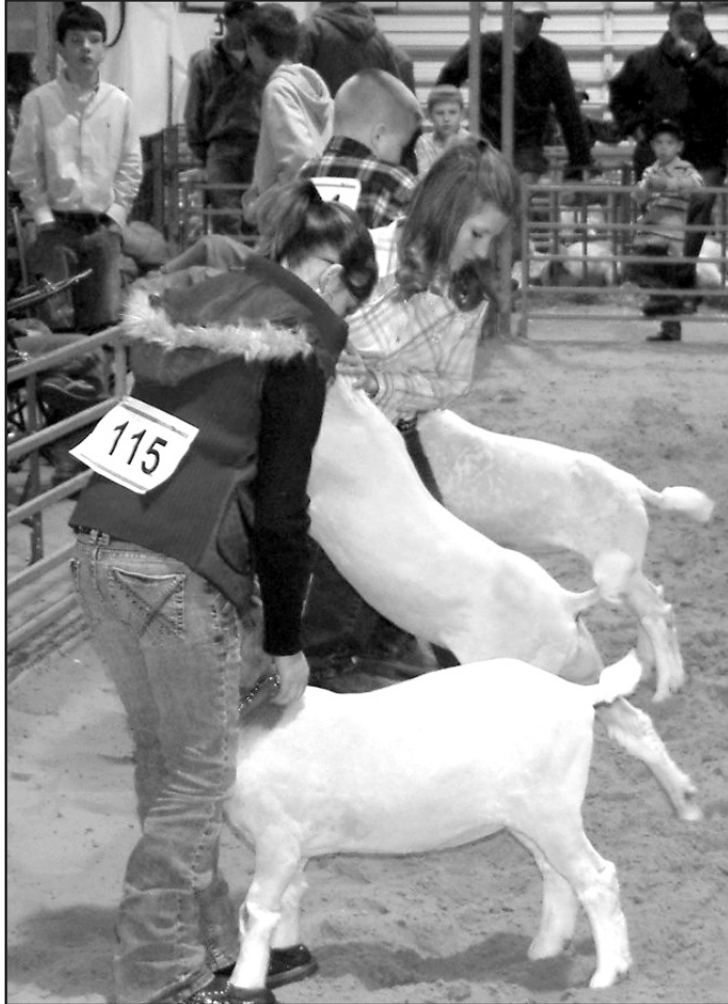
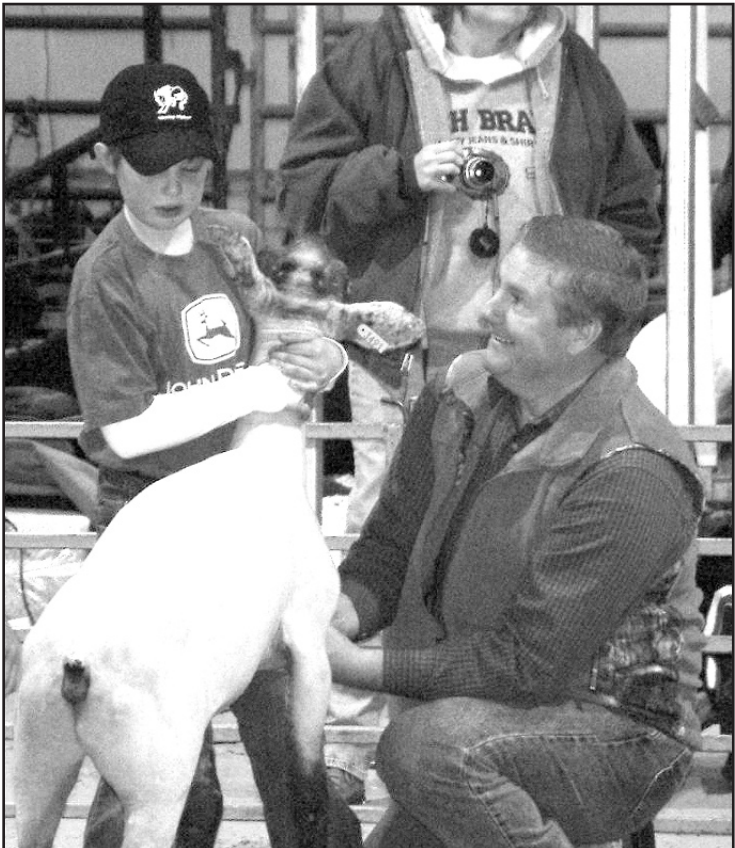
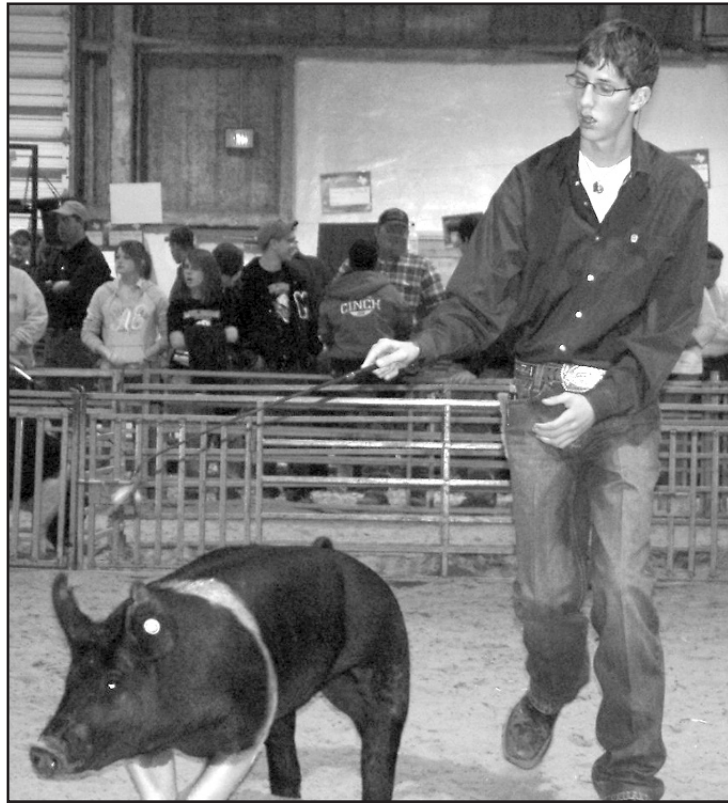
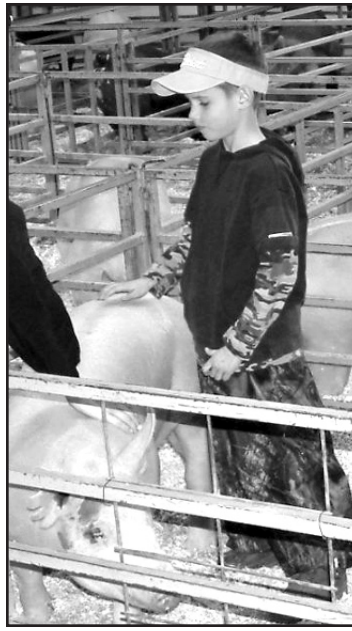
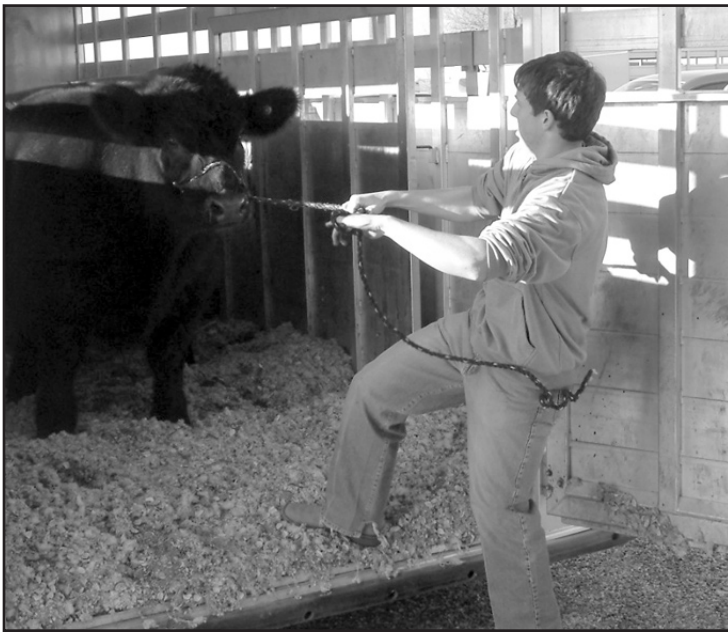
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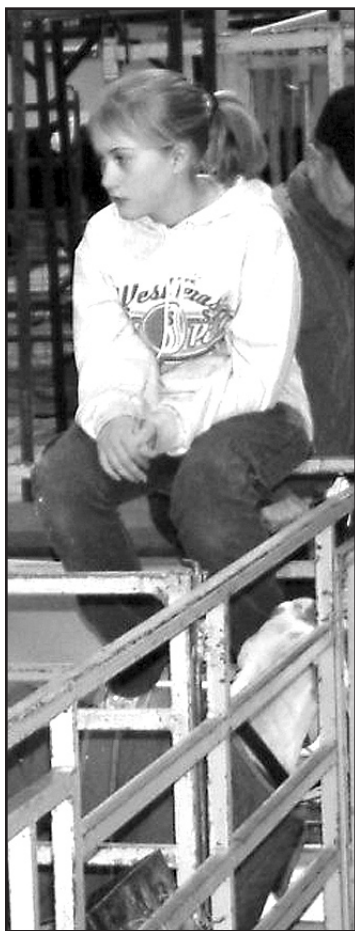
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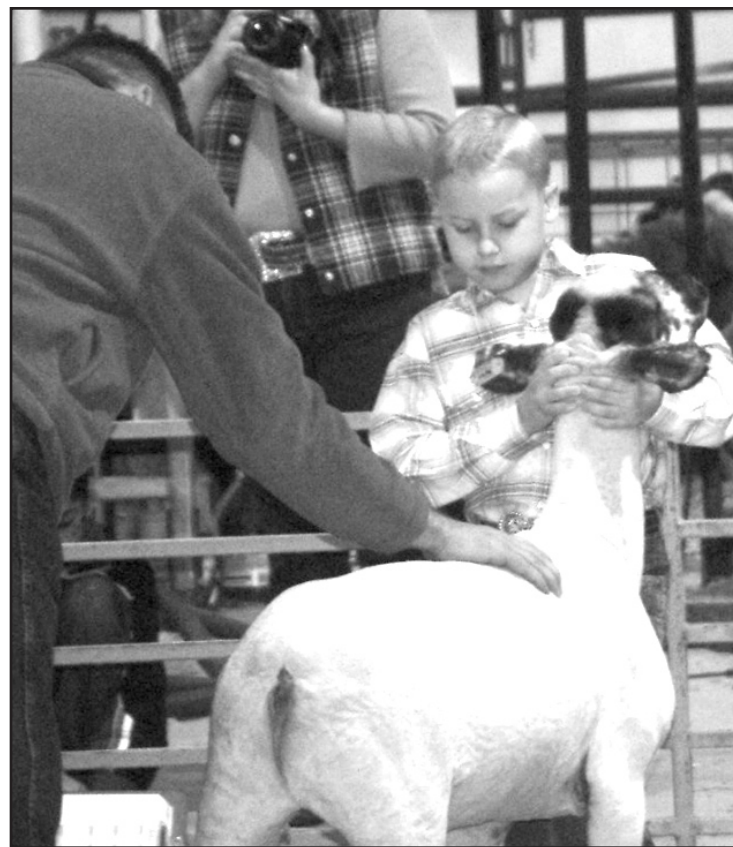


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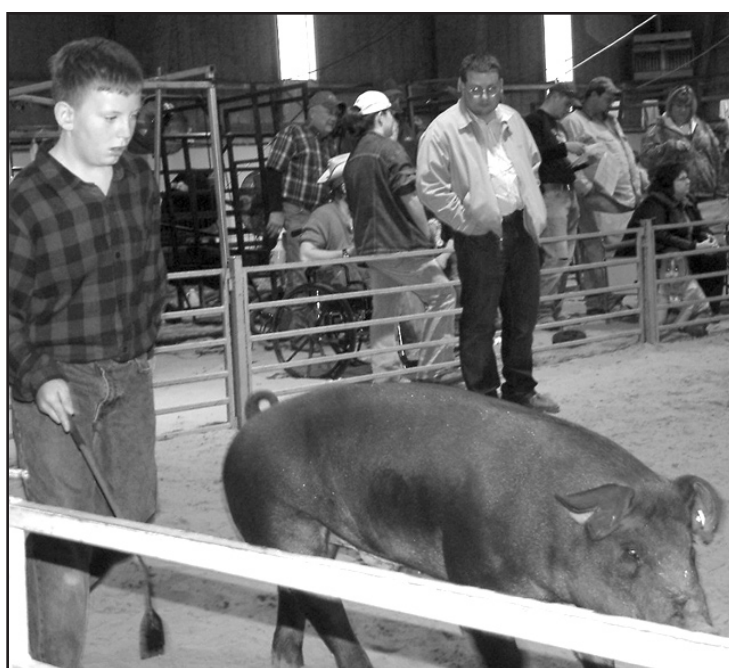
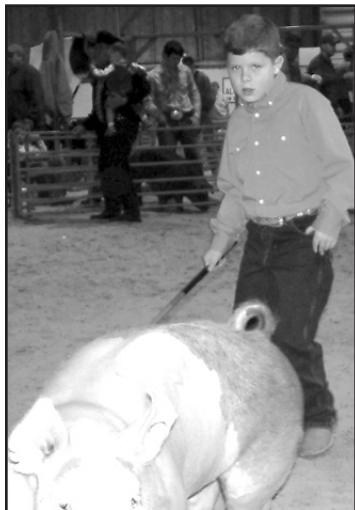
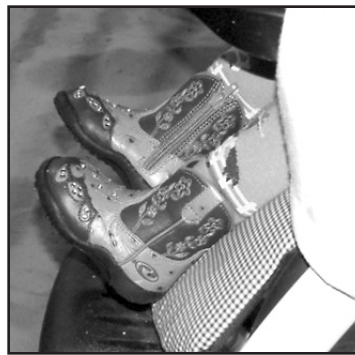
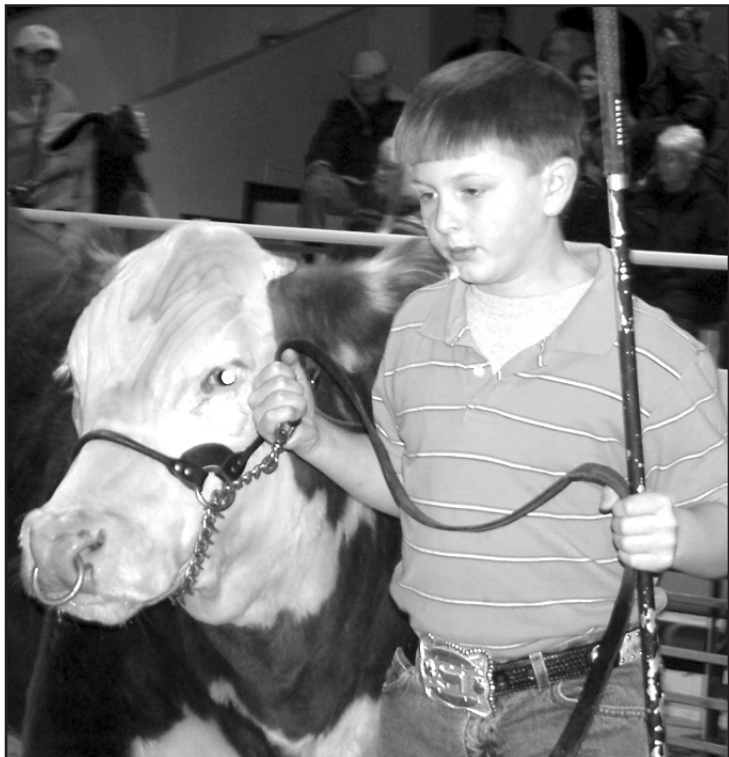
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 years in Muleshoe.*

Seventh grade Mules shut out Highland Park

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules completely shut down the Amarillo Highland Park Hornets Monday night. The Hornets were not able to score in the first half as the Mules rolled to an easy victory.

The Mules owned a 17-0 lead at the intermission and continued to pour in the points in the second half

to take a 43-8 win over the Hornets.

Ryan Johnson set the stage for the Mules by scoring on three consecutive trips down the floor. Johnson owned the paint and dropped in three short jumpers for a 6-0 lead. Shawn Atwood made one charity toss for a 7-0 Mule lead at the quarter break.

Xavier Reyes picked off a Hornet pass and got the

ball to Jr. Baca running on a break for a lay up. Johnson cleaned up the back side and put back an offensive rebound. Reyes had a foot on the line as he drained a long jumper.

Caleb Wood stopped and popped from 12 feet and finished a fast break to finish the first half. The Mules led 17-0 with two quarters to play.

Highland Park scored first as the third quarter began. Atwood stuck back an offensive rebound before the Hornets scored their second bucket.

Baca drove to the hole for a lay up. He chipped in one from the line as did Johnson before the three minute mark to give the Mules a 23-4 lead.

Johnson and Atwood each stuck back a rebound for points. Jaxiel Lopez picked off a pass and drove the floor for a basket. He stuck back a rebound for the final Mule points of the period for a 31-6 lead going into the final quarter.

Atwood scored in the

paint to start the final frame. Baca made back to back steals and drove the floor. He was fouled on his first trip and made one from the line. His second try resulted in a lay up. Highland Park scored their final bucket of the game with two and a half minutes left.

Atwood grabbed an offensive rebound and put it in the basket. He ran down the floor and pulled down a defensive rebound. He pushed the ball ahead to Lopez running on a break.

Reyes converted an old fashion three-point play after scoring on a drive and being fouled.

Johnson paced the Mules with 11 points. Atwood was just behind with nine points, Baca dropped in eight and Lopez made six. Reyes added five points and Wood made four.

The Mules traveled to Tulia to tangle with Hornets Monday night and are in Friona on Jan. 28. They wrap up their season on Feb. 4 when they host the Friona Braves.

JV Lady Mules...

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Olivas made a pair of baskets and was perfect from the line with two free throws.

Yvonne Gardea made a charity toss before scoring two baskets before the period ended. The scoring push left the Lady Mules only trailing 20-18 at the intermission. Neither team had much offense in the third period.

Tessa Burris dropped in a 3-pointer after the half as the Lady Mules cut the Lady Wildcats lead to a single point. Gardea and Burris each made six points in the final frame to help claim the win for the Lady Mules.

Gardea led the scoring charge with 12 points. Olivas dropped in 10 points, Burris added nine and Gabby Perez had four. Tori Alvarado, Amber Fuentes and Marisella Casanova chipped in one point each.

The Lady Mules appeared to be off to a slow start in Highland Park and only scored two

free throws in the first eight minutes. The Lady Hornets made one from the line.

The scoring pace picked up in the second period with Gardea making a pair of buckets and Brenda Rodriguez nailed a 3-pointer. Perez capped the scoring with one from the charity line. The Lady Mules led 10-7 at the half.

Perez pulled the trigger on a 3-pointer in the third quarter as the Lady Mules opened a 19-10 advantage.

The final was all Lady Mules with Mendoza knocking down a trey. The Lady Mules out scored the Lady Hornets 14-7 in the last quarter.

Gardea led the Lady Mules with seven points and Rodriguez scored six. Perez, Fuentes and Olivas added four points each, Stephanie Garcia dropped in three and Alvarado chipped in two.

The Lady Mules hosted the Tulia Hornets Tuesday night and traveled to Dimmitt to tangle with the Bobbies on Friday.

Eighth grade Mules defeat the Highland Park Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules and Highland Park Hornets were tied at the end of each of the first two periods. The Mules clamped down the defense for the final quarter and held the Hornets to only a single bucket. The Mules poured in 10 to take a 37-24 win.

The Mules jumped out to a 4-1 lead with Sergio Vasquez scoring on a break. Juan Guerrero answered a Hornet free throw by scoring in the paint. Carlos Sosa scored with a baby hook shot after a Hornet basket.

The Hornets took the lead on a set of free throws before Saul Elizalde broke through the back door for an open jumper. The game was tied at 8-8 going into the second period.

Highland Park went on an eight-point run in the first three minutes. The Mules roared back in the final part of the quarter with eight of their own. Hector Flores fed Vasquez to start the come back.

Vasquez scored on the next trip by picking up a loose ball and putting it in the hoop. Sosa stopped and popped from six feet as the clock went under a minute. Vasquez made the toss to Flores on a perfectly executed in bound play and scored to tie the game at 16-16 at the intermission.

The Mules took a 27-22

lead after three quarters. Sosa called glass as he bank in a 3-pointer for the only trey of the game.

Guerrero missed his shot but grabbed the rebound and put it in the basket to open the final quarter.

Matthew Ambriz made a steal and drove the floor for a lay up. Ambriz fed Guerrero on the blocks after he had pinned his defender. He spun and made the shot.

Sosa and Flores finished back-to-back breaks to close out the game.

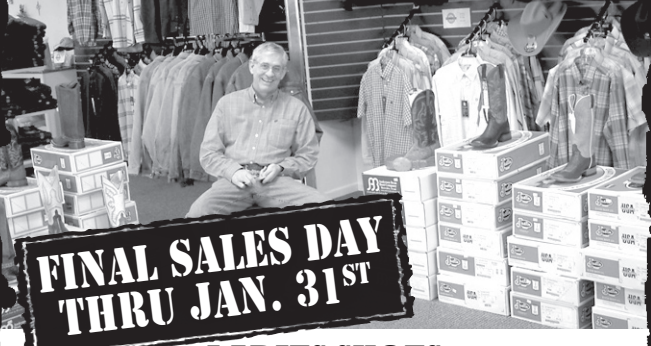
Sosa led the offensive charge for the Mules with nine points. Flores, Vasquez and Guerrero dropped in eight points each. Ambriz and Elizalde chipped in two points apiece.

The Mules traveled to Tulia to meet the Hornets Monday. They go to Friona the following Monday and wrap up their season February 4 when the Dimmitt Bobcats visit the Mules.

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Ladies Golf Assn. News

The Muleshoe Ladies Golf Association met on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Muleshoe Country Club.

Club president Jeanetta Precure called the meeting to order by introducing the officers.

Deborah Noble led a prayer of gratitude.

Sheila Stevenson read the minutes and called roll. There were 19 members present, including two new members — Donna Glover and Terri Precure.

The January birthdays

were Jerie Flowers, LaVerne Wimm, and Deborah Noble.

The treasurer's report was given by Pat Kirk.

Elinor Yerby thanked everyone for donating to the 2007 scrapbook, which is dedicated to Analita Haley.

Due to the weather, there was no golf. However, there were 15 Shang-hi players.

Winn won the door prize, which was drawn by Jan Fonttinnalli.

The next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the country club.

Smith honored

Morgan Smith, junior guard for the Lady Mules, was selected as the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Class 2A Girls Player of the Month for December. She received the award on Jan. 17 in Amarillo. For the month of December, she averaged 13.3 points, 6.2 rebounds, 3.7 assists, and 1.8 steals.



MORGAN SMITH

50th Anniversary Celebrated

Pete & Tommie Fulcher
will celebrate their
50th Wedding Anniversary
Friday, January 25, 2008

Pete and the former Tommie Smallwood were united in marriage on Jan. 25, 1958 at Saint Luke's Methodist Church in Lubbock. They are the parents of Tonda and her husband Carey Jones of Lubbock, and the late Paul Fulcher of Muleshoe. They have five grandchildren, Roper Fulcher and his wife Amanda of Muleshoe, Haylee Fulcher of Amarillo, Laramie Fulcher of Farwell and Caleb and Cason Jones of Lubbock. Pete and Tommie moved to the Farwell area in 1968 where Pete began his farming career. Tommie is an employee at Muleshoe State Bank - Farwell Branch. On Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, the couple will be honored with a family dinner at their daughter's home in Lubbock.



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1963 Muleshoe graduate to retire after 40 years

Dr. Karen Jones Howard Green is retiring after 40 years of work in speech pathology and education.

She has worked in public schools, four universities in two states and a private practice. Jones received her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso, her master's degree from Texas Tech University, and her doctorate from the University of Houston.

She is also a registered professional education diagnostician in Texas.

Dr. Green served on the first licensure board in the state of Texas and the American Speech, Hearing, and Language Association



DR. KAREN GREEN

Continuing Education Board. She ends her career at California State University Northridge and was the first coordinator of the online distance education masters degree.

Green received a certificate of appreciation from the Texas Speech-

Language Hearing Association and Abilene Christian University. She received an Outstanding Award for Service to California Speech-Language-Hearing Association, District 7. She also received the Don Dorsey Award for Mentoring Excellence at California State University Northridge. She has received five Awards for Continuing Education from the American Speech, Hearing and Language Association.

Her presentations have included topics on distance learning, learning disabilities, innovative university classes, treatment in an adolescent psychiatric facility, inservice

training for the regular education teacher, private practice, teacher beliefs concerning mainstreaming, and language performance of Anglo and Mexican-American children.

Karen Jones Green graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1963. Her late husband, Jerry L. Howard, graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1962.

Her mother's family — the Pools, moved to Bailey County in 1925. She has one son — Jarett Lance of Grand Prairie; two stepsons — Brian of Northridge, Calif., and Geoffiey of Castle Rock, Colo.; and eight grandchildren.

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Thanks for reading the Journal!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Bailey County Commissioners Court will receive bids for the sell of a used rock crusher for Precinct #1. Please contact the County Judge's office for more information. Deadline for submission of bids is 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 28, 2008, at which time bids will be opened. Sealed bids for the sale should be submitted to the County Judge's Office, 300 S. 1st, Suite 100, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to postpone awarding of the bids until a later date, if necessary.

Published in the Muleshoe Journal on January 17 and 24, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Looking for a good, used passenger van for OTR travel. Send quotes, description and photos to Minsa Corp., Attn.: Tony Scolley, P.O. Box 484, Muleshoe, TX 79347. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on January 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 2008.*



Did you know.... Our classified section appears in its entirety on the Muleshoe Journal website at www.muleshoejournal.com.

LHC Family Medicine

Clinic is seeking a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNC) or Physician Assistant (PA) to provide professional medical services in the community health center setting. Must have a current NP or PA certification and license with the State of Texas. At least 1-2 years experience as a FNP or PA. Hours are 8:00 to 5:00, M-F. Apply at Lamb Healthcare Center, 1500 S. Sunset, Littlefield, Texas. For more information call 806-385-6411. LHC is an EEOC employer.

HOSPITAL COOK

Parmer County Community Hospital is seeking candidates for a full time Cook. Prefer 2+ years experience in reading individual menus relating to meal preparation. Experience in healthcare or similar environment preferred. Competitive wage and benefit package. To schedule an interview, please stop by for an application or send resume to: PCCH Human Resources, 1307 N. Cleveland, Friona, TX 79035.

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INTERNATIONAL INGREDIENT CORPORATION

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Plant Accountant, Mesa Ingredient Corporation, Clovis, New Mexico

FUNCTION: Performs a number of duties essential to the operation of the Mesa Ingredient Corporation plant at Clovis, NM. Some of these duties include administrative activities related to new employee assimilation, accurate and timely gathering and input of production data into the Navision ERP system, vouchering of payables, and shipment documentation transfer to St. Louis, etc.

AUTHORITY: Set up and manager local vendor accounts used by the plant. Run ads for employee openings. Oversee the activity associated with monthly inventories. The ordering of bags, totes, and other items required for stock.

RESPONSIBILITY: Daily input of production data into Navision, including receipts for Mesa, production for Mesa, sales to IIC from Mesa, receipts for IIC, shipments for IIC, etc. Daily review of Navision reports to insure accuracy of recorded data. Time clock management of plant workers. Assist plant manager in certain administrative activities. Setup physicals, schedule pre-employment drug tests and coordinate completion of new employee paperwork. Set up new labels and modify existing labels for bag printing operation. Print weekly production reports and bills of laden.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: Plant accountant reports to the plant manager of Mesa Ingredient Corporation.

EXPERIENCE: A minimum of five (5) years book keeping/accounting department experience is desired. It is desired that this experience be with a manufacturing company. Experience with a fully integrated ERP systems required.

EDUCATION: A four year accounting/general business degree is desired. A two year degree in same field is required.

Submit resume, salary history and cover letter specifying how you meet job requirements to 340 Curry Road K, Clovis, N.M. 88101 or call 806-268-2800.

LAB MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Remember! The Onieda Wagon Senior Center will be serving a pancake breakfast Saturday, Jan. 26, beginning at 6:30 a.m. There will be pancakes with all the trimmings. There will be sugar free syrup, lite syrup, strawberry, blueberry, and regular syrup with bacon, sausage, orange juice, milk, and coffee, regular or decaffeinated.

The cost for the breakfast will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Everyone is invited to come and join in the good eats and fellowship.

If you have not made your donation to the center for the \$10,000 reward, please come by the center or contact one of the senior citizens. Call a friend or four or five and all go together

for a ticket. The drawing will be held April 9 here at the center.

A great big thank you to all who made my birthday a wonderful day Monday. It is really great to live in a community with so many good and wonderful people.

We have such a good time here at the center. We urge you to come and visit with us. We are open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Our meals are planned by a nutritionist so they are healthy and enjoyable.

We have play day here every day. Several come in to play dominoes and eighty.

We have Bunco on the first and third Tuesdays, beginning at 10 a.m. and

Bingo every Thursday, beginning at 1:30 p.m. We urge you to come in and join us for the fun and fellowship.

Jan. 28 - Feb. 1 menu: Monday, Jan. 28 - Chicken ala King, scalloped potatoes, salad, wheat roll and apple crisp.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 - Hamburger on a Bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, beans, chips, fruit and cookies.

Wednesday, Jan. 30 - Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and cake.

Thursday, Jan. 3 - Chili, beans, rice, salad, cornbread and chocolate pudding.

Friday, Feb. 1 - Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Club News

Muleshoe Girl Scouts hold meeting

On Jan. 15, Nelda Merriott, the service unit director of Muleshoe, met with the local Girl Scout Troops to discuss their plans on this year's cookie sales.

In attendance were Onieda DeLeon junior girl scout leader of Troop 6084, and Jennifer Parker of Brownie Troop 6815, Bell Kelly, Daisy Troop 6159.

The cookies sales began on Jan. 19. The director and troop leaders are very optimistic that this year's cookie sale will be the best ever.

Guest at this years meeting were Roy and

Vanessa Munoz, Eufemia Torres and Georgia Parker, brownie member.

Cookie booth sales this year will be held at United and Lowe's on Feb. 16 and 23.

It is not too late to join Girl Scouts this year and still be able to sell cookies.

This year many activities that are being planned to ensure the girls experience the possibility of learning many new skills to experience life's exciting events in being of young lady of today's society.

Among events planned within the troops this year

will be cooking lesson, community involvement, field trips to Lubbock Texas, Clovis New Mexico, Wildlife refuge, and all this events will include earning Girl Scout Patches.

For more information on any of the above mention activities and cookie sales, call the following Girl Scout team:

Nelda Merriott at 272-4071, Onieda DeLeon at 272-3959, and Jennifer Parker at 806-241-8046 cell.

Or call Belle Kelly at 272-4455 to enroll in either Daisies or the Girl Scouts.



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