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Giving more than thanks

Charities offer gift-givers another choice

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the Christmas season nears one thing we shouldn't forget are those who may not have as much as we do - the poor, the disabled, the elderly who are trying to survive on a small pension. In Muleshoe, we're fortunate to have groups and organizations who make sure those in need aren't forgotten during this season of plenty. So starting this week, The Muleshoe Journal will run profiles of the various groups who are working to make Christmas a time of glad tidings for everyone in the community. Take a minute, read the stories, then make a call to one or more of these groups. You don't have to be rich to lend your support. Time is as valuable as money in some instances. So, if you can't give money, give your time. Take someone to the doctor or baby sit so a working mother can do some Christmas shopping.

By Leah Bell
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One of the largest, most well-established charitable organizations Muleshoe gives to at Christmas comes in the form of the Christmas Card Project which benefits Park View Nursing Home.

The fund-raiser, currently chaired by Joyeline Costen, dates back at least 20 years, though Costen is unsure exactly how many years the project has been a staple of the Christmas season in Muleshoe.

"I've been involved with the fund-raiser for 14 years and it was going strong many years before I came along," Costen said.

The concept of the Christmas Card Project was simple - organizers of the

event were trying to save money on stamps.

"Elizabeth Watson, Dorothy Green and Sammie Ethridge, among others, were sending a lot Christmas cards for the Hospital Auxiliary and it became such a costly undertaking, both fi-

nancially and time-wise, they decided to stop sending cards locally and instead, pooled the money saved on postage, cards and envelopes and donated that money to the nursing home," Costen said. "That's how I understand the Christmas Card Project came about."

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Operation: GI Smile under way

Contributed story
For the Journal

It's a busy time of year for Carolyn Johnson at Carolyn's Christmas Creations.

Yet, Johnson is not so busy that she doesn't take time to reflect on the war in Iraq and the many men and women serving in the military who will be away from their families this holiday season.

"My heart goes out to our soldiers overseas and it's my sincere hope that this contest helps them cope with being gone for the holidays," said Johnson.

This year, Carolyn's is sponsoring the "Operation: GI Smile," a contest consist-



ing of letters written by members of the community to the soldiers stationed overseas as a means to show them that "they aren't

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Christmas parade set; entries still needed

Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Christmas Parade is scheduled for this weekend, Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street.

Parade entrants should line up on the south end of Main Street between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m.

This year's parade

theme is "Christmas Around The World."

The parade will travel down Main Street to Hwy. 84, make a turn eastward and then make its way back up East Third Street in front of the Muleshoe Post Office.

Chamber members ask that anyone interested in having a float in the parade

call the Chamber office at 272-4248 prior to Dec. 4 to reserve a parade position. Entries will also be accepted the day of the parade.

As is the case every year, first, second and third place prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 in Chamber Mule Bucks will be awarded to entry winners respectively.



Abuzz — The grocery store is notoriously busy the day before Thanksgiving and Muleshoe's own Lowe's Marketplace was no exception. Shoppers like Margorine Matthews scrambled to pick up last minute items forgotten on previous trips to the store. Mrs. Matthews told the Journal she would be cooking for about 12 people this Thanksgiving. Lowe's was closed Thanksgiving Day.

Local Weather

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45-21

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Sunny.. 42-24

Fri. Mostly
Sunny .. 56-27

Sun Partly
Cloudy .. 58-31

Mon..... Partly
Cloudy .. 53-27

Tue..Sunny... 50-27

Wed ... Partly
Cloudy .. 53-28

Give It A Thought

Deep in every heart is a hidden longing, impulse and ambition to do something fine and enduring. We all want to be accepted and appreciated.

Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper?
Call Yolanda Martinez at 272-4536, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



A welcome sight — Thanks to sunny, dry conditions last week, some farmers in the area were able to get back in the field for a couple of days before the cold blast Monday. Pictured here are Steve Bell and Albert Lee stripping cotton in a field northwest of Muleshoe.

Clay's Corner crash leaves Dimmitt man dead at scene

By Davie Ann Browder
For the Journal
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A Dimmitt man was pronounced dead at the scene of a two-vehicle accident, which happened about 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Clay's Corner, according to reports from the Department of Public Safety.

The accident occurred, said DPS Cpl. Trey Ellis, when a truck tractor semi-trailer, driven by Miguel Tafolla of Muleshoe, was traveling west on FM 145 when he failed to yield to a pickup driven by Jim Bob Ellis, 50, of Dimmitt, who was traveling south on

Texas 214. The accident occurred at the intersection of FM 145 and Texas 214 in Parmer County. Mr. Ellis was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Vi Hutto, the trooper said.

Although no tickets were issued at the scene, the trooper said he is preparing a report for the Parmer County district attorney, who will present the case to a grand jury.

Tafolla was taken to a Muleshoe hospital complaining of injured ribs, according to the DPS, but a check at the hospital on

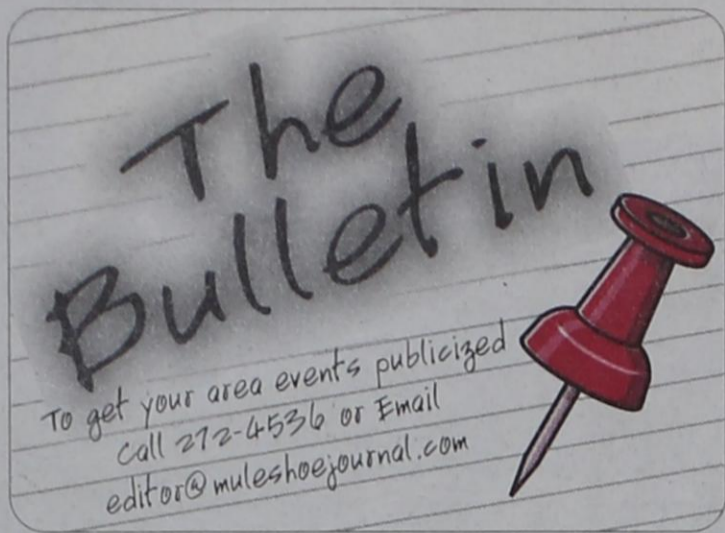
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Nursing home open house this Sunday

Park View Nursing Home has scheduled its Christmas Open House for Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the home, located at 100 W. Ave. J in Muleshoe. Community members, families and friends of residents and staff are all invited to share in the festivities. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

"Scouting for Food" scheduled

Muleshoe Cub Master Noemi Mora announces this weekend the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be delivering bags for project "Scouting for Food." The bags will be left on the door-steps of Muleshoe residents Dec. 4 from around 7 a.m. until just before the parade at 10 a.m. Event organizers warn residents to watch out for walking or running children. All bags will be picked up Dec. 11. The Scouts ask everyone to please donate only non-perishable canned goods. All food collected will go to fill the shelves at the Muleshoe Food Pantry.

"Shattered Dreams" meeting set

Muleshoe High School (MHS) is preparing for the "Shattered Dreams" program once again and needs help from parents and community members in planning the event. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. This is the second planning session in preparation for the "Shattered Dreams" program to be held on the MHS campus March 14-16, 2005.

"Shattered Dreams" is a comprehensive three-day program that involves several activities that educate youth by dramatizing the problems associated with drinking and driving. It's co-sponsored by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).

The first day of the event, students representing those who die in alcohol-related crashes will leave their classrooms to become members of the "living dead." A staged auto crash will take place in front of the high school. Later, a mock memorial will be held by members of the community, parents and others to show students the community cares about them and to discuss how to keep drunk drivers off the streets.

Call Michelle Barton at Muleshoe High School at 272-7309 for more details.

EMS pheasant hunt breakfast Saturday

The Bailey Co. EMS Pheasant Hunt Breakfast will be Dec. 4, 2004 at the Bailey County Coliseum. Doors will open at 5 a.m.. Bailey Co. EMS in conjunction with Sharpshooters of Lubbock will raffle a Browning BPS shotgun during the breakfast. For raffle tickets, contact Bailey Co. EMS at 806-272-4390 or any volunteer. You need not be present to win.

Jennyslippers to serve meal; have bake sale

The public is invited to eat at the "Jennyslipper's Kitchen," on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bailey Co. Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd.

On the menu will be brisket sandwich for \$2.50, a bowl of chili for \$2, beans & cornbread for \$2, pie, cobbler or cake for \$1.75, and cookies/brownies and drinks for .50¢. While there, buy generously from the Jennyslipper's bake sale! All proceeds will be donated to help remodel the kitchen at the Girl Scout Hut.

First United Methodist to present cantata

The Muleshoe First United Methodist Church choir will be presenting a moving cantata entitled "One Incredible Moment" on Sunday, Dec. 5 during morning worship services at the church beginning at 11 a.m.

As the cantata proclaims, "The majesty of the manger, the splendor of the star, The anthem of the angels brings heaven to our hearts. As we proclaim the message,

redemption's timeless plan; In one incredible moment, our God became a man!"

Judge's scholarship established

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association (TJCJA) has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison who passed away unexpectedly. His memory is being honored with this educational subsidy. He had been a charter member of the organization and served as the regional director of TJCJA.

To be eligible for the Judge Herman Morrison Memorial Scholarship, students must be related to a member of the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

For more information, contact Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School 272-7304 or call the office of the Justice of the Peace at 272-4300.

Team roping and auction to benefit Dink Wilcox

A team roping and benefit auction for Dink Wilcox is set for 1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Good Times Arena in Muleshoe.

Any donated items for the auction, including crafts, baked good, antiques, etc., will be appreciated.

For more information or to sign up, call Kristin Rice at 265-3345 or Joanna Martinez at 965-2610.

Cantata set for Dec. 5 at FUMC

The Sanctuary Choir of First Methodist Church of Muleshoe will present "One Incredible Moment," a cantata by Max Lucado and Tom Settle, at 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 5.

Lazbuddie Senior Class to host Pheasant Hunt Luncheon

The senior class at Lazbuddie will host a Pheasant Hunt Luncheon from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Lazbuddie ISD Cafeteria. Price is \$6.50 per plate for the all-you-can-eat meal plus one dessert.

4-H to sell extra meat and cookies

The Bailey County 4-H has extra meat and cookie dough for sale from recent fund-raisers. For more information, call the Bailey County Extension office at (806) 272-4583.

Food Pantry sets distribution date for Christmas

The Food Pantry Christmas distribution benefited by the Boy Scout Food Drive (on Dec. 4) is set for Dec. 11 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. A new system for distribution has been set up this year. The new "drive-thru" service will allow those receiving foods this year to drive through the parking lot to allow volunteers to bring bags to the car. This will help with the flow of and cut down on the time of

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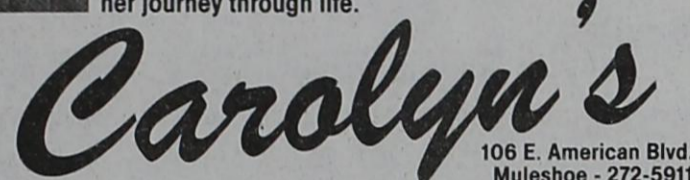
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Johanna Wrinkle, former English teacher at Muleshoe High School, will also be signing her book "My Journey with Hepatitis C." Desiring to share her thoughts, feelings and knowledge of Hepatitis with others, her story explores the happiness and sadness she has incurred in her journey through life.



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A baby shower was held honoring Mrs. Dawnda (Magby) Daniel on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004 in the home of Janice Bradshaw.

The table was decorated with a yellow rubber ducks, an arrangement of daisies and yellow button flowers and yellow plates and napkins. Refreshments of mini homemade cinnamon rolls and mini homemade pumpkin pie tarts were served on a three-tiered cake dish with rubber ducks floating on the second tier. Cappuccino and coffee was served to guests.

Special guests were Debbie Magby, mother of Dawnda, mother-in-law

Belva Daniel from Whiteface, grandmother Wilma Magby of Muleshoe, Mandy and McCray Hursh of Colorado City, sister and nephew of Dawnda, and aunts Starla Zimmerman, Tonya Gartin and Cindy Magby, all of Muleshoe.

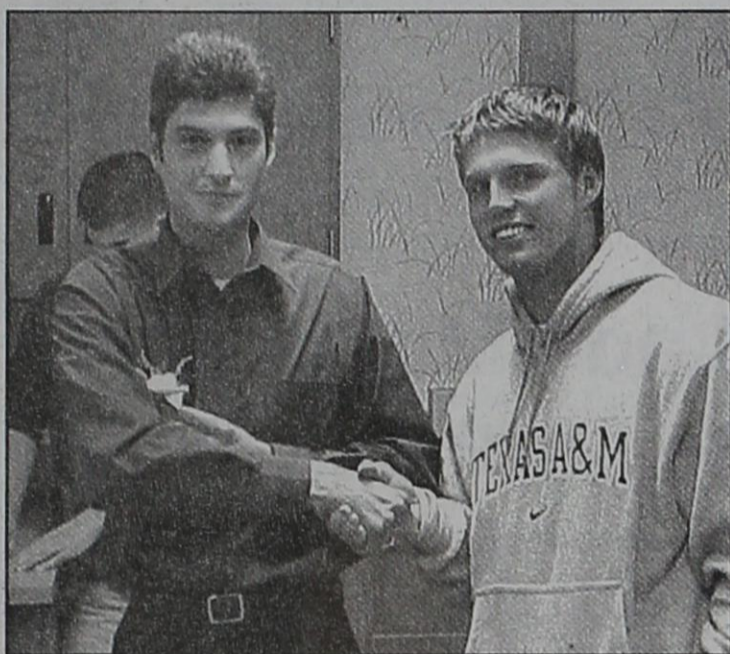
The hostess' gift was a Graco stroller with infant seat/carrier.

Hostesses for the occasion were Terry Thomas, Lori Hendricks, Stephanie Foster, Sheryl Morris, Jodi Morris, Jana St.Clair, Reta Mimms, Christi Whitt, Marca Morris, Mandy Seaton, Sarah Black and Janice Bradshaw.



DANIEL

School News



Joe Bollinger (left) and Brady Black

The Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) met November 15, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. in the high school Home-Ec room. The president, Niclas Green, called the meeting to order and asked Barry Morris to give the opening prayer. The secretary, Kory Atwood, read the minutes and Jordan Bonds gave the treasurer's report.

Brady Black then introduced the November Citizen of the Month, Joe Bollinger of United Supermarkets. He spoke to the club members about how important it is to be involved in the community and how it will help us in the future.

Old business discussed included the Heritage Board meeting some of the officers attended earlier in the week. The Board is in the final stages of receiving a grant and seeing some of

the students that are involved helped out.

New business discussed was a need for the decoration committee to decide on a theme for Janes Ranch House decorations for the "Old Fashioned Christmas." The date will be announced when this committee is to begin working on decorations as soon as it's set. A food committee was also made to provide the food for our Christmas party. Members are Brady Black, Amanda Lopez and Amber Cowart.

A Citizen of the Month for January was chosen and will be the next guest speaker. Black will contact the guest speaker.

The next meeting will be held in December as our annual Christmas party at the Janes Ranch House. The date and time will be announced once it's decided.

ENMR-Plateau names Area Economic Development Manager

CLOVIS, NM — Long time resident and City of Clovis employee, Raymond Mondragon, has been named to a newly created position at ENMR-Plateau Telecommunications as Manager for Area Economic Development. Mondragon recently retired after 30 years service in City government including 27 years in law enforcement and the last 3 years in the role as City Manager. He will report to his new duties on Jan. 17, 2005.

According to Tom Phelps, CEO, for ENMR-Plateau, "Raymond Mondragon can serve an important facet of our company by being a catalyst for increasing economic growth opportunities in all of the service area communities of ENMR-Plateau. Aiding individuals and organizations with information, prospects for new job creation, and other economic development initiatives

has been a portion of the company's vision and values for many years. Because of Raymond's vast experience with local governments, successful history and involvement with rural economic development projects, public service, and familiarity with the region gives us the chance to better serve our members and business associates throughout the vast service area of our company." Mondragon, a Clovis High School graduate, has distinguished himself in many capacities.

"I am voluntarily moving on from the public sector to private enterprise to start a new chapter in my professional life," he said. "The challenges ahead in my new assignment are many, but the strength and positive image of our local telecommunications company, ENMR-Plateau, renews my enthusiasm to share with its patrons my expertise and counsel."

Making holiday buffets healthy

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent-FCS

Celebrating with food and fun is a way many folks enjoy spending the holiday season. Of course, a popular way to have a party occasion is to invite friends and family to a snacking buffet of holiday perfection. However, the type of food service where foods are left out for long periods of time leaves the door open for uninvited guests such as foodborne illness bacteria that can reside in the buffet foods. Texas Cooperative Extension offers the following tips for keeping food safe during holiday events.

If you are cooking foods ahead of time for the entertaining event, be sure to cook foods thoroughly to a proper temperature. To store for later reheating, divide cooked foods into smaller portions or pieces and place in shallow containers to store in the refrigerator or freezer promptly. This means planning ahead of time for adequate refrigerator or freezer storage room.

Reheat foods to be served hot to 165 degrees F. Do not use warming trays, slow cookers or chafing dishes to reheat food. Do this in traditional cooking equipment to assure that foods reach 165 degrees quickly. Then place in the warming devices on the buffet. Use a food thermometer to check internal temperature of reheated foods such as casseroles, dips, stews, etc to be sure that the warming devices are keeping them at 140 degrees F. If not, do not leave foods out for more than 2 hours even in the warming devices.

Foods to be kept cold, such as meat, seafood, egg, or dairy spreads, dips, or salads should be kept below 40 degrees F. in adequate safe storage containers. One of the best ways to serve cold foods on a buffet safely is to use a serving dish nestled in a bowl full of ice.

One tip that makes food safety more controllable is to use smaller platters or serving dishes, and replace them often on the buffet with foods straight out of reheating or the refrigerator. Never place fresh food on a serving dish that contained food that has been sitting out. It's best instead to replace empty platters with fresh ones. Remember, that not only is temperature a concern, but many people's hands may have been taking food from the dish which has been sitting out. People's hands can contain germs. Always use clean utensils for each serving platter as well. Discard any perishable party

foods such as meat, poultry, egg or seafood dishes, appetizers or dips if they have been on the buffet for an extended time. As a host or hostess, it is your responsibility to keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and replace or discard any questionable items.

Other basic safe food handling guidelines are suggested for food safety for all occasions.

- Always wash hands before and after handling food. Keep all kitchen surfaces, utensils, and dishes clean when storing and serving food.

- Never reuse a serving dish or utensil that came into contact with raw foods, or even with foods that have been on the buffet line for a long time.

- Never leave foods in the temperature danger zone for more than two hours. This temperature range of 40 to 140 degrees F. is perfect for the growth of serious bacteria that can cause foodborne illness.

For more information on holiday food safety, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

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Sports

Mules drop season opener

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules began their basketball season last Friday with a 42-56 loss to the Lubbock Trinity Christian Lions. With little time to tinker with their scoring machine the Mules had to rely on defense against the Lions.

The Mules hung close in the opening period with Trevor Turnbow dropping in a pair of 3-pointers. The Mules trailed 15-17 at the end of the first period.

The game became a defensive struggle in the second period with each team only able to add six points to their totals.

The Lions added to their advantage in third period with 22 points and the Mules could only score 12. The Lions made 11 points in the final frame and held the Mules to seven.

"It is early in the season,"

said Mule coach Ralph Mason. "Brady Black made some very good moves on he inside but could only finish once. We are going to have to get Arsenio Geter the ball more. Our scoring will get better as we make the transition. I saw some good things tonight and we will build on them as the season goes along."

Turnbow used four treys to lead the Mules with 14 points. Landon Wilson and Geter each added eight points and Trent Black made four. Brant Hamilton, Chris Kindle, Black and Kory Atwood each chipped in two points.

The Mules hosted the Portales Rams on Tuesday night and then travel to Shallowater to open the Shallowater Shootout at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. The Mules travel to Tulia on Dec. 7.



Over the top — The Mules' Landon Wilson goes over three defenders to score in Tuesday's game against Lubbock Trinity Christian.



No detours — Muleshoe's Jamie Carpenter, No. 14, drives past a Lubbock Trinity defender on her way to the basket during Tuesday's game.

JV Mules stage big comeback in second half for win

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Mules fell behind the Lubbock Christian Trinity Lions 13-23 by the intermission.

The Mules roared back in the final two periods to tame the Lions 44-41.

Only Rudy Gonzales and Erik Washington could find the range in the opening frame and TJ Brantley made two charity tosses.

The Mules only made one of eight free throws in the second period as the Lions increased their lead.

Washington led the charge in the third period with six

points in the paint and completed back-to-back old fashion three-point plays. Kirby Kimbrough found the range from outside the arc and dropped in a pair of treys in the final frame.

Washington led the Mules with 12 points and Gonzales was close behind with 11. Kimbrough added eight points and Brantley made five. Jarad Flores made four points, Garrett Riley three, and Cory Wallace chipped in one.

The Mules hosted the Portales Rams on Tuesday and will host their own tournament over the weekend.

JV Lady Mules celebrate victory over Lubbock Trinity

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Lady Mules celebrated Thanksgiving by dumping the Lubbock Trinity Christian Lady Lions 44-29. The Lady Mule defense held the Lady Lions to only two points in the opening frame.

Chelsi Hawkins and Kyra Kimbrough led the offensive charge in the opening frame as the Lady Mules opened a 10-2 advantage. Kimbrough continued to pour in the points in the second period and the Lady Mules owned a 25-10 lead at the intermission.

Cholov Hernandez scored all eight of the Lady Mule points in the third period as the Lady Lions poured in 12. The Lady Mule defense held Trinity to seven in the final period as Kimbrough again picked up her pace.

Kimbrough paced the Lady Mules with 19 points and Hernandez had 12. Hawkins dropped in five points, Madison Myers added four and Brittani Hernandez chipped in two.

The Lady Mules have four wins and three losses going into Tuesday night's game with Portales. The Lady Mules will host a tournament Dec. 2-4.

Lady Mules fall to Lubbock Trinity

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Lady Mules dropped below .500 with a loss to the Lubbock Trinity Christian Lady Lions Tuesday night. The Lady Mules have struggled on the offensive end and only Kelsy Friskup broke into double digits.

The Lady Lions found a chink in the Lady Mule defense and out scored the Lady Mules 25-11 in the second and third periods. Friskup made two treys in the final period as the Lady Mules chipped away at the Trinity lead.

The Lady Lions hung on to drop the Lady Mules 38-50.

Friskup used her eight point final period to lead the Lady Mules with 14 points. Brandi Wood added nine points and Lindsey Wood made five. Jamie Carpenter dropped in four points, Amber Cowart three; Monica Posadas two and Kasey Wood chipped in one.

The Lady Mules hosted the Portales Lady Rams on Tuesday night and then jumps into tournament play in Nazareth. The Lady Mules opens the tournament at noon on Thursday in the New Gym.

The Lady Mules will face the Dalhart Lady Golden Wolves.

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Sports

12 Mules named to All-District teams

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

Twelve Mules were named 17 positions on the District 2-3A All-District Team. The Mules had one MVP, five first team all-district offensive players, three first team all-district defensive players, four second team all-district offensive players and four second team all-district defensive players.

Juan Nunez was named as the districts Most Valuable Player on defense and was named to the second team on the offensive line. Kory Atwood was picked to the first team offensive line and Geoffrey Sirkle was chosen as a second team offensive lineman.



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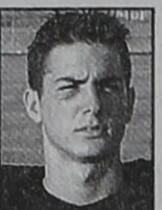
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Tyler Wood was named as a first team receiver and second team defensive back. Chris Kindle was picked as a second team receiver. Brant Hamilton was tied for the first team quarterback pick with Cedric Wade of Levelland.

Brady Black was picked as a first team running back and first team defensive back.

Joel Salcido was chosen a second team defensive end. Josh Shelburne was named a first team defensive lineman and Rigo

Mendoza was picked for the second team.

Erwin Lewis was picked as a first team linebacker and Jarad Flores was named to the second team. Chris Kindle tied with Cedric Wade of Levelland for all-district punter.

Eighth-grade Lady Mules rebound for Texico win

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The eighth grade Lady Mules jumped out to a 17-8 lead against the Texico Lady Wolverines in the first period. But gave it all back in the second quarter and allowed Texico to take a 19-20 lead at the half.

The Lady Mules regrouped at the intermission and downed Texico 40-37.

Morgan Smith led the charge for the Lady Mules in the opening period with nine points that included a 3-pointer. Amy Withrow was very active on defense and converted steals into four points. Gabby Agundis rounded out the scoring in the first period with two buckets.

The Lady Mules could only make two free throws in second period as Texico chunked in 12.

The Lady Mules post players heated up in the final half with Kathryn Owens and Janae Pyle each hitting from the elbow. Gizell Vasquez found the range in the third quarter and made all five of her points in about a one minute span to tie the game at 30-30.

Withrow broke the tie with steal and drove to the basket to give the Lady Mules a 32-30 advantage at the final quarter break. Texico tied the game with a basket as the final period began.

Pyle stuck back a rebound and was fouled on a second put back attempt. She made one of the free throws before Texico retied the game with a 3-pointer. Agundis gave the Lady Mules the lead for good with 35 seconds left. She drained a 15-foot jump shot.

Smith led the Lady Mules in scoring with nine points. Withrow and Agundis dropped in eight points apiece. Vasquez, Pyle and Owens each made five points.

The Lady Mules hosted Brownfield on Monday night and go to Slaton for a tournament Dec. 2-4. The Lady Mules return home Dec.13 when they will host Lubbock Cooper.

Seventh-grade Lady Mules fall to Lady Wolverines

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The seventh grade Lady Mules are in the early stages of learning their offense and could not keep up with the very talented Lady Wolverines of Texico. Texico out scored the Lady Mules 29-21.

Both teams had difficulty scoring the first period and Sarah Johnson stopped and popped from the free throw line on a fast break. The teams were tied 2-2 after one period.

Texico opened a 6-2 advantage early in the second quarter but Johnson found Ashley Cisneros breaking down the lane for an easy bucket. Mariscla Casanova inbounded the ball to Johnson near midcourt and Johnson drove to the basket and tied the game at 6-6.

Texico bounced back to take a 7-10 advantage at intermission. Jessica Howard completed a fast break to open the third period. Texico opened a 17-12 advantage by the end of the third period. Texico went on a 10-point run to start the final quarter. Cisneros picked off a long defensive rebound and drove the floor to break Texico's run. Howard and Johnson each added buckets before time expired. Johnson led the Lady Mules with nine points and Howard put in seven all in the second half. Cisneros added four points and Amber Fuentes chipped in one. The Lady Mules hosted Brownfield on Monday night and are in the Slaton Tournament on Dec. 2-4. The Lady Mules return to their home floor Dec. 13 to host Lubbock Cooper.

Seventh-grade Lady Mules handle Springlake-Earth

By DELTON WHITE
Sports Writer

The freshman Lady Mules had little trouble disposing of the Springlake-Earth Lady Wolverines 44-31. The Lady Mules jumped out to a 17-4 advantage at the end of the first period. They seemed to lose some of their defensive focus in the second frame as the Lady Wolverines matched them bucket for bucket.

The Lady Mules owned a 32-19 advantage at the intermission. Both teams cooled off during the break. Kelsy Tipps found Heather Barker open across the lane for a bucket in the third period. Ashley Grumbles broke to the basket with out the ball and Gini Sheets lobbed a pass over the defense for an easy bucket.

Barker stuck back a rebound early in the final frame and Grumbles picked a Lady Wolverine's pocket and drove

the floor for a layup. DezRae Contreras drained a 15-footer to seal the deal for the Lady Mules.

Grumbles led the Lady Mules in scoring with 13 points. Sheets had two 3-pointers in the first half and ten points. Barker scored in every period and also had 10 points. Natasia Daniel drained a tray in the second period for three points and Tipps and Jacy Lawrence each dropped in two points.

The Lady Mules hosted Brownfield on Monday night and travel to Denver City for a tournament Dec. 2-4. The Lady Mules will host Plainview Dec. 11.

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"Go on to church. It'll do you good," he whispers. Did you notice a little lisp? He hides it well but it's caused by a slit in his tongue and the need to speak around fangs.

"Go on! Go."

He'd love for us to go to church if we go not because we need anything or might receive anything but just as a sort of favor to the poor, unenlightened souls there we might be able to sprinkle with our wisdom and bring around to our way of thinking. Strange. That snaky lisp is never more apparent—all those S sounds, you know—than when Satan whispers in our ears, "Be self-sufficient." But when we're all wrapped up in self-sufficiency, we rarely ever realize that a ssssssnake is close enough to put a fang through our ear lobes.

Why would he take a big bite when a subtle but poisonous little pit viper drip will do the job every bit as well?

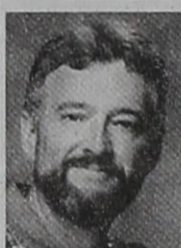
"Why not go to church?" he asks, knowing that he has done some fine work there.

Of course, the opposite has also worked admirably, too, from his point of view. He's equally happy for ol' Joe Blow to blow on about "all those hypocrites at church" if it helps Joe to forget about the hypocrite under his own hat.

The serpent is not all that particular about the type of poison he uses or the rate of its effect, just as long as it is deadly.

Crafty he is. And too close for comfort. A snake of the subtlest sort. Hmm. I'm pretty sure I've heard him whisper in my ear once or twice as I've been trying to write this column.

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



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

and twisted and cruel, but he certainly was also crafty.

He still is. And it is maddening to realize how often he plays us like a drum and we march to his beat.

"Go on to church," he whispers in our ear. He's perfectly happy for us to go if he can get us thinking along the way about how much better we are than the folks who don't go.

And once we're there, opportunities abound for just a little venom injected here and there to poison our attitudes and twist our thoughts and make sure that 99% or more of the time we're in God's house we're focused on ourselves and not above. It's so easy for the old viper to direct our gaze downward! Anything from Sister Smithers' weird hat to Brother Gunther's strange tones to the preacher's foibles

Births

JARON JASE BOX

Jason and Ronda Box of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Jaron Jase Box, born Nov. 4, 2004 at 3:57 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Jaron Jase Box has three brothers: Cade, Treg and Bode.

Grandparents are Ken and Lynne Box and Ronald and Joyce Scott, all of Muleshoe.

Great-grandparents are R.L. and Doris Scott and Myrtle Puckett, all of Muleshoe

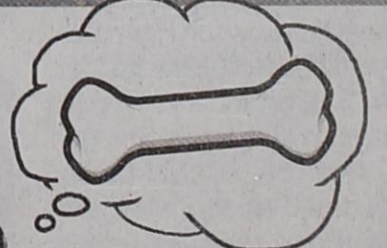
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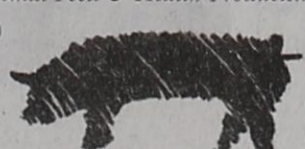


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standing in line. There will be signs for directions of entering and exiting the parking area. Bags will contain vegetables, staples, dessert, candy and each family will receive a voucher for fresh meat from a local grocery store. People need to bring their regular cards for service. If you do not have a card, please sign up for services at the Food Pantry prior to this event.

The Food Pantry will not be open any other Saturday in December. Everyone normally receiving food supplies will be able to get them on Dec. 11 in their Christmas bags.

Anyone wishing to volunteer time to distribute or make contributions may contact Donna Kirk, Kay Mardis or Kay Graves. The Food Pantry is located on American Blvd. in Muleshoe next to Farm Bureau. It services Bailey County residents only. Those wishing to receive food benefits must bring a current bill or check stub with a current Bailey County address.

Compassionate Care to hold Christmas Gala

Muleshoe's Compassionate Care will hold their second annual Christmas Gala on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 2-4 p.m. at the Assembly of God Family Life Building on First Street in Muleshoe. Trees and tables will be auctioned off this as this year's fund-raiser for the pregnancy crisis center. Themed trees up for auction include "Old Tuscany," "Hog Heaven," and "Tribute to America." Themed tables include "religious," "Jeep," "Beary Merry Christmas," and "Mid-summer Nights' Dream." Bids begin at \$25. There will also be food and beverages for participants. Donations will be accepted at the door. Tickets are available at local merchants.

Hospice of Lubbock to "Light Up A Life"

Hospice of Lubbock will light hundreds of Christmas lights atop the Plains Capital Bank building (corner of 50th and University in Lubbock) during their annual "Light Up

A Life" Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. The lights represent the lives of individuals who are being memorialized or honored this holiday season. There will be a short ceremony and special music in addition to the lighting.

The tree will be lit the whole month of Dec. Individuals may contribute toward Hospice of Lubbock's "Light Up A Life" project in honor or memory of their loved ones throughout the month. For \$10, a light can be lit for that loved one. Every dollar donated will be used to provide hospice care for people with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. To make a donation or for more information, call Hospice of Lubbock at 806-795-2751 to request a form or provide a credit card number. Hospice of Lubbock serves Lubbock and 18 surrounding counties. Since admitting its first patient, Hospice of Lubbock has served over 4,000 patients in this area.

Breast cancer clinic set in Muleshoe

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, 708, S. 1st St., on Dec. 6. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Estate Planning Seminar to be held

The Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring four two-day Estate Planning Seminars Jan. 25-26, 2005 in Robstown, Jan. 31- Feb. 1, 2005 in San Antonio, Feb. 3-4 in Amarillo, and Feb. 14-15 in Denton. This seminar is designed to help families reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions will be offered. They are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. There is a registration fee. For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226 or e-mail her at s-wehring@tamu.edu.

Benefit for Meals on Wheels "Christmas in the Country" set

Trinity Christian Center Church, located at 1723 W. American Blvd., will present their 5th annual "Christmas in the Country" concert to benefit the local Meals on Wheels program. The concert is Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Church. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. There will be a free-will offering taken up for Meals on Wheels at this time with all proceeds going to the program.

Annual Christmas Bazaar slated

The Moonlight Extension Education Club announces its 26th Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 4 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe. Applications for booth space are being accepted until Nov. 30. To request an application contact: Linda (806) 272-3463 or Gail (806) 272-3024.

Blackwater Valley PDG meeting set for Dec. 7

The Blackwater Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Muleshoe Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office invite those that have an interest in agriculture to attend the Program Development Group (PDG) Meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Five Area Telephone Cooperative Meeting Room, 302 Uvalde at 8 a.m. This is an opportunity for you to voice your opinions and concerns about the 2005 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). More importantly, the recommendations made at this meeting will be heard by the Local Work Group (LWG) that will finalize the 2005 EQIP priorities for Bailey County.

Since 2003, almost one million dollars has been allocated to District Cooperators in Bailey County through EQIP.

Please attend and be a part of the "lean and local" process for your EQIP.

Call 272-5124 ext 3 or come by the office at 105 E Ave D if you have any questions or concerns.

A Christmas Carol performing in Lubbock

The Lubbock Community Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley* Fridays and Saturday, Dec. 2-4, 10-11. 17-18 at 8 p.m. and matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. on Dec. 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19. The production is directed by John A. Packard and stars Rob Holton and Elyse Lenore West. All performances are at the LCT Boston Avenue Playhouse, 4230 Boston Ave., in Lubbock. For tickets and reservation information, call (806) 7492416 or e-mail: lct@amaonline.com.

Farm show in Amarillo at month's end

The 20th Annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show is set for Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 at the Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., in Amarillo. Tuesday and Wednesday's hours are from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be over 825 exhibits dedicated to agricultural products, education and ag services. Admission is free. For more information on attending or exhibiting, call 1-800-827-8007 or visit www.farmshows.com/amarillo.

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Just a year and a half old, the MAHA Scholarship Fund awarded its first two \$500 scholarships in May, 2004. Recipients were Tori Barton from Muleshoe and Kelli Harris from Lazbuddie. Both rls are at South Plains College studying to become nurses. Two more scholarships will be awarded in May, 2005, and every year thereafter.
For more information, or to make a contribution, please contact: Janice Bradshaw, Muleshoe State Bank, (806) 272-4561.

Hospital Report
The Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:
Nov. 18 - David Bock, Ruben Castillo, Calvin Embry, Kathleen Hickey, Esther Mendoza and Trinidad Navejar.
Nov. 19 - Ruben Castillo, Calvin Embry, Kathleen Hickey, Howard Martin, Trinidad Navejar, Maria R Toscano and Rosa Toscano.
Nov. 20 - Levi Berry, Baby B Brito, Calvin Embry, Margaret Hamilton, Kathleen Hickey, Carroll Hunton, Howard Martin, Trinidad Navejar, Maria D Toscano and Rosa Toscano.
Nov. 21 - No Report Available.
Nov. 22 - No Report Available.
Nov. 23 - Baby B Brito, Ernesto Bustillos, Calvin Embry, Martha Fabela, Brenda Gomez, Margaret Hamilton, Lawson Herington, Carroll Hunton, Howard Martin, Sharon Moore, Trinidad Navejar and Jerald Stringer.
Nov. 24 - Calvin Embry, Martha Fabela, Margaret Hamilton, Lawson Herington, Kathleen Hickey, Howard Martin, Trinidad Navejar, Baby Regalado, Martina Regalado and Jerald Stringer.
Nov. 25 - No Report Available.

able.
Nov. 26 - Calvin Embry, Lawson Herington, Kathleen Hickey, Howard Martin and Trinidad Navejar.
Nov. 27 - No Report Available.
Nov. 28 - No Report Available.
Nov. 29 - Calvin Embry, James Eubank, Baby Guerrero, Hermelinda Guerrero, Lawson Herington, Silvia Hernandez, Ida Kellar, Baby Mendoza, Jesus Nava, Trinidad Navejar and Lynn Roberts.

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Senior Citizen News

By Nelda Merriott

December will be a busy month at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center. On Friday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. our first craft class will meet.

Bring your hot glue gun and any tiny decorations you have on hand for a 10 inch high Christmas tree as a table arrangement.

The Center will furnish most

items. A very special guest that everyone will enjoy will visit the class.

The menu for next week is: Monday, Dec. 6: baked chicken, black-eyed peas, brussel sprouts, cornbread, cherry cobbler.

Tuesday, Dec. 7: BBQ roast pork, noodles, broccoli, wheat roll, peach shortcake.

Wednesday, Dec. 8: Polish

sausage, sauerkraut, corn, pickles, cornbread, pumpkin crunch.

Thursday, Dec. 9: turkey pot pie, tossed salad w/dressing, purple plums, cookies.

Friday, Dec. 10 : Oven fried fish, fries, corn, turnip greens, cornbread or hush puppies, pineapple gelatin

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. the Muleshoe Home Health will bring a health fair to the Center.

They will offer various screenings, and tests. Jim Milner, with Rightway Medical, will be on hand to fit seniors with diabetic shoes at no cost.

Thursday, Dec. 9, the December birthdays will be celebrated at noon. Don't miss your birthday party!

ALSO Dec. 9, Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. OPEN HOUSE AT THE ONEITA WAGNON SENIOR CENTER. The Muleshoe High School Saxophone Ensemble will entertain everyone with special Christmas selections at 2:30 p.m. Come see the walls honoring our Area Pioneers, enjoy refreshments, great music and visiting.

Pete Lara with South Plains Association of Governments has offered a free service for Senior Citizens. SPAG will train two people (any age) and furnish mileage to Lubbock in January for training to prepare income tax return assistance for low income seniors. This will be the short-

form, more simple type. The knowledge gained will also benefit you personally and the Senior Citizens will sincerely appreciate your service.

Two people with basic computer/typing ability are needed to take this two-day training. SPAG will provide the Senior Center with the computer and software to provide this needed service. Please contact the Senior Center at 272-4969 so that we may get you registered for this training.

On Monday, Dec. 20, United Blood Services will set up at the Senior Center from 1 to 8 p.m.. Let's all help to make it a big turnout. Mark your calendars.



Chamber Business of the Month — The Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce recently named Pizza Hut of Muleshoe as its Business of the Month for November. Pictured are (l-r) Chamber Manager Jan Thompson; Pizza Hut Manager Danny Rainey; Asst. Manager Jason Cox; restaurant employee Connie Castro; Chamber Board President Terral King; and Pizza Hut employee Lilly Edwards.

2005 to bring new Medicare program

Beginning in 2005, new Medicare beneficiaries will be able to access a broader range of preventive care procedures, including some for heart disease and diabetes, according to Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson.

These are changes that went into effect with the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003.

With new benefits comes a new name — Medicare Advantage, which was previously known as Medicare + Choice or Medicare Part C.

Medicare was originally available in two parts:

- Medicare Part A covers inpatient care for hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. Part A also helps cover hospice care and some home health care.

- Medicare Part B helps cover doctor services and outpatient care. Part B also covers some other medical services that Part A does not, such as physical and occupational therapists when medically necessary, Crocker said. Part B coverage also covers the screening (programs) and shots that Medicare provides.

The new Medicare Advantage Plans require beneficiaries to be enrolled in both Part A and Part B.

"You may pay lower co-payments and get extra benefits, but you are more limited as to choice in health provider," Andrew B.

Crocker, Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist in gerontology and health. "Medicare Advantage Plans are structured to work more like an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) or PPO (Preferred Provider Organization). You have a primary physician and are referred to other health providers (when needed)."

Medicare beneficiaries who enroll after Jan. 1, 2005, will receive a "Welcome to Medicare" physical examination. New enrollees in Medicare Part B will receive a one-time physical examination to document height, weight, blood pressure, baseline EKG and some education and counseling. Existing Part B beneficiaries do not receive this benefit — just those enrolling after Jan. 1, 2005.

Added to that will be the availability of new tests including cardiovascular blood work to check for lipids, cholesterol and triglycerides, and a fasting plasma glucose test for diabetes screening. Those already enrolled in Medicare Part B have access to medical procedures such as bone mass measurements, colorectal cancer screenings, diabetes training, mammograms, Pap tests and pelvic exams, prostate cancer screenings and vaccinations for flu, pneumonia and hepatitis B, Crocker said.

For more information on Medicare and its new options, visit the Web at <http://www.medicare.gov/>

Nursing Home News

The residents and their families had a Thanksgiving meal together Thursday night. Park View was filled with good food, good folks and happy hearts. David and Rick Sudduth provided entertainment. The Dietary Dept. provided turkey, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, mashed potatoes and corn. Families and guests brought cakes, pies and all kinds of goodies.

Friday afternoon Curtis Snitker provided entertainment for the Nov. birthday party. Residents that had a Nov. Birthday were: Pauline Chappell, Rick Hunter, Christine Newsome. Joyce Hunter hosted the party. Lasting Impressions gave each birthday resident a corsage boutonniere and TY beanie baby attached to a big colorful balloon. Ms. Hunter furnished coconut cream pies and fruit pies for refreshments. Pauline Chappell's daughters Sandy and Diane attended the party with her. Rick Hunter's mom Joyce Hunter attended with him.

Hattie Heathington was

visited by her cousin, Unice Cox from Southern New Mexico Tuesday afternoon.

The Retired Teachers Assn. hosted Mrs. Felan's music class to entertain the residents at Park View at their Nov. meeting. They served refreshments following the program to the students and the residents.

Brenda Guzman's FCS students set up tables and chairs in preparation for the residents and their families Thanksgiving supper Thursday night. The class also baked a loaf of pumpkin bread for each of the residents, bags of Chex Mix and mini pies.

Herb and Betty Ramage delivered quarters for the residents to play "bingo bash" Monday.

To all the families and friends at the Thanksgiving meal Thursday night — ee really thank you for coming.

The Christmas Card Project will soon be underway. We thank you for remembering the residents at Park View this year, as you have so generously in the

past.

The Trinity Baptist Church came for church services Sunday afternoon.

Mandy Seaton from the Bailey County Extension Office came Monday morning and gave a program on peanuts. Ms. Seaton gave their history and origin of the peanut, the nutritional values. Ms. Seaton also made microwave peanut brittle for all to sample. Roasted peanuts were furnished by James Wedel.

Tuesday morning, Bro. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a memorial service for Alvin Isaacson. The service was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Isaacson and Jack, residents and staff.

Tuesday afternoon Beverly Wagnon, Pat Clark, Josie Ovale, Dolores Garrett, and Eva Nell Dale came to shampoo, set and comb the ladies hair.

Angela came and gave manicures Monday morning.

Happy December Birthday to Marie Lane 12/1; Alta Gore 12/8; Clifton Finley 12/10; Hazel Ball 12/11; John Hadley 12/12; Vada Alexander 12/17.

There is a Christmas Open House at Park View, Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The resident's Christmas party has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. A visit from ol' Santa is expected.

Mr. Charlés Howard gave Park View a beautiful red pointsettia.

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forgotten" and to express appreciation to them for their "sacrifices in the fight to keep America safe."

"Hopefully, we can bring a smile to their faces by letting them know that their service is appreciated by people back home," said Johnson.

The contest has two divisions: adult and youth. Judging will be based on creativity, neatness and sincerity. Winner of the youth division will receive a \$100 savings bond and the adult division winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Carolyn's.

Entries must be submitted no later than Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

After the judging on that same day, all letters will be mailed to a unit in Iraq to be dispersed to the troops.

"I encourage everyone to participate in 'Operation: GI Smile,'" said Johnson.

"Your letter could be the most cherished gift you give this Christmas!"

Corrections

The Muleshoe Journal incorrectly identified Laura Diaz as Laura Esparza in a cutline printed in the Nov. 18 edition of the paper. Diaz played on the USSSA softball team "Lightning." The Journal apologizes for the error.

Also, the Journal incorrectly identified in last week's paper the newborn daughter of Jason and Ronda Box, Jaron Jase Box, as a newborn son. We apologize for the mistake.

Bridal Shower



ROBERTSON

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A bridal shower honoring Rebecca Robertson, bride-elect of Jake Caswell, was held Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004 in the home of Jamie Myers.

Special guests were Mary Ellen Robertson, mother of the bride-to-be; Belinda Caswell, the prospective groom's mother; Norma Caswell, prospective groom's grandmother; Mitzi Branscum, sister of the bride-to-be; Samantha Caswell, the prospective groom's sister; Pam McCaul, aunt of the bride-to-be; Sharon Spradley, the prospective groom's aunt; and Melanie McCaul, cousin of the bride-to-be.

The hostesses were Jana St. Clair, Suzie Claunch, Dani Heathington, Brenda Black, Johnnie Welch, Sherri Kennedy, Lindy Schuster, Peggy Wheeler, Carol Cox, Donna Redwine, Jamie Myers, Kathy Embry, Sheryl Altman, Rhonda Myers, Norma Seamour, Rayniel Bamert and Juana Shelburne.

The hostesses' gift was a 12-piece set of cookware.

Crawford wins football contest

By Leah Bell

General Manager

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The 2004 Muleshoe Journal Football Contest has come to a close and an "old-timer" finally made it to the finish line ahead of the pack. Jimmie Crawford faltered throughout the first eleven contests, only placing in the top ten a few times, but he finished the season with a bang.

Crawford beat out a small crop of players in week twelve by missing only six of the 22 college and NFL games included in the last contest. His closest competition and winner of second place, Bill Liles, also missed six but guessed 86 on the tiebreaker score, 47 points too high. The actual combined total in the tiebreaker game (Texas A&M vs. Texas) was 39 points. Crawford missed the TB score by only 14 points.

Games tripping up this week's players were University of Alabama-Birmingham's loss to Southern Mississippi, Hawaii's win over Northwestern, Boston College's loss to Syracuse, Colorado's win over Nebraska, Tampa Bay's loss to Carolina, and San Diego's win over Kansas City.

Finishing out the rest of the field were: Barbara Parten, seven misses, 45 TB guess; Richard Orozco, seven misses, 56 TB; Felipe Gonzales, nine misses, 35 TB; Scott Brown, nine misses, 52 TB; Larry Taylor, nine misses, no TB guess; J.C. Orozco, 10 misses, 38 TB; Alene Bryant, 10 misses, no TB guess; and Sherri Harrison, 16 misses, 62 TB.

The Journal thanks everyone for playing this year's contest and looks forward to an even bigger, better contest next year!

ALCO names 'Cutest Baby' contest winner

Alco Store Inc. announced Nov. 1 the winner of their 2004 Cutest Baby Contest. One-year-old Zoie Kristine Pierson, daughter of Stephanie Pierson of Muleshoe, took home the crown this year.



Little Zoie beat out 18 other contestants and all by herself raised \$152.72 for the Bailey County Food Pantry.

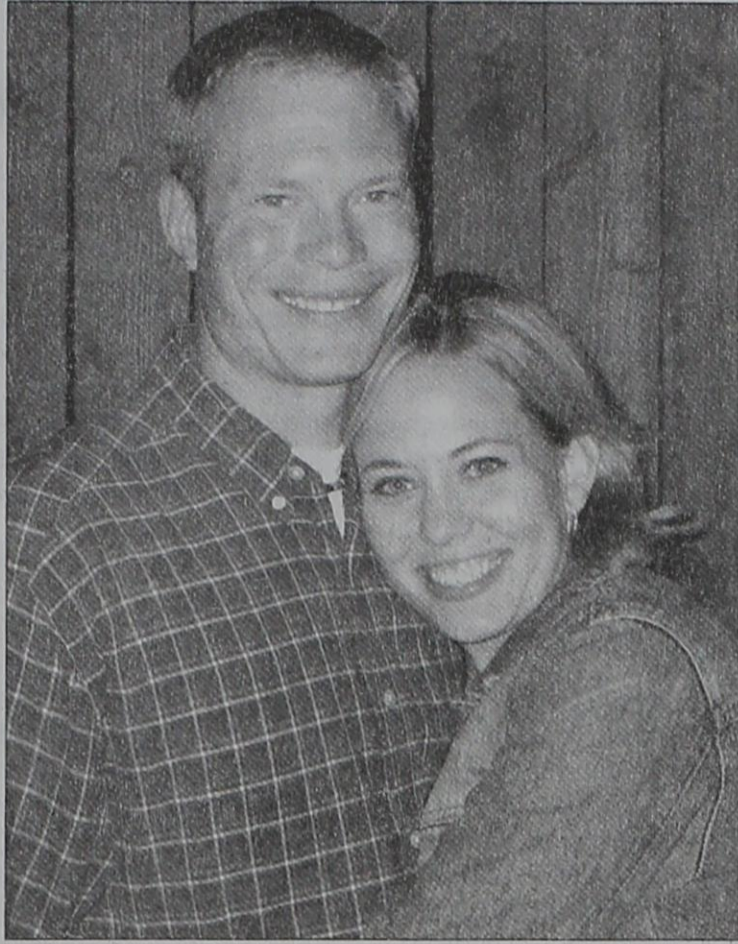
In total, the contest raised \$751.88 for the local food bank.

"Alco has sponsored the Cutest Baby Contest for over 25 years," said Muleshoe store Manager Kerry Hodge. "This year we more than doubled our contribution to

the food pantry. It's great!" The contest is held for children ages birth to three-years-old. Each penny dropped in the contestant's jar is counted as a vote. The second place baby was about \$9 behind Pierson.

"We appreciate everyone who donated their spare change to this contest and, in turn, helped support a local charity," said Hodge.

Engagements



BENNETT-BYERS

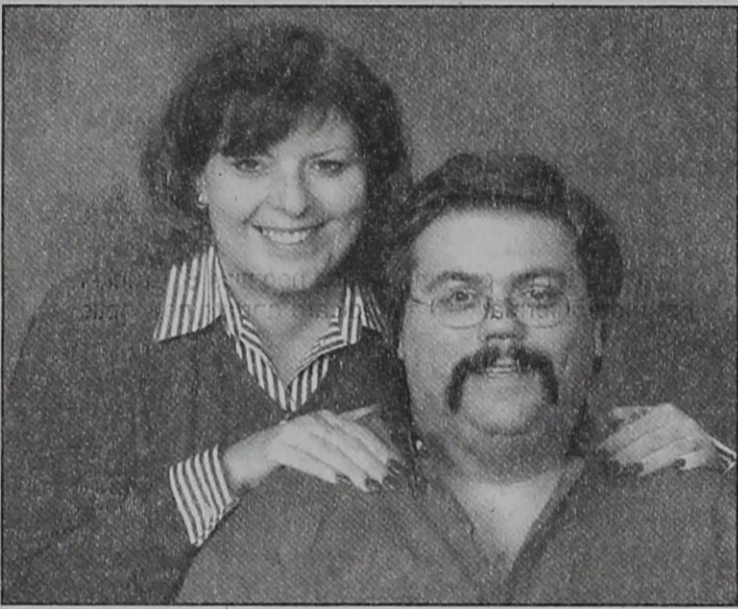
BENNETT-BYERS

The Rev. Samuel and Joan Bennett and James and Terry Byers announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Laurel Ashley Bennett of Tampa, Fla., to Riley Mac Byers, also of Tampa.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Quaker Valley High School in Leetsdale, Pa., and Florida State University. She currently serves as Director of Community Support at Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa.

The prospective groom graduated from Muleshoe High School and Tarleton State University. He teaches at Booker T. Washington Middle School in Tampa.

The couple will wed Feb. 19, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in the Lake Carroll Baptist Church of Tampa. A reception will follow the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.



POWELL-MARTIN

POWELL - MARTIN

Dwayne and Mary Powell of Sudan proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cindy Powell, to Rev. Henry Martin of Lockney, son of Bruce Martin of Phoenix, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a nurse for Hospice of Lubbock. The prospective groom is employed by Gardner Chevrolet of Plainview.

Wedding vows will be exchanged Jan. 1, 2005 at Claytonville Baptist Church in Claytonville at 4 p.m. All friends and family are invited to attend. The couple will reside in Sudan.

Tech offering three-day wine grape shortcourse

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University's Extended Studies and the Texas Cooperative Extension and is offering a three-day Texas viticulture shortcourse that will be held Jan. 12-14.

The course is for those interested in commercial winegrape production and vineyard management.

"This intensive three-day course is designed as a comprehensive study of principles and practices of commercial winegrape production in Texas," said Ed Hellman, associate professor of viticulture at Texas Tech University.

Topics will include winegrape physiology, vineyard establishment and management, and pest management.

A field trip to a local vineyard will provide hands-on experience in

pruning practices and a discussion of vine training methods.

Registration costs \$395 per person before Jan. 1 and \$450 thereafter.

The fee includes course materials, two breakfasts, three lunches, two dinners and an evening wine social.

Enrollment is limited to 50 participants on a first-come, first-enrolled basis.

For more information or to register visit <http://www.dce.ttu.edu/outreach/viticulture>.

Print and fax a completed registration form and credit card information to (806) 742-7277, or call (806) 742-7200, ext. 222.

For lodging inquiries please contact Wanda Merchant at (830) 990-2717 or wanda.merchant@ttu.edu.

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Monday found he is not a patient there.

Mr. Ellis graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1973 and married Cindy McDermitt the same year.

He received his pilot's license in 1978 and began his own spraying business in this area in 1980.

He also farmed and raised cattle and was an auctioneer, having graduated from the Missouri School of Auctioneering.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Blake Ellis and his wife Amy of Krum and Chad Ellis of Lubbock; three brothers, Harley Daniel of Lubbock, Frank Daniel of Hereford and Harold Daniel of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and one sister, Sue Pratt of San Angelo.

Services were Monday at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery in Dimmitt.

The family suggests memorials be made to: Ettie McDermitt Nursing Scholarship Fund, First United Bank, Dimmitt or Cal Farley's Boys Home.

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Agricultural News

Two-day Amarillo marketing seminar to focus on futures, options

AMARILLO - A two-day Advanced Topic Series seminar originally scheduled for Dec. 16-17 has been rescheduled for Feb. 9-10. The seminar is designed to help agricultural producers better understand futures and options, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"We will focus on how options fit with cash sales and hedging in a marketing plan, why options work and when they don't work," said Steve Amosson, Extension economist based at Amarillo. "We will also discuss development of marketing strategies and how to use these strategies based on market conditions."

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

Alan Brugler of Brugler Marketing and Management will lead the workshop. Brugler, a former director of marketing for Data Transmission Network, provides a market commentary for the network.

"He developed the Brugler Cycle Indicator used by many market traders, and has more than 20 years experience as

a commodity analyst," Amosson said. "We will use a combination of classroom lectures and small work groups to provide a learning environment similar to our Master Marketer training."

Registration is \$125 per person, and includes educational materials, breaks and lunch. Spouses can attend for the same fee, as long as the couple shares materials, Amosson said.

Preregistration is required. The registration deadline is Dec. 9. To register or to get more information, contact Amosson at (806) 677-5600.

Registration forms are also available at Extension offices.

Extension offers several Advanced Topic Series agricultural marketing workshops statewide each year. Partial funding for this year's Advanced Topic Series is provided by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Amosson said. The series is also underwritten by the sponsors of the Master Marketer Educational System, the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas State Cotton Support Committee.

2004 Holiday Coat Drive complete; funds always needed

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the spirit of giving, though the 16th & D Church of Christ Holiday Coat Drive is over, any monetary donations made throughout this holiday season would be a great "leg up" for next year's drive. All donations are appreciated.

Contributed story

For the Journal

"It has truly been a community effort and our community has responded with big hearts," said Janet Claborn, Holiday Coat Drive spokesperson. "This year monetary donations were received and the community donated 474 coats!"

Last year was the first year for the coat drive and the idea came from Liz Tipps. She went to Gene Sheets saying there needed to be a coat drive because kids were coming to school with no coats. Sheets brought the idea to 16th & D Church of Christ. This was the birth of the Holiday Coat Drive which has become a community project.

Local businesses and merchants have made space available for collection of the coats and they have taken the time to talk with their customers and patrons about the project. "Five Area Telephone even put the announcement on their marquee," said Claborn.

Jim Ella Clemmons of Lambert Cleaners and Mike Chisum of Sparkle Cleaners both volunteered to clean any coats that needed to be cleaned at no cost to anyone except themselves; so the coats dropped at these two locations were clean when distributed. What a service!

Joe Rhodes of Joe's Boot Shop donated all the racks to be used — plus he donated 184 windbreaker jackets this year.

"Joe definitely has a big halo over that cowboy hat," said Claborn. "Nelda and Delton Wilhite made trips to collect the racks and the jackets from Joe and then returned them!"

Ladene Spears and those at the Heritage Thrift Shop donated all the children's coats and women's coats that were at the Thrift Shop to be handed out that day. In turn, the remaining coats were taken to the Heritage Thrift Shop so they are still available to anyone who needs them at a minimal charge.

Mr. Sheets and Brenda Guzman's Community Service Class at the high school went to all the collection points and picked up the coats, took them to the church building, then sorted them and hug them on the racks. "They were a wonderful group of young people and did a great job," said Claborn.

Many volunteers were there to help with the distribution and several made cookies to share with everyone after they had selected their coats.

Denise Esparza and Maria Martinez donated their time and helped communicate with those who could not speak English. "This was an invaluable serve to the project and they were called on at the very last minute and were gracious enough to stay and help. They have wonderful hearts!" said Claborn.

Channel 6 was more than generous with announcements for the event and gave the project lots of extra time and publicity. KMUL Radio made several public service announcements telling people about the coat drive and Sharon Dale notified all the local churches so that more people could be reached that might want to participate and more could be notified that might be in need of a coat or know someone in need.

Kenneth King constructed and painted a wooden sign that will be used for years and Hellen Adrian made a banner to hang at the entrance of the distribution site.

Pastor of the 16th & D Church of Christ Curtis Shelburne wanted to make sure everyone knew that not only did we care, but that God loved them. Fliers were handed out as the people left with their coats: May this coat keep your body warm, and at the very same time, may God's love warm your heart. He loves you, and so do we.

"A special thank you to all the caring people of Muleshoe," said Claborn. "There were so many other volunteers not mentioned here. But we appreciated everyone involved."

Everything But the Kitchen Sink

Rare 1855 map of Central Texas donated to Texas Land Office

AUSTIN - There's little trace of the military outposts that first brought European influence to the rolling hills of Central Texas.

The old missions have been torn down, in many cases to build up the communities that surrounded them. And even those communities have now grown beyond recognition to the men and women who first established them.

But a yellowed map recently donated to the Texas General Land Office reveals a glimpse into the area's past. First drafted in 1855, the map has been locked away for generations. Despite meticulous care, it's tattered along the fold lines from nearly 150 years of careful use.

"It's been in the family for all these years, passed down from generation to generation," said Anne Jones, of Austin.

Jones said the map first belonged to a relative on her husband's side of the family, a man named David Cowan, who ran a saltworks in Llano County. Cowan made his fortune providing the precious substance to the Confederacy during the War Between the States.

The map, printed in Germany, shows all the surveyed land in Fisher and Miller's Colony as of July 1855. This area covers parts of what are now Concho, Runnels, Coleman, McCulloch, Brown, Llano, Mason, Menard, Tom Green, Kimble and San Saba counties.

This area, now the peaceful rolling hills of Central Texas, was once the nexus of several civilizations and the front line of conflict between Comanches, Apaches and Spaniards, all of which sought to claim the

territory as their own.

For years, the map was tucked away in an old trunk, Jones said. Later, it was kept in a safe deposit box. Now, it will be protected in a special vault at the Land Office.

Jones said her family decided to donate the map to the Land Office after discovering how well the documents in the state's safekeeping were cared for while she researched the history of her husband's family.

The map will now be preserved and stored safely with the Texas General Land Office's collection of historic Texas maps and documents, many of which are digitized and made available online, providing unfettered access to serious researchers and history enthusiasts.

"The more resources that are online, the easier it makes it for people like me to do research," Jones said.

It also helps preserve precious documents - an appealing aspect to Jones, much of whose family history was lost when Hitler ransacked Poland. The Land Office program to preserve and digitize documents gives Jones hope that her Texas roots won't be similarly pulled up.

Known as Save Texas History, the program is a unique campaign that brings together private and government efforts to preserve the 35 million documents stored at the Texas General Land Office. The maps, land grants, surveys and field notes - the very documents that trace the creation of modern-day Texas, include Stephen F. Austin's original Spanish field notes, and records bearing the signatures of Alamo defenders Jim Bowie and William Barret Travis.

Among the notable sites marked on Jones' 1855 map is the storied San Luis

de las Amarillas Presidio, or San Saba Fort, once among the northernmost outposts of the Spanish Empire in Texas. Established nearly 100 years before the map was drafted, the fort's location is marked in simple red, handwritten letters. "old Spanish Fort" at the spot where Howard's Creek flows into the San Saba River.

This fort, just a few miles east of present-day Menard, was established to protect the Franciscan missionaries who set out to bring Christianity to the hostile Apaches at the Santa Cruz de San Saba Mission about four miles away. It was also a base of operations for Spanish military operations following a skirmish at the mission between more than 2,000 Indians and the missionaries. According to the Handbook of Texas, "The Apache mission attempt marked the beginning of warfare in Texas between the Comanches and the European invaders. It signaled retreat for the Spanish frontier."

Grant Hall, an archaeologist at Texas Tech University, led the team of researchers that rediscovered the lost mission in 1993. For him, these historic maps are more than interesting - they are treasure maps.

"As older generations pass away, knowledge of site locations is often lost," Hall said. "Such was the case for the 'missing' mission, Santa Cruz de San Saba. When memory fails, maps become indispensable records of places and scenes of action across the Texas landscape."

Cowan, Jones speculates, was likely the map's original owner because he was a surveyor who helped set the first lines that carved the area up into privately owned

land. Cowan settled in the area at the time and established a saltworks at a saline spring he found after local Native Americans told him of a spot where animals licked the ground. By boiling the spring water down, Cowan extracted the salt for sale to the Confederacy.

That saltworks is now at the bottom of Lake Buchanan. The history, however, survives.

The Texas General Land Office is the repository of original Spanish and Mexican land titles in Texas. Along with a variety of associated materials, these records make up the Spanish Collection, which constitutes the primary source of documentation for land distribution in Texas prior to 1836. The Spanish Collection is also a rich source of information for studying the settlement of Texas and the activities in the empresario colonies prior to independence. The records encompass the period from 1720 to 1836.

So far, the Save Texas History program has conserved more than 300 maps and put more than 300,000 documents on-line. To view the conserved maps, and those still in need of conservation, visit www.savetexashistory.org.

High-quality reproductions of conserved maps are available for sale. With Christmas in mind, they make an outstanding gift for the true Texas patriot, history buff or anyone who appreciates the detailed draftsmanship of the past. Color copies of maps with dimensions 48 inches or less are \$20, prints of maps with at least one dimension over 48 inches are \$40.

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Commentary

Remembering a name

By Ron Trusler
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Using a person's name when you are talking to them is powerful. Some weeks ago I was asked to write an article about why some people do not call others by name. This person said that another person has known him for years but has never said his name.

That is difficult to answer. Several things come to mind that could be a factor. I know I have not used a person's name when I was unsure or couldn't remember. Some times a name will just escape me — vanish — like "I know your face but I could not say your name if my life depended on it." Then later, like a flash (or like a slow creaking sound) it comes to me.

1. Some people are just not good with names. They can be so bad at remembering they avoid saying names all together. I wonder if they call family members by name?

2. Some people are not good with certain details. I have known those who could remember what their grocery bill was cost months ago but can't recall what the last holiday was about.

3. It could be that the person cannot say a particular name due to stuttering or stammering. Therefore, that name is not used. My Grandad could not say "Ronnie." It would always come out "Lonnie." He called me "Butch."

4. There are those who are emotionally distant from others. They avoid any hint

of closeness out of fear. By using a person's name, you show the tendency to know that person in more personal way. Since they don't want that, they choose to not use a name.

5. There are those who do not use a persons name because there is a lack of respect.

Using someone's name is important. It means they have a personal knowledge of you. It has always made me feel good when some one I don't have much contact with remembers my name. I get amused at some politicians — they are careful about calling you by name because they do not want to embarrass them selves or offend you. So, they act friendly and well acquainted with you but never say your name.

Here are some fast tips that can help you remember a name. It takes practice so don't give up.

A. When you meet someone, make good eye contact and repeat his or her name. Listen closely.

B. If you are on the phone, write their name down.

C. Use the name as often as possible in the beginning of the conversation.

D. Some advocate using a type of word or phrase association to remember a name.

a. E.g. you meet a person named, "Ted." You might associate his name with the phrase "Ready Teddy." (Be careful not to call him "Ready" instead of "Ted/Teddy.")

b. Another example — you meet a person by the name of "Hank." You can exaggerate your association by thinking of "Yank" and imagine yourself YANKING Hank around with a rope (Sounds silly? It works).

Helping Central Texas dairies benefits the whole industry

By John Cowan
Executive Director of the
Texas Association of
Dairymen

Is a partial glass of milk half empty or half full? It depends on your perspective, of course. The same can be said of the response by the Texas Association of Dairymen to the City of Waco's lawsuit against 13 Central Texas dairy producers over alleged water quality issues in Lake Waco.

Some would say TAD has not done enough; others would say that TAD is concentrating too much on a small group of dairymen in one area of the state.

As executive director of the Texas Association of Dairymen, I want to explain what TAD is doing in regard to this lawsuit. More importantly, I want to clarify why our organization's actions should be supported by all dairy producers in Texas, regardless of their location, as well as residents of counties whose economies depend on the dairy industry.

First, it's important to understand that TAD itself is not a party to the lawsuit. In spite of our very strong support for and desire to assist these dairy producers, TAD is being extremely cautious not to say or do anything that could detrimentally impact the legal defenses they are developing.

We can say, however, that our organization believes the lawsuit is the wrong approach to protecting water quality in Lake Waco watershed.

Scientific studies have found that a number of sources, including the City of Waco itself, may be contributing to the growth of aquatic vegetation in Lake Waco.

TAD and its members are committed to water quality in

Texas and strive to be good environmental stewards.

Water quality has improved substantially in the Bosque watershed the last decade, thanks in part to the dairy industry's willingness to embrace new technologies and practices that make less of an impact on the environment.

The City of Waco, however, points, the finger of blame solely at the dairy industry. TAD believes it must be actively involved in this attack not just against specific Central Texas dairy farmers, but against the industry as a whole. Therefore, TAD is providing some financial assistance to the 13 defendant dairies. So are producers across the southwest, through the Greater Southwest Milk Marketing Agency.

The financial aid helps defray some — but certainly

not all — of the expenses incurred by the individual dairy producers in preparing their defense.

The TAD board of directors sees this financial assistance as investment in the future of the state's dairy industry.

The lawsuit raises legal issues that represent a substantial threat to our all dairies, whether they are located in Central Texas, East Texas, the Panhandle or elsewhere. Decisions in these cases could set precedents for harmful policies or requirements that have statewide, and perhaps national, ramifications on how we operate our dairy businesses.

The fallout from this lawsuit could curtail a producer's livelihood or even force them out of business. If that happens, local economies could be devastated.

The loss of one 1,000-cow

dairy farm from Texas would imply a loss of \$1.35 million in total personal income, 61 dairy and dairy-related jobs and \$113,238 in potential county taxes, according to a study by Tarleton State University.

The Texas Association of Dairymen's mission is to represent all our state's dairy co-operators and to work for the interest and benefit of all Texas dairy farmers.

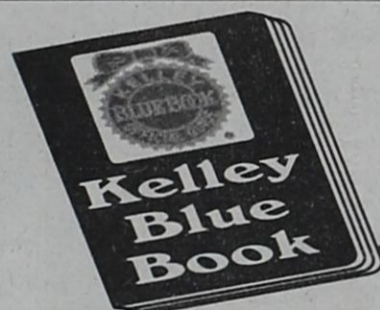
The TAD board of directors believes that providing financial help and any other assistance we can to these dairymen in Central Texas falls under TAD's mission.

These 13 dairy farmers are shouldering legal bills, coping with stress and facing an uncertain future. They're doing it not only for themselves, but on behalf of all dairy producers in Texas. They deserve the support and thanks of the entire dairy industry.

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Obituaries

AUDREY LOUDER

Services for Audrey Louder, 85, of Stanton were Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Mrs. Louder was born Dec. 18, 1918, in Los Angeles, Calif. She died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, in a hospital in Stanton. She married Henry Louder on Aug. 4, 1935, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 1994. Mrs. Louder moved to the Martin County Community in 1935. She owned The Shoe Box and was co-owner and bookkeeper of Louder Electric.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanton, Beta Sigma Phi, the Stanton Rebekah Lodge and Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Louder was preceded in death by two sisters.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sarah and Stanley Barnes of Stanton and Linda and Lyndon Huckaby of Muleshoe; four grandchildren, Peggy and Rodney Hale of Stanton, Gary and Rhonda Barnes of Odessa, Zanna and Damon Jordan of Amado, Ariz. and Holly and Mark Bills of Early; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Condolences online may be made at: www.npwelch.com.

LUCILLE NASH

Services for Lucille "Granny Cella" Nash, 90, of Lubbock and formerly of Muleshoe, were held Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at Trinity Christian Center Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Reyon Stanford and John



NASH

Nash officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Nash was born March 26, 1914, in Clarksville. She died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, in Southwest Regional Hospital in Lubbock. She married Herbert H. Nash in Clarksville on Dec. 22, 1933. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1993.

Mrs. Nash moved to Lubbock in July 2004 from Casa Grande, Ariz., where she had worked as a grocery store cashier.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Donnie Nash in 1986; three sisters; two brothers; and a granddaughter.

Survivors include three sons, John Nash and his wife "Gen" of Mexico, Jerry Nash and his wife Shirley of Casa Grande, Ariz. and H.L. Nash and his wife Sue of Wolforth; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Louise Ross of Clarksville.

The family suggests memorials to Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 373, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

KEN ANGELEY

Services for Ken Angeley, 65, of Muleshoe were held Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with Dr. Stacy Conner and Steve Friskup officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Angeley was born July 28, 1939, in Plainview. He died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004 in Park View Nursing Home of Muleshoe.

He married Phyllis Milligan in Muleshoe Aug. 19, 1961.

Mr. Angeley was a life-long resident of the Muleshoe community.

He was a member and served as vice-president of the Earth Roping Club. He was an avid trader and he enjoyed hunting.

He was a farmer, a trucker and a livestock manager. Mr.

Angeley was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

He is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Ronnie

James Angeley of Lamesa and Michael Kennon Angeley and his wife Tammi of Tahoka; a daughter and son-in-law, Gina Wilkerson and her husband Ronnie of Lazbuddie; a

sister and brother-in-law, Patsy Chancellor and her husband Harold of Azle; a brother and sister-in-law, R.D. "Tub" Angeley and his wife Pat of Muleshoe; and four grandchild-

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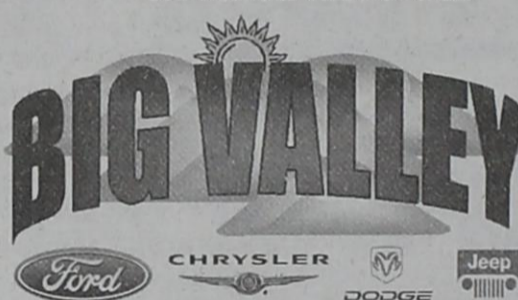
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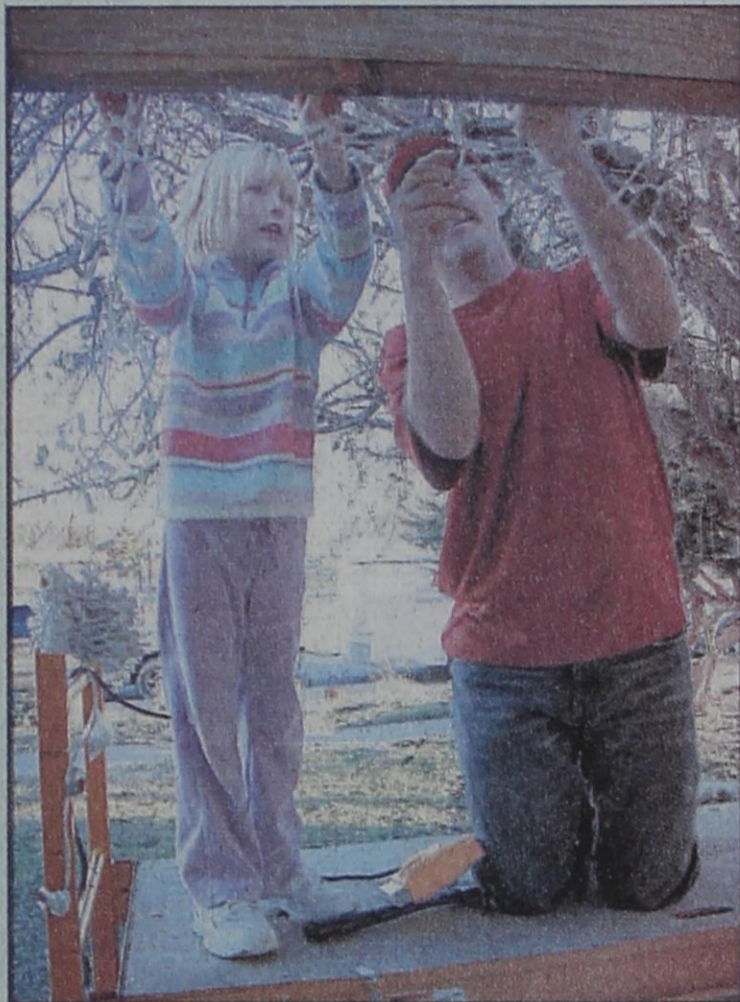
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After the Feast



The *Journal* caught up with a couple of families enjoying activities after the food Thanksgiving Day.

At left, Chad Beall and his daughter, Brooklyn, 7, spent part of the sunny day decorating their Fifth Street home for Christmas. Here, they're perched atop a scaffold stapling Christmas lights to the eave of the roof. Just before the *Journal* arrived, the Bealls had just finished a "silly string" fight in the front yard.

Below, Elizabeth "Michael Jordan" DePalma took advantage of the warm weather to play some hoops with two of her granddaughters, Britiany Sexton (facing camera) and Cassidy Lowe. At the time this photo was taken, Sexton and Lowe were outscoring "Jordan."



Journal photos: Leah Bell



Hanging on — Despite sitting in the field for weeks ready to be stripped, cotton bolls are intact and making it through the inclement weather. Farmers finally got back into wet fields Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks from front page

Ethridge handled the project before turning the reigns over to Costen in 1990 after her retirement from teaching.

"Sammie and Joy Stancell took me out to eat at the Country Club and broke the news that I'd be taking over the management of the fund-raiser," she said.

Costen jokes that had she known what was coming, she might not have accepted their invitation to lunch.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's so rewarding," she said. "I had help from an 'angel,' Lona Embry, for many years before she resigned from the project in 2002," she said.

"I couldn't have done it all these years without her. We

worked well together."

Over the years, donations to the Christmas Card Project have carpeted the old nursing home, bought outdoor furniture, flags, a gazebo and other needed items for the nursing home.

This year, residents have expressed a need for a combination water/ice machine for Park View similar to the one purchased by the hospital.

"Every cent of the money donated to the Christmas Card Project goes to support the nursing home," Costen said. "We don't pay any expenses other than advertising costs out of the money donated each year. The local media give us a great deal on advertising and we appreciate it."

In 2003, the Christmas

Card Project bought much-needed shelves for the residents' rooms. The shelves ended up costing more than \$7,000, but thanks to the generosity of the people of Muleshoe and its surrounding areas, the project was completely covered.

"This year's project is a big one, but I have faith that the people of Muleshoe will come through for the nursing home once again," Costen said.

Donations are being taken right now, through Dec. 20, at First Bank of Muleshoe and Muleshoe State Bank or donations can be dropped off to Joy Stancell at the nursing home, 1100 W. Ave. J.

They can also be mailed to Christmas Card Project, c/o Joyline Costen, P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Costen reminds everyone to make their checks payable to "Christmas Card Project."

"Regular donations can be made or individuals can designate their money toward memorials for those who have passed on or 'In honor of' for people they wish to honor who are still alive," Costen said.

She said such a designation can be written on the check or on a separate note.

All donors are honored in the nursing home's "Christmas Card To You," printed in the *Journal* around Christmas.

"Donations are boxed and sealed each year. No one knows how much you give except me," Costen said. "And I'm not telling."

According to Costen, every donation is appreciated.

"I don't care how much you give. It all helps."

Costen is also in need of help with the project, someone to eventually take the reigns from her.

"I need someone to give

of their time freely. They won't receive a cash reward, but they'll get an even bigger reward — that of helping others selflessly."



Leah Bell

"We love you, man!" — James "Granny" Elder (left) was presented a plaque by Dent & Company owner Ronnie Dent recently to commemorate Elder's 40 years of service to John Deere dealerships in Muleshoe. Elder has worked 26 years at Dent & Company, but he began his service to John Deere working for Roy Whitt, Webb Watts and then Don Rempe in 1964. Dent bought the dealership in 1978 and Elder "stayed on" because, in his words, "when you work for a place like Dent & Company it's a joy to go to work every day." In part, the plaque reads: We appreciate your loyalty, honesty, dedication and most of all, your humor. It's signed by Tuffy, Ronnie and Dale Dent as well as company employees.

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