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## A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Man guilty of assault by fish An Idaho man has pleaded guilty to throwing salmon at U.S. Rep. Helen ChenowethHage during a congressional hearing to discuss last summer's wildfires in Montana and Idaho.
Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, was not injured during the Sept. 16 attack, but the hearing - being held at the University of Montana in Missoula - was recessed while she cleaned salmon from her hair and jacket. Randall Mark, 20, of Moscow, Idaho, made a brief appearance in U.S. District Court in Missoula to change his plea from innocent to guilty. In exchange, federal prosecutors dropped a second charge ac cusing him of assaulting Rep. Rick Hill, RMont.
Hill was seated next to Chenoweth-Hage when Mark tossed a patty of canned salmon at the congresswoman in protest of her conservative views. She has blamed some of the fire problems on lack of timber cut ting in national forests.
Defense attorney Craig Shannon said Mark expected to be arrested for the incident but was intent on making his protest anyway. Mark could receive up to a year in Man slept in stolen vehicles Don Dube should be getting plenty of rest hese days - and apparently he needs it. Dube, 21, was sentenced to $21 / 2$ years in prison on seven charges involving stolen vehicles in the GrandFalls, New Brunswick, area.
Dube was twice found napping in vehicles he had just boosted.
In September, he was caught snoozing in the trunk of a car reported stolen from a, local dealership. He was freed on a promise to return to court at a later date.
He didn't. He was found asleep behind the wheel of a stolen pickup


Drawing date: Wednesday, Dec. 20 Drawing date: Wednescay, Dec. 20 Estimated jackpot: $\$ 13$ million
Winners: 0
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On this date in history
Dec. 23 - Moses Austin arrives in Texas to begin work on securing Mexico's permission bring in 300 families from the United States Dec. 24
Dec. 24 - Federal troops occupy Galveston during the Civil War (1862)
Dec. 25 - Civil war figure William Quantrill of Quantrill's Raiders fame) shoots up the city of
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## Loche weatier

As of Friday, the forecast was not showing much relief from the cold weather anytime soon. Sunday morning's low was predicted at 24 , dropping to 20 Monday, 16 Tuesday and 10 Wednesday. Thursday was finally expected to bounce back to 20. Daytime highs were expected to be in the 40 s except for Wednesday's 38.

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## City to improve access to new nursing home

OURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Muleshoe City Council has voted unanimously to pave the two remaining blocks of Avenue K in order to improve all-weather ac cess to the site of a new nursing home that is under construction
City Manager Rick Hanna recommended the move, saying Muleshoe's paved streets are in good shape so the annual seal-coating project (cost: about $\$ 70,000$ per year) can be skipped next year and the money used for the paving

Sports editors name Ramírez to second team JOURNAL STAFF REPORT The Associated Press sports ditors' all-state picks in foot ball were released Thursday with Muleshoe's Danny Ramírez being listed as a sec ond-team selection on the Class 3A roster.
This vote is based on perfor mance during the regular sea son.
Other running backs shar ing Ramírez's status are Amos Harmon of Brownsboro and Matthew Wade of Lamesa. First-team running backs are Mark Cates of Falfurrias, Rean Henderson of Gatesville and George Willis of Quitman. Seven Mules were on the honorable mention list: offensive linemen Tommy Barrera, Bradley Thomason and Stephen Woodard; defensive lineman Jeff Shelburne, linebacker Darrell Lewis; defen sive back Brandon Broyles and kicker D.J. Domínguez. Coach David Wood said tha the fact that only one player from the 14-1 team made thi all-state list "tells you a lot about this team - they just played well together
He added that the number of linemen on the honorable mention list shows the type of team effort that allowed Ramírez to amass his record-breaking rushing and scoring totals for the season.
And, of course, "our defense just had a great year - they kept making a name for them selves," Wood said. and Lamesa. adopted in June.

He said the cost of the Avenue K work has been estimated in the low $\$ 60,000$ s.
Hanna added that some concern had been ex pressed about ambulance runs frorn the nursing home during bad weather, since they would either have to follow a curving route or use the unpaved Avenue K.
The city will try to coordinate the paving project with the state's reworking of Texas 214 , which is scheduled to include new curb and gutter, Hanna

The council also approved giving the city's fund depository agreement to Muleshoe State Bank for the period from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, Bank
2003.
Muleshoe State submitted a proposal that included 6.5 percent interest while First Bank of Muleshoe offered 6.2 percent. Hanna expressed appreciation to both, saying, "I don think we can do that well in TexPool or any other investment pool.

## Merry Christmas!



Just as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus symbolize the season of goodwill toward humanity everywhere, th owners and staff of the Muleshoe Journal send out a wish for political and social healing this Christmas season. Vivian White and Buck Johnson (above) were the embodiment of the spirit of Christmas during the Heritage Foundation's old-fashioned Christmas on Dec. 2.

Public hearings to review organic-cotton guidelines
Public hearings to review the culture, which willconduct the meet- begin at 11 a am. in the Texas A\&M ings, developed the rules to mainare scheduled for Jan. 8 in Lubbock

Provision for the hearings was included in the rules, which were

The rules cover indemnification eligibility and the method for calculating any compensation for organic growers who are required to destroy rops because of infestation.
The Texas Department of Agri-
tain the effectiveness of the weevil
eradication program as well as to protect the integrity of the department's organic certification standards and the crops marketed under the program.
In the hearings, the department will take comments on any changes that may need to be made in the regulations for the 2001 growing season.

The hearings are scheduled to

University Agricultural Experimen bock, and at 3 p.m. in the Dawson County Community Center, 910 S Houston in Lamesa.
The department will take comments for 10 days beginning the day of the hearings. Those who wish may write the department at P.O Box 12847, Austin 78711, or fax comments to (512) 463-1104
More information is available by calling (512) 463-7593

L\&L Pallet Supply gets city and MEDC support for proposed relocation JOURNAL STAFF REPORT
The Muleshoe City Council has approved action by the Muleshoe Economic Development Corp. to help a business relocate to Progress from Bovina.
The financial help, essentially a grant, is being offered in the form of a loan that would be forgiven over a period of three years if the business continues to operate locally.
L\&L Pallet Supply has proposed relocating from Bovina. The business currently employs three or four people at a time but is seeking a Wal-mart contract that could result in expansion to as many as 15 .
Hanna said the business is being sought cally to diversify the agricultural economy.
Councilwoman Sharon Grant asked if this is the company that currently services Texas Sesame and Muleshoe Pea and Bean, and Hanna replied that it is.
He added that the loan to L\&L would be in the amount of $\$ 30,000$ if the company remodels an existing building at Progress, or $\$ 40,000$ if a new building is built. The issue was discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting.


That wonderful year in review
One last look at the 2000 junior varsity Mules in action catches A.J. Flores (No. 33) carrying the ball against Friona as Tad Lutz (No. 34), Joel Cowart (No. 23) and Chance Turney (No. 73) work on keeping a path open. For a photo collage of the varsity Mules' championship season, see page 4.

## AROUND MULESHOE

Three Way hearing set for Jan. 11
The Three Way Independent School District has scheduled a public hearing for $7: 45$ p.m. Jan. 11 for discussion of the district's Academic Excellence Indicator $S_{j}$ jstem, which will include the TAAS scores presented at the community cookout.
The hearing will be held immediately preceding the regularly scheduled school board meeting in the board room in the administration office.
Copies will be available for public viewing in the school library, principal's office and superintendent's office
A school report card, which includes the TAAS scores, will be sent to each parent of a Three Way student along with student report cards the first week of January

## Meals on Wheels needs drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to make deliveries for the Bailey County Meals on Wheels program, which takes meals to shut-ins and others of limited mobility.
Andrea Kemp, director of the program, said drivers may volunteer for as little as one hour a week, or even as substitute
drivers for occasional service. Training in handling the meals will be provided.
More information is available by calling Kemp at 272-3647.

## Assembly of God plans open house

Muleshoe's First Assembly of God announces the open house or its 10,300-square-foot Family Life Building from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 30 and the dedication service Sunday morning. Several former pastors of the church are expected to attend
Methodists plan Christmas Eve services The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe has scheduled its annual Christmas Eve services for 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Dec. 24.

The earlier service will last about an hour and the 11:30 service ends at midnight.
A candlelight service and Communion are included in both services. The public is invited.
The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday'seditions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.

Aminals. By David Sung

"I'd love to buy your products. But with so many mouths to feed, I just can't afford anything on my hoe string budget."

## The spirit of Christmas is in little things

Every family has different traditions for Christmas. My family goes uptomy grandma's house in Dumas, my cousins come up from Dallas and we always see some movie, usually a children's film, whether we rent it or go to a theater.
On Christmas Eve, we always drive around town lookng at Christmas lights, and the kids sit in the back seat and sing "Feliz Navidad."
These may seem like silly little things that wouldn't mean anything to anyone, but these little "nothings" are what Christmas is all about.
People often get caught up

## KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE <br> By Katye Cook

## in materialistic things and for-

 get that Christmas is really about givng, not receiving. I know I have a tendency to worry about what people will give me instead of what I will get other peopleA couple of years ago, I realized that receiving isn't nearly as important as giving. My grandma showed me that. We can get her the nicest things and she'll love them and be really happy when she gets them, but not once is her gets
as bright and cheerful when she opens her presents as it is when she watches one of us open a present she gave us.
This is the spirit everyone should have, whether the present cost $\$ 1$ or $\$ 100$ - as long as it came from the heart. Society has forgotten that, and I think it's time we remembered.
I am going to ask one thing of each of you, and I will try to do the same thing. When you are opening presents on Christ-
mas morning, stop and look at
the person who gave that the person who gave that
present to you, and thank them present to you, and thank them
for what they have given you. Because, whether you realize it or not, the giving of that present is like that person telling you, "I'm glad you' re here, I'm glad you're alive, and I care enough to show you that."
Christmas really is made up of little things, and a little thing like one person relating to another person can change society's attitude toward Christmas, a little bit at a time. (Katye Cook is a freshman at Three Way High School. This is her first column.)


## Texas declared disaster area

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman last week declared Texas an agriculture disaster area, making producerseligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of losses caused by drought, excessive heat and other disasters that occurred during 2000.
"The excessive heat and drought have made a devastating year for farmers in Texas and all over the south," Glickman said. "USDA is working to help farmers in Texas and other states during these difficult times."

Also eligible, because they are contiguous to Texas, are Curry, Roosevelt, Eddy, Otero, Doña Ana, Lea and Quay counties in New Mexico
This designation makes all qualified family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency.
Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of this declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into

ccount the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability and other requirements. FSA has a variety of programs available, in addition to the emergency loan program, to helpeligible farmers recover from adversity. Interested farmers may contact their localFSA offices for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures.
Additional information is also available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistancel.htm

Cotton growth being eyed in Panhandle
A recent meeting in Dumas gave farmers in the northern Panhandle a chance to discuss the possibility of growing cotton.

An Extension official told them that a 10 -year chart indicates that heat units in some counties could support cotto growth.
Moore County and Ochiltree County seem feasible, but Dallam County is riskier, ex perts told the farmers.


Yes, there are drought-tolerant groundcovers

Finding a groundcover that will grow in dry soil is a par ticular problem for us. (By "dry" soil, I mean almost any soil in our area - even if it's a comparatively moist spot, it's probably what the books refer to as "well-drained, meaning the soil is porou and lacking in organic mat

If the spot gets some proection from the sun (but isn't dense sha , some variet written about this genus of plants several times, so I won go into detail this time. But an advantage of lamium, in addition to its drought tolerance s that garden centers often tock at least one variety of it. While most lamiums fit th groundcover stereotype (no more than a few inches tall and spreading fairly rapidly), ou don't have to limit your Many local yards have beds Oenothera species), and if it is grown in a bed by itself, it is a carefree plant about a foot aller) that produces its cup shaped light-pink blooms y peak bloom times, the plants ink iterally covered with pink. Some people will insist sual," but when this plant i

BACKYARD

it's hard to imagine anything prettier It does reseed, but I have not found it to produce enough seedlings to become a nui-
Erigeron species also cover
themselves with flowers for
most of the summer without a lot of moisture - and the hotter the sun, the better they like it. Most of them grow taller than 1 foot and produce daisy-like or aster-like flowers in shades of pink, lavender or white
One very appealing variety is 'Charity,' with flowers in a pale pink. It grows 2 feet high and 2 feet wide (hey, we're getting over the idea that groundcovers need to be only
6 or 8 inches tall, right?) and is of very tidy growth. 'Charity' - and erigerons of similar size that are cultivars or from the same species - don't so much spread in typical groundcover fashion as they just form clumps. But since the foliage and flowers spread out in a globe shape, they serve as a groundcover even though the plants may
be 18 inches apart
One thing about most erigerons: They have the reputation for being erratic. By that I mean they may be beautiful for a couple of years and then just die. I believe (and people who know more than I do also believe) that they simply bloom themselves to dieath. Once you're around a bed of them, you'll see the evidence to support this theory.
It's best simply to think of hem as short-lived perennis that will have to ears. The show they will pro vide makes it worth the extra expense; most perennials need to be dug up and di vided every two or three years ay, so it's not much ex
ra work to plant new one
Now, if you want the floral display of erigerons but also want a groundcover that will stay within a few inches of the ground, there is a nice one: 'Meadow Muffin.' I do not make this stuff up.
This little plant (Erigeron umbelliferum) has large, very oarse, tough leaves that do pples," and they grow only about 4 inches high. The looms are lavender, and are very large for such a smal plant. Needless to say, this one won't grow 18 inches cross like the bigger erigerons, so you'll need more
plants to fill the same amoun f space. 'Meadow Muffin' lso isn't usually available in ix-packs or four-packs, s buying themindividually also runs up the cost.
WeDu Nurseries reportedl introduced 'Meadow Muffin 0 gardeners a few years ago out it's now available from other mail-order nurseries -
though generally not on th shelf at garden centers ye Another low-growing erigeron - and this one
evergreen - doesn't have common name besides eri Erigeron karvanskianus als s available from catalogs, and once in a while at garden centers. It grows only 8 inche you don't need many plants The unique thing about thi species is that the flowers
open as white daisies with yellow center, but as they ag hey turn pink and then eve purplish shade - some what like cotton bloom except over a longer period The result is that you hav white, pink and purplish flow ers all on the same plant. More groundcovers Happy planting! Questions and comment Wriver, directed to Garden Writer, 571 County Road 9347, or e-mailed ronnsmith@hotmail.com.)
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First United Methodist Church Residents who attended were Cecil Davis, Riehl Williams Jackie Davenport, Bootie Tiller, Clara Coffman, Aline Locke, Grace Scarbrough an Minnie Underdown Gughter in son an Terry Kendall from the Hous on area, visited him over the weekend. He also was recent
visited by Lewis Scoggins. The Lazbuddie Girl Scout The Hershey Kiss mice for the residents and delivere them Wednesday afternoon.
Theresidents'e-mail addres is resident@ fivearea.com. Fiv Area Telephone Cooperativ has donated and installed computer just for the resident to receive and send e-mail

Saturday morning, Buster
Kittrell came to give the men shaves and haircuts
Melvin and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon, and Doris Jackson furnished homemade cookies for the event.
Jason Cochran and the youth of the First Assembly of God performed a Christmas play and Christmas music for the residents Sunday afternoon

Monday, Riki Kelly brought her gymnastics classes down to perform for the residents. Tuesday afternoon, Linda White, Claudine Embry, Mary Jo Burge, Pat Watson, Eva Nell Dale, Dorothy Turner and the activity department sham-

Wednesday morning, Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts 0 the residents at coffee time Harold Burge directed the round-table discussion. The ev. Steve Claybrook, Brady Mason and Jim Claunch di

Glenda Jennings and Jackie coggins came Wednesday af ernoon for a Christma sing-along and puppet show. Joe Embry and the Rev Stacy Conner were among the enter's visitors Tuesday Melvin and Wanda Griffin Lewis Wayne and Wand Shafer, and John Graves trans ported the residents to and from he Christmas dinner prepared or them Monday night at the

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## "In the air,

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Leslie Powell honored with shower at church


L ADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Ladies Golf Association of the Muleshoe Country Club had its annual Christmas ornament party Dec. 20.
Hostesses were Tammy Black and Rhonda Box, and they gave a special thank-you to Laverne Winn for her help.
The exchange of ornaments
way. The gathering was festive with most of the women dressed
in sweaters, vests, tops and skirts with a Christmas motif.
Christmas presents from "se cret sisters" also were given. Members extended the community wishes for merry Christmas.

Farm Bureau picks Brown

A Texico farmer and rancher has been elected to the board of directors of the New MexicoFarm and Livestock Bureau, the organization announced Thursday
Dee Jay Brown has ranching interests in Roosevelt and Chaves counties, N.M., and farming in Curry County as well as Bailey

Muleshoe Area Medical Center has reported the follow ing patient load:
Dec. 14 - Ethel Ayres, Leslie L. Deaton, Pauline Guinn, Hazel Hay and Murpha

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Dec. 15 - Ethel Ayres and Pauline Guinn.

Dec. 16 - None reported Dec. 17 - None reported. Dec. 18 None Pauline Guinn, Mary F. Holt

## Tors sews

Twenty-five Tops No. 34 members were present Dec. 21 for a meeting followed by a Christmas party. Both events were held at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.
The opening song, "The Slimmer We'll Be," was led by Alma Robertson.
Leader Laverne James presided over the meeting.
In the absence of secretary Janie Hughes, the previous week's minutes were read by Joline Franklin and were approved as read.

Alene Bryant and Betty Jo Davis, weight recorders, conducted the weigh-in.
Elaine Coburn and Lucille Harp tied for the best Lucill ition. Bryant was lhe fo unner-up was the first second-runner up.

Missy Royal, the contes chairperson, is conducting the Christmas contest. Each time member loses weight, she gets star to go on her Christmas tree.
Coburn is leading in the con est with nine stars, followed by Tommie Fulcher with six. Harp next in line with five stars. The year has been a good one for TOPS No. 34, which ends the year with more members than ever before
The group would like to thank the Muleshoe Journal staff and Magann Rennels and the Channel $\cdot 17$ staff for getting out the news - not just about TOPS but all the news.

The next meeting is scheduled for $5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Dec. 28 at the regular site. Visitors are wel come.
and Enrique Toscano
Dec. 19 - Gradee Adrian Ethel Ayres, Lela Foster, Pauline Guinn, Mary F. Holt and Octavio Mora
Dec. 20 - Gradee Adrian, Ethel Ayres, Lela Foster, Pauline Guinn, Gladys Harper, Mary F. Holt and Octavio Mora. Dec. 21 - Gradee Adrian, Ethel Ayres, Jose L. García, Larry Gregory and Pauline Guinn.
and Parmer counties in Texas.
He also is vice president of He also is vice president o Sunland Peanut Corp. and a longme director of the Curry County Farm Bureau.
Brown and one of his three ons raise corn, cotton, peanuts, grain sorghum, potatoes, green eans, alfalfa and other hays and variety of vegetables.

Analita Haley, Kay Field, Jana St. Clair, Pat Kirk, Darlene
Henry, Elinor Yerby, Christy Whitt, Linda Elder, Dorothy St. Clair, Evelyn Riley, Pamela Miller, Claudine Elliott, Sherry Engelking, Helen Templeton, Yolanda Phillips, Neats Fosters, Anita Allgood and Judy Wilbanks.

## Texas under media microscope

AUSTIN - Warning : It has begun.
The day after Vice President Al Gore delivered his concession speech and Texas Gov. George W. Bush became presi-dent-elect, the Wall Street Journal weighed in with this headline: "Capital's Social Lions Scent Change,SeekCues," The gist of the story is that the hick Texans are coming to the sophisticated capital of the free world.
The story listed 23 things that soon will be "in" in Washington and 23 things destined tobe "out." Among the ins: the
Texas two-step, branch water and tacos. The matching outs are "The Tennessee Waltz," Whitewater and Big Macs.
While the piece is moderTexans are in for during the Bush administration: Even more national media attention
than the state received in the than the state received in the campaign.
During the campaign, the national media tended
on all of Texas' problems, from
environmental matters to pov-
erty to the quality of education. What's coming next will be particularly onerous to all true Texans: attempts to prove that Texas still lives up to its stereo-
type.
For instance, if there's a real Texan who refers to water as branch water, he or she must live within pistol shot of Ar kansas. Watch for a lot o photgraphs of cowboy hats, oil


HIGHLIGHTS
Compiled by Ed Stering
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The thing already is happening in Crawford.
It's the economy again With the long election "d finally behind us, many Tex ans have found something new o worry about: the economy While the price of oil is up, "new oil" (the high-tech in dustry)
But the entrepreneurial spirit remains strong in Texas. Seen recently at Fifth and Lamar in downtown Austin was a stree person displaying the sign 'Stressed out? Yell at a home less man, $\$ 1$
Given all the political change come-inAustin and acros the nation - that homeless fellow may make a lot of money

In praise of hunter training Though the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department won have final stats until after the first of the year, two people diedin Texashunting accidents on Dec. 16.

## Last year, six people died in

hunting accidents in Texas, compared with eight in 1998. In an effort to decrease the
number of hunting-related deaths, the Legislature adopted a mandatory hunter-safetyeducation program in 1988.
The program, which a young hunters have to take before they can get a hunting license, appears to have made a difference
wells and other Texas icons. That Austin has 12 bagel shops and 54 coffee shops, including more than a dozen. Starbuck'
outlets, probably will not be
mentioned. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Keep in mind that this as written from Austin, prob bly by someone who doesn Austin has became a foreign ulture in its on right.)
As soon as the holidays are ver, national reporters will be locking to Texas to tell the W. Bush's Texas what Georg In the McLennan County
In's Texas reall town of Crawford, the answe
to that question can be summe up in this phrase: "Johnson city, 1964.
To some extent in 1960, when Lyndon Johnson became vic president, his hometown of ohnson City began to experi ence what the future now hold was elected to the presidency in 1964 by a landslide, Johnson Jilly


## *. Season's Greetings from Our OLome To Maurs

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## Merry Christmas \& Happy New Year!

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Gathered to honor Beatrice Morin as the Muleshoe Cham(from left) Leah Bell, Ronn Smith, Sheila Stevenson, McCaul, Morin, Clay Kidd, Joe Flores and Mark Washington. Morin works for the Muleshoe Journal.
Morin works for the Muleshoe Jourmal.
JV Lady Mules lose in close encounter, 26-22
By DELTON WILHITE Journal correspondent
Whether it was visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads or too much holiday cheer the school Christmas party, the Lady Mules lost their focus against the Lady Lions of Trinichristian Academy in Lubbock on Thursday night. Muleshoe could not put the press on tight enough or get their offense untracked long enough to put the Lady Lions away, while Trinity used turnovers and free-throws to defeat the normally high-octane Lady Mules 26-22
The game started slowly for both teams. With four minutes
riod, Muleshoe's Tiffany

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## BITUARIES

FAYE NELL PIERCE day at Hammons Funera Home Chapel in Littlefield for Faye Nell Pierce, 75, of Littlefield. The Rev. Benny Goss officiated. Burial was in Littlefield Cemeter
Mrs. Pierce was born Feb 27, 1925, in Polk County, Ark. She died Dec. 19 at UniverLity Me
She married Thurman Ray Pierce on Nov. 16, 1946, at Mena, Ark. They moved to Lamb County in February 1947 and lived in several communities including Sudan and Littlefield. She was known for her crochet work and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sudan
Mrs. Pierce is survived by her husband; a son, James E. Pierce of Abilene; two daughters, Rhonda Gail Carpenter of Muleshoe and Donna K. Wright of Littlefield; a brother, John Lee Standridge of Mena; and a sister-in-law, Rosemary Standridge of Oglesby, Tenn. Pallbearers were Casey Wright, Kevin Wright, Allen Wright, Brandon Carpenter, Toby Carpenter and Brian Pierce.
The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association
VIOLA WESTCOTT
A memorial service will be announced for Viola Margaret Westcott, 94, of Topeka, Kan. Penwell-Gabel Midtown Chapel of Topeka handledcre-

Flores tied the score at two.
Tori Barton found Sarah Tori Barton found Sarah
Benham in the lane to finish a Benham in the lane to finish a fast break and tie the score at
four with a minute and a half showing on the clock.
Benham blocked a shot, recovered the ball, and went the length of the court before being fouled on the shot. She made one of two from the charity stripe to give the Lady Mules a 5-4 advantage at the end of one period.
After falling behind $6-5$ by the three-point mark of the second period, the Lady Mules scored six points in the next minute, with Flores following her own shot and putting back a rebound. Megan Barrett stole a Trinity pass and found Flores
breaking
points.
The Lady Lions turned over he ball and Barrett was there to claim it for Muleshoe. She found Benham downcourt to finish the fast break and extend Muleshoe's lead to 11-6. Trinty made a bucket with three seconds showing to cut the Muleshoe lead to 11-8 at halftime.
In the third period, Barrett hit from behind the arc to give Muleshoe its largest lead of the night, 16-8, with four minutes remaining. The Lady Lions put up four unanswered points be fore the quarter ended including a three-pointer at the buzzer.

## Trinit

he start of the fourth period and Tabatha Obenhaus hit from 15 feet to regain the lead for Muleshoe.
The Lady Lions then retook the lead with 4:30 on the clock, and Muleshoe could never recover the momentum. Force do foul as the clock began tor throws and held on for the wis Scoring for Muleshoe
Flores witheight, Benham five, Barrett with three, and Obenhaus, Barton and Ev Pylant with two each The JV Lady Mules will ne TheJVLady Mules will ne orefocus before meeting Lubbock Roosevelt's Lady Eagles (at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 28) in Sun-
down High
mation arrangements.
Mrs. Westcott was born June 11, 1906, at Mason City, Iowa. She died Dec. 20 in a Topeka hospital.
She graduated from Mason City High School in 1923 and went to work for Peevely Dairy in St. Louis. Working there, she met cowboy star Tom Mix and served him ice cream

## She later worked as a seam

 stress in a drycleaning facility and also worked in retail clothing sales.She married Loyd Ray Westcott on June 21, 1930, in St. Louis.
She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Joan "Jo" Rempe of Muleshoe; a son, Don Westcott of Topeka; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Maxine Westcott, on Nov. 10, 1990. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.
ARDIS G. McCRAY
Services were held Saturday at Second Baptist Church in Lubbock for Ardis G. McCray, 83 , of Lubbock. Mike Waller and the Rev. Stacy Connor officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park. Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock handled arrangements.
Mir. McCray was born Sept. 27, 1917, at Crossroads in
died Dec. 21 in Lubbock
He moved to Smyer, Texas, at a young age and attended Lubbock schools. He had worked as a cowboy on the Spade Ranch, as a copper Spade Ranch, as a copper miner in Bisbee, Ariz., as water-well driller around Weed, N.M., and as a mote operator in Lamesa. From 1964 to 1980, he lived at Johnson, Kan., where he farmed, served on the Com munity Development Boa and was a member of the Ro tary Club.

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