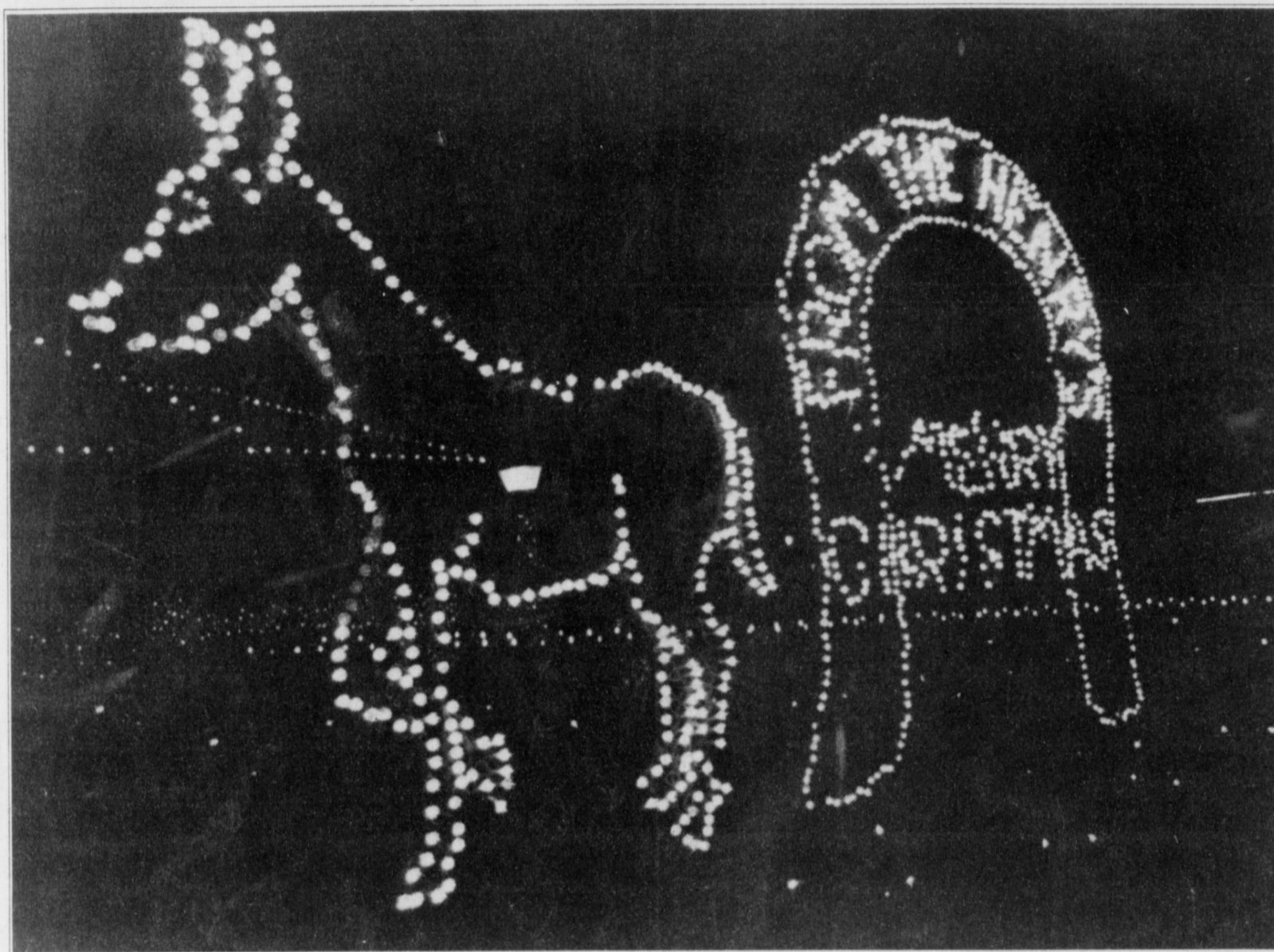


Muletide



This Christmas light display on the lawn of a home on 19th Street features the town's namesake.

Domestic dispute ends in crash

BY SAMUEL VILLARREAL
Journal staff writer

A domestic dispute is believed to be the impetus for a two-car accident shortly after midnight Thursday that left a Muleshoe couple hospitalized and the intersection of American Boulevard and Highway 214 without traffic lights.

Jose Ramirez, 23, and his wife Jina Ramirez, 19, were transported by ambulance to Muleshoe Area Hospital, where they were listed in fair condition Friday afternoon. There were no passengers in either vehicle.

Driving a 1984 Chevrolet pickup, Jose Ramirez is believed to have been pursuing the 1984 Isuzu compact car driven by his wife at a high rate of speed east on American Boulevard. The pickup slammed into the car and both vehicles careened into the Town & Country parking lot,

knocking down a traffic light stanchion and a sign, according to Muleshoe Police Chief Jay Livingston.

Muleshoe police found beer in the pickup driver's blood-alcohol test at the hospital. It will be several weeks before police learn the results.

Jina Ramirez' car came to rest between two rows of gas pumps, 94 feet from the point of impact.

The pickup struck the bottom portion of the lighted Town & Country sign, sheered off the traffic signal post at its base before coming to rest in the middle of Highway 214, nearly 167 feet from the point of first impact.

"He must have had one helluva ride," Livingston said as he surveyed the damage, which included the shattered

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Proposed bill would limit teen-age driving privileges

BY SAMUEL VILLARREAL
Journal staff writer

Teen-agers who think it getting their driver's license equals freedom could be in for some bad news.

A new bill being proposed by Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) would put teens on a slower, more graduated path to obtaining a driver's license.

"The new regulations would lower insurance premiums in the long run," said Kenneth Henry, owner of Henry Insurance in Muleshoe. "Drivers would spend more time learning to drive."

As with current laws, prospective drivers would be allowed to obtain an instruction permit at age 15 after they have completed a driver's education course. The permit would allow them to drive only if an adult is in

the front passenger seat.

When the driver turns 16, an intermediate license would be issued. With the intermediate license, a driver could drive alone, but only between the hours of 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. In order to drive outside these hours, a licensed adult age 21 or over must accompany the driver.

If the teenager does not receive any violations for six months after receiving an intermediate license, she or he would receive a full license.

Bivins said he wants to place restrictions on teen driving after 9 p.m. because statistics he has gathered show that while teens make up 5.5 percent of licensed drivers, they are involved in 11 percent of all reported accidents, many of which occur after dark.

Bailey County Sheriff Jerry Hicks is supportive of such driving curfews.

"Teenagers that aren't working don't really need to be out at late hours," Hicks said. "The restrictions are fairly reasonable."

Joseph Anguano, a 15 year-old freshman at Muleshoe High School, voiced optimism about the new bill.

"After waiting 16 years, an extra six months won't make a difference when it comes to getting a license," Anguano said.

Teenagers in Muleshoe do not follow the trends of big city drivers, according to Henry.

"Teen-agers in Muleshoe tend to be better drivers than larger towns because parents help and explain more about how to be a defensive driver," Henry said.

Longhorns trample Coyotes in 1st round

FARWELL — Beating Lazbuddie is a tall order.

Sheer size gives the Class 1A Longhorns a decided edge against most teams.

Dora, N.M. discovered that Thursday when it came up short against Lazbuddie, dropping a lopsided 69-45 decision in the first round of the Farwell Invitational Tournament.

The Longhorns played Texico, N.M. Friday in the championship semifinals. The Wolverines edged the Plainview JV 52-50 in an earlier game.

LHS (7-1) sports four players 6-7, 260-pound junior Jason Thomas.

Thomas finished with a quiet

8 points, but 6-1 senior Justin St. Clair (21 points) and 6-2 junior Chris Smith (15 points) took over the scoring load. Israel Lopez, a 6-3 senior, added 12 points and did plenty of damage on the boards.

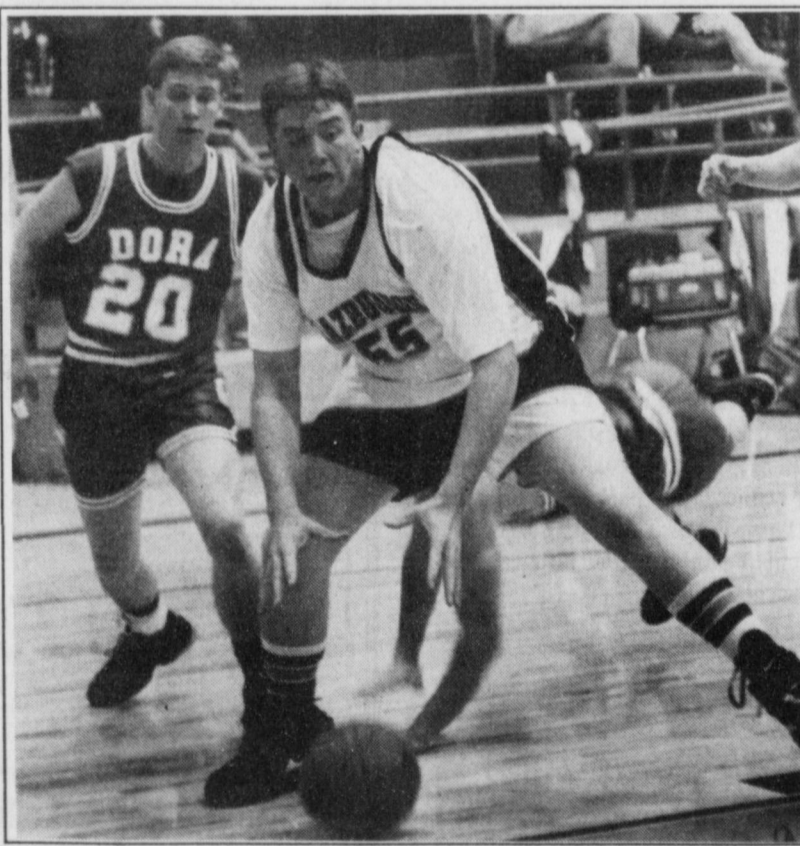
"The thing I like is we're balanced," Lazbuddie coach Gary Grahn said. "You can't just come out and sag on us because we can hit the outside shot."

St. Clair and Smith each had a pair of 3-pointers.

Grahn was wary of Dora's quickness, but the Coyotes never got its running and pressing game going.

Lazbuddie controlled the

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Power move

Lazbuddie's Jason Thomas uses a power dribble as he moves into the paint for a shot Thursday in the first round of the Farwell Invitational. The Longhorns whipped Dora 69-45 and played Texico in Friday's semifinals.

FARWELL INVITE

Boys

at Farwell HS

Thursday

First round

Texico 52, Plainview JV 50

Lazbuddie 69, Dora, N.M. 45

Plains 71, Melrose, N.M. 63

Farwell 78, Elida, N.M. 60

Friday

Championship semifinals

Lazbuddie vs Texico

Plains vs Farwell

Consolation semifinals

Plainview JV vs Dora

Elida vs Melrose

Girls

Thursday

First round

Texico 58, Farwell JV 36

Lazbuddie 50, Dora, N.M. 43

Plains 56, Melrose, N.M. 43

Farwell 61, Elida, N.M. 55

Friday

Championship semifinals

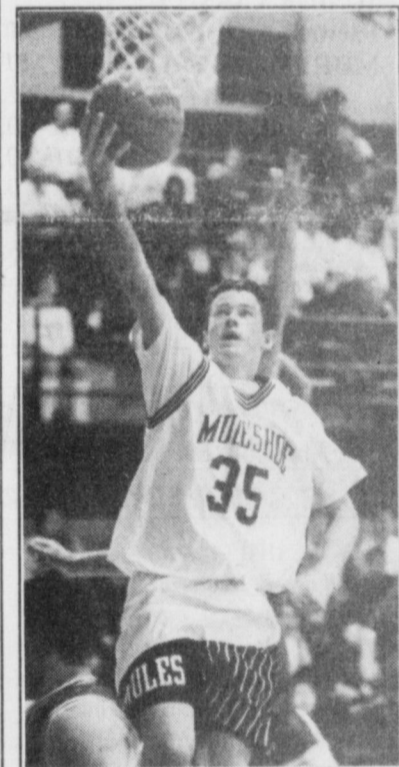
Lazbuddie vs Texico

Plains vs Farwell

Consolation semifinals

Farwell JV vs Dora

Elida vs Melrose



Two points

Layne Kemp glides in for a layup during Tuesday's 79-68 win over Farwell.

Mustangs master Mules

ABERNATHY — Ralph Mason always preaches it's experience and not tournament titles that are important.

The Muleshoe coach said his team learned a valuable lesson in a 72-64 loss to Shallowater Thursday in the first round of the 1-27 Tournament.

"I feel good about the game," Mason said. "We found out we were just as good a team if not a better team than Shallowater. We just didn't knock down our shots."

MHS, shooting close to 50 percent from the field on the season, shot just 29 percent (23 of 80), against Shallowater.

Still, the Mules (8-4) chased one of the area's top teams to the finish. Shallowater is undefeated (9-0) and features one West Texas' top big men in 6-

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Local church presenting Christmas musical Dec. 22

The Muleshoe First Assembly of God is using theater to present the message of Christmas in terms of everyday life.

The musical "On Christmas Day" will be presented Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Assembly of God.

"The play follows a family

in their everyday lives, and compares how the different events that they encounter relates to the story of Jesus Christ," Nancy Kidd, who has helped to organize the play.

Billy Martinez serves as the narrator, tying the events of the family to the spiritual as-

pects of Christmas.

As the play opens up, the family gets a call from their daughter, who is away from home. The daughter, played by Brenda Clark, tells her family that she will try to make it home for Christmas, which is compared to the promise made to

Joseph about the coming of Jesus.

Later in the play, the family receives a Christmas card from some very close friends, just as they do every year. The father, played by Scott Saylor, had been waiting eagerly for the card to arrive, just as the people

of Israel were waiting for the Messiah to deliver them from the Romans.

The play ends with the daughter finally making it home for Christmas, which is compared to the arrival of Jesus.

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Christmas Project seeking donations

The Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center is seeking donations for the Christmas Card Project to help provide funds for carpeting, furniture, ect. for the Center.

The project encourages local residents to donate their Christmas card money to the Center, who will print one large card in the newspaper.

Donations can be given to Fern Warren at 1st Bank, Mary Moore at Muleshoe State Bank or mailed to Christmas Card Project, P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Donations can also be given directly to project coordinators Lona Embry or Joyline Costen.

Little Dribbler sign-up Dec. 15

Sign-up for Little Dribblers will be held Dec. 15 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. at the Muleshoe State Bank Community Room. Children in grades 3 through 6 are eligible to play in Little Dribblers.

Registration fee is \$20. Parents also need to bring a photocopy of their child's birth certificate. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Any parents interested in serving on the Board can contact Larry Broyles at 965-2383.

MISD School Board meeting Dec. 16

The board of trustees of the Muleshoe Independent School District will meet in regular session Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the MISD administration building.

Items of business on the agenda include consideration of the approval of plans for construction and renovations of the music facilities at Muleshoe High School. The board will begin a summative appraisal of the superintendent. Informations reports will also be given at the meeting.

MISD dismissing early Dec. 20

Muleshoe School District will dismiss classes one hour early on Dec. 20 for the Christmas Holidays. Buses will run one hour early that afternoon.

Teachers will return Jan 6, 1997 for a preparation day and classes will resume on regular schedule Jan 7.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Dec. 19

The Soup & Sandwich Luncheon meeting for December will be held Dec. 19 from 12 - 1 p.m. at the fellowship

hall of the 16th & D Church of Christ. This month's feature will be a video presentation of "The Fourth Wise Man," a Christmas story by Henry van Dyke.

The meal is offered on a free-will donation basis. A new flyer listing programs for the 1997 Soup & Sandwich series will be available at the luncheon. The flyer is also available upon request by calling 272-4619. The Soup & Sandwich Luncheon will be held on the second Thursdays of each month in 1997.

New Year's Eve celebration at coliseum

The Christian Center Church in Muleshoe will host a New Year's Eve celebration at the Bailey County Coliseum New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. - midnight.

There will be family games, basketball, volleyball, live music, food and a special service.

For more information, contact Walter Lackey at the Christian Center Church at (806) 272-3877.

Muleshoe City Council meeting Dec. 17

The Muleshoe City Council will meet in regular session Dec. 17 at the Muleshoe City Hall.

Items to be discussed include consideration of a no-smoking ordinance in City buildings and vehicles. The council will also take action on the purchase or lease of vehicles for the police department.

Jan. School Board Recognition Month

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed January 1997 as School Board Recognition Month. Bush hopes that districts across the state will use this opportunity to build awareness and understanding of the function an elected board of education plays in their communities and schools.

The Muleshoe Journal will publish "Letters to Santa" in the Sunday, Dec. 22 edition.

Bring your letters to the Muleshoe Journal at 304 W. 2nd or mail them to Santa Claus %Muleshoe Journal P.O. Box 449 Muleshoe, TX 79347 DEADLINE: Wednesday, Dec. 18



Crash

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remains of windshields and reflectors strewn across the Town & Country parking lot.

Livingston said Jina Ramirez will be cited for driving without a license and insurance. Jose Ramirez will be cited for failure to control speed and possibly for driving while intoxicated, depending on the results of the blood-alcohol test.

Muleshoe police are investigating the possibility that domestic violence was involved, Livingston said.

A four-way stop sign was being installed Friday afternoon to control traffic. Richard Morris, foreman of the Highway Department in Muleshoe, didn't know how long it would take to replace the traffic lights. "The guy out of Lubbock

who does our lights could not give us an exact deadline because of the extensive damage," Morris said. "The wire that was left behind was severely damaged and he said he would probably have to replace it. It will probably be after the new year before the light is replaced."

Musical

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"We have been working on the play since October," Kid said. "Some of the church members helped by building the stage for the play."

A choir will also be performing during the play, with pastor Jack Stone featured as a soloist.

The play is open to the public, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY

Farwell 17 14 11 18 60
MHH JV 14 11 9 17 51
Farwell (60) — Taylor 0 2-2 2,
Ketcherside 11-23, Nichols 0 0-0 0,
Mendoza 5 0-1 10, Roberts 0 0-0 0,
Garcia 3 2-4 8, Monk 0 0-0 0,
Crawford 1 0-0 2, Silva 0 0-0 0,
Franse 3 2-3 8, Zorn 7 (1) 2-2 19,
Chadwick 4 0-0 8. Totals 24 (1) 9-14 60.
MHS JV (51) — Sinclair 2 (1) 1-

28, Pineda 1 0-0 2, Gonzales 2 (2) 1-2 11, Hines 2 0-0 4, Perez 3 0-1 6,
Campolla 3 2-2 8, Purdy 3 0-0 6,
Turney 22-86. Totals 18 (3) 6-15 51.
FRESHMAN
Tulia 3 4 6 1 14
MHS 9th 12 20 25 15 72
MHS 9th (72) — Hodge 3 0-0 6,
Posadas 1 0-0 2, Barrett 0 (2) 0-0 6,
Latham 0 0-0 0, Black 3 0-0 6,
Norman 1 (1) 0-0 5, Reyes 2 0-3 4,
Mason 2 1-4 5, Bruns 0 3-4 3,
McClanahan 4 1-1, Copeland 1 0-1

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JUNIOR HIGH
WJHS 7th 40, Tulia 36
Tulia 9 6 11 9 36
WJHS 7th 12 11 4 13 40
MHS 9th (40) — Zac Yanis 2,
James Hancock 2, Michael Jonshon 7,
Kyle Atwood 3, Michael Norman 2,
Bryan Smith 1, Lincoln Riley 11,
Jeffre Skipworth 1, Daniel Johnson 11.
WJHS 8th 40, Tulia 36

Tulia 10 13 6 14 43
WJHS 8th 18 6 11 15 50
MHS 9th (40) — Dan Williams 2,
Lindy Pineda 1, Chris Vela 10,
Mosies Garcia 8, Darrell Lewis 11,
Jerrell Otwell 10, Jeff Shelburne 4,
Facundo Olivias 2, Jonathan Pacheco 2.

School Menus

For the week of Dec. 16-20

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Breakfast
Monday— French toast stix, fruit or juice, milk Tuesday—banana muffin, fruit or juice, milk. Wednesday— breakfast burrito, fruit or juice, milk. Thursday—biscuit w/ gravy, fruit or juice, milk. Friday—cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, milk.
Lunch
Monday—tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, Mexican squash, peanut butter cookies, milk. Tuesday— Texas red stew, green beans, sliced pears, corn bread, milk. Wednesday— chicken tetrazzini, mixed veggies, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk. Thursday— corn dog, veggie soup, cinnamon roll, pineapple tidbits, milk. Friday— sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, cornchips, mixed fruit, milk.
THREWAY
Breakfast
Monday— pancake fruit & sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Tuesday— donuts, juice, milk. Wednesday—

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THREWAY
Breakfast
Monday— pancake fruit & sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Tuesday— donuts, juice, milk. Wednesday—

cereal or oatmeal, juice, toast or Graham crackers, milk. Thursday— breakfast burritos, juice, milk. Friday— waffle, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch
Monday — sanwich on croissant, pickle spears, corn chips, tomato, lettuce, milk. Tuesday—turkey gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, whipped potato, green beans, wheat rolls, Italian ice cream, milk. Wednesday— hamburger, fries, banana, milk. Thursday—fajitas, pinto beans, salad, tortillas, peaches, milk. Friday — Pizza, salad, corn, birthday cake, milk.
LAZBUDDIE
Lunch
Monday— buffet, hamburgers, milk. Tuesday thru Friday — cooks choice of entree from the following for PK-2. Tuesday— buffet, pizza, milk. Wednesday— buffet, burritos, milk. Thursday— buffet, corn dogs, milk. Friday— buffet, different sandwiches, milk.

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Ag News

Ag imports up 12 percent for '96

U.S. agricultural exports are running 12 percent higher this year, already surpassing a record of \$54.1 billion, the Associated Press reports.

Exports in August totaled \$4.6 billion, up 5 percent from 1995, increasing the total for the marketing year that began Oct. 1, 1995, to \$55.4 billion.

Agricultural imports were valued at \$2.7 billion in August and \$29.8 billion for the 11 months.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated that beef exports for the 11-month period were 5 percent higher than 1995, at \$2.4 billion. Poultry meat exports in 1996 are up 26 percent, to \$2.2 billion.

Pesticide education programs planned

MORTON — The Cochran and Hockley County offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor two Pesticide Educational Programs conducted by County Extension agent Sam Field and Extension Agent-IPM Kerry Siders on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996 in the County Activity Building. Private and Commercial Applicators can obtain up to 5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

The morning session will run from 9 a.m. to noon and will be worth 1 unit of IPM, 1 unit of Laws and Regulations, and 1 unit of General Pesticide Use. The afternoon session will go from 1 to 3 p.m. and contain 2 units of General pesticide Use, including a section on Boll Weevil Management. Speakers will include TDA Inspector James Esty, Kerry Siders and Sam Field. Portions will be taught using video.

Contact Sam Field at the Cochran County Extension Office (266-5215) for further details.

Farmers' Training Co-op set Dec. 16

Farmers Training Co-op will be offering a course in Production management for area FSA borrowers to meet the federal requirements.

The class will meet in the Bailey County Coliseum on Dec. 16 from 3-9 p.m.

Bob Detlefsen, program coordinator, has developed the program and gained approval from the GSA office. He has numerous hours of Total Quality Management expertise both in the classroom and in the business world.

Enrollment is on a first come - first served basis and is a pre-requisite for further classes.

The course consists of five separate six hour modules, which include:

- 1) Management for Total Quality Agri-Production.
- 2) Farm landowners property rights, responsibilities, and liabilities.
- 3) Environmental issues impacting agri-producers.
- 4) Farm/ranch safety and first-aid.
- 5) Marketing strategies and diversified income possibilities.

The cost of the class is \$750. For more information, contact Bob Detlefsen at (817) 772-2013 or Karen Harlan at (806) 546-3200.

Sneed to represent County on board

Bill Sneed of Coleman County has been chosen to represent Bailey County on the Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board.

Canvassing of the ballots submitted by producers for the biennial election of the Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board on Nov. 21 resulted in Sneed being chosen as the representative of District 3, which includes Bailey County.

Sneed will be sworn in at the first meeting of the board in 1997.

The Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board is an organization that helps sheep and goat producers to combat predators through research and education projects.

Crowd joins in on Christmas concert

By SAMUEL VILLAREAL
Journal staff writer

Even the crowd was getting into the act at the Christmas Concert presented by the music departments of both Muleshoe High School and Watson Junior High.

The MHS and WJHS concert bands presented their first performances of the year, with a rambunctious performance by the Mighty 'M' Band.

The Mighty 'M' Band had the crowd on their feet, singing and whistling to the tune of the "Cheerio March."

The Mighty 'M' Band started off the audience participation by singing. After a less than stellar attempt by the crowd to join in with the song, members of the band ran through the overflowing crowd of the MHS gymnasium pulling out audience members to be song leaders.

Once the crowd had singing down, band director Rob



PHOTO BY LESLI RADFORD

Christmas chorus

Muleshoe choir director David Downum leads the Muleshoe High School choir during a Christmas performance Thursday at the high school.

Lovett decided to move on to whistling. The whistling came much easier to crowd, until Lovett added choreography.

Along with the whistling, the

audience stood up and down in synch to the members of the band.

"This was all stuff I've seen other bands do," Lovett said. "It

just sort of a thing that directors pass along from one band to another."

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MHS crumbles in second half

Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhlkey was hoping for a case of collective amnesia Tuesday after a forgettable second-half performance that led to a 48-35 loss to Farwell at WJHS gym.

"I told them after the game this is just one we have to forget," Gruhlkey said.

Instead, Gruhlkey wants the Lady Mules (3-10) to focus on their District 1-3A season opener at Sanford-Fritch Friday.

"I hate to say it, but we have just as good a chance at winning the district as anybody," Gruhlkey said. "Well, River Road might have a slight advantage because of their size."

But Muleshoe will have to correct the silly turnovers and poor shooting that resurfaced in the second half of Tuesday's loss.

The Lady Blue opened the third quarter with a 10-0 run, then ran at will in the fourth quarter when Muleshoe was forced to press in an attempt to get back into the game.

"I knew coming into the game we couldn't press them, but we had no choice," Gruhlkey said. "They're just too quick and handle the ball too well."

Class 1A Farwell (9-2) got balanced scoring as four players scored 8 points and two

more finished with 7 points.

Farwell, which does not have a senior on the team, starts five juniors.

"The girls just like to play basketball and get after it," Lady Blue coach Steve Scott said. "Anytime you beat a bigger school it's a plus. Especially one like Muleshoe that is so well coached."

Muleshoe senior Kristen Nichols led MHS with 10 points.

Muleshoe, which led by two at halftime, crept within 33-27 late in the third quarter on Nichols' 15-footer. But sub Chesli Woods (8 points) hit a 13-foot jump shot at the third quarter buzzer, then scored the first four points of the fourth quarter to stretch Farwell's lead back to 12, 40-28.

Muleshoe spent the rest of the quarter trying to chase down Candace Travis (8 points) and freshman Ashley Crawford in the press.

Playing well early, Muleshoe grabbed a 12-9 first-quarter lead on Brandi Harrison's short bank shot at the buzzer after grabbing a rebound kept alive by Heather Hooten.

Muleshoe took its biggest lead, 16-9, early in the second

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Ball hound

Muleshoe senior Heather Hooten tracks down a loose ball during a 48-35 loss to Farwell Tuesday at WJHS gym. The Lady Mules opened their District 1-3A season Friday at Sanford-Fritch. Muleshoe hosts Friona next Tuesday in its district home-opener.

Muleshoe feasts on Farwell early

Muleshoe went on a little R&R Tuesday, running and rampaging past Farwell 79-68 at WJHS gym.

MHS (8-3) rattled the Steers (9-2) early with full-court pressure and ravaged the offensive boards for 16 first-half points.

But more importantly, the Mules were running.

"They beat out press some, but as long as we're playing uptempo it's okay," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said.

Mason was happy with the way the Mules rebounded from their sometimes lackluster play in the Denver City Tournament last week.

"I feel good about it because the kids came back refocused Monday for practice," Mason said. "I think it was one of our best practices of the year."

The Mules were at their destructive best early, jumping out to a 21-10 lead on Corey Williams' 3-pointer with 1:24 left in the first quarter.

Muleshoe led by at least six points and more often double figures the rest of the way.

Muleshoe continued its assault on the offensive boards in a more workman-like second half, taking its biggest lead of the game, 71-52, on Alfonso Mendoza's 3-pointer a minute into the fourth quarter.

The pesky Steers shaved the

Mules' lead to six points with 29 seconds left, but it was too late.

MHS finished with 15 offensive rebounds and a 37-27 rebounding edge. The Mules also forced 20 turnovers and had 11 steals. Muleshoe shot 49 percent from the field and was 6 of 18 on 3-pointers.

Dustin Cleavinger led Muleshoe with 21 points (17 in the first half) and 9 rebounds. Matt McClanahan added 11 points and his usual heady floor game and Mendoza finished with 10 points and 9 rebounds.

"I think Dustin turned it up a notch," Mason said. "His role on the team is so important."

Cleavinger, still growing at 6-4, is averaging better than 16 points and 9 rebounds a game, but gets lackadaisical at times.

Scott Meeks led Farwell with 18 points and Mark Lunsford added 15.

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|---------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Farwell | 18 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 68 |
| MHS | 24 | 21 | 23 | 11 | 79 |

Farwell (68) — Adrian Gonzales 1 0-0 2, Logan Nichols 1 2-4 4, Daniel Vidurri 0 0-0 0, Mark Lunsford 6 3-3 15, Brock Anderson 0 0-0 0, Joe Garcia 0 0-0 0, David Everett 3 2-3 8, Russell Williams 2 0-0 4, Justin Lusk 0 0-0 0, Josh Littlejohn 2 2-4 6, Brett Curtis 2 (2) 0 1-3 11, Scott Meeks 8 2-4 18. Totals 25 (20 12-21) 68.

MHS (79) — Carlton Lewis 1 1-2 3, Matt Mason 1 4-7 6, Cyrus Norman 2 (1) 0-2 7, Alfonso Mendoza 2 (2) 0-1 10, Corey Williams 2 (1) 0-0 7, Douglass Field 3 3-3 9, Matt McClanahan 4 3-5 11, Layne Kemp 1 (1) 0-0 5, Dustin Cleavinger 8 (10 2-2 21). Totals 24 (6) 13-22 79.

LHS survives first-round tilt

FARWELL — Roxann Warren and Carey Sudduth both admit it was probably a game Lazbuddie would have lost last year.

"We haven't been the kind of team that could be out of whack and still win ball games," Sudduth said after his team held off Dora, N.M. 50-43 Thursday in the first round of the Farwell Invitational. "But this year we're finding ways to win this kind of game."

Lazbuddie (9-2) played Texico Friday in the championship semifinals. Texico beat the Farwell JV 58-36.

"The last five games have been really close," said Warren, a 5-7 junior post and the Lady Longhorns' only real inside threat. "We've just decided we've wanted it bad enough and never give up. I don't think we would have won this game last year."

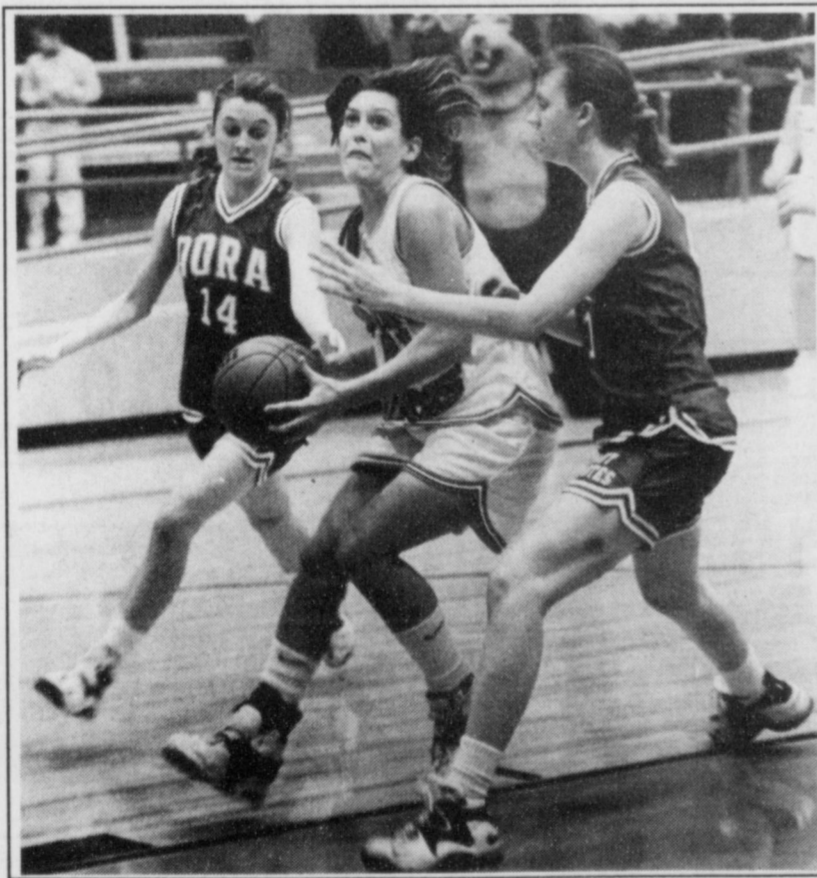
Warren scored 10 of her game-high 11 points in the second half when Lazbuddie struggled to hold onto the lead in a game that turned real ragged in the second half.

After Lazbuddie's fourth-quarter five-point lead melted away to one, Warren beat two defenders off the dribble to give Lazbuddie a 45-42 lead with 1:12 left in the game. Dora never got any closer.

"I knew I could beat the big girl or get her to foul me," Warren said.

Warren said the Lady Longhorns' 9-2 start can be traced to practice.

"We've realize that you



Beating the double team

LHS junior Roxann Warren blows by two Dora defenders for a layup during a first-round game in the Farwell Invitational Thursday. LHS beat Dora 50-43 and played Texico Friday in the semifinals.

don't get something for nothing," Warren said. "You've got to work for it."

Sudduth calls Warren the heart of his team.

"She goes hard every play. You can count on her leaving everything she's got on the floor," Sudduth said. "And she's not scared of nothing."

The game was won at the free throw line, were Lazbuddie made 25 of 41 free throws while Dora made just 7 of 21.

After a seesaw first half, a 9-0 run early in the third quarter put Lazbuddie up 26-21.

Kia Morris (10 points) scored

four points in the spurt.

Holly Engelking's running one-hander at the buzzer gave Lazbuddie a 33-27 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Dora battled back to tie the game at 35 on Amy Caviness' putback.

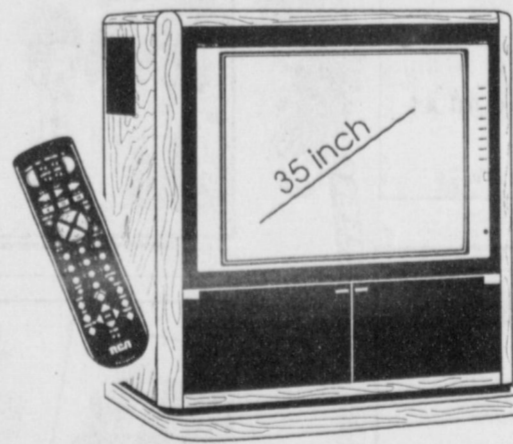
Warren gave LHS the lead for good 37-35 with a pair of free throws with five minutes left.

"They were tough," Warren said. "They never gave up."

Amber Burris led Dora (3-3) with 10 points.

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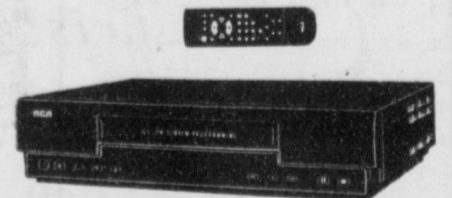
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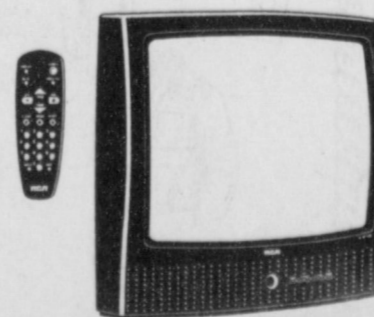
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Mules

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5 senior Cole Roberts. Muleshoe limited Roberts to 13 points, about a dozen point below his season average.

But the Mustangs got balance scoring with four players finishing in double figures.

"We really didn't have much problem with him," Mason said. "When he got the ball, we collapse from the wings and made him cough it up."

Roberts however was a force on defense, blocking an estimated 10 shots.

"We were a little intimidated," Mason said.

Shawn Cody helped pick up some of the slack inside with a team-high 16 points.

Dustin Cleavinger had 16 points and 6 rebounds for Muleshoe. Cyrus Norman added 10 points and four steals.

Muleshoe also forced 25 turnovers while committing just 11.

But the Mules could make up for a large disparity at the free throw line.

Shallowater made 21 of 32 free throws. MHS made 10 of

12, with nine of the attempts coming in the fourth quarter.

Muleshoe clawed its way back into the game after falling behind by 12 points in the first quarter. Heating up from long range after halftime, the Mules pulled within 49-45 heading into the fourth quarter. Layne Kemp (9 points) hit a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter.

The Mules were still within four midway through the fourth quarter, but Chris Shannon (10 points) hit a pair of 3-pointers and Rusty Workman added another to help stave off the Mules. Shallowater also made 10 of 13 free throws in the quarter.

"We just ran out of gas," Mason said.

The Mules played Hale Center Friday in the consolation quarterfinals.

MHS 9 25 21 19 64

Shallowater 21 12 15 23 72

MHS (64) — Mason 0 0-0 0, Norman 1 (1) 5-5 10, Mendoza 1 (2) 0-0 8, Williams 2 1-2 5, Field 0 0-0 0, Lewis 1 (1) 0-0 5, McClanahan 3 (1) 0-0 9, Layne Kemp 0 (3) 0-0 9, Shelburne 1 0-1 2, Cleavinger 6 4-4 16. Totals 15 (8) 10-12 64. Shallowater (72) — Martin 4 2-

I-27 Tournament

Boys

Thursday

First round

Slaton 64, New Deal 30
Tulia 68, Lubbock Christian 47
Nazareth 67, Cooper 40
Littlefield 79, Crosbyton 46
Shallowater 72, Muleshoe 64
Springlake-Earth 37, Hale Center 33
Crane 75, Petersburg 56
Abernathy 84, Happy 39

Championship quarterfinals

Tulia 63, Slaton 54
Shallowater 78, Springlake-Earth 45
Abernathy 62, Crane 55

Friday

Consolation quarterfinals

New Deal vs Lubbock Christian
Cooper vs Crosbyton
Muleshoe vs Hale Center
Petersburg vs Happy

Consolation semifinals

New Deal-Lubbock Christian winner vs Cooper-Crosbyton winner
Muleshoe-Hale Center winner vs Petersburg-Happy winner

Championship quarterfinal

Nazareth vs Littlefield

Championship semifinals

Tulia vs Nazareth-Littlefield winner

Shallowater vs Abernathy

610, Jackson 00-00, Workman 2 (1) 2-2 9, Hudson 1 2-3 4, Geor 0 2-2 2, Black 0 0-0 0, Shannon 2 (2) 0-0 10, Barlett 1 3-3 5, Shaun Cody 5 6-9 16, Cole Roberts 5 3-5 13, Hamilton 0 1-2 1, McMenamy 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 (3) 21-32 72.

Longhorns

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boards and with Dora still hovering in the 20s point-wise late in the third quarter, the Coyotes had little chance to set up their press.

The Longhorns have allowed more than 50 points in a game once this year.

"We want to slow it down and get the ball inside," Grahn said. "Sometimes when you start running up and down the court, the big guys don't touch the ball."

The Longhorns started a little slow and trailed 8-5 midway through the first quarter. But St. Clair ignited a 10-0 run with a 3-pointer that gave LHS a 15-8 first quarter lead.

A 17-4 Lazbuddie run triggered by Smith (6 points) to close out the first half decided the outcome early.

Brandon Hays led Dora with 15 points and Jared Frazee added 11.

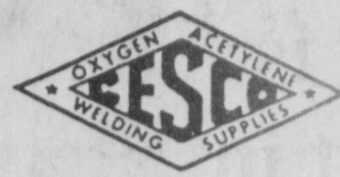
LHS 15 21 14 19 69

Dora 8 9 18 10 45

LHS (69) — Morris 20-14, Smith 3 (2) 3-4 15, Brice Foster 1 0-0 2, Brown 0 0-0 0, Thomas 3 2-2 8, Brandon Foster 1 1-2 3, Lopez 5 2-2 12, St. Clair 6 (2) 3-4 21, Mimms 22-4 6. Totals 23 (4) 13-19 69.

Dora (45) — Pinkston 3 1-4 7, Kibbe 0 (1) 0-0 3, Peterson 0 0-0 0, Sant 0 0-0 0, Frazee 2 7-10 11, Hays 4 (1) 4-6 15, Burris 3 0-1 6, Stokes 0 0-0 0, Baeza 1 0-0 2, Radcliff 0 0-0 0, Ramirez 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 (2) 12-22 45.

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AREA BASKETBALL

Varsity boys

Wellman 67, Three way 55

Three Way 8 18 16 13 55

Wellman 24 13 11 19 67

TWHS (55) — Victor Pena 0 0-2 0, Sammy Soliz 0 2-4 2, Lupe Landeros 5 (1) 2-7 15, Jesus Perez 5 (1) 2-7 15, Cody Wilson 4 3-6 11, Russell Pollard 2 0-0 4, Kyle Kindel 3 0-0 6, Gerald Perez 2 0-4 4.

WHS (67) — Wooley 0 1-2 1, McGuire 2 (3) 1-2 13, Webb 3 (2) 1-2 13, Gober 0 0-0 0, Chrestman 3 (1) 1-2 10, Adams 0 0-0 0, Hamm 3 2-6 8, Vinson 1 2-2 4, Boggan 11 0-2 22, Brown 3 (1) 0-2 9.

Varsity girls

Wellman 42, Three Way 23

Three Way 4 2 6 11 23

Wellman 8 12 11 11 42

TWHS (23) — Melanie Mc Caul 50-1 10, Anie Taylor 00-20, Beatrice Baeza 0 0-0 0, Rosa Soliz 0 0-2 0, Nadine Webb 1 1-3 9, Katie Arens 0 0-0 0, Patty Rodriguez 2 0-0 4, Jessica Robinson 0 0-0 0.

WHS (42) — Mulkey 7 3-5 17, Davis 0 0-0 0, A. Sweat 0 0-0 0, Gomez 1 1-2 3, Campetio 6 4-8 16, 6 4-8 16, R. Sweat 1 0-2 2, Sparks 2 0-3 4.

JV boys

Three Way 55, Wellman 33

Three Way 10 13 19 13 55

Wellman 2 13 7 11 33

TWHS (55) — Alberto Valderas 1 (3) 0-0 11, Sid Weekes 0 0-0 0, Kasey Davis 0 0-0 0, Daniel Reeves 4 (1) 3-4 14, Scott Pollard 3 0-1 6, Jonathan Kindel 4 4-5 12, Danny Kersey 2 0-0 4, Monty Kirby 2 (1) 1-2 8.

WHS (33) — Harlan 0 3-5 3, Frazier 1 0-0 2, Barrett 23 3-11 9, Lanehennig 1 0-0 2, Jones 0 0-0 0, Burris 3 (1) 0-0 9, Gusman 0 0-0 0, Romine 4 0-0 8.

TWJHS boys

Whitharral 38, Three Way 28

Three Way 6 5 6 11 28

Whitharral 4 5 15 14 38

Leading scorers — Three Way: Carlos Contreras 7, Anthony Ferguson 6, Whitharral: Kristineck 14.

girls

Whitharral 43, Three Way 16

Dora

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Dora 6 13 8 16 43

LHS 7 10 16 17 50

Dora (43) — Thetford 0 0-0 0, Burris 3 3-4 7, J. Caviness 1 0-3 2, Mohon 2 2-5 6, A. Caviness 2 0-1 4, Carpenter 4 0-1 9, Walker 1 0-2 2, Mitchell 2 0-2 4, Bilberry 3 0-0 6, Massey 0 0-1 0. Totals 18 7-21 43.

LHS (50) — Foster 0 2-4 2, Engelking 1 (1) 2-3 7, Magby 2 3-4 7, Morris 3 4-0 7 10, Warren 4 3-6 11, Rodriguez 0 6-9 6, Hill 2 1-2 3, Brown 0 4-6 4. Totals 11 (1) 25-41 50.

Three Way 0 10 0 6 16

Whitharral 18 14 8 3 43

Leading scorers — Three Way: Castillo 9, Whitharral: Hoskins 11, Torrez 10.

Shallowater Tournery-Varsity girls

Petersburg 61, Three Way 24

Three Way 1 8 8 7 24

Petersburg 18 16 15 12 61

Leading scorers — Three Way: Webb 15, Petersburg: Wilson 15, Stephens 11.

Shallowater 78, Three Way 24

Three Way 0 4 2 13 19

Shallowater 24 20 19 15 78

Leading scorers — Three Way: Webb 9, Shallowater: Darden 13, Fuentes 11.

Varsity boys

Petersburg 50, Three Way 56

Three Way 16 12 14 14 56

Petersburg 16 20 9 15 60

Leading scorers — Three Way: Jesus Perez 16, Lupe Landeros 14, Petersburg: Crabb 15, Carr 10.

Shallowater 85, Three Way 44

Three Way 13 14 11 6 44

Shallowater 28 24 14 19 85

Leading scorers — Three Way: Jesus Perez 21, Shallowater: Cody 23, Roberts 22.

GIRLS

JUNIOR VARSITY

Farwell 8 6 6 14 34

MHH JV 10 13 4 10 37

Farwell (34) — Miller 2 0-1 4, Stout 1 1-2 3, Meeks 0 1-2 1, Bray 1 0-0 2, Lunsford 0 0-0 0, Herington 4 2-3 10, Taylor 1 3-3 5, Edwards 1 1-1 3, Kaltwasser. Totals 13 8-12 34.

MHS JV (37) — Heathington 0

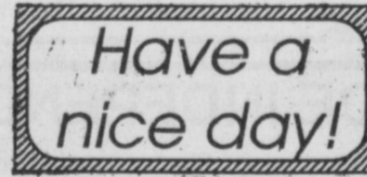
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FRESHMAN

MHS 9th 12 19 11 12 40

Tulia 8 13 4 11 41

MHS 9th (40) — Locker 3 0-0 6, Black 5 (1) 3-8 17, Benham 0 0-2 0, Hancock 5 1-2 11, Johnson 0 0-0 0, Adrian 0 0-0 0, Morales 0 0-0 0, Toscano 1 0-0 2, Whitt 0 0-0 0. 16 (1) 4-15 40.



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Muleshoe native is finalist in pageant

LEVELLAND — Muleshoe native Sonya Smith was named as a finalist in the Miss Caprock Pageant, held Dec. 6 at South Plains College.

Smith was among five finalists chosen from a field of 17 contestants. Contestants were judged in casual and formal wear competitions. Finalist were also answered a series of questions asked by the judging panel.

Smith was nominated for the pageant by the Wesley Foundation, an organization representing Methodist students at South Plains College.

Smith, a 1992 graduate of Muleshoe High School, is the daughter of Dennis Smith and Kay Gray. She is a senator in the student government at SPC, and is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa.



Muleshoe native finalist in SPC pageant

Sonya Smith (far right) of Muleshoe was a finalist in the Miss Caprock Scholarship Pageant recently at South Plains College. She is the daughter of Dennis Smith and Kay Gray. Jennifer Greene of Levelland (center) won the event. Finalists were (from left) Jamie Jones of Wellman, Monica Escandon of Ropesville, Greene, Kayla Murrell of Kress and Smith.

Jennifer Greene of Levelland was chosen Miss Caprock. She won a \$500 SPC scholarship to continue her communications studies at SPC.

Greene, the editor of the campus newspaper, the Plainsman Press, was nominated by

the Press Club. After completing her studies at SPC, she will transfer to the University of Texas or Texas Tech to complete a bachelor's degree in graphic design or public relations.

Other finalists were Kayla Murrell of Kress, the first run-

ner-up and winner of a \$300 scholarship; Jamie Jones of Wellman and Monica Escandon of Ropesville.

Concert

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Other songs performed by the Mighty 'M' Band were "Exclamation", "Thematic Variations on Dona Nobis Pacem", "Disney at the Movies", and "Feliz Navidad".

Songs performed by the WJHS 7th and 8th grade band were "Winchester March", "A Fireside Christmas", "Legend of the Eagles", and "Sleighbell Fantasy".

The WJHS Cadet Band also performed, with all of the members in their very first concert. The band performed "Jingle

Jolly Christmas" and "Dance". Each of the sections of the band also performed various songs that featured the various instruments of the band.

The MHS and WJHS choirs also gave their second concert of the year, with each choir performing a variety of Christmas carols.

The WJHS choirs opened the concert with "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", "Jingle Bells", "Go Tell It On the Mountain", "What Child is This" and "Rock around the

Christmas Tree". The choir also performed "The 12 Days of Christmas", with members of the choir holding up illustrations for each of the 12 gifts.

The MHS choir followed, performing "Carol of the Bells", "Winter Wonderland", "Do You Hear What I Hear" and "Christmas Classic Celebration".

The two choirs combined to end their portion of the concert with a performance of "Feliz Navidad".

Crumbles

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quarter on two Lindsey Field free throws before settling on a 23-21 halftime lead.

Erin Wilhite added 9 points for Muleshoe and Harrison finished with 8.

Farwell 9 12 15 12 48
MHS 12 11 4 8 35

Farwell (48) — Candace Travis 40-08, Jessica Vidarri 00-00, Chelsi

Woods 4 0-08, JoAnn Stout 0 0-00, Ashley Crawford 1 0-0 2, Ramsey Bennett 4 0-2 8, Valerie Mace 0 0-0 0, Veronica Mace 3 1-2 7, Charla Corn 3 1-3 7, Shiloh Roberts 2 4-6 8, Totals 21 6-13 48.

MHS (35) — Lindsey Field 0 2-2 2, Brianne Locker 0 0-0 0, JoBeth Gilland 0 0-0 0, Priscilla Aguirre 0 0-0 0, Amy Locker 1 1-2 3, Carolyn Schuster 1 1-2 3, Kristen Nichols 4 2-

4 10, Heather Hooten 0 0-1 0, Brandi Harrison 4 0-0 8, Erin Wilhite 1 7-11 9, Totals 11 13-22 35.

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Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
All Governmental Fund Types, Year Ended August 31, 1996

| | Governmental Fund Types | | Totals (Memorandum Only) | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund | August 31, 1996 | August 31, 1995 |
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State | \$ 2,955,462 | \$ 146,153 | \$ 3,101,615 | \$ 2,831,749 |
| State Program Revenues | 5,412,201 | 52,631 | 5,464,832 | 5,059,082 |
| Federal Program Revenues | 13,226 | 1,007,548 | 1,020,774 | 958,874 |
| Total Excluding Revenues Funding Function 14 | \$ 8,380,889 | \$ 1,206,332 | \$ 9,587,221 | \$ 8,849,705 |
| Revenues Collected For Funding Function 14 | 22,802 | -- | 22,802 | 22,386 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 8,403,691 | \$ 1,206,332 | \$ 9,610,023 | \$ 8,872,091 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Instruction | \$ 4,442,745 | \$ 536,421 | \$ 4,979,166 | \$ 4,316,562 |
| Instructional Administration | 152,400 | 47,372 | 199,772 | 203,748 |
| Instructional Resources and Media Services | 184,036 | 1,482 | 185,518 | 179,591 |
| School Administration | 487,847 | -- | 487,847 | 436,231 |
| Curriculum & Instruct. Staff Development | 26,845 | 23,306 | 50,151 | 40,779 |
| Guidance and Counseling Services | 134,909 | 57,654 | 192,563 | 175,971 |
| Attendance and Social Work Service | -- | 9,432 | 9,432 | 841 |
| Health Services | 50,830 | 120 | 50,950 | 46,004 |
| Student Transportation | 312,810 | -- | 312,810 | 348,039 |
| Co-curricular Activities | 289,308 | -- | 289,308 | 243,191 |
| Food Services | -- | 468,748 | 468,748 | 439,618 |
| General Administration | 403,997 | -- | 403,997 | 390,210 |
| Debt Services | 1,054 | -- | 1,054 | -- |
| Plant Maintenance and Operations | 756,227 | -- | 756,227 | 819,041 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 371,439 | -- | 371,439 | 121,537 |
| Data Processing Services | 49,104 | -- | 49,104 | 26,885 |
| Community Service | 3,218 | 29,585 | 32,803 | 36,656 |
| Sub-Total Expenditures Excluding Function 14 | \$ 7,666,769 | \$ 1,174,120 | \$ 8,840,889 | \$ 7,824,904 |
| Instructional Services Between Districts | 22,802 | -- | 22,802 | 22,386 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 7,689,571 | \$ 1,174,120 | \$ 8,863,691 | \$ 7,847,290 |
| Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures | \$ 714,120 | \$ 32,212 | \$ 746,332 | \$ 1,024,801 |
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| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses | \$ 707,092 | \$ 44,212 | \$ 751,304 | \$ 1,035,345 |
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LAZBUDDIE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

High School

Jason Thomas and Shena Seaton have been chosen as the Lazbuddie High School Students of the Month.

Jason Thomas is the 17 year old son of Randy and Terry Thomas. He was born October 12, 1979. He prefers Mexican food with a Dr. Pepper. "Beautiful People" ranks as top tune. Braveheart achieves best picture. Wings soars as favorite family viewing. Industrial Art drives his academic area of success. He appreciates sports and rodeo. Blue adds zest to his life. Rage against the Machine represents his prime musical interest. Animal Farm suggests his literary preference. College is in his future.

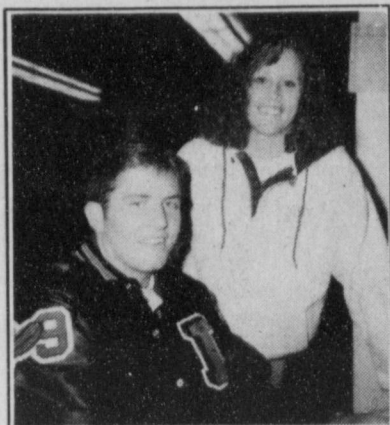
Shena Seaton is the 15 year old daughter of Rick and Mandi Seaton. Her date of birth is March 16. She loves anything Italian with a Virgin Pina Collada. "Get Over It" typifies her best song. She favors Wizard of Oz as movie choice. ER depicts her TV drama. Spanish achieves her academic expertise. Reading and riding her horse qualify pastime enjoyment. Ivory is her color expression. The Eagles represent her vocal group. Accident by Danielle Steele reflects her literary preference.

Shannon Redwine and Kendra Gallman have been

chosen as the Lazbuddie Junior High Students of the Month

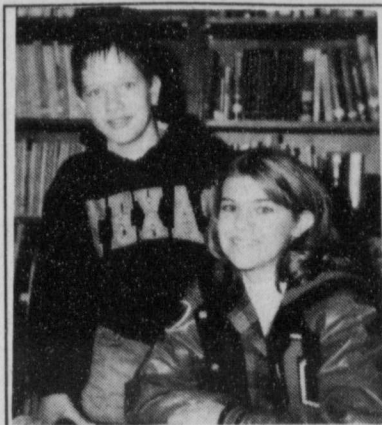
Shannon Redwine is the 12 year old son of Bobby and Debra Redwine. Coke and Pasta delights his food senses. "Don't Fall Down" ranks as top tune. Independence Day requires his vote for best picture. Home Improvement advances to the top of his TV list. Introduction to Technology compliments his academic area. Sports models and video games portray his pastime specialties. Blue represents him. Everclear rocks him. Doctor Dolittle helps him imagine. Future goals include getting a good job, home, and children.

Kendra Gallman is the 13 year old daughter of Robert and Ellen Gallman. Mexican Food and Coke inspire her. "I'll Be There For You" exhibits her top tune. Braveheart and Clueless express her best picture. Friends ranks as the best in TV entertainment. Athletics shows what she does in physical endeavor. Cheering or playing basketball presents her idea of great fun. Hunter Green gives her pleasure. Flying Monkeys personifies her music. Huckleberry Finn represents her literary preference. Going to college at Texas Tech University or Oklahoma State University describe her future goals.



Laz High Students of the Month

Lazbuddie High School Students of the Month for December are Jason Thomas or Shena Seaton.



Laz Junior High Students of the Month

Lazbuddie Junior High School Students of the Month for December are Shannon Redwine and Kendra Gallman.



Laz Elementary Students of the Month

Lazbuddie Elementary Students of the Month for December are (back, from left) Melanie Winders, Nathan Pesch, Amanda Martinez. Front, Chelsee Nichols, Rosa Aguilar, Ryan Mason.

Winders, daughter of Mike and Roxann Winders.

Fifth Grade — Amanda Martinez, daughter of Miguel and Mona Martinez.

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Second Grade — Rosa Aguilar, daughter of Nicholas and Estella Aguilar.

Third Grade — Nathan Pesch, son of Robert and Brenda Pesch.

Fourth Grade — Melanie

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Direct deposit can limit undeliverable tax refunds

DALLAS — A total of 2,795 North Texas taxpayers have a pleasant surprise from the IRS this holiday season.

The IRS has been unable to deliver \$1,369,617 million in tax refunds to North Texas residents. The smallest refund check is \$1. The biggest undeliverable check is \$23,378. Nationwide, more than 96,400 taxpayers have yet to receive

their 1995 refunds which total about \$62 million.

These refunds were returned by the post office because they were unable to deliver them. Many taxpayers move and do not give the IRS their new address or their returns have an incorrect name and address. Taxpayers who are due a refund can call 1-800-829-1040.



His first

Ariel Flores, 9, of Muleshoe shot his first deer Nov. 30 at the Chula Robles Ranch in Cristoval, Texas. He is the son of Chava and Sylvia Olivares and the grandson of Marion and Anita Flores.

Our God Is a "God With Skin On"

In worship on a Sunday just before Christmas several years ago, I found myself gazing at the front of the sanctuary watching silhouetted shepherds themselves gazing upward in wonder, one of them pointing toward a brightly shining star. The fact that the star itself was just a few feet away from the cross also displayed before us was a poignant reminder that in God's

take care of you."

But the boy isn't satisfied, and he shouts back, "I know God loves me and that he'll take care of me, but right now I need somebody with skin on."

Our world did, too. And so God came "with skin on." Immanuel. God with us. God sharing fully in the human situation from the trauma of birth to the violence of death. God feeling everything a human being can feel.

Christmas assures me that the God I worship is no absentee landlord who lives a million miles off leaving the poor tenants to aimlessly "do their own thing."

Nor is our God an emotionless lawgiver, a heavenly bureaucrat lost somewhere on a cloud shuffling paper and handing down rules to complicate a situation he knows nothing about.

God is not the sort of military officer who proposes brave and daring offensives but whose idea of "leading" the charge is sitting safe and warm in a command post moving markers and flags on a map.

Christmas assures me that God has been at the front. He's seen the blood. And the most precious of all was His.

The wondrous story of Christmas is that with those stunned shepherds all the angels and the universe itself watched in utter amazement at the depth of God's love as he became what we needed most—Immanuel, a God with skin on.

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



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

wisdom Bethlehem and Golgotha are forever linked, two sides of the same wondrous story of God's love.

The Baby of Bethlehem drawing his first breath of air in the world he had spun into existence eons before was more than a baby. He was Immanuel, God with us, God in the flesh, God who came into this world laying aside the robes of royalty, willingly clothing himself in the garment of humanity to fully experience our joys and our sorrows, our triumphs and our tears.

I love the story told by author John Drescher about a little boy lying awake terrified by a storm late one night. From his dark shadowy room he cries out to his father, "Daddy, come, I'm scared."

Daddy replies, very truthfully, "Oh, son, God loves you and he'll

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Priscilla Hicks has lived at Lazbuddie since 1964. She has three children - Ray Ann Benedict of Canada, Chantelle Julian of Oklahoma and Scott Hicks of Lazbuddie. She has four grandchildren.

Priscilla has worked for the the Muleshoe Hospital District since 1991.

Priscilla attends the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie. She enjoys traveling and her grandchildren. She loves all her patients and enjoys the staff she works with.

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NURSING HOME NEWS

By Joy Stancell

Thursday morning, Nancy Lemons came bringing ceramics for the residents to paint. They are making ornaments for Christmas. Residents participating were Boatie Tiller, Florence Harvey, Jackie Davenport, Lora Dale, Hazel Riddle, Lillie Wuerflein, Vera Engelking, Naomi Black.

Pastor David McIntire, J.C. Shanks and Clara Lou Jones led us in our weekly devotional and memorial service for Adele Tompkins Thursday morning.

Friday afternoon, Harold and Avis Carpenter from the Oklahoma Lane community, came to play and sing our old-time favorite songs and hymns. Bennie and Jean O'Brien and Melvin and Wanda Griffin also joined us for the event.

Saturday morning, J.C. Shanks came to cut the men's hair and give them shaves.

Sunday afternoon, the Muleshoe Singers came for a music singing service.

The Christmas Card project, overseen by Joyline Costen and Lona Embry, is now underway.

We are pleased to hear that Zeffa Shafer's little great-granddaughter Annie, is improving at this writing.

Friday, Leonard and Tennie McCormick celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Nettie Quesenberry's sons visited her last week, also her daughter-in-law. Her niece visited and also Annie Floyd.

Modean Graves is visited by her son John Graves just about every day.

Rosa Sneed and Kathrine Rogers returned to the Healthcare Center Friday after being hospitalized in the local hospital.

We wish to express our heart felt sympathy to the family and friends of Ruby Steinbock. We shall miss her too.

Betty Griswald's scouts made Christmas tree decorations for the Healthcare Center.

Jane Reeder treated residents to a batch of her famous homemade cookies Monday. Who said Mondays were a bad day?

Tuesday afternoon, Lanell Stancell, Claudine Embry, Pat Watson, Skeet Bradshaw, Mary Jo Burge and Connie

Weatherbie and the high School nurses aide class came to shampoo and set the ladies hair and give nail care.

Following Beauty Shop, the Muleshoe Church of Christ ladies baked and served homemade pies.

Pat Watson gave us a piano concert Wednesday afternoon, playing the resident's favorite Christmas carols.

Velta Fyie visited the Beauty shop ladies and residents and staff Tuesday afternoon.

Watson Junior High studnets, supervised by their teachers, came Wednesday to visit the residents and decorate their doors. They did a beautiful job. You are invited to come and enjoy their work.

Sue Claunch brought us a big box of delicious apples Tuesday.

Our Healthcare Center home is just about decorated for the holidays. We have decked the halls and embellished walls. We invite you to come and see us and our home. We so much appreciate Volunteers Plus for making so much of the decorations possible.

At the writing, Aline Locke and Hazel Price are in the local hospital. Please remember them in your prayers.

Reminder: December Birthday Thursday the 19th 3 p.m. Residents Christmas party and a visit from Santa Friday Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m.

BIRTHS

Cameron MacKenzie Mills
Scott and Belinda Mills announce the birth of a son Dec. 5 in Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Cameron MacKenzie weighed 7 lbs 10 oz. He has one sister, Whitley.

Grandparents include Joe and Letha Wheeler of Muleshoe and Mike and Rose Mills



Number crunchers

The WJHS math team competed at the Lubbock TMSCA meet Nov. 2, winning first place overall in the calculator contest. Students participating in the meet were (back row, from left) Brandon Broyles, Zach Barrett, Megan Tipps, Chris Hall, sponsor Mike Richardson (front row) Jean Lewis, A.J. Buhman, Michael Johnson, Zacarias Yanis, and Adrienne Ashford.



Number crunchers II

The WJHS math team also competed at the TMSCA Plainview meet Nov. 9, winning second place trophies in number sense, math, and calculator. Team members who competed were (back row, from left) Lincoln Riley, Zach Barrett, Megan Tipps, Ricardo Aburto, (front row) Jean Lewis, Michael Johnson, Bailey Barrier, Toby Villa, and Adrienne Ashford.

of Sigonella, Sicily. Great-grandparents are Johnnie and Clara Wheeler, Ellen Mills, and Stina and Kathryn Cain.

Carlynn Louise Long
PLANO — Brad and Shelley Long of Plano announce the birth of their daughter on Dec. 2.

Carlynn Louise weighed 7lbs. 12 oz.

Grandparents are Carlin and Freda Long of Muleshoe, Linda and Ned Harris of Plano, and Bill and Donna Shield of Bossier City, La..

Great-grandparents are Mae Elder of Portales, N.M. Charles and Faye Long of Vernon, Texas, Robert Shield Sr. of Bonham, and Glen Reeves of Hargrove.

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TOPS NEWS

Tops Chapter No. 34 met at the Muleshoe Church of Christ on Thursday at 6 p.m. Leader Laverne James called the meeting to order. The Tops pledge was recited and the fellowship song was sang. Mrs. James led the group in a prayer.

Betty Jo Davis weight recorder, called the roll with 15 members answering with the amount they had lost or gained. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Evelene Harris, secretary, and were approved as read. Ruth Clements, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Mollie Davis was named best loser for the week. Runners up are Laverne James first runner-up and Jewel Peeler second runner-up.

Monthly best losers are Loretta Loyd, best loser; Polly Otwell, first runner-up and tie between Aurora Mata and Evelene Harris for second runner-up.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the good night song.

KOPS for the month was Ernestine Steinbock. SRD (State Recognition Day) will be held in Dallas in 1997. TOPS did not meet on Thanksgiving Day, but 15 members came on Wednesday and weighed in.

TOPS Christmas party is set for Dec. 19. An award was given to Cheryl DeGriffenreud for weight lost.

Jewell Peeler reached her goal, she is now a KIW.

The point system contest is well underway with Side 2, Mollie Davis captain is in the lead.

The Christmas Tree contest has all the Christmas trees beginning to brighten up with decorations being earned by members.

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MATT McCLANAHAN
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ERIN WILHITE
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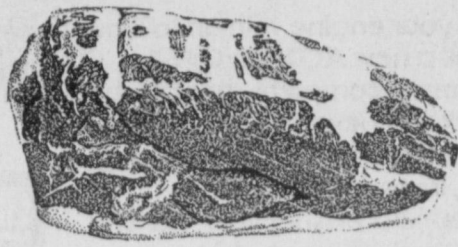
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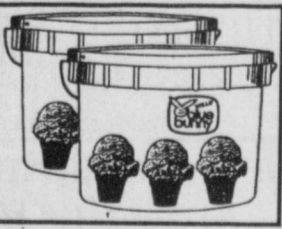


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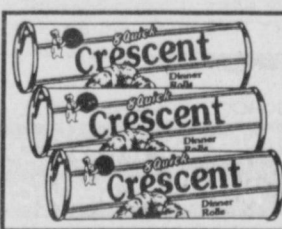
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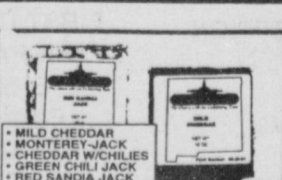
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Dec. 7 — Melzine Elliott, Maria Ramirez, Velma Gwyn, Jeanetta Precure, Maria Diaz, Earl Ladd, Martha Young, Connie Sanderson, J.L. Partlow

Dec. 8 — Melzine Elliott, Maria Ramirez, Altha Turner,

Maria Diaz, Earl Ladd, Martha Young, Connie Sanderson, J.L. Partlow

Dec. 9 — Joseph Escobedo, Martha Young, Melzine Elliott, Maria Ramirez, Ben Mesman, Altha Turner, Maria Diaz, Earl Ladd, Aline Locke, Antonio Romero, Connie Sanderson, J.L. Partlow, Elva Estrada

Dec. 10 — Joseph Escobedo, Kenneth Moore, Martha Young, Hazel Price, Melzine Elliott, Maria Ramirez, Ben Mesman, Altha Turner, Monica Loera, Earl Ladd, Aline Locke, Maria Barron, Antonio Romero,

Connie Sanderson, J.L. Partlow, Elva Estrada

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

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Notice To Bidders

Sealed bids for MUSIC ADDITION/RENOVATIONS will be received by Mr. William J. Moore, superintendent of Schools, Muleshoe independent School District in the Board Room of the Muleshoe Independent School District Administrative Office Building, 514 West Avenue G, Muleshoe, Texas until 6 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 1997. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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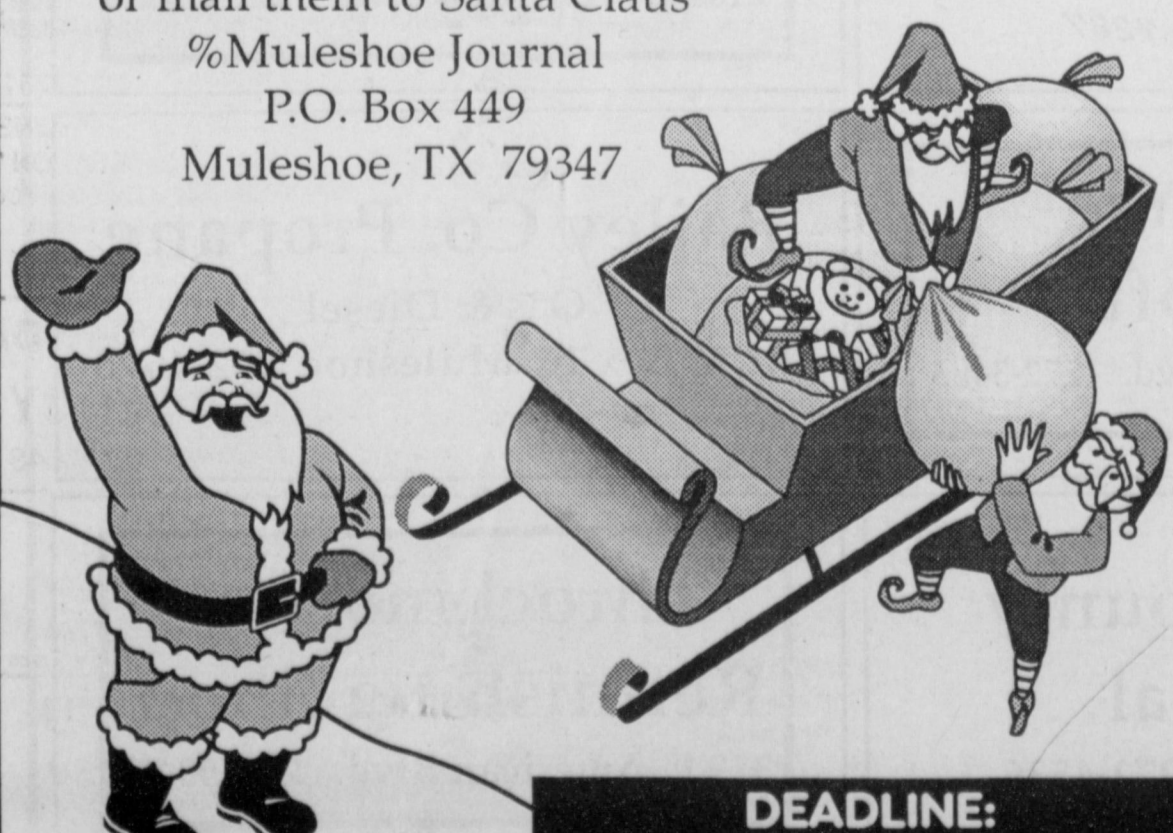
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