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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Man selling his mummy

A carpenter's apprentice who tried to sell the rights to his mummified body on an Internet auction site says he wanted to raise money for his unborn child's future.

James Olheiser of Salem, Ore., posted the offer on eBay on Thursday, only to have company officials pull the item within 15 hours. The San Jose-based company said it violated guidelines that prohibit the listing of human bodies or body parts on the site.

Olheiser, 24, offered the rights to display his mummified corpse for \$250,000, which would include the cost of mummification. Under his proposal, the mummified remains would become part of a public or private collection.

The contract would be void if Olheiser met with an untimely death — particularly because a doctor recently told him he was in perfect health, he said.

"I figured it would be some weird millionaire who would pay \$250,000," said Olheiser, whose wife Danielle is expecting a daughter in May.

The couple hoped to use the money to pay bills and fund their daughter's college education.

"I think it'd be amazing," said Danielle Olheiser, 19. "We could put little Penny Lane through college and never have to worry about that kind of thing again."



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Jan. 14 — The first official Texas historical marker honors Camp Ford in Smith County (1962).

Jan. 15 — The Congress of the Republic of Texas charters the Houston and Austin Turnpike Co. to lay out a road between the two cities (1841).

Jan. 17 — A colonization contract is awarded to Moses Austin — the first Anglo-American colonization contract to be implemented in Texas (1821).

LOCAL WEATHER

Mild weather is expected to continue through the end of the week, according to the National Weather Service's Friday forecast. After a high near 60 on Sunday, expect low 50s Monday and Tuesday and upper 40s Wednesday and Thursday. Morning lows should be in the mid-20s Sunday and Monday, near 50 Tuesday and low to mid-20s Wednesday and Thursday.

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Mules coming together in time for district

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules' current record may only be 5-14, but they appear to be poised to make a district run that could be long remembered by fans. The team is a close-knit group hitting its stride at the time of season most coaches dream about.

Reviewing the Mules' district opponents, coach Ralph Mason described a tough and evenly matched set of teams. Dimmitt is the team to beat, he said, but after that it comes down to which team wants the playoffs the worst.

"Littlefield has a new coach this year, and they are adjusting to Coach Kimball and his style," Mason said. "The change is not that drastic, as they still try to pressure the ball and play with a lot of intensity."

"Coaching changes always present problems, and the Wildcats have had some ups and downs as they adjust. To give you some idea of their problems, they defeated Springlake-Earth by 40 points and then lost to them in a tournament the next week."

"Tyler Kirby is their leader and a return letterman from last year, and McKinnon plays inside and has been scoring for them."

"Dimmitt just seems to reload every year, and this year is no different. They lost their district MVP player from last year to a knee injury, and it does not look like he will be back for the regular season. But that doesn't seem to have slowed them down."

Cotton, forage events planned for Coliseum

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Two agricultural conferences are scheduled for the Bailey County Coliseum this month.

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference is being planned for Jan. 24, mainly for farmers in Bailey and Lamb counties, and a hay and silage seminar is scheduled for Jan. 21.

The hay and silage event will be the area's growing market for these feedstuffs and the changing market dynamics that result from expansion of the dairy industry.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., presentations begin at 9 a.m., and the meeting should conclude by 3:30 p.m. A sponsored lunch will be included.

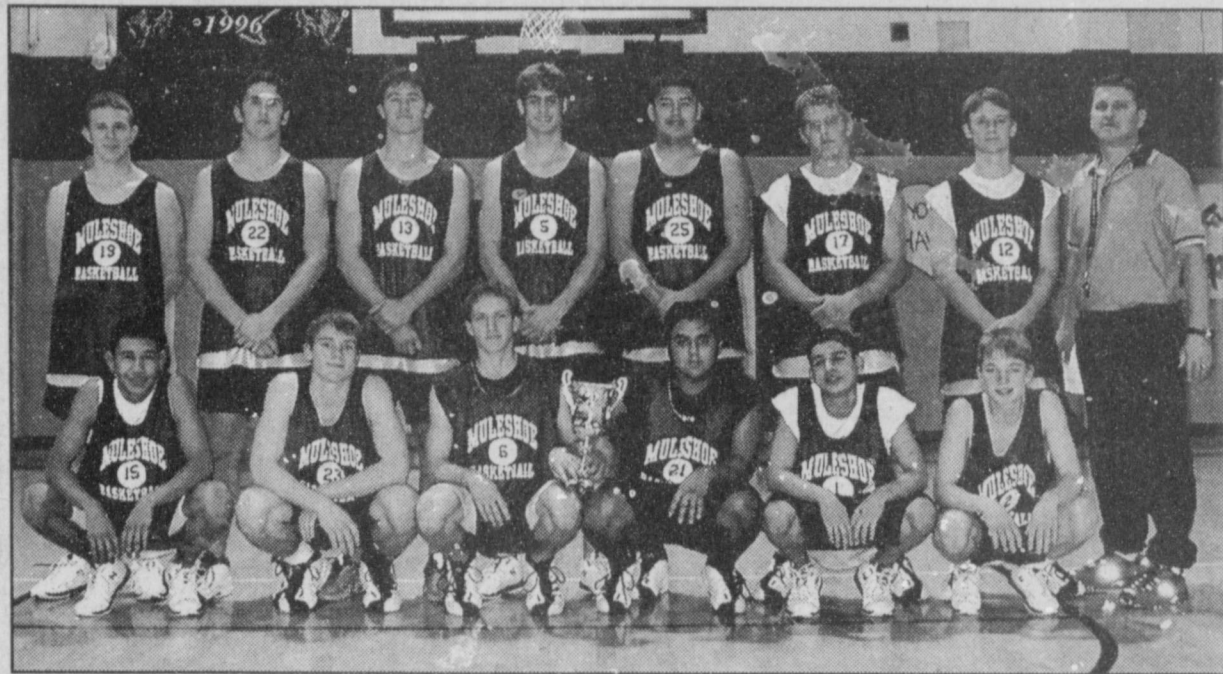
Continuing education units will be available — five for certified crop advisers and two for pesticide applicators.

Sandy Stokes, Extension dairy specialist from Stephenville, will begin with an overview of dairy production. She will address the types, quantities and quality of forages required by dairies.

Other presenters will focus on corn silage production. Extension specialists, agronomist Brent Bean and beef-cattle specialist Ted McCollum, both of Amarillo, will discuss sorghum silage and hay production.

Also, Keith Bolsen, beef cattle nutrition professor from Kansas State University, will address silage and hay production from small grains crops. Bolsen will review current information on harvesting, processing

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Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

Showing off their tournament trophy are (back row, from left) Tatom Heathington, Chance Turney, Lincoln Riley, Brennan Broyles, D.J. Domínguez, Stephan Shelburne, James Hancock and coach Ralph Mason; (front row, from left) Daniel Campolla, Landon Sheets, Kyle Atwood, Luis Sánchez, Valentín Colunga and Layne Sheets.

"They handle the ball well and do not beat themselves. You like to catch them on a night they are not shooting well . . . Austin Sherman is their best player and leading scorer."

"They play well together as a team, and when you go to Dimmitt to play, it's always a tough night."

"Shallowater is another tough team to figure out. They defeated Nazareth early in the year and then lost some games by a big margin. They have more depth than normal, and they may be having a little trouble deciding what combination to put on the floor."

"They have a few kids back in Crosswaite, Kitchens and Morris, and the ones that moved up from JV have been doing a good job for them. They will be in the running this year."

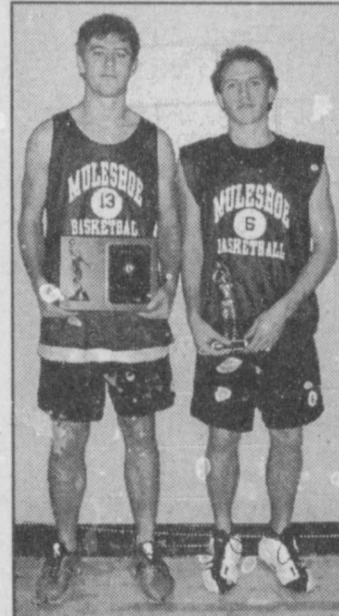
"Lubbock Roosevelt also has a new coach this year, but he coached their JV a couple of years ago so it is not as drastic a change for them. They like to play man defense and will get after you."

"They have been winning a lot of ball games, but their schedule may not have been as tough as some and you never know how that will affect kids. If they win a couple of district games early, they could be very difficult to beat."

"They always have good athletes and even though they have always been viewed as the district doormat, they could beat any team any night."

"Lubbock Cooper has a lot of kids that only play basketball and are in the gym every day."

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Lincoln Riley (left) and Kyle Atwood display their all-tournament trophies from Plainview (Riley) and Lubbock's Caprock Tournament (Atwood). This was only the second Mule to make the team at Caprock.

Safety lesson

One-year-old Gabriel Vara of Bovina sits patiently while Marlene Albers checks out his child-restraint seat during a clinic Thursday at United Supermarket in Muleshoe. Albers and others from the Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Cooperative Extension checked seats for safety and proper installation, plus proper use. Gabriel is the son of Jessica and Fred Vara.



Man gets suspended sentence in wife-shooting

David Pesqueda Sánchez of Levelland has been sentenced to five years in prison for shooting his wife in the legs with a shotgun at a Muleshoe motel Sept. 1.

The jury suspended the sentence. The defendant also was ordered to pay \$1,200 in restitution to the victim and a

\$2,500 fine plus court costs (a total of \$3,993).

Court records indicate that a total of \$136,793.25 in restitution was sought, including \$89,071.40 to Covenant Health System for medical bills incurred by his wife, Leslie LeAnn Sánchez.

Woman indicted in assault on officer

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A Bailey County grand jury indicted a Muleshoe woman Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault of a police officer.

Evelon Grace, 42, is accused of striking Officer Rodney Stevens on the chest while he was attempting to arrest her Nov. 17.

Grace also was indicted in connection with a related incident on the same date. She is accused of abandoning a child under the age of 15 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Other indictments handed down were: • Francisco Gallegos Olvera, DWI (third) on Dec. 10 in the 2000 block of West American Boulevard;

• Richard Bósquez Posada, DWI (third) Nov. 24 at the Crossroads;

• Pamela Martínez, theft of cash (more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000);

• Maria De La Luz Jasso, selling alcohol in a dry area (second); and

• John Boy Carrión, burglary of a habitation (taking 20 CDs).

Also ordered to appear in court Wednesday or notify the court he has retained a lawyer was Lavoe Sparks of Spearman, who was indicted Oct. 31.

Sparks is accused of theft by check (more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000) in connection with the issuance of an insufficient-funds check to Clayton Myers.

AROUND MULESHOE

Speaker coming to Oklahoma Lane

An evening of gospel music with the Rev. Ken Robinson is scheduled at Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church starting at 6 p.m. Jan. 20.

Robinson was a minister of music and education in Texas and New Mexico Baptist churches for 32 years, including the First Baptist Church of Clovis from 1958 to 1964.

He has been director of missions for the 35-church Pecos Valley Baptist Association for 12 years.

He and his wife, Addie, live in Artesia, N.M.

First Methodist to feature speaker

The Rev. Liz Sisko will speak at 11 a.m. Jan. 20 at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, in honor of United Methodist Women Sunday.

Sisko is the minister of Christ Methodist Church in Levelland and the wife of popular Lubbock physician Dr. Ted Sisco. She is reported to be a dynamic speaker.

School news

Parents and others interested in activities in the Muleshoe Independent School District can learn about changes in the current week's activities by calling 272-7669. The information line is also updated for changes in the school schedule due to bad weather.

Public calendar

Jan. 13 — 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m. and 6 p.m. Lubbock Christian University President L. Ken Jones speaks on "Personal Leadership" at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Jan. 14 — 10 a.m. Bailey County Commissioners' Court, in the commission room at the courthouse.

Also on Jan. 14 — Noon, Muleshoe School Board meets in the board room of the administration office, 514 W. Avenue G.

Jan. 15 — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in council chambers at city hall.

Also on Jan. 15 — Mammograms at South Plains Health Providers, Muleshoe. Appointments required; (800) 377-4673.

Jan. 16 — Mammograms at Parmer County Hospital, Friona. Appointments required; (800) 377-4673.

Feb. 2 — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting at Three Way and Sudan schools on district consolidation.

Feb. 4 — Mammograms at Muleshoe Area Medical Center if enough people sign up. Appointments required; (800) 377-4673.

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They have Darby Brown, Landon Tanner and Sehahn returning from last year. They have had some injury problems this year, and that has hurt them.

"They played Trinity Christian pretty well the other night, so I am not sure how much these injuries are really affecting them."

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"When you look at the district as a whole, Dimmitt

is the favorite with the experience and tradition to carry them through the tough times. The other four teams are pretty much a toss-up, and it comes down to who is playing well at the right time.

"Injuries will play a big factor in which team wins and which loses. We have only had five games where we have had all our players on the floor at the same

Mules capture tournament honors

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Lubbock's Caprock Tournament during the holidays was eventful for the Mules: Kyle Atwood became only the second Mule ever chosen to the all-tournament team and the Mules were presented the Sportsmanship Trophy for the tournament.

Lubbock Monterey defeated the Mules 75-45 in the opening round, but the Mules bounced back in the consolation bracket and pounded the Happy Cowboys 75-25.

Lincoln Riley led the Mules against Happy with 30 points and Landon

Sheets made 21 to send the Mules to the second round of the consolation bracket.

Riley found himself in foul trouble in the next game, against Kermit, but four other Mules scored in double digits: D.J. Domínguez with 19, Sheets with 16, Stephan Shelburne with 15 and Brennan Broyles with 10.

The Mules defeated Kermit 79-57 to earn the right to play Abernathy in the consolation finals. Abernathy, a highly ranked 2A team, defeated the Mules 58-44.

Riley again led the Mules with 16 and Domínguez had 13.

The Mules returned to their own gym Jan. 8 and handily defeated the Seagraves Eagles 74-28.

The Eagles were not the strongest team the Mules had faced this year, but the Mules displayed intensity that had not been seen in past home games.

Muleshoe jumped on the Eagles like a duck on a junebug in the first period, leading 24-3 after eight minutes. They didn't back off in the second quarter, either, and led 41-13 at the half.

The Eagles demonstrated in the third period that they were not giving up, staying close to the Mules and scor-

ing five points before the Mules could answer. That answer was loud and clear as Sheets dropped in his second three-pointer of the night.

Muleshoe again turned up the defensive pressure in the final frame and were determined all Mules would score and outran the Eagles 18-3 in the final period. Sheets led the offense with 18 points (three threes), Riley 16, Shelburne nine (three threes), Broyles eight (a three), and Domínguez six.

James Hancock added five points and Chance Turney, Luis Sánchez and Kyle Atwood had four each.

Moisture survey to begin

Collection of data for the High Plains pre-plant moisture survey begins Jan. 14.

"We have conducted this survey in November and December in the past," said Jim Conkwright manager of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. "However, more efficient data processing and other streamlining will allow us to take the readings later so the information is more current."

Personnel from the district and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service will collect the information at about 200 permanent monitoring sites.

District personnel are al-

ready making the annual depth-to-water measurements to determine the effect of last year's pumping on groundwater levels.

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and storing silage and hay.

Texas' Extension agricultural economist, Steve Amosson of Amarillo, will close the program with the economics of silage and hay production.

Registration for the cotton conference is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., with the program beginning half an hour later.

The agenda includes:

- 8:30 a.m. — Randy Boman, "Overview of 2001 Extension Cotton Projects";
- 9 a.m. — Jim Leser, "Making the Most Out of Your Pest Management Dollars";
- 9:30 a.m. — Monti Vandiver, "Bailey/Parmer County IPM Program Update";
- 10 a.m. — break;
- 10:30 a.m. — James Esty, "TDA Laws and Regulations";
- 11 a.m. — Randy Boman, "Managing Irrigation and Fertility for High Yield Cotton";
- 11:30 a.m. — Charles

Allen, "Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program Update";

- Noon — lunch;
- 1 p.m. — Peter Dotray, "Problem Weed Management in Cotton";
- 1:30 p.m. — Jackie Smith, "Cotton Market Outlook and Farm Bill Update";
- 2 p.m. — James Esty,

"Pesticide Drift Management";

- 2:30 p.m. — break;
 - 3 p.m. — Terry Wheeler, "Bacterial Blight Problem in 2001"; and
 - 3:30 p.m. — Eric McElroy, "Drip Irrigation."
- More information on either event is available from Curtis Preston at 272-4583.

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Washing thoroughly can prevent colds hands-down

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
HOUSTON—A simple 15-second procedure just might prevent a cold this season—washing the hands.

"Many people come down with colds in the winter, not because of cold temperatures, but because people live and work in close quarters," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen, a professor in the department of molecular virology and microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The more crowded a room is, the greater the chances are for

spreading germs."

Viruses that cause colds can be spread through direct contact, most commonly when people touch their noses or mouths and then touch someone or something else, such as contaminated toys or food.

When washing your hands, use soap and warm water and wash all areas thoroughly including wrists, palms, back of hands, fingers and underneath fingernails. Rub hands together vigorously for 10 to 15 seconds and dry with a clean, disposable towel.

According to Glezen, remembering to wash the hands correctly not only promotes good health and good personal hygiene, but also reduces the number of circulating colds.

"On average, young children contract five to seven colds per year," said Glezen, also head of the preventative medicine section in the department of pediatrics at Baylor. "Children learn by example; therefore it is important for parents to model behavior that promotes good health."

Glezen offers the fol-

lowing tips for avoiding colds:

- Avoid hand contact with the mouth, nose and eyes;
- Avoid sharing cups, glasses, silverware and towels with others;
- Use a hand sanitizer as an alternative when soap and water are not available. This kills 99 percent of germs and other bacteria;
- Instead of handkerchiefs, use disposable tissues. Handkerchiefs are breeding grounds for germs;
- Don't forget to wipe

down faucets, doorknobs and light switches. Germs can easily be transmitted through any household due to daily contact; and

- Make sure that there is good ventilation throughout the home or workplace. If necessary, go outside for

some fresh air.

"If we wash our hands well, we can help reduce the number of disease-causing germs on our hands," Glezen said. "It's simple, takes very little time, and will help us all stay well."

OBITUARIES

BOBBY PAUL SEID

Private services have been held for former Muleshoe resident Bobby Paul Seid of Claremont, Va.

J.T. Morriss and Sons Funeral Home of Hopewell, Va., handled arrangements.

Mr. Seid graduated from Muleshoe, where he was active in sports, and attended the University of Texas on a full scholarship. He majored in child psychology.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. After military service, he worked at the Corsicana (Texas) Home for Children and Boy's City of Corpus Christi.

He moved to Surry County, Va., in 1961, where he worked for Allied Chemical Corp.'s Pilot Plant. He later founded Seid Wood Products, providing cut timber to Union-Camp Corp., Continental Can Corp., Weyerhaeuser Corp. and many local lumber yards.

In 1970, he developed diabetes that progressed very rapidly. In 1988, he had four-way heart bypass surgery that resulted in a stroke in 1989, leaving him partially paralyzed from the waist down.

In December 2000, he entered McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond, Va., where he stayed until April 20, 2001. From there, he entered a nursing home in Richmond; he died at Doctors Hospital in Richmond.

Mr. Seid is survived by his wife, Evelyn V.; three children, Jonathan Paul and Sharmee Gould Seid of Williamsburg, Va., Phillip Wayne Seid and Sherry Bennett Livesay of Hopewell, and Carolyn Seid Hundley and Jerry Dale Hundley, also of Hopewell; a brother and sister-in-law, John Lewis and Jennifer Seid of Lewisville, Texas; and five grandchildren, Jonathan Paul Seid,

Simon Jon Seid and Sean Jefferson Seid, all of Williamsburg, and Ashley Elisabeth Hundley and Franklin Paul Seid, both of Hopewell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John H. and Dovie Elisabeth Seid of Muleshoe, and two sisters, Nettie Riddle and Juanita Simmons.

RUTH WIMBERLEY

Graveside services were held Jan. 10 at Longmont Mountain View Cemetery in Longmont, Colo., for Ruth Laverne Wimberley, 79, of Sterling, Colo. The Rev. Lewis R. Wimberley officiated.

Chaney-Walters Funeral Home of Sterling handled arrangements.

Mrs. Wimberley was born June 26, 1922, in Bangs, Texas. She died Monday in Sterling.

She moved to Muleshoe with her family soon after her birth and went to school here. She married John Wimberley on Dec. 18, 1937, in Portales. They lived in Muleshoe until 1956, when they moved to Fort Worth.

They moved to Las Vegas, N.M., in 1958 and to Forgan, Okla., in 1960.

In 1965, she moved to Estes Park, Colo., and then in 1997 to Columbia, Mo. She moved to Sterling in 2000.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Memorial Baptist Church of Columbia.

Mrs. Wimberley is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Lewis R. and Estelle Wimberley of Columbia; two daughters and sons-in-law, Juanell and Bob Morrow of Sterling and Louise and Denny Mulanax of Forgan; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter; a brother; three sisters; and

two grandchildren.

LORETTA REID

Service were held Friday in the Sudan High School Auditorium for Loretta Reid, 59, of Sudan. Terry Wilson, Rex Boyles and Jeff Proctor officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements.

Mrs. Reid was born Sept. 17, 1942, in Littlefield. She died Tuesday at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

She married Darwin Reid on July 15, 1962, in Sudan. He died Nov. 7, 1979.

She graduated from Sudan High School in 1961 and attended Lubbock Christian University. She was a 1966 graduate of Eastern New Mexico University and earned a master's degree in elementary education in 1982 from Southwestern Oklahoma State College in Weatherford.

She taught first grade in Sudan for 33 years and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority and the Sudan Church of Christ.

Mrs. Reid is survived by two daughters, Suzanne Reid of Littlefield and Jill Reid of Holbrook, N.Y., and her mother, Lula Burnett of Sudan.

The family suggest memorials to the Loretta Reid Scholarship Fund, c/o The

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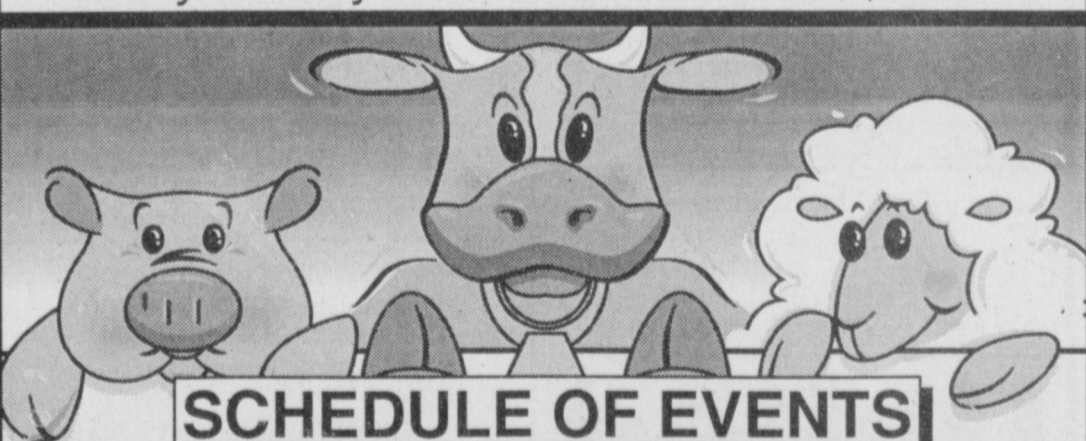
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The Ken Angeley family
wishes to express our gratitude for all of the help and prayers that were given to us during Ken's stay in the hospital. Without the love and help of family and friends, we could not have made it through the 2 1/2 months of hospitalization. Our love and prayers go to all. Thank you.

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Eighth-grade boys tank Lubbock Roosevelt again

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

About the time the Lubbock Roosevelt eighth-grade Eagles' feathers were beginning to grow back, they visited Muleshoe for the second round of district and got plucked again — 40-29.

In the first game, the Mules had dropped the Eagles by an almost identical 43-30.

The Eagles grabbed an early lead by scoring the final six points of the first

period to take a 10-7 advantage over the Mules.

Trevor Turnbow found Kevin Kilmer open in the lane to cut the Eagle lead to a single point as the second quarter began. The Mules clamped on a full-court press and the Eagles turned the ball over to the Mules at midcourt.

Turnbow spotted up on the three-point arc and gave the Mules a 12-10 lead they would never lose. Kilmer scored in the paint and Brady Black

drove the lane for two. Eagles were hanging on his arm as he shot, and he made the free throw to complete a three-point play.

Turnbow buried his second three before half-time, and Tyler Sheets completed the first half scoring with a free throw to put the Mules on top 21-12.

Jarad Flores found Sheets open on the baseline for a bucket, and Myles James shook his

defender off the dribble and drove the lane to keep the Mules on top 28-20 after three periods.

The Mules kept the pressure on the Eagles in the final period and put in 10 points to only seven for Roosevelt. Sheets led the Mule scoring with 12 points, Black had 10 and Turnbow made six.

Kilmer scored four points, James and Flores had three each and Justin Villegas added two points for Muleshoe.

The Mules were scheduled to be in the Levelland Tournament on Jan. 10-12 and return to district

action Jan. 14 when the Lubbock Cooper Pirates sail into the Muleshoe competition gym.

Seventh-grade Mules explode, 44-15

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The seventh-grade Mules seem to have the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles' number: 44. The Mules grounded the Eagles 44-16 in their first meeting of the season and 44-15 the second time around Monday night.

Timothy Conner finished the first quarter with a flourish as he picked off an Eagle pass and drove for a layup with 30 seconds on the clock. Roosevelt threw the ball out of bounds under its own goal with a little more than a second left in the period.

The Eagles fell back on defense and the Mules rolled the ball inbound to conserve the clock. With no pressure from Roosevelt, Conners picked up the ball as it crossed midcourt and launched a shot. With the buzzer sounding, the ball found nothing but net as

it swished through for three points to give the Mules a 14-2 lead.

Eric Washington opened the second period by sinking two free throws for the Mules and put back a rebound in the first minute of play of the second quarter.

Cade Smith, Tony Guzmán and Martín Rodríguez completed a 10-point Mule run before the Eagles scored 16 seconds before intermission.

The Mules had stretched their lead to 26-4 by halftime.

Dustin Barker scored on back-to-back inbound plays by the Mules as the third quarter began. D.J. Robertson beat his defender off the dribble and scored with a layup midway through the period. The Eagles cut five points off the Mule lead before the period ended to trail the Mules 36-9.

Conner led the Mules in the first game with Roosevelt with 13 points followed by Robertson and Guzmán with eight points apiece.

Guzmán set the pace for the Mules with 14, followed by Conner with 10 points. Barker had six, Robertson, Washington

and Rodríguez four each and Smith two.

The Mules were scheduled to participate in the Levelland Tournament on Jan. 10-12 and then meet the Lubbock Cooper Pirates on Jan. 14 when they sail into town for the teams' second meeting.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load.

Jan. 4 — Miguel R. Acevedo, Randy D. Anderson, Joseph J. Arrickiello, Keisha Ashley, Pearl M. Brown, Olga Chávez, Damacio Gonzales, Ora L. Johnson, Enequina Lara, Melba G. McCamish, Dennis Ringler, Virginia Sheets and Riehl Williams.

Jan. 5 — None reported.

Jan. 6 — None reported.

Jan. 7 — Miguel R. Acevedo, Pearl M. Brown, Olga Chávez, Terry G. Green, Ora L. Johnson,

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Jan. 8 — Miguel R. Acevedo, Pearl M. Brown, Juan DeLaRosa, Margaret E. Epting, Ora L. Johnson, Barbara Marlow, Melba G. McCamish, Scottie Miller, Elmo A. Owen and Nettie Quesenberry.

TODAY'S RECIPE

APPLESAUCE PUMPKIN BREAD
2/3 cup margarine, softened
2 2/3 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 cup applesauce
1 cup pumpkin
3 1/3 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. baking powder
3/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground mace
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
2/3 cup apple juice

Using an electric mixer, beat the margarine until fluffy; mix in sugar and eggs.

Add applesauce and pumpkin, beating at medium speed for 30 seconds.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and spices.

Alternate adding dry ingredients and apple juice to the original mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients.

Spread batter in two greased and floured 9x5x3-inch loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for an hour or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Cool in the pans on a wire rack for 10 minutes; remove from pans and cool completely.

Makes two loaves.

Some Thoughts Upon Reaching Milestone 45

Two days ago I reached, and quickly passed, what I suppose is one of life's milestones. It really wasn't much of a bump in the road, but if the bump was a mile marker, well, it seems a bit artificial. I felt exactly the same the moment after I reached it as I did the moment before. On Friday, I turned 45.

At one point in my life (was I maybe 15?), I reckoned that the perfect age must be 30 or so. I remember thinking that 30 would be old enough to

two years past 2000, and, yes, I'm sure I'm in decline. That's easier to deal with when you realize that I began declining even before I began declining (Latin nouns, that is) in Mr. Craddock's 8th grade Latin class in Amarillo's Sam Houston Junior High. You see, if I understand the physiology involved, we all begin declining in some ways pretty much from the moment of birth. So I can deal with that.

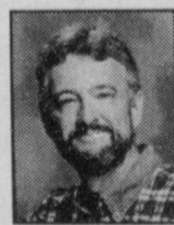
No, 30 wasn't the perfect age. 39 wasn't, either. Nor was 18 or 22 or 32. I don't think 45 is, either, though I haven't been 45 long enough to know yet for sure. But 45 seems okay so far.

So far, you see, I've enjoyed some fine blessings at every age. They've all been, in their own ways, the best, and I'm genuinely thankful for that. At the same time, I mean no disrespect to any of the ages in my rear view mirror to tell you truly that I have no desire at all to go back to any of them.

Yes, I've done the math. Even being pretty generous, 45 is probably for most of us genuinely middle-aged. If I make 90, well, January 11, 2002 will have already seen me past my life's midsummer. Of course, if I make 135, I'm only a third of the way through! A mere pup!

Faith makes a really practical difference here. I may not know what will happen tomorrow in the story of my life, but I know the end of the story. And if I read God's Book right, once Christians have finished their chapters here, the very best part of the story remains—and it will never end. If I was (perish the thought!) 18 again, I'd be that much farther away from the story I can hardly wait to read!

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

have life pretty much figured out and young enough to have at least a few good years left. I also knew that theoretically I'd probably live to see the world's odometer slide past 2000. I'd be over 40 and probably starting to decline, but 2000 seemed a long way off.

I know more now. Yes, 30 was a perfectly fine age. But, no, (are you surprised?) I didn't even nearly have life figured out at that age. Maybe, by the time I was 30, I was beginning to realize that the older I get, the more aware I am of many, many more life questions than I'd ever imagined. But maybe I was also beginning to realize that life's questions that truly matter can probably be numbered on one hand, and that knowing the answer to those puts all the others into their proper places of relative unimportance.

And now I'm 45, and we're

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Freshman girls take third at Dimmitt tourney

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The freshman Lady Mules have had a good start to the new year, winning two of their three games. They claimed third place in a Jan. 5 tournament in Dimmitt.

Muleshoe dropped its tournament opener 47-20 to the Dimmitt

Bobbies but came roaring back to defeat the Amarillo River Road Lady Wildcats 52-44.

Sarah Domínguez led the Lady Mules with 16 points and Kayla Spradling followed with 12 in the River Road game.

Tamara Thompson had six points; Jennifer Kirby four; Kayla Ellis,

Mandy Brantley, and Amanda López made three points apiece. Brittany Thomason, Yuri Aguirre and April Morgan made two points each for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules traveled to Lubbock Roosevelt and defeated the Lady Eagles for the second time this season.

Muleshoe had downed the Lady Eagles 44-39 in the opening game of the season and defeated Roosevelt 39-36 to start the second round of district.

Spradling had 10 points to lead the Lady Mules and Domínguez and Thompson made eight points each. Brantley had six and

López, Thomason and Irene Torres had two points each and Morgan chipped in a point for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules participated in the Levelland Tournament on Jan. 10-12 and returns to district action Jan. 14 when they travel to Lubbock Cooper to meet the Lady Pirates.

Freshman Mules edge Lubbock Roosevelt 36-32

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The freshman Mules avenged an earlier loss by downing the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles 69-52 Monday night

Just before Christmas break, the Mules had led the Eagles by four points early in the final period of the first meeting only to lose 36-32.

This time, a determined and improved Mule team allowed the Eagles to lead only briefly during the second period and blasted

Roosevelt 21-9 in the final period.

Kory Atwood got the Mules off on the right foot by putting back a rebound for the Mules' first two points and then sank a 20-foot jump shot to give the Mules a 4-0 advantage.

Roosevelt soon knotted the game with a three-pointer, but Eric Newton put the Mules back on top.

The Eagles nailed a three to open the second period, but Trent Black answered from behind

the arc. Roosevelt continued to strike from 21 feet and held an 18-12 margin with 4:50 left in the first half.

Barry Morris broke the eight-point Eagle scoring run when he broke into the lane for a short shot, and Atwood made a pair of free throws to keep the Mules offense rolling.

Danny Bonilla exploded for six points to overtake and pass the Eagles 23-18.

The Mules led 27-24 at intermission and pad-

ded their lead with five points before Roosevelt dropped in a three. The Eagles had a five-point run to cut the Mule's lead to only a bucket.

Derik Purdy cranked the Mule offense with a short jump shot and Thomas Buenrostro dropped in a three from the corner as the Mules took a 48-43 advantage into the final period.

Atwood and Bonilla led the Mules scoring with seven and five points respectively in the final period. Brady

Broyles completed the nights scoring with a free throw. Bonilla led the Mules with 20 points and Atwood had 15

Black had 12, Buenrostro seven, Newton four, Purdy three and Morris, Broyles, Jeremy Copley and Coli Hunt had two points apiece.

The Mules were scheduled to participate in the Levelland Tournament on Jan. 10-12 and face the Lubbock Cooper Pirates in the Muleshoe competition gym Jan. 14.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was informed not long before Christmas — about two weeks — that a new city ordinance had been passed — words of the "dog catcher."

Each household is allowed only three animals — dogs or cats! Since when?

Well, sometime back in November a specific date has not been told to me! The dogcatcher or animal-control officer told me.

I then call the "city manager." Why wasn't these changes in the paper, I asked. The city manager's reply was they were. They were city ordinance number or whatever — but not one of these renewed or new ordinances was described! So how are we as Muleshoe citizens supposed to abide by these "changes" if we do not know what they mean?

The city council should have to put it in the Muleshoe newspaper and describe what each and every single change means.

I can't believe the city

council was so C-H-E-A-P!

This should have been a citywide vote — not a handful of rulers or dictators or animal haters.

Mr. Editor, is "city council" on the next meeting going to tell all of Muleshoe citizens what color to paint our homes and what TV programs to watch?

I had 17 dogs — but the dogcatcher put eight of them down — for what?

The dogcatcher told my husband that my dogs were fat and shiny. Yes, my dogs were very well taken care of. But what about all those dogs that are on chains no doghouse from the weather some of them not being fed? Are we just supposed to forget about them? This question goes to the city manager, city council and the dogcatcher? Because I do not think so!

Also to the dogcatcher this ordinance went into effect in November — then why do people up and down the street from me still have fighting roosters, calves, goats, sheep, pigs and also more than three

dogs. I know they are not out of the city limits, Ha I live in the last house on the street!

Also how come six days a week on my way to work in Richland Hills I pass by certain houses by the senior complex that have more than three dogs or cats?

On Dec. 27, the dogcatcher came through the alley and actually drove the dog truck through my back yard and out the front to see how many dogs I had left. I wonder why the dogcatcher couldn't just pull up out front like everybody else.

The dogcatcher also told me that he would get a search warrant and come in my house and take any dogs totalling more than three! Talk about authority! Plus fine me for each dog totalling more than three.

Now on the day that the dogcatcher drove through my yard, two of my neighbors had their dogs running loose on the street — one right in front of my house — the other on the same side we were on — but did animal control see

either dog? I guess not — because he sure was in a hurry to leave.

Now some people may say "it's just dogs." That's exactly right. But I believe that my dogs' lives were just as precious to them as yours, theirs or mine.

Since my dogs had to die a senseless and helpless and wrongful death — I hope my letter will help save other people's pets. It makes me sick to think we have such cold-hearted careless and very cruel people this close to home.

So animal owners in Muleshoe beware: The dogcatcher's very words to me were you get used to killing those animals.

I hope "city council" will be more careful of the choices they make, and will not be so cheap the next time they start changing, renewing or deciding. Put your decisions in the newspaper and pay, pay, pay. Stop being so cheap, cheap, cheap.

PAM MARTINEZ
Muleshoe

HONORS

WELCH

Stacy Welch of Earth is among the students named to the president's honor roll for the fall semester at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla.

In order to make the list, students must attending college full-time, attain a grade-point average of 3.75 and have no grade lower than B.

Welch, who plays on Bacone's varsity basketball team, is the daughter of Greg and Sheryl Welch and a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School.

MOYER
Jana Lynn Moyer of the Muleshoe area is among 196 winter graduates of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. Moyer earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.



Welch

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated in the success of the Angel Tree and Holiday Meal project. Thanks to everyone who bought gifts, cooked and delivered meals, compiled lists, donated items and helped organize such a wonderful event. Your generosity made it possible. May God bless you.

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A close friend asks you to lie for him or her and you don't feel comfortable doing it. Go with your instincts and stay on the straight track. That special someone has a surprise for you.

Cancer – June 22/July 22
While you want to see the best in people, don't be taken in by an acquaintance's act early in the week. This person is trying to pull the wool over your eyes. Scorpio plays a key role.

Leo – July 23/August 23
While it's going to be difficult, keep your opinions to yourself when a close friend tells you his or her plans early in the week, Leo. This person has his or her mind already made up.

Virgo – Aug 24/Sept 22
When it comes to making a financial decision this week, Virgo, don't be hasty. A lot is riding on your choice, so gather all of the important information first.

Libra – Sept 23/Oct 23
A relative introduces you to someone you have an instant attraction to. You're hoping he or she feels the same spark. You won't be disappointed, Libra, so don't worry.

Scorpio – Oct 24/Nov 22
You have an important decision to make on Thursday, Scorpio, and there's no putting it off any longer. If you need advice, turn to Cancer, this steady sign won't steer you wrong.

Sagittarius – Nov 23/Dec 21
While you would prefer to be alone this week, Sagittarius, you won't get your wish. Several people need your help with personal problems. Do what you can for them. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Capricorn – Dec 22/Jan 20
Have you been thinking about making a major investment, Capricorn? It's best to wait a little longer for that purchase. Expect an old flame to resurface in your life soon, making things tricky.

Aquarius – Jan 21/Feb 18
A relative tries to blame you for a mistake that he or she made, Aquarius. Don't let this person get away with it, but use tact — you don't want to start a family brawl.

Pisces – Feb 19/March 20
Your good mood will soon fade this week, Pisces, when a work projec. leaves you little time for a life. Remember that it's a temporary situation. Expect relief by the weekend.

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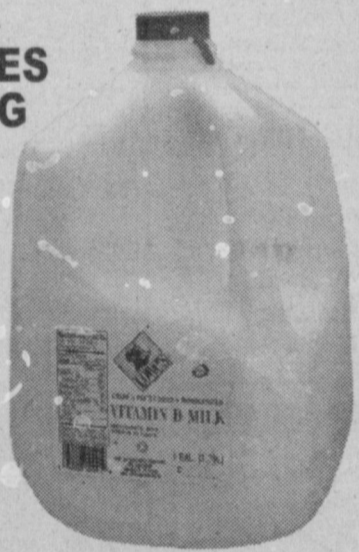
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