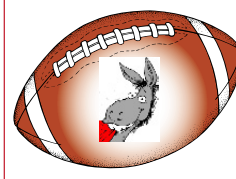




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Mules fall to Lifflefield in season-ending game

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The Mules got off to a fast start against the Littlefield Wildcats in the Texas State Playoff Regional Round Friday afternoon. Only 16 teams remained in Division I of the State Playoffs when the game began.

The Mules jumped out to a 7-0 lead with five minutes left in the first period. The Wildcats answered before the period ended to knot the game at 7-7. Littlefield went on to score 42 unanswered points before the night was over to advance to the State Quarter Finals against Early.

Brant Hamilton returned the opening kick from the 12

to the Mule 33. Eric Washington made back to back three-yard runs on the first two plays of the game. A swing pass from Garrett Riley to Dustin Barker was stopped two yards short of a first.

Hamilton punted to the Littlefield 19. Timothy Conner chased down the return man at the Mule 47. The Mule defense did not give up a yard on the Wildcats' first three plays. Cade Smith and Junior Martinez made the first stop of the night.

Conner crashed and pulled down the quarter back on an option for no



Photograph by Norm Brantley

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Mule Brant Hamilton fights for yardage during the season finale against Littlefield.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Fog on the road

Water wasn't a great concern for Bailey County travelers Monday, but the dense fog that blanketed the area was. Pictured above, a tractor-trailer disappears into the fog bank on Hwy. 214 Monday morning.

Fun and pheasants will make Muleshoe an exciting place Saturday

Muleshoe and Bailey County will be filled with excitement Saturday as the area welcomes the first day of pheasant season as well as the annual Christmas festivities.

The day will begin early with the Bailey County EMS Organization's Pheasant Hunt Breakfast opening its doors at 5 a.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum on West American Blvd.

The event, which is a fund raiser for the local ambulance service, includes a drawing for a Browning BPS 12-gauge

shotgun. For additional information, call BCEMS at 272-4390. Other activities that will be going include Muleshoe's Christmas parade, and the Christmas Bazaar, also at the coliseum.

The following is a list of events that will be going on around Muleshoe Dec. 2, according to Martha Hunnicutt, manager of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

Brunch with Santa – 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., sponsored by the Muleshoe Heritage Center on Dec. 2,

Pictures with Santa for \$5. Entertainment to be announced.

For more information on this event please contact the Heritage Center at (806) 272-5873.

Chamber Gift Store Open – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Make it a Muleshoe Christmas with stocking stuffers and gift ideas customized with Muleshoe themes!

Photos with "Pete" – 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Dec. 2. Pete will be decked out

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Local Weather

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Sunny..... 47/17

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Sunny..... 42/17

Monday
Sunny..... 45/21

Tuesday
Sunny..... 51/22

Wednesday
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Give It A Thought

Through the peaceful, enveloping fog I can't see clearly; but I can hear the birds, the echo of a train whistle, and the sounds of people... another beautiful day.

Words to ponder from Beverly

Missed your paper?
Call the carrier Bobby Flores at 806-891-3950 (leave a message) or call the Journal at 272-4536, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Christmas Angel: Part 4

(Last week, the lost boy "Timothy" joined the Archers for Thanksgiving in their preparation for Christmas, during which Lynn Archer told the youngsters about an angel long ago who discovered what Christmas was all about.)

By Larry Thornton

The days between Thanksgiving and Christmas are some of the longest of the year. Although the hours of sunlight decrease, and the number of hours in a day remain at 24, the anticipation many feel — and not just children — as Dec. 25 grows closer seems to make each succeeding second take a little bit longer.

In the Archer household, the children marked a large "X" on the calendar at the end of each day. And even though the number of unmarked days grew steadily smaller

Christmas Day still seemed so far away.

Far away that is to everybody except Molly Archer who still had a dress to complete for Lynette and shirts for Teddy and her father-in-law. And with the decision of the doctor and the sheriff's to leave the boy Timothy with them for now, there was an additional shirt to be made.

Sitting by the woodburning stove in the livingroom, Molly hummed quietly to herself as she worked on Teddy's shirt and thought about the latest, addition to their household.

Although Timothy was queried every day or so about his faulty memory, to date nothing more had been learned about him since his arrival the week before Thanksgiving.

According to the sheriff, no reports had been filed with the state police and information requests from out of state had been unfruitful to date as well. The doctor had been out to look at Timothy also but still



could not explain why the child couldn't remember anything.

As Molly's thoughts began to wander away from young Timothy, she began to think of another Timothy... her Timothy and times past when the United States wasn't at war with Germany or Japan... or even Italy.

For a moment, she gave in to her anger at the foreign leaders who had started the war as well as her own nation's leaders for taking

part.

For a moment she pushed aside the memories of how she and others had felt when they learned of Japan's attack at Pearl Harbor, thinking only about the life ahead she faced without her husband.

As her tears welled up, it was all Molly could do to smother the sob which rose in her throat. A moment later, the sound of the back door opening and his milk bucket being placed on the table announced the return of her father-in-law from the barn. Molly hastily wiped at the tears with a hankie from her dress pocket before Lynn saw her, hoping that her eye's weren't red.

A couple of seconds later the sound of the coffeepot being lifted and returned to the stove told her Lynn had stopped to fill his coffee mug before joining her in the living room, giving her an additional second or two to compose herself.

"Is everything alright out there?" she asked with a smile as Lynn stepped into

the room mug in hand.

"Pears to be," Lynn said as he walked over and sat down in his rocking chair. If he noticed any redness to Molly's eyes he managed to keep the knowledge off his face.

"That old milk cow's starting to get 'onery though. She tried to kick me a couple of times."

"Your hand's were probably cold," Molly said.

"No, she's just 'onery. She'll get even 'onerier once spring get's here... always does," Lynn said with a smirk. "If it weren't for the kids, I'd sell her for a handful of magic beans or something."

Molly smiled. "You've probably been sewing ever since you put the children to bed," Lynn said. "Why don't you rest a spell?"

Molly gave a small shake of her head. "Can't. Christmas is getting here

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Annual Christmas Bazaar scheduled

The Bailey County Extension Education Club and Texas Cooperative Extension will be hosting its 28th annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Admission is free. Applications for booth space are being accepted until Nov. 30. To request an application contact Gail Gladden at 806-272-3024 or 806-282-5045.

Christmas in the Country

Trinity Christian Center Church will be hosting its seventh annual "Christmas in the Country" benefit concert on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., at the church, located on the corner of 18th and W. American Blvd., in Muleshoe.

The event — which helps to raise funds for "Meals on Wheels" in Bailey County — is free admission and open to the public. However, donations will be accepted for the nutrition program.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be served during intermission. For additional information call 272-3877.

Lazbuddie blood drive

The Lazbuddie community blood drive has been set for Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, Hwy. 1172. To schedule an appointment call 331-8800. Donors will receive a holiday ornament.

AA meeting

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

Breakfast with Santa set

The Muleshoe Heritage Center will be hosting "Breakfast with Santa" immediately after the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Bring the children to the Santa Fe Depot for breakfast and pictures with Santa. Pictures may be purchased for holiday giving.

Alzheimer care givers to meet

Bailey County Aging Services and Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, have formed a support group for the care givers of Alzheimer Disease patients. The next meeting will be Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Tammara Frieda of Accolade Home Health Care will be the presenter.

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

EMS Pheasant hunt breakfast

The Bailey County EMS Organization's Pheasant Hunt Breakfast is set for Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning at 5 a.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum on West American Blvd. Tickets are \$5, and will be available at the door.

The event, which is a fund raiser for the local ambulance service, includes a drawing for a Browning BPS 12-gauge shotgun. For additional information call 272-4390.

Keller reception planned

A farwell reception honoring Muleshoe Independent School District's special education employee Hettie Keller has been set for Monday, Dec. 4, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the MISD administrative building.

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Heritage Foundation News

Christmas at the Muleshoe Heritage Center has become a tradition, and you are invited again.

Come and get the Christmas spirit at the annual open house on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 7-8:30 p.m.

All of the old buildings will be sparkling with Christmas lights and inside the buildings, Christmas will

reign.

The Student-Community Action Club will again be decorating the Janes Ranch House, and the students ask that you bring canned goods to place under the tree for the Bailey County Food Pantry.

Refreshments will be served at the Santa Fe Depot with special Christmas entertainment.

During the holidays, bring your guests to the heritage center and enjoy "Christmas from the Past." The center is open for tours weekdays from 1 - 5 p.m. with hostess Dolores Harvey on hand to show guests around.

The heritage center is also hosting "Breakfast with Santa" at the Santa Fe Depot immediately after the annual Christmas Parade on the morning of Dec. 2, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Bring the children to the Santa Fe Depot for breakfast and pictures with Santa.

Pictures may be purchased at the site for holiday giving.

Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

This year has gone by so fast!

Here we are in late November, almost December, with Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas fastly approaching.

Many things have happened over the last few months... one of those things being the 2006 football season for the Muleshoe Mules is over.

Our Mules made it to the second round of playoffs after defeating Panhandle by 20 points in the bi-district championships. They faced Littlefield last Friday night and the Mules season met a tragic end that night.

I was not able to go to the game as the Thanksgiving holiday had me and my family out of state at the time. I didn't have to see the game to know that the Mules played with heart, like they have all season long.

The last times I wrote about the football team was before the season started and right after the first game of the season and their win against Portales, this team faced hard opponents as the season progressed and every time they amazed me by their stamina and determination to win.

I would be sitting in the stands waiting for them to emerge from the tunnel and I could see the sides of the tunnel moving which meant that they were pumped to

get out on the field and play some Friday night football.

The sensation that went through me everytime they emerged and when we played the fight song, whether at the beginning of the game or at the start of the second half, the sensation was the same.

I am a big high school football fan and being at a game every Friday night was pretty cool... that is until it got cold, then we were trying to stay warm by any means possible.

Whether watching the guys play football, cheering them on, goofing off on the track, or flagging to a stand tune by the band, all of it is the excitement of football and what it has to offer, I am going to miss it dearly.

One of the cool things about football is wishing the team good luck and letting them know that they are supported all the way. I know the Muleshoe Mules are supported by their town in every way possible.

Now that football is over and I look back and remember the season, I know Muleshoe can never be more proud of a team than the one which we saw this season, they did an excellent job on the field.

As one season comes to an end, another season begins. I know the basketball players will do just as well representing their school on the court.

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Admission is free, however, we will be taking up a free-will donation for our local Meals On Wheels. Doors will open at 6 PM if you would like to come early. We will be serving refreshments during intermission. For more information, contact 272-3877.

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Cotton Market Weekly

At the end of a lackluster, four-day trading week shortened by the Thanksgiving Holiday, cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade settled higher Wednesday but failed to rise above a key area of resistance, traders said.

USDA's weekly export sales report was released one day late as government offices were closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday. The department reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 233,400 bales in the week ended Nov. 16, 39 percent more than the previous week and 46 percent more than the four-week average. Major buyers included Turkey, Indonesia, and South Korea. Sales of 7,500 bales for delivery in 2007-08 were for South Korea and Indonesia.

Export shipments of 146,100 bales were equal to the previous week and 11 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations were Turkey, Mexico and China.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in the week ended Nov. 23 totaled 10,569 bales compared to the previous week when 6,081 bales were sold. Average prices received by producers in the

most recent week ranged from 42.88 to 47.00 cents per pound compared to 43.48 to 48.02 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, the U.S. cotton harvest continues. Some areas of the Southeast experienced scattered rain and temperatures 20 degrees below normal for this time of year. Snow flurries were reported in isolated locales. Although more than three-fourths of the crop already is off the stalk, the precipitation likely will have an adverse affect on the quality of lint in remaining open bolls. A prolonged period of warm, sunny weather urgently is needed to help bleach any discolored fibers and to allow picking to resume.

Harvest is progressing at a rapid pace on the Texas High and Rolling Plains under favorable conditions. A b o v e - a v e r a g e temperatures prevailed this week, and the harvest progressed without interruption. Seed cotton supplies are increasing, and gins are operating at full capacity.

Near ideal conditions persist in the Far West and fieldwork is quickly advancing. In fact, record-setting daytime highs were

reported in parts of Arizona this week. Approximately two-thirds of the crop was off the stalk in the Far West as of Nov. 19. Ginning, however, will continue well into January.

In other cotton news, scientists at Texas A&M University reported this week they have genetically engineered cottonseed that contains virtually no gossypol, a compound which is toxic to single-stomached animals such as poultry, hogs, and humans. Cottonseed has long been a tremendous source of protein only for ruminants such as dairy cows. However, according to

analysts, if this new cottonseed is viable, it could be used in much wider and more varied applications.

"Of course the quality of the fiber produced from the new seed needs to be of adequate length, strength, micronaire, uniformity, and color in order to ensure widespread commercial acceptance," one market observer said. "However, the fact that a vastly larger market would exist for the seed, which heretofore has only been able to be used for cattle feed or oil extraction, could bring another stream of income to those farmers who choose to plant the new variety."

Area Dec. 2 activities...

Continued from page 1 for the holidays. Pictures can be purchased for \$5.

Christmas Arts & Craft Bazaar - Dec. 2, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., sponsored by the Bailey Co. Extension Education Assoc.

For more information on this event please contact Gail Gladden at (806) 272-3024.

"A South, West Christmas" Parade - Dec. 2, at 10 a.m., sponsored by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

Entry forms are available at the chamber or at United Supermarket and and Lowe's Marketplace. All entries are welcome. No entry fee is required. Deadline to enter is Dec. 1.

For more information on this event please contact the Chamber office at (806) 272-4248 or Rob Tapley at 806-946-8083.

Lighting Reception at the Muleshoe Heritage Center - Dec. 2, from 7-8:30 p.m. Cider and cookies will be served.

For more information on this event please contact the Muleshoe Heritage Center at (806) 272-5873.

South of the Border Christmas for Kids - Dec. 17 at noon. Sponsored by the KMULAM-FM radio and the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

Toys will be given away

to any child from the ages of 1 to 10 years old as long as toys on hand last. Entertainment for the whole family as well as games for the kids and a taste of Muleshoe from local restaurants. Raffle contests and local vendors will also be present. Join the fun and catch the Christmas spirit!

For more information on this event please contact KMUL at (806) 272-4273 or the chamber office at (806) 272-4248.

Muleshoe After Hours and Christmas Shopping Events - Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and 16 - Open till 8 p.m.

Sponsored by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and hosted by local businesses. See page 16 of this week's newspaper.

Registration for Christmas drawings for gift certificates and the \$1,000 Mule Bucks will be allowed every day from Nov. 25-Dec. 19 at participating businesses.

Christmas drawing for \$1,000 in Mule Bucks and business gift certificates - Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. on the chamber deck, sponsored by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and local businesses.

For more information on this event please contact the chamber office at (806) 272-4248.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

While there's no good time to be in the hospital, it is especially not fun during the holidays, but over this past Thanksgiving holiday that is where we found ourselves due to my husband's untimely visitor in the form of a kidney stone.

I just have to say that the caring and professional staff of doctors, nurses, aides and employees at the Muleshoe Area Medical

Center made our stay very pleasant and went out of their way to make us as comfortable as possible.

They made sure that everything that could be done was being done and that the ordeal was as painless as possible.

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Pheasant numbers return to normal after banner year

After a banner year for ring-necked pheasants in 2005, numbers have leveled off this year, Jason Brooks of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said Monday, Nov. 27.

According to the surveys conducted throughout the panhandle by TPWD biologists, pheasant populations have returned to levels similar to 2003 and 2004, Brooks said.

The TPWD's roadside pheasant surveys are conducted between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15. Established 20-mile routes are driven shortly after daylight and the numbers of pheasants are recorded. Counties typically have two or three different survey routes.

In spite of good number of birds that survived the mild winter last year, hot dry summer conditions led to poor production, Brooks said. These conditions place stress on nesting hens. Also, insects are in short supply, he added. Pheasant chicks rely almost exclusively on insects for food during the first few weeks of life.

Fair numbers of birds can still be found in areas of good cover such as playa lake bottoms associated with grain fields. Grains such as corn and milo are a key food source for pheasants. "Hunting in these areas may provide good shooting opportunities," Brooks said.

Landowners interested in managing to improve pheasant or other wildlife habitat can contact their local TPWD biologist for free technical guidance. Biologists are listed by counties at www.tpww.state.tx.us.

The Texas pheasant season runs Dec. 2-31. The daily bag limit is three cock pheasants with a possession limit of six pheasants (except on the opening day of the season).

A valid hunting license with an upland game bird stamp is required to hunt pheasants.

"Please, obey all game laws and hunt only on lands where you have permission to access," Brooks said. Remember that the annual Public Hunting Permit (APH) will allow hunters access to TWPD leased lands, and is available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

NOAH'S ARK FLING

The director and staff of Noah's Ark Fling would like to say thanks to the community of Muleshoe and the surrounding areas for their generous contributions and support towards our annual outreach held on Oct. 31 at the Bailey County Coliseum. This year's outreach was a huge success with over 400 adults and children in attendance. It is supporters and businesses like you who help make our community what it is today.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

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Obituaries

Margaret Durben

A memorial service for Margaret Durben, 72, of Muleshoe, is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Trinity Christian Center Church with the Pastor Reydon Stanford officiating.

Durben died on Nov. 19, 2006, in Lubbock. She was born on Sept. 4, 1934, in Anadarko, Okla., and had lived in Muleshoe for the past 43 years after moving from Amarillo. She worked as a teacher for Muleshoe High School.

Survivors include two sons — Bill Durben of Muleshoe and Jeffrey Durben of Abilene; two daughters — Terri Shurtleff of Lubbock and Caryn Durben of Plainview; a sister — Patricia White of Dalhart; a brother — Michael E. Pugh of Muleshoe; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Assoc., 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, TX 79424.

Mildred James

Funeral services for Mildred Faye James, 86, of Lubbock were held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at White Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jack Stone officiating, and the Rev. Roy Mears, assisting. Burial followed in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

James died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2006. She was born July 11, 1920, in Henrietta to James and Sofia (Capps) Mallett. She married Willis James on May 10, 1940, in Lubbock. He preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 2003.

James graduated from New Deal High School and attended Texas Tech University. She was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a



MILDRED FAYE JAMES

daughter and her husband — Faye and Raymond McNeice of Lubbock; two daughters — Shelby Elaine Page of Sherman and Carla Willis James of Lancaster; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Lubbock Meals On Wheels Foundation, 2304 24th Street, Lubbock, TX 79411.

Pauline Ramage

A funeral service for Pauline J. Ramage, 92, was held on Sunday, Nov. 12, at Dougherty Baptist Church with the Rev. Allen Richardson and the Rev. Willard McCartney Jr. officiating. Interment followed in the Dougherty Cemetery.

Ramage was born on Oct. 20, 1914, in Fairview, Okla., to Benjamin L. and Dosha E. Chapman Jackson. She died on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, in Ardmore, Okla.

On Dec. 22, 1933, she married Cleburne W. Ramage in Anton. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1987. She was also preceded in death by a son, Glen Ramage; her parents;

Jerry Williams

A church service for Jerry Williams, 42, of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, was held on Monday, Nov. 27, at the First Assembly of God Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Jack Stone officiating. Burial followed at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Williams died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. He was born on May 8, 1964, in Muleshoe to Billy Frank and Joyce Williams. He was preceded in death by his father in 1991.

two grandsons; three brothers — Marvin, Hubert and Ancil; and a sister — Eufaula.

Ramage was active in the Dougherty Senior Citizen's Center and attended Dougherty Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and her husband — Margaret and Doug Akers of Dougherty; a son and his wife — Herb and Betty Ramage of Muleshoe; two sisters — Ruth Dalton of San Angelo and EstaLee Barnard of Cushing, Okla.; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Dougherty Baptist Church building fund.

Survivors include his mother — Joyce Williams of Muleshoe; three sons — Gerry Williams and Rowdy Williams of Lubbock, and Terry Williams of Bryan; a sister and her husband — Peggy and Wendell Williams of Lubbock; and two brothers and their wives — David and Carol Williams of Bryan and Billy and Sharon Williams of Lubbock.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 8808 Slide Road, Lubbock, TX 79424.

Norma Eaves

A memorial service for Norma Sari Eaves, 71, of Muleshoe, formerly of Clovis, N. M., will be held on Dec. 9, 2006, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1400 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Clovis, N.M., at 4 p.m. M.S.T. with Bro. Charles Greene officiating.

Eaves died on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. She was born on May 3,

1935, in MacClenny, Fla., to Donald and Eula Elliott Beasley.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Eaves is survived by her husband — Charles Eaves; a son — Charles Eaves, Jr.; four daughters — Ismay McDonald, Eula Chastanera, Joan Zurn and Naomi Kendle; two brothers — Donald Beasley and A.J. Beasley; 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

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Juanda Fields

A church service for Juanda Fields, 76, of Sudan, was held on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the First Baptist Church of Sudan with the Rev. Cliff Hargrove officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery, Littlefield.

Fields died on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, in Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield. She was born on Sept. 23, 1930, to Lynn and Ima Olds in Sudan, and married Louis Fields in Lums Chapel on Jan. 2, 1949. He preceded her in death in May 1988.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister — Betty Lynn Olds.

Fields was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan. She graduated from Sudan High School in 1947. She was a member of the Sudan Eastern Star and the Sudan Woman's Club, and was a Lamb County 4-H leader for 20 years.

Survivors include a son — Jim Fields of Sudan; a son and his wife — Gary and Sue Fields, also of Sudan; a daughter — Debbie Bingham of Lubbock, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Sudan Ambulance Fund or Vista Care Family Hospice, 4418 Olton Road, Plainview, TX 79072.

'Scouting for food' set for Saturday

Muleshoe Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be delivering sacks for 'Scouting for Food' this weekend, Saturday, Dec. 2, around 1 p.m.

The scouts will be picking up the sacks with non-perishable food on Dec. 9 at 1 p.m.

Keller reception planned

A farwell reception honoring Muleshoe Independent School District's special education employee Hettie Keller has been set for Monday, Dec. 4, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the MISD administrative building.

MULESHOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	General Fund	Five Area Community Telecommunication	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,491,497	\$ 71,047	\$ 1,577,164	\$ 3,719,708
State Program Revenues	7,161,721	—	198,116	7,359,837
Federal Program Revenues	84,218	—	1,785,378	1,869,596
Total Revenues	10,737,436	71,047	2,140,658	12,949,141
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction	5,886,822	71,047	1,104,967	7,062,836
Instructional Resources and Media Services	381,556	—	2,286	383,842
Curriculum and Staff Development	42,776	—	35,837	78,613
Instructional Leadership	153,910	—	69,649	223,559
School Leadership	689,351	—	5,042	694,393
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	260,828	—	30,084	290,912
Social Work Services	—	—	50,853	50,853
Health Services	119,770	—	6,538	126,308
Student Transportation	462,575	—	8,141	470,716
Food Service	55	—	744,678	744,733
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	501,472	—	1,908	503,380
General Administration	566,342	—	5,417	571,759
Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,159,418	—	8,555	1,167,973
Security and Monitoring Services	7,963	—	—	7,963
Data Processing Services	29,988	—	—	29,988
Community Services	772	—	5,635	6,407
Capital Outlay	99,942	—	20,000	119,942
Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	106,434	—	—	106,434
Total Expenditures	10,469,974	71,047	2,099,590	12,640,611
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	267,462	—	41,068	308,530
Net Change in Fund Balances	267,462	—	41,068	308,530
Fund Balances (Beginning)	8,289,914	—	125,331	8,415,245
Fund Balances (Ending)	\$ 8,557,376	\$ —	\$ 166,399	\$ 8,723,775

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Sports

Lady Mules open season with six-game winning streak

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules opened the season with a six game winning streak that had surprised many fans and most especially their opponents. They disposed of the Littlefield Lady 'Cats on Tuesday night 49-40.

Thursday morning, Nov. 16, at 8 a.m., they were in Lubbock Roosevelt's Eagle Gym to open the Acuff Girls Basketball Tournament against the Springlake-Earth Lady Wolverines. The Lady Mules fell behind early and trailed 9-4 at the end of the first period.

They stormed back in the second frame with 16 to own a 20-16 advantage at the intermission. The second half belonged to the Lady Mules as they poured in 16 and 15 in the final two periods and held Springlake-Earth to a total of 17 to take the 51-35 win.

The Olton Lady Mustangs battled the Lady Mules through three periods to lead 33-32 going into the final period. Kate Lepard's only points of the game

were a pair of 3-pointers in the final period.

The Lady Mules out scored Olton 22-17 to stay in the championship bracket. All of the Lady Mules scored in the contest and none reached double figures. Six scored more than five points.

The host Lady Eagles of Roosevelt trailed the Lady Mules by a single point as the game clock wound down to seven seconds. Sarah Johnson was fouled and went to the line to try to put some space between the two teams.

Johnson nailed the first charity toss and Coach Jones of Roosevelt called a time out to attempt to freeze Johnson. The two teams returned to the floor and Jones again called time out. Jones used her third and final time out of the game to pack more ice on Johnson before she was allowed to shoot the final free throw.

The icing by Roosevelt worked and Johnson's shot was off the mark. Kyra Kimbrough battle for the rebound and dribbled out

the final ticks of the clock for the 49-47 Lady Mule win.

The Lady Mules met the number six state ranked Snyder Lady Tigers in the finals. The game was a dead heat at 12-12 after one period. Snyder gained a three point lead by the intermission and led 25-22.

The Lady Mules fell to 10 down with 2:10 remaining in the third period. Johnson dished to Lepard in the lane for a bucket in the paint and then defensive heat forced a Lady Tiger turn over.

Cecelia Reyna set up in the corner and called for the ball. A defender showed up shortly after the ball and she could not put up a shot. Reyna faked a pass and the defender gave her some space and she drained the trey to cut the lead to seven going into the final period.

Kimbrough stepped in front of a Snyder pass on the Lady Mule end of the floor and dribbled twice to the bucket for the lay up. Lepard made six of six free throws in the final three minutes and Morgan Smith nailed a 3-pointer from the wing with just over a minute left to make it a three-point

game.

Defensive heat forced back to back turnovers for Snyder with under a minute left but the Lady Mules could not cover the TOs to points. Lepard knocked the bottom out of the bucket from the corner with 28 seconds left to cut the Snyder lead to 50-49.

The Lady Tigers made a pair of charity tosses to earn the championship trophy.

All the Lady Mules scored against Littlefield with Chi Hernandez leading the way with 10 points and Kimbrough and Gabby Agundis each added eight. Johnson, Reyna and Smith made five each, Lepard three, and Ashley Grumbles, Kelsey Tipps and Chelsi Hawkins chipped in two each.

Lepard led the Lady Mules in the four games in the tournament with 38 total points, 16 coming against Snyder. Reyna added 31, Hernandez 29, and Johnson had 25. Kimbrough dropped in 22 and Hawkins had 21. Smith made 12, Agundis 10, Grumbles eight and Tipps six.

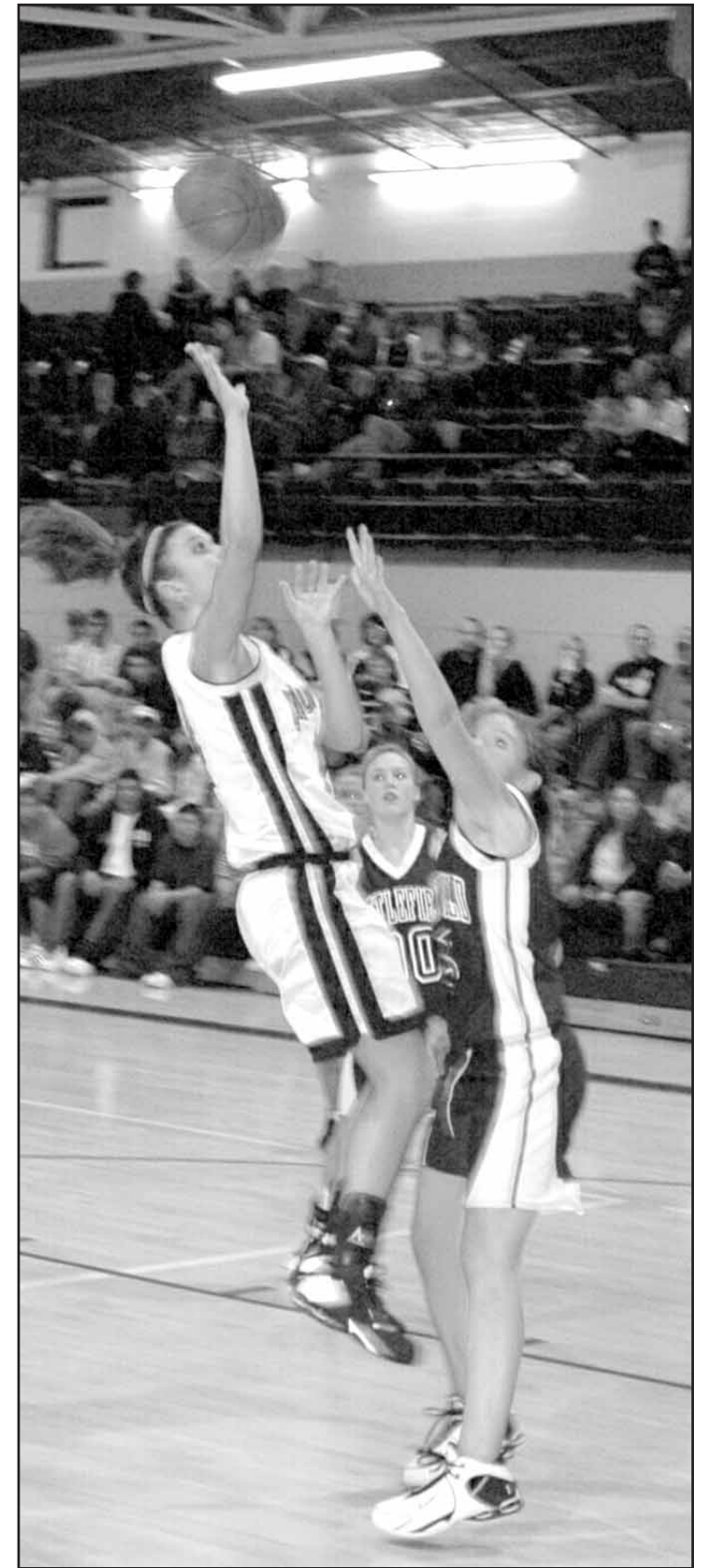
The Lady Mules traveled

to New Deal to battle the Lady Lions Tuesday night before taking a short Thanksgiving break. The Lady Lions took advantage of the fatigued Lady Mules in the opening period to take an 18-10 advantage.

New Deal pushed the Lady Mules down by two more before half to take a 32-22 lead into the dressing room at the intermission. The Lady Mules came firing back but could not cut into the New Deal lead. New Deal took the contest 67-56.

Lepard led the charge with 15 points that included four treys and Reyna added 12 points with two 3-pointers and a three-point play. Kimbrough pumped in nine points, Hawkins six, Hernandez, Johnson and Grumbles posted four apiece and Tipps chipped in two.

The Lady Mules hosted the Springlake-Earth Lady Wolverines Tuesday night and take on all comers in the Nazareth Tournament Nov. 30-Dec. 2.



Lady Mule Kyra Kimbrough takes a shot during a recent basketball game. Photograph by Norm Brantley.

Mule varsity football...

Continued from page 1
gain. Victor Vasquez made an open field tackle after the quarter back had dropped backed to pass and found all receivers covered. He pulled down the ball and rolled wide right.

Vasquez fought off a block and made the stop for no gain. The Wildcat punt pinned the Mules at their 10.

The Mules spread the field with two receivers wide to each side of the field on third down and 10 needed for a first. Garrett Riley connected with Hamilton for 21-yard gain in a crowd of defenders. Hamilton went high over a defender to make the grab.

Washington raced wide left behind blockers as Riley baited the defense to draw attention away from Washington. Riley tossed over the rush to Washington

behind the screen. The convoy of blockers carried Washington 15 yards for a first down near mid field.

Washington took a pitch from Riley wide into Wildcat territory and a nine-yard gain. He got the call and powered up the middle for a first at the Littlefield 45.

Washington raced out of the backfield and curled inside the linebackers for a 12-yard grab. Riley and Washington rolled left as if running the option pitch. The defense took the fake and raced to stop he running play.

Riley tossed down the sideline to a wide open Barker alone at the 10. Barker could have walked into the end zone as no defender was even close. Hamilton tacked on the point after to end the Mules' scoring for the season.

Freshmen Lady Mules start season with 'first-game jitters'

First-game jitters seemed to control the freshmen Lady Mules in their season opener with the Tulia Lady Hornets. The Lady Hornets led after three quarters 34-6. The Lady Mules scored 15 in the final frame to end the game with 21 and fell to Tulia 46-21.

Amber Fuentes scored the only Lady Mule bucket in the opening frame. Tessa Burris and Marisela Casanova each scored in the second period.

Brenda Rodriguez led the charge for the Lady Mule in the final frame to score all of her six total points. Casanova added four for a total of six in the game. Fuentes hit a bucket in the final quarter for four points in the game.

Ali Eagle drained a 3-pointer in the final minutes for her three points and Burris had her two points in the second quarter.

The Lady Mules hosted the Friona Squaws Monday night and travel to the Denver City Tournament to play Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

The Lady Mules are on the road until Jan. 15 when they host the Highland Park Lady Falcons.

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Sports

All-District football selections announced

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Nine Mules were chosen to the prestigious District 2-2A All-District Football Team with four being named as unanimous selections. Junior Martinez was named as the Most Valuable Player on Defense and was a unanimous selection.

During the regular season Martinez had 92 tackles, nine for a loss, one sack, caused two fumbles, recovered two fumbles and had 13 quarterback pressures.

Timothy Conner was voted as an All-District defensive end. Conner made 47 tackles, two for a loss, five sacks, caused two fumbles, recovered one fumble, had six quarterback pressures, broke up two passes, intercepted two passes and had two knock out hits.

Lane Wood was chosen as an All-District linebacker. Wood led the Mules with 114 tackles, nine for a loss and a sack. He made three special team tackles,

recovered two fumbles, had four quarterback pressures, broke up a pass, three knockout hits and blocked one kick.

Dusty Clayton was named as an All-District defensive back. Clayton recorded 56 tackles, broke up 15 passes and intercepted two. His tight defense prevented many passes from being thrown his direction.

Brant Hamilton was named as All-District punter. He punted 16 times for 594 yards for an average of 37.1 yards.

Cade Smith was the only unanimous selection on the offensive line in the district.

Brant Hamilton was chosen as an All-District wide receiver. Hamilton made 46 catches for 456 yards and carried the ball 39 times for 343 more.

Garrett Riley was voted as an unanimous selection at All-District quarterback. Riley completed 176 of 314 pass for 2014 yards and 22 touch downs during the regular season.

Eric Washington was chosen as an unanimous All-District running back. Washington rushed 91 times for 619 yards and caught 36 passes for 443 more for a total of 1060 yards.

Brian Poynor and TJ Brantley were chosen to the All-District second team as defensive linemen. Tony Guzman was picked to the second team as a linebacker and Victor Vasquez was chosen to the second team defensive secondary.

Dustin Barker was named to the second team offensive unit as a tight end. Caesar Lopez was chosen as second team offensive line.

Timothy Conner was name as second team wide receiver. Brant Hamilton was picked as second team running back.

Honorable Mentions for the Mules were Garrett Riley as a defensive back, Bradley Branscum, Kendall Johnson and Brian Poynor as offensive linemen.

County producers reminded to vote in Farm Service Agency elections

Farmers and ranchers still have a chance to make a difference in how Farm Service Agency programs are administered, announced Kim Hanlin, executive director for the Bailey County FSA, Tuesday.

The deadline for eligible voters to return FSA County Committee election ballots to their local FSA offices is Dec. 4.

"The FSA county committee system allows agricultural producers to make important decisions concerning the local administration of federal farm programs," said Hanlin. "I urge all eligible farmers and ranchers, to get involved and vote in this year's elections."

The United States Department of Agriculture's FSA County Committee elections began Nov. 3. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate names during the nomination period held last summer.

Eligible voters who have not received ballots in the mail can obtain ballots at their local USDA Service Center. The last day for voters to submit ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers is Dec. 4. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 4.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1.

Committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on disaster and conservation payments, establishment of allotments and yields, producer appeals, employing FSA county executive

directors and other local issues. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal agriculture legislation.

Candidates for the Bailey FSA 2006 County Committee elections include:

Larry Kirk — LAA-2 Bailey County CRP Participant in Southwest Bailey County; and Mark Lowe — LAA-2 Bailey County producer in Southwest Bailey County. Producer of Grain Sorghum and Cotton.

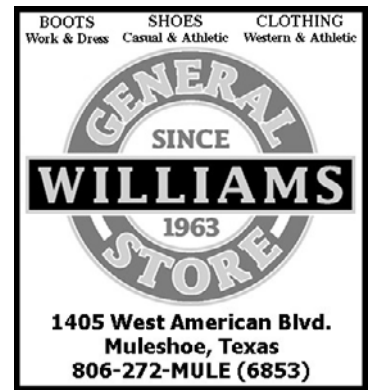
Anyone who participates or cooperates in a local FSA program, is of legal voting age, and meets eligible voter criteria may vote. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm, can also vote.

Close to 8,000 FSA county

committee members meet monthly at more than 2,300 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to five members who serve three-year terms.

Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election annually.

For more information about FSA county committees and FSA programs, visit: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.





Wedel returns from WWII conference

Muleshoe resident James P. Wedel returned home recently after attending "The International Conference on World War II" in New Orleans Nov. 16-19.

Wedel served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, flying on 50 missions as a gunner on an A-20 medium attack bomber in the Southwest Pacific.

While in New Orleans Wedel stayed with his daughter Carolyn Patrick and attended the conference with his son-in-law, Roger Patrick, formerly of Farwell.

The three-day conference was presented by the D-Day National WW II Museum located in New Orleans.

It included speakers on such varied topics as prisoners of war, the atomic bomb and the effects of the war at home.

Featured presenters included CBS commentator Andy Rooney, who spoke about his experiences as a reporter for the military newspaper Stars and Stripes in Europe during World War II.

Three Medal of Honor winners talked about their battle experience.

Talks were also given by Navaho code talkers,



James Wedel shaking hands with Pete Wilson.

Japanese pilots, and Col. Charles McGee, a Tuskegee Airman.

Col. McGee flew more combat mission for the United States than any other pilot as he flew not only in World War II but also in Korea and Vietnam.

The conference included keynote speakers for lunch and dinner each day. Dr. Gerhard Weinberg of the University of North Carolina spoke on "How the war changed the world" on Thursday; former Calif. Gov. Pete Wilson, who serves as chairman of the board of trustees for the National World War II Museum, spoke

on Friday, and three-time Pulitzer prize winning author Rick Atkinson, author of "The Army at Dawn," the story of the invasion of North Africa, spoke on Saturday.

The keynote dinner speaker on Thursday was award-winning film maker Ken Burns, who showed excerpts from his yet-to-be-released documentary "The War" which will debut on PBS in September 2007.

Friday's dinner speaker was James Bradley, author of "Flags of our Fathers."

Madeline Albright, the first female Secretary of State, was Saturday's keynote speaker.

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confirmó el diagnóstico del cáncer cerebral. Afortunadamente, JACC ofrece los métodos más avanzados para el tratamiento del cáncer en la región. Utilizando la más alta tecnología disponible, oncólogos de JACC fueron capaces de quitar todas los vestigios del tumor de Jack sin hacer una sola incisión. A Jack le impresionó mucho el tratamiento y la calidad de cuidado medico que él recibió, y también le conmovió la calurosa bienvenida que Tejas le otorgo. Hoy él vive sin cáncer alguno, y orgullosamente llama a Tejas su hogar.

Jack pensó que su tumor cerebral significaba el fin de su vida.

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Ready for Winter?

Autumn is falling into winter. I can feel my fur coat getting a little bit thicker every day to keep me warm as the temperature drops. How are you and your family getting ready for winter? Most areas of the country will have cold temperatures, snow and ice. Families have to prepare their houses, cars and clothes to adapt to the changes winter brings. Some areas of the country already have had snow! People in my neighborhood are wearing warm jackets while raking leaves and stacking wood into piles to burn later. Look around your neighborhood and watch neighbors and animals preparing for winter. What changes do you see?

Keep It Up

This activity is easier to do when the weather is warm because there is so much to do outside. However, it is just as important to keep doing this during the colder or snowy season because we need to keep strong and healthy. Use the Morse Code key below to fill in the boxes with the answer.

How Do We Cope With Changes?

Sure enough, changes in the weather are coming and we cannot stop them! We have to cope with whatever Mother Nature sends our way. **How do we deal with these changes? Match up each:**

1. cold temperatures A. turn on the bright lights
2. dark outside earlier B. sand, salt, heat
3. fewer fresh foods C. heat the house
4. snow D. use canned or packaged foods
5. slippery ice E. skate, ice fish, cut and store ice
6. less time spent outdoors F. shovels, snowblowers, plows
7. ponds freeze G. vacation in warmer area
8. need a break from the ice and cold H. exercise class, indoor sports, visiting friends, club activities

Who is adapting or what is being adapted for harsher weather?

1. grow thicker fur coats
2. store food in their nests
3. snow tires sand antifreeze for radiator
4. harvest the crops plant spring bulbs save seeds
5. warmer clothes blankets, quilts, comforters eat more hot foods
6. furnace and chimney checked storm windows put up insulation put in attics

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Shoveling Sand

Forest is taking a break. His Dad wants him to fill 3 bags with sand for icy conditions that will come when the weather turns colder and sleet falls or puddles of water freeze. Forest needs to pick up the shovel first, then the 3 bags, and then make his way to the sand pile. **Can you help him find his way? (Do not cross paths.)**

Uh-oh! Better get busy. End!

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We at the center hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We have so much to be thankful for. We give thanks every day for your wonderful senior center.

The center averages 65 per day for lunch, games and fellowship. If you like to read, the center has a well stocked library.

The center has five computers that can be used by the senior citizens to play games on, or send your

family e-mail on.

You can also watch a big screen television.

We invite you to come in and just see all the enjoyment you can get from the center.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, Mandi Seaton will be presenting her nutrition program for us at the center.

Mandi always has a great and interesting program for us. Make plans to be with us for lunch on that day.

Remember, all of you who need blood pressure

checks, Covenant Home Health offers this service every Tuesday morning here at the center.

If you need to keep a record of your blood pressure, this is a good way to do it.

Sandy, our great disk jockey, will be furnishing the music for the Tuesday night dance on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Bring your favorite dish and come and enjoy the music and fellowship.

Wednesday, Dec. 6, Dorothy Price of Lubbock

will present a program on Save Well Medicare Medical Savings Account Plan.

This should be an informative and beneficial program on health insurance coverage for all of the seniors on Medicare.

We invite all senior citizens who like to play bingo to come and join us on Thursday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Prizes and refreshments are furnished. Admission to play bingo is a can of food for the food bank, so come and plan to have a great time with us.

Saturday, Dec. 9, the Square Dance Caller meeting will be at the center.

We are pleased the square dancers chose to be here again this year to enjoy the center.

Menu for Dec. 4 -8:

Monday, Dec. 4 — Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, baked beans, wheat roll and fruit salad.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 — Chicken with mushroom sauce, black-eye peas, salad, wheat roll and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and iced cake.

Thursday, Dec. 7 — Chili with beans, mixed greens, onions, pickles, peppers tomatoes, cornbread and cookies.

Friday, Dec. 8 — Fried fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hushpuppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

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Compassion Care has a vision

By Teresa Mesman

State Line Tribune

Approximately three years ago, several area people had a vision.

It was a vision to help pregnant women in the Eastern New Mexico and West Texas area by providing them with resources, options and counseling in a Christian-based atmosphere.

The group saw the increasing numbers of teen pregnancies and immense need for a place women could come to for advice and help. The name of this group came to be "Compassionate Care of Muleshoe."

Compassionate Care of Muleshoe is currently comprised of only five members who are working very hard to make the dreams and goals of the organization a reality.

John and Kay Graves, Berna Bradley, all of Muleshoe; and LuAnn Fillpot and Alyson Actkinson, both of Farwell, have met faithfully and held several fundraisers in the Muleshoe area.

However, the group has not been able to achieve the goals they have set forth.

"The main reason is that we need more willing volunteers to get things going with the organization," said Fillpot. "We need people that have a passion for helping people, for ideas, resources

and action."

"We also want to stress that this organization is not a charity," Actkinson said. "It's meant to be a place for direction, resources, options and perhaps, the one place a woman or young girl can turn to for someone who's willing to just sit and listen with compassion."

"I'm especially proud to state that they will also receive Christian-based counseling. This is a huge part of what this organization has to offer a woman," she added.

The goals of this organization are to become affiliated with the national pregnancy center known as Care-Net. Care-Net and Care-Net.org have the mission of assisting and promoting the evangelistic, pro-life work of pregnancy centers in North America.

They offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, peer counseling services, post-abortion support and other practical, emotional and spiritual help to empower women, men and families facing pregnancy related concerns.

One of the main goals of Compassionate Care of Muleshoe is to find a place to call home. They need a building or a house in which to facilitate their mission. Along with this need, they also need financial support

and interested volunteers.

"I heard about this organization through a prayer concern at my church and felt led to become an active part in their mission," Actkinson said. "I then went to another prayer group to speak about it and that's how LuAnn became involved. It just takes getting the word out about this to start making things happen!"

"We all know someone or a family that has faced an unexpected pregnancy. By directing them to Compassionate Care, we can help ease the anxiety that, not only the expectant mother has, but also the entire family might have over the situation," said Fillpot. "We've just got to have everything in place so that we can effectively help and answer their questions of 'where do I go?' 'Who do I see?' 'What do I do?'"

The ladies hope to get more volunteers from the surrounding community to attend one or two meetings a month in Farwell and Muleshoe to get things really moving for this project.

If you are interested in being a part of Compassionate Care; please contact LuAnn Fillpot at 481-3394 or by e-mail at lfillpot@farwellschools.org. Alyson Actkinson can be contacted at actkinson@cox.net.

Health

Controlling holiday weight gain

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

How can weight conscious adults control weight gain during the holiday season?

It is recommended that we focus on weight management instead of weight loss. Trying to lose weight during the holidays can be an unrealistic goal and can lead to frustration, overindulgence, and unnecessary guilt. If we make it through the holidays without gaining weight, then that is a positive outcome.

Holiday parties and social gatherings are opportunities for overeating. Since adults attend an average of four parties during the holiday season, managing intake at a social gathering is important to controlling holiday weight gain. To get through the holiday parties, try following these suggestions:

- Balance party foods and meals with regular meals.

If you know you are going to a party later in the day and food is being served, eat small meals with fewer calories early in the day so you can enjoy the party without exceeding your calorie needs for the whole day. On the other hand, try not to go to parties hungry as this can lead to overeating as

well.

- Consume alcohol in moderation, if at all.

This has as much to do with safety as with nutrition, since alcohol has no nutritional value and is a source of unneeded calories.

- Choose diet drinks or club soda instead of juice or regular sodas.

A 12-ounce serving of soda is about 150 calories. Diet sodas have about 2 calories and club soda is calorie-free. Water is also a good choice.

- Socialize away from the food table.

This reduces the urge to overeat and allows one to focus on socializing with friends, family, and co-workers.

- Try to get involved in the planning process when appropriate.

For office parties or family functions, try to get involved in the planning process to help ensure that some healthy foods will be available. Offer to bring a fresh fruit or vegetable tray, baked tortilla chips and salsa, or pretzels.

- Listen to your stomach and stop eating when you are no longer hungry.

Eating until we are full (i.e. stuffed like a Thanksgiving turkey) often results in

consuming more calories than we need.

Last but not least, don't forget about physical activity.

The holiday season can be stressful at times and physical activity is a great way to relieve stress and boost energy — something we all can use during this time.

Taking a brisk walk after a meal and walking the aisles of the mall are just two ways to include physical activity into the daily routine.

According to the 2005 dietary guidelines from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services, adults should get at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise on most days of the week.

Remember the purpose of the holiday season and enjoy the foods and festivities that surround this special time. Enjoy those favorite foods and treats — just do so in moderation.

For more information about controlling weight gain during the holiday season, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

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4-H News

The Bailey County 4-H Food Show was held on Oct. 30 at the Muleshoe First United Methodist Church.

Among the 4-H members participating were Bailey Bales, Miranda deBruin, Kayla Preston, Tyler Cain, Shelbi Harrison and Stephanie Stancell.

Bailey Bales, the daughter of Kem and Lori Bales, placed first in the Junior Nutritious Snacks category with *Bailey's Fruit Dip*.

Miranda deBruin, the daughter of Floris and Julie deBruin, placed second with *Grandma's Favorite Dessert - Date Crumb*, in the Junior Nutritious Snacks category.

Kayla Preston, the daughter of Curtis and Karie Preston, placed first in the Junior Main Dish category with *Taco Soup*. Tyler Cain, son of Lynn and Chris Cain, placed first in the Intermediate Main Dish category with *Mexican Beef Tator Tot Casserole*.

Shelbi Harrison, the daughter of Alan Harrison and Sherri Harrison, placed second with *Shelbi's Chicken Pasta* in the Intermediate Main Dish category.

Stephanie Stancell, the daughter of Steven and Elaine Stancell, placed first in the Intermediate Nutritious Snacks category with *Fruit Dip*.

Bailey, Miranda, Kayla and Tyler also represented Bailey County at the Dist. 2 4-H Food Show in Levelland, on Nov. 11.

Kayla placed first in the Junior Main Dish Category. The Bailey County 4-H Club met on Nov. 13, at the Masonic Lodge for their monthly meeting.

Jackson Myers, the first vice president, called the meeting to order.

4-H Food Show participants were recognized. Appreciation was extended to 4-H Food and Nutrition Project Leaders - Rene Bartloff, Lynn Cain, Karie Preston, and Gaylene Whitworth - for their hard work.

Dr. Kyle Sheets presented the program on his and his family's travels to Africa. Everyone enjoyed the slides and information that he presented. All 4-H members participated in a service project for the Bailey County Meals on Wheels participants.

4-H is a "learn by doing" youth education program for children nine years old (third grade) to 19 years old.

It promotes positive values, social responsibility, and lifelong learning. 4-H helps youth explore new things, develop real life skills, gain confidence and self-esteem, and be the best they can be. The next Bailey County 4-H meeting will be Dec. 11.

For more information about 4-H, contact Bailey County Extension, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583; County extension agents Curtis Preston, Agriculture, and Mandi Seaton, Family and Consumer Sciences.

'Christmas in the Country' to be held

Trinity Christian Center Church will be hosting its seventh annual "Christmas in the Country" benefit concert on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., at the church, located on the corner of 18th and W. American Blvd., in Muleshoe.

The event - which helps to raise funds for "Meals on Wheels" in Bailey County - is free admission and open to the public. However, donations will be accepted for the nutrition program. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be served during intermission. For additional information call 272-3877.

Wedding Showers



ANGEL HARLOW

Harlow feted

Angel Harlow, the prospective bride of Cory Hunt, was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the home of Cindy Magby.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Kathy Harlow. The prospective groom is the son of Lavon and Curtis Hunt.

Grandparents are Nelda and Robert Hunt, Ruth Hunt and Joe and Darla Rhodes.

Hostesses for the event included Pam Atwood, Zonella Baker, Carren Black, Kay Lynn Brantley, Staci Burris, Jo Ellen Cowart, Leslie Dale, Erin Dean, Starla Ellis, Robin Friskup, Patty Hartline, Connie James, Sherri Kennedy, Donna Locker, Ruth Locker, Cindy Magby, Keila Morris, Sheryl Morris, Rhonda Myers, Dana Rasco, Khalie Ruthhardt, Bernita Sheets, Robin Welch, Lisa Whalin, Dawn Williams and Jill Winders.

Special guests included Sheila Black, Stephanie Baldwin, Ashleigh Harlow, Meagan Gaona, Kay Rhodes, Stacy Ward, Doris Scott and Jenna Hunt.

Park View Van effort continues

Muleshoe area residents continue to address the needs of the residents at Park View Nursing Home.

To date, they have donated thousands of dollars toward the purchase of the new van, but there is still a need.

As of this month, the total still needed is: \$17,000.

Individuals, or organizations wishing to contribute to the effort may send their donations to the Park View Van Fund, at First State Bank of Muleshoe.

For more information, or to donate directly to the nursing home, contact Jodie Rose or Joy Stancell at Park View Nursing Home at 806-272-7578.

Lazbuddie blood drive set for Dec. 4

The Lazbuddie community blood drive has been set for Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church, Hwy. 1172. To schedule an appointment call 331-8800. Donors will receive a holiday ornament.

God Loves Us Completely— No Magic Required

Witch doctors and magic. The kind of things you'd expect to find among tribesmen in the African bush, right?

Yes, unless it's the American variety.

You see, generally when we think of magic, we're basically thinking of a recipe and manipulation. Magic calls for very little faith at all in "the gods" or God. Magic says that if you get the recipe right—eye of newt, tongue of frog, etc.—then you can manipulate the gods into doing whatever you want done. It matters little or not at all

"pull" with the Almighty, but American magic says basically that if you put in all the right ingredients, you can create or accomplish anything you wish. You can manufacture "success," and any number of success and self-help gurus, secular and religious, are waiting in line touting the latest fads. Their own success is pretty much assured if they can just hook you on the recipe they're selling this month. Just cook the recipe right, step back, and wait for success. Use the right ingredients, pray the proper prayers, and God will have to bless your enterprise, right?

Wrong. African villagers know every bit as well as American businessmen—much better, actually—what happens when you've worked hard and smart and long but the rain doesn't come and enemies do. Nature doesn't care if you wear a power tie or a loin cloth. Life is just as hard if the warriors in the next camp over wipe out your crops or a terrorist a world away blows up a building and wipes out your stock portfolio.

Yes, Jesus talked about being careful to build our lives, our "houses," on the right foundation, Christ himself, and that foundation matters immensely. And, yes, we can definitely hurt ourselves by unwise behavior.

But you and I will never get the recipe right and thus manipulate the Almighty into giving us trouble-free lives of unbroken success. Bad news? No! The good news is that God loves ordinary people, not just people who get the recipe right. No one does. He loves us anyway. Absolutely. Completely. No magic required.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

whether the gods love you, or you them. IF you get the recipe and the accompanying incantations right, presto!, your enemy becomes a slime-oozing slug. The gods did it. Sort of. But you or the witch doctor you hired pushed the buttons necessary to force them to act.

Hmm. Makes you wonder how those backward savages could ever believe such nonsense, doesn't it? Except that we have our own variety of magic on this side of the pond.

American magic. That's the telling term respected missionary and family friend Shawn Tyler says he's heard mature African Christian leaders use regarding the magic folks like you and me prefer and often employ. American pragmatists, self-help, do-it-yourself, "pull yourself up by your own bootstraps"-type folks may not use potions or incantations for

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Weddings

Weatherly, Shelburne united

Shayla Weatherly and Christopher Shelburne were united in marriage Aug. 19, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church of Canyon with Curtis Shelburne officiating the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of James and Cindy Weatherly of Canyon. She is the granddaughter of Leland and Jo Hutson of Canyon and the great-granddaughter of Para Lea Moore of Fort Worth.

The groom is the son of Curtis and Juana Shelburne of Muleshoe. He is the grandson of J. D. and Vernell Nance of Silverton.

The maid of honor was Tiffany Weatherly of Amarillo. Bridesmaids were Amy Shelburne of Muleshoe, Lezlie Arther of Frisco, Sarah Trosper of Canyon, Shana Basam of Lubbock and Laurel Warren of Lamesa,



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER SHELBURNE

The bridal attendants wore cranberry dresses. The best men were Stephan Shelburne of Uganda, Africa, and Jeff Shelburne of Muleshoe.

Groomsmen were Josh Shelburne of Muleshoe, Landon Weatherly of Canyon, and Aaron Adamson and Beau Martin, both of Lubbock. They wore black tuxedos with red ties and black vests.

Jacy Grimsley served as the guest registry attendant. Ushers were Matt Mason, Seth Jackson, Matt Corder and Nathan Nash.

Musical selections were "A Page is Turned," "I Will Be There," and "How Beautiful."

Music was by soloists Justin Loe, and the groom's father. The pianist was Beth Lopez.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Canyon High School. In 2003, she graduated magna cum laude from Texas Tech University with a degree in exercise and sports sciences.

She received a masters degree in physical therapy from Texas Tech Health Science Center in 2006. Shayla is employed by Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The groom graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1998. He received a bachelors degree in youth and family ministry from Lubbock Christian University in 2003, and has served as a missionary in Uganda, Africa, for two years.

He is currently employed by Leal's Restaurant in Amarillo as the evening manager.

Randolph, Johnson united

Candice Shae Randolph of Lazbuddie and Blake Wade Johnson of Amarillo were united in matrimony on Aug. 5, 2006, at Amarillo South Church with Bobby File officiating.

Jerry Harlow, Christina Johnson, John Eilert and Dava Eilert provided music for the event.

Tristan Kragh served as the matron of honor, with Jackie Veronikas and Domonique Sandoval serving as bridesmaids.

Brian Johnson served as the best man, and the groomsmen were Luke Thompson and Nathan Kragh.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Eldon Randolph of Lazbuddie.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Johnson of Amarillo.

The bride wore a strapless, A-line dress accented with embroidered flowers and leaves along the bodice waist and along the dress' hem. A row of covered buttons also ran down the long chapel-length train.

The veil was elbow length, edged with satin ribbon, and the bride's garter was satin, accented with embroidered trim.

The groom wore a two-button black tuxedo with



MRS. BLAKE WADE JOHNSON

ivory shirt, tie and vest. She has an associates of science degree in public relations from Amarillo College and is employed by Husker Sports Network of Omaha, Neb., as a staff assistant.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's gymnasium. Jan Percy and Rhonda Stephenson coordinated the reception, and Bethany Percy and Amanda Martin served.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and will be living in Omaha, Neb.

The bride is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School.

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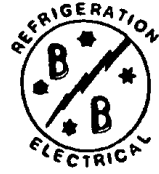

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