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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Chocolate with fries?

First it was green ketchup. Then purple. Now, just when you thought it was safe to go in the market, Heinz has another jaw-dropping surprise.

Chocolate fries with a hamburger?

In May, H.J. Heinz will ship a line of Ore-Ida frozen potato products called "Funky Fries," featuring five new shapes, colors and flavors.

The new products range from "Crunchy Rings" — Tater Tots with a hole in the middle — and french fries flavored with sour cream and chives, to cinnamon-and-sugar "Cinna-Stiks." Another variety is "Kool Blue," a french fry that's sky blue in color.

Then there are the brown, chocolatey "Cocoa Crispers," designed, says Heinz "for kids with a sweet tooth."

The company reached out to kids through market research, says John Carroll, managing director of North American potatoes and snacks for Heinz's frozen-food division. "We asked the kids what would make them want to eat more french fries," he said.

In 2000, Heinz came out with "Blastin' Green" catsup in a plastic squeeze bottle that lets kids color their food with precision, and the company couldn't keep it on market shelves. Purple ketchup followed.

Any doubts about Heinz's direction before purple and green ketchup are gone now, said Leonard Teitelbaum, an analyst with Merrill Lynch.

"If you know your target market and can make the product fun and interesting, your chances of success at least initially are pretty good," he says. "Heinz proved it once. They should be able to prove it again."



**Drawing date:** Wednesday, Feb. 13  
**Winning numbers:** 18-21-40-41-42-47  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$9 million  
**Winners:** 0  
**Next drawing:** Saturday, Feb. 16  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$13 million

### On this date in history

**Feb. 15** — Texas adopts its present state constitution (1876).

Also on Feb. 15 — About 40 cattlemen meet under an oak at Graham, Texas, to organize the Northwest Texas Cattle Raisers' Association (1877) with the aim of stopping cattle rustling. The group is now known as the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association.

### LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, the National Weather Service was forecasting a nice Sunday, mostly cloudy but with a high temperature of about 67 after a morning low of 30. Partly cloudy skies with highs reaching the upper 50s are expected through Thursday, with morning lows dropping to 28 Monday and 23 Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a moderate chance of sunburning.

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## Lady Mules slay Slaton to face Perryton

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

LUBBOCK — The Lady Mules performed an almost impossible task Friday night, defeating a team three times in a single season.

They handed Slaton's retiring coach Chris Kennedy and the Tigerettes a 44-31 defeat in front of a large crowd in the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

The girls now face top-ranked Perryton on Tuesday in the new West Texas A&M Fieldhouse, with the time still to be determined.

"It was a good win tonight — I was really worried about that third-time thing," Mule coach Shanna Simms said. "You never know what a team will try to beat you with the third time around. We knew they would try to come up with something to break our press, but they didn't get that done tonight."

"Our press and defense were the keys for us tonight

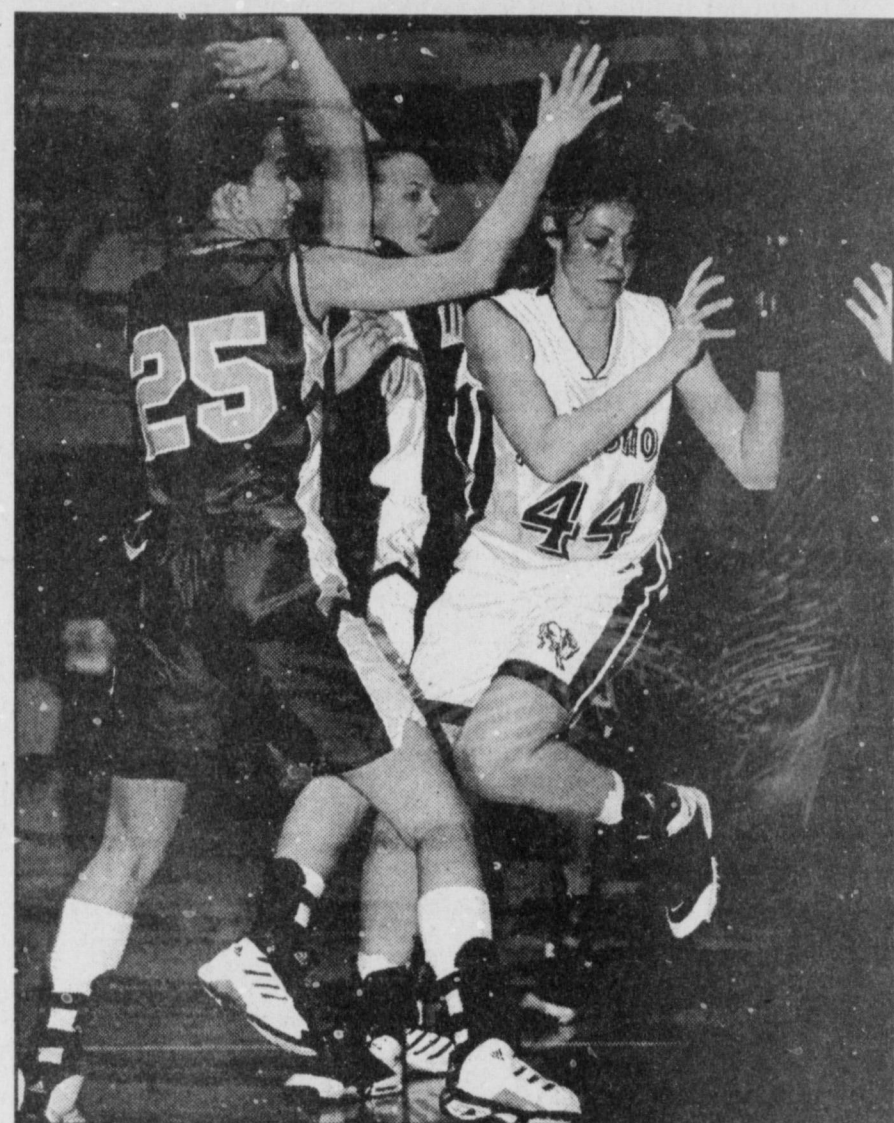
and we were almost too patient on offense but that was OK," Simms said. "We really slowed the game down, but we dictated the pace and that is what we need to do from here on. We still have not played our best ball game."

Muleshoe pressed from the opening tip until the game was out of reach in the final minute. The Tigerettes did not have the depth to withstand the defensive pressure the Lady Mules applied throughout the game.

Opening the scoring, Mindy Locker wanted the ball as she posted up, and Annie Cox fed it to her. She turned into the lane for the Lady Mules' first bucket and the lead they would hold for the rest of the night.

"They could not score on our one-three-one zone," said Locker, a 6-foot junior post. "We moved and talked

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Muleshoe's Shani Rasco gives as good as she gets in the Lady Mules' bi-district game against Dalhart. See story on page 7.

## Cooper Pirates keelhaul Mules' storybook dreams

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

SHALLOWATER — The Mules' storybook ending to this year's hoops season turned into a Grimm fairy tale as the Lubbock Cooper Pirates hung on 56-54 in Friday night's pre-playoff game. The win means Cooper is District 2-3A's third team in the playoffs.

Muleshoe led from the opening tip until late in the third period.

The Mules put on a scoring run in the final three minutes but couldn't offset the eight-point lead the Pirates' held after a 9-2 run midway through the final frame.

The Mules trimmed five points from the Pirate margin when Stephan Shelburne was hammered on a put-back attempt and dropped in both charity tosses. After a defensive stop, Kyle Atwood penetrated the lane and kicked the ball out to Shelburne in the corner

for a trey to draw the Mules to 50-47.

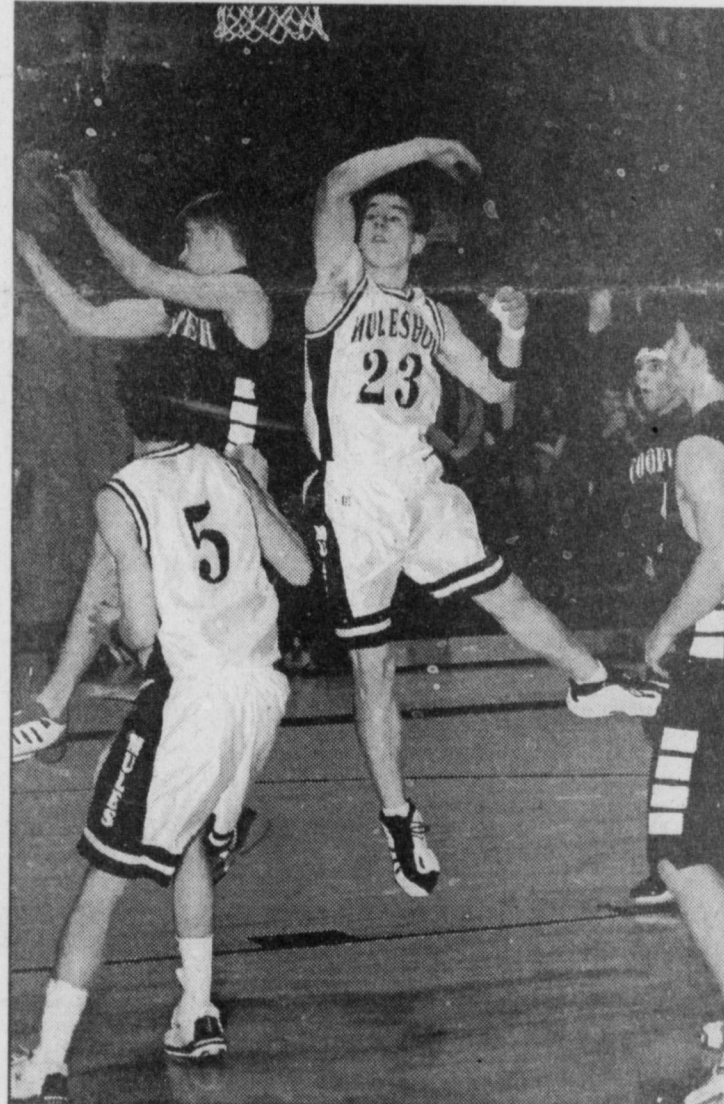
The Pirates again extended their advantage to eight points before D.J. Domínguez nailed a three-pointer with only a minute left in the game. Cooper only made one of two foul shots with 45 seconds remaining, and Lincoln Riley grabbed the rebound.

He found Atwood with the outlet pass, and he drove coast-to-coast for a layup with 32 seconds remaining. Cooper point guard Darby Brown was called for a double dribble to give the Mules the ball.

Landon Sheets made an 18-foot

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Journal photo: Mike Hahn  
At right, Landon Sheets (No. 12) and Brennan Broyles (No. 5) stay where the action is during the Mules' Feb. 12 victory over Cooper. See story on page 8.



## Friends of Library to give away airline tickets

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a unique fund-raiser in March, and the person who raises the most money will win two round-trip tickets to anywhere Southwest Airlines flies.

The high school and adult "read-athon" is intended "to obtain broad-scale involvement from community members in the life of the library and also to increase interest

in joining to local Friends of the Library," according to a press release.

The event will be organized along the lines of walk-athon fund-raisers: Participants need to sign up at the library and pick up a pledge sheet. Rules are on this sheet.

Then the participant asks friends, neighbors and relatives to make a pledge by the page, by the book or simply a flat donation.

"In the case of in-laws, probably a flat

donation will be less painful," the press release suggests.

Funds raised will continue the renovation under way at the library.

In addition to the airline tickets, prizes include a DVD player for the most pages read by an adult and a CD player for the most pages read by a high school student.

More information is available by calling 272-4707.

## Combest ready on farm bill

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Larry Combest said Wednesday's passage of a Senate farm bill should signal immediate work to begin on reconciling House and Senate versions with sights on the 2002 crop year.

"Producers across the West Texas region are justifiably anxious for a new farm bill, and the House Agriculture Committee will begin immediate work to have a final House-Senate bill for the 2002 crop year," Combest said.

"Work in preparation has been well under way in order to promptly move House and Senate toward a well-balanced, good farm bill," he added.

Combest has directed that working meetings begin without waiting for the formal announcement of members to the House-Senate Conference.

The Senate must formally report the farm bill to the U.S. House of Representatives before members of the two bodies can be named to the Conference Committee for HR 2646, "The Farm Security Act."



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Valentine royalty

Cecil Davis and Fannie Mae Black are honored as Mr. and Mrs. Valentine during Friday's valentine party at Park View.

# AROUND MULESHOE

## City manager clears police

City Manager David Brunson released a statement Friday finding no fault with the police department's treatment of Chad Parker of Muleshoe.

Parker's father, Larry Parker, had asked for an outside investigation of the police department's actions, but the city charter gives that power to the city manager.

"After reviewing information provided by Mr. Parker, information obtained from Municipal Court, interviews with the Muleshoe Police Department officers, and a report from the Texas Rangers, I have concluded that the actions of the Muleshoe Police Department, in reference to the complaint of Mr. Parker, were carried out within the scope of the officers' duties and without prejudice," Brunson said in a printed statement.

Parker has said he is consulting a lawyer about the possibility of pursuing the matter in court.

## Pep homecoming slated for Feb. 23

The 42nd annual homecoming of the Pep Ex-Students Association is scheduled for Feb. 23 in the Pep High School cafeteria.

Registration is set to begin at 5 p.m. and the school will be open for touring at that time. Classes hosting reunions will be those ending in 2 and 7; classrooms will be available for reunions.

The banquet — a brisket dinner — is scheduled for 6 p.m. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under.

A business meeting will follow the dinner. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a 2002 high school graduate with at least one parent a Pep ex-student attending the homecoming.

Donations toward the scholarship can be mailed to Pep Ex-Students, c/o Nancy Demel, 3484 India Road, Levelland 79336.

More information is available by calling (806) 933-4696.

## Girl Scout cookie sale under way

The 65th annual Girl Scout cookie sale is under way until March 1, featuring two new cookies and six returning favorites.

New this year are All-Abouts and Olé Olé. All-Abouts shortbread cookies with fudge coating on the bottom, with the Olé Olé is a reduced-fat, bite-sized vanilla cookie with pecan chips, coconut and a covering of powdered sugar.

Returning cookies include the Thin Mint, Original Samoa (caramel and toasted coconut), Tagalong, (layered peanut butter and chocolate), Do-Si-Do (oatmeal peanut-butter cremes) and Trefoil (shortbread).

Orders may be placed by calling 272-6833 (evenings) or 272-5281 (evenings or leave a message).

## Wrestling club being organized

A Muleshoe Wrestling Club for students ages 5 to 15 is being organized, and adult volunteers and coaches are needed as well as children interested in wrestling.

The group will compete as members of Texas USA Wrestling, affiliated with USA Wrestling (the organization that governs amateur wrestling and trains Olympic competitors).

More information is available by calling Gary Sirkel at 965 2873 (evenings).

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really well in our defense — that was a big part of our win. On offense, we took it to them down low and if they collapsed on us, we kicked the ball back outside for a shot. Now we can get Perryton."

Locker set the pace early with six points in the paint during the first period. Muleshoe owned a 15-9 advantage after the first eight minutes.

In the second quarter, Jessica Carpenter and Sara Benham each sank layups that completed fast breaks and opened a 19-9 advantage for the Lady Mules.

Carpenter dropped in a three before intermission to give Muleshoe a 22-13 cushion.

Both teams demonstrated defensive tenacity and patience on offense in the third quarter, as only 10 points were tallied.

The Tigerettes trailed 28-17 as the final quarter began, with Cox delivering a three from the corner to put the game out of reach.

Benham added six of her

game-high 15 points, and the Lady Mules made seven-of-nine charity tosses in the final period to put the finishing touches on Slaton.

Carpenter added 10 points for the Lady Mules, Cox and Locker made seven each, Britni Gartin four and

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jump shot to close the gap to 56-54.

Cooper failed to convert the front end of a one-and-one, and Riley again hauled in the ball.

Cooper had five fouls to give, and grabbed Atwood to try to drain the final eight seconds from the clock.

Mule coach Ralph Mason called the Mules' final time out to plan the final play. Atwood took the inbound pass, drove the lane and dished to Riley on the block. Riley was drilled on the shot and went to the line to attempt to tie the game from the charity stripe.

Cooper called back-to-back time outs to put the

## 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

**Feb. 17** — 10:30 a.m. "Paul the Apostle" will be at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First. Information: Pastor Jack Stone, 272-3017.

Also on Feb. 17 — 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Benefit meal for Lariat's Life in Christ Academy, at the Farwell Community Center. Menu features brisket; cost is a free-will donation.

**Feb. 19** — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in council chambers at city hall.

Also on Feb. 19 — Mammograms at South Plains Health Care Providers, 208 W. Second St. in Muleshoe. Financial assistance is available. Exams are by appointment only: (800) 377-4673.

**Feb. 21** — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board, in the dining room at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

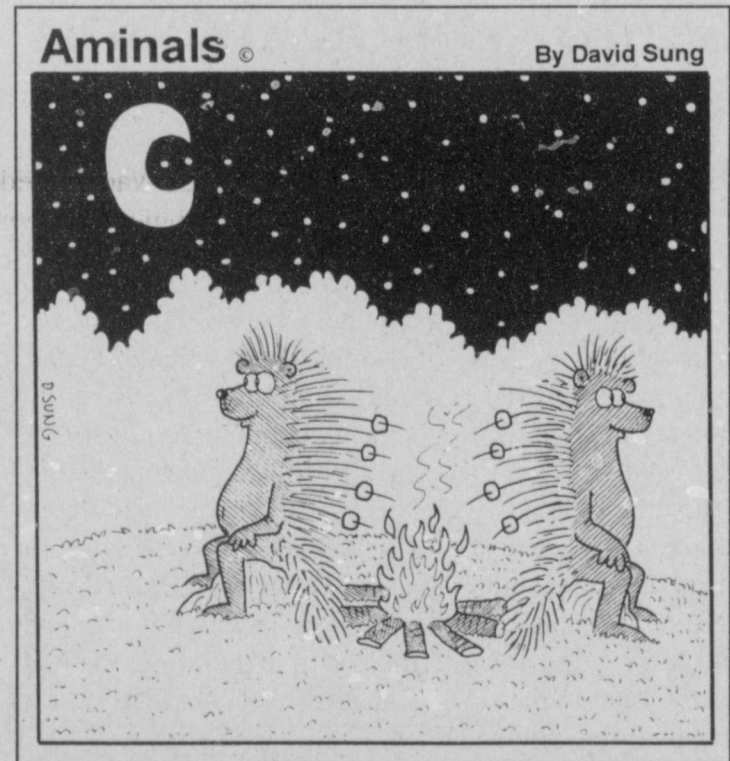
**Feb. 23** — 10 a.m. Five Area Telephone Cooperative annual meeting, including election of three directors, followed by lunch and the drawing for prizes.

**Feb. 26** — 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Practical parenting program in Spanish; presenter to be announced. In the high school cafeteria.

**Feb. 28** — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Industrial Foundation annual meeting in the Bailey County Coliseum. Several items will be discussed and voted on, and light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Wanda Hooten at 272-4251.

Also on Feb. 28 — Deadline for donating cell phones for use by Women's Protective Services. Instruments may be dropped off at the Muleshoe Journal office.

The deadline for items to appear in *Around Muleshoe* is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.



## Littlefield plans bluegrass event

The seventh annual XIT Heritage Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for April 19-21 in the Ag Pavilion at the fairgrounds in Littlefield.

Featured artists include High Standard, Star Canyon, Gore Brothers, Big Sandy, Dyson Family, Concho Grass, Texas Country, Kays Brothers, Ramlin Rascals and Duffin Family.

Guest bands are welcome.

There will be food concessions, and free RV hook-ups are available.

Admission for Sunday is free. Otherwise, the cost is \$10 for Friday, \$14 for Saturday and \$20 for a weekend pass. Children under 12 attend free.

The event is sponsored by Littlefield Arts and Heritage.

## OBITUARY

### FRANCES OLIVER

Services were held Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Lazbuddie for Frances Steinbock Oliver, 84, of Friona. The Rev. Jim Watson officiated. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona handled arrangements.

Mrs. Oliver was born Feb. 14, 1917 at Frederick, Okla. She died Tuesday at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

She moved to Lazbuddie in 1925 and married Frank L. Oliver on Oct. 28, 1937. He died in August 1976.

She lived in Muleshoe from 1986 until she moved to Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.

She was a member of Trinity Christian Fellowship in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Oliver is survived by a daughter, Janice Moore of Clovis; two sons, Jimmy Oliver of Tucson and Michael Oliver of Clovis; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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### Jennyslipper officers

New officers installed by the Jennyslippers on Jan. 21 include (from left) Treasurer Elaine Parker, Vice President Andrea Kemp, President Donna Kirk and Secretary Gail Hargrove. The installation took place during the group's 21st anniversary celebration at the Bailey County Coliseum.

## Understanding meningitis can help prevent its spread

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare disease in the United States, usually occurring as isolated cases. While it is contagious, it is not as contagious as the common cold or flu, according to Dr. Kate Hendricks, director of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at the Texas Department of Health.

"People cannot get it just by being in the same room for a few hours with someone who has it," Hendricks said.

"Reports of even isolated cases of meningitis can create public concern. But understanding the illness, its symptoms and method of transmission can help ease worries and help prevent infection," Hendricks said.

Anywhere from 100 to 250 people a year in Texas will get meningococcal meningitis, with the highest number of cases occurring in late winter and early spring.

In 2000, 146 cases were reported in the state, with nine deaths. Preliminary figures from the Health Department show 173 cases in 2001 with 16 deaths.

The illness, an infection

of the layers of tissue covering the brain and spinal cord, is caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*. The infection is spread through sneezing or coughing directly in someone's face, kissing, sharing eating or drinking utensils or in other ways that allow saliva or respiratory droplets from an infected person to get into the mouth or nose of another person.

Meningococcal meningitis is neither airborne nor foodborne.

According to Hendricks, the risk of getting or spreading the illness can be reduced by covering the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, wash the hands frequently and do not share eating or drinking utensils.

Early symptoms of bacterial illness include:

- Sudden onset of fever;
- Intense headache;
- Stiff neck;
- Nausea often accompanied by vomiting; and
- A skin rash that looks like small, purplish red spots.

"Anyone with these symptoms should see a doctor immediately," Hendricks said. "It can be lifesaving. Also, an infant

with a fever of 101 degrees or higher and who is not easily wakened should be seen by a doctor."

People with meningococcal meningitis also may be confused or drowsy and sometimes may go into a coma from which they cannot be awakened. Those with the illness must be hospitalized and treated with antibiotics.

"Family members or close contacts will usually be advised to take antibiotics to reduce their risk of getting meningitis," Hendricks said.

About 10 percent to 20 percent of infected people die, many within hours of the first symptoms. Other may suffer complications such as brain damage, blindness, loss of hearing, kidney failure or amputations. With proper treatment, however, many people recover fully.

The bacteria lives in the nose and throats of humans, usually without making people sick. The incubation period, or time between exposure and development of symptoms, ranges from two to 10 days but is typically three to four days.

Health Department and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention do not recommend restrict-

### Former Cathedral Quartet members to sing at Anton

Roger Bennett and Scott Fowler, former members of the Cathedral Quartet, will perform with their new group at 3 p.m. March 3 at the First Baptist Church of Anton.

The Legacy Five from Franklin, Tenn., first performed in January 2000. The group's debut album, *Strong in the Strength*, spawned their first gospel Top 10 hit, "I Stand Redeemed," and earned two Dove nominations.

Their second release, "Heroes of the Faith," is on the *Singing News* music charts.

Admission to the performance will be free, but a n offering will be taken.

More information is available by calling (806) 997-5951 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## "Pardon Me, But It's Almost Tea Time!"

Hmm. I've always enjoyed hot tea with breakfast. Turns out this tea-fancying (Earl Grey is my favorite, if I can get it) might be a genetic thing. Turns out that my English roots are deeper than I thought—on both sides of my family.

I had known something about the Shelburnes. If I'm not mistaken, a number of them from way back during

mother Key, Mom's mom, was a Shropshire), and came back with some interesting facts from that end of the gene pool.

It seems that my 12-times-great-grandfather was an Anglican priest named St. John Shropshire. He came across the pond to America on board ship with George Washington's parents. He was their family pastor in the Virginia royal colony and probably had something to do with instilling the Christian faith in America's first president. I found that interesting. (I guess preaching is in the blood on both sides of the family!)

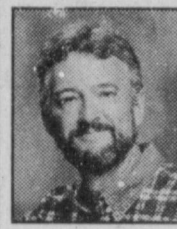
Also interesting, at least to me, was the fact that my great-grandfather Benjamin Shropshire was a cowboy with a glass eye. My brother remembered him whipping it out and cleaning it, but I had no idea about that since I never met the gentleman, who evidently loct his real eye when he got his rope tangled and a steer's horn poked out one headlight.

I wonder what else about my not-all-that-far-removed ancestors would surprise me totally?

One thing's sure. The decisions about life and faith those people made years ago still affect me today in more ways than I can even begin to imagine. I wonder how many generations down the line you and I are affecting right now by the choices—good, bad, or otherwise—we make each day?

I wonder.

Tea, anyone?



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

frontier days were Baptist preachers—till they saw the light, of course. (Just kidding!) Further back, the Shelburnes were loyal Brits.

Maybe too loyal.

One of our forefathers on that end of the family was a Parliament big wig (eventually prime minister, I think, and a one-time friend of Ben Franklin) during the time around the American Revolution. If my old forefather'd had his way, we'd all still be subjects of the Crown. As it is, the whole messy Colonial business was pretty detrimental to his political career.

Anyway, regarding the Shelburnes, I have known at least something. But my brother Gene joined my father a few years ago as our clan's representatives at the Shropshire family reunion (Grand-

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

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## HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

**Jan. 31** — Richard Cunningham, Dakota Epperson, Pat L. Finlan, Crystal M. Galván, Rhea Gonzales, Jesús E. Guerra, Barbara Hall, Jack R. Hicks, Marcial Martínez, James Noles, Morris Nowlin, Virginia Sheets, Isidro Tafoya, Leona R. Whitworth and Elizabeth B. Wilcox.

**Feb. 1** — Matthew Alarcón, Dakota Epperson, Pat L. Finlan, Rayitos Godínez, Rhea Gonzales, Jesús E. Guerra, Barbara Hall, Jack R. Hicks, Marcial Martínez, James Noles, Morris Nowlin, Virginia Sheets, Isidro Tafoya, Leona R. Whitworth, Cheyanne E. Wilcox and Elizabeth B. Wilcox.

**Feb. 2** — None reported.

**Feb. 3** — None reported.

**Feb. 4** — Matthew Alarcón, Rhea Gonzales, Jack R. Hicks, Marcial Martínez, Dovie C. Matthews, Melissa Moreno, Virginia Sheets and

Kathleen Talbott.

**Feb. 5** — Joseph J. Arrickiello, Jack R. Hicks, Kelsey R. Marquez, Marcial Martínez, Michelle B. Martínez, Dovie C. Matthews, Melissa Moreno, Virginia Sheets and Helen V. Tinskey.

**Feb. 6** — Joseph J. Arrickiello, Harlan E. Davis, Elizabeth Galaviz, Jack R. Hicks, Kelsey R. Marquez, Marcial Martínez, Michelle B. Martínez, Dovie C. Matthews, Melissa Moreno, Virginia Sheets, John R. Smith, Helen V. Tinskey and Sally Toscano.

**Feb. 7** — Joseph J. Arrickiello, Mary P. Chappell, Harlan E. Davis, Elizabeth Galaviz, Juana Galindo, Jack R. Hicks, Michelle B. Martínez, Dovie C. Matthews, Hyrum V. Orcutt, Virginia Sheets, John R. Smith, Helen V. Tinskey and Sally Toscano.

**Feb. 8** — Joseph J. Arrickiello, Mary P. Chappell, Harlan E. Davis, Ryan J. Gilliam, Jack R.

Hicks, Lavonne Hinkson, Myrtle M. Koehn, Luke Leal, Dovie C. Matthews, Alva E. Moore, Hyrum V. Orcutt, Virginia Sheets, John R. Smith, Cesilia B. Torres and Marcelo Vidaña.

**Feb. 9** — None reported.

**Feb. 10** — None reported.

**Feb. 11** — Juana Alarcón, Nora M. Burch, Mary P. Chappell, Margaret E. Epting, Alarick Hernández, Jack R. Hicks, Nettie M. Long, Micah Rodríguez, Nathan Rodríguez and Virginia Sheets.

**Feb. 12** — Juana Alarcón, Nora M. Burch, Gladys M. Cunningham, Jack R. Hicks, Nettie M. Long, Doris B. Marts, María R. Olivas, Micah Rodríguez, Virginia Sheets and Carmen D. Vega.

**Feb. 13** — Juana Alarcón, Haley E. Beasley, Nora M. Burch, Gladys M. Cunningham, Luis E. Franco, Jack R. Hicks, Doris B. Marts, María R. Olivas, Jewell L. Perry, Virginia Sheets, Billy G. Toshiv, Gabriel Vargas and Carmen D. Vega.

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## Ribbon-cutting

Gathered for the ribbon-cutting marking the opening of First Ag Credit's new office on West American Boulevard are (back row, from left) Dianne Neiman, Phil Kent, Sandy Vandevender, unidentified, Janet Morgan, Don Sharp, Don Goldston, Jimmie Pitcock, Charles Wales, Tommy Kirk, Don Jones and Tom Renfro; (front row, from left) Sherri Harrison, Mike Holt, Sheila Stevenson, Jean Petty, J.R. Banks, Dean Turner, Terry Dane and Keith Vandivere.

## Go ahead and eat it — just alter recipe

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION** — Now that 2002 has begun, what better time to determine to eat healthier.

And no, that doesn't mean starting a dietary program so rigorous that it's impossible to follow. As with so many other life changes for better health, little things mean a lot, advised Mickey Bielamowicz, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist.

These little things will soon add up to a healthier diet and a healthier life.

First, she said, start with easy dietary changes, such as:

- Cutting back on consumption of high-fat, high-sugar and high-salt foods. Eat fewer pastries, cookies, candies and the like.

- Include more whole-grain breads and cereals and cut back on the more processed ones.

- Eat smaller servings.
- Eat more fruits and vegetables.

And for those favorite recipes that have become a "necessary" part of life... well, Bielamowicz said, many of them can be modified to be lower in fat, sugar and salt, and higher in fiber.

But before you go experimenting with recipes, she warned, there are some things you should know.

"Recipes specify the ingredients, proportions and methods necessary to produce a quality product," she said. "Companies and publishers spend time and money testing recipes for consumer use. Any change made in the recipe will

produce a slightly different product from the one that was tested and published. Some changes you may like and others you may not."

For example, Bielamowicz said, "Recipes for combined foods, such as casseroles and soups, are more flexible than others. A cookie recipe is more adaptable than a cake recipe. Recipes for most baked products can be altered, but recipes for any preserved product, such as pickles, salsa, jellies or candies, should not be changed at all."

With that in mind, she suggested some moderate changes in recipes that many people might not even notice:

- Reduce sugar by one-third. For example, if a recipe calls for a cup of sugar, use two-thirds of a cup instead. "This works best in canned and frozen fruits and in making puddings and custards," Bielamowicz said.
- "When making cookies or cakes, experiment with using one-half cup of sugar for each cup of flour the recipe calls for; when making quick breads and muffins, try using a ratio of one tablespoon of sugar for each cup of flour.

"To enhance the flavor when sugar is reduced, add vanilla, cinnamon or nutmeg," she said.

- Reduce fat by one-third. "This works best in gravies, sauces, puddings and some cookies," Bielamowicz said. "For cakes and quick breads, use 2 tablespoons fat per cup of flour."

- Reduce salt by one-half or leave it out all together. In-

stead, she said, try using herbs, spices or salt-free seasoning mixes. "Do not eliminate salt from yeast bread or rolls; it is essential for flavor and helps texture."

- Use whole-grain flour or bran flour instead of all-purpose flour. Substitute whole-wheat flour for one-fourth to one-half of the all-purpose flour called for in the recipe.

Oat bran—or even oatmeal or bran cereal ground to the consistency of flour in a food processor or blender—can be used in place of a fourth of the flour called for in the recipe.

Bielamowicz suggested other recipe substitutions designed to cut cholesterol and/or fat from the diet, such as using:

- A margarine-butter blend, regular margarine or reduced-calorie margarine instead of butter;

- "Lite" or mock sour cream instead of regular sour cream;

- One whole egg and two egg whites or four egg whites instead of two whole eggs;

- Two percent milk or skim milk instead of whole milk;

- Evaporated milk or evaporated skim milk instead of cream;

- Light cream cheese, Neufchatel or yogurt cheese instead of cream cheese; and

- Three tablespoons powdered cocoa plus 1 tablespoon cooking oil instead of an ounce of baking chocolate.

Plus, she added, you might want to switch to light mayonnaise or a combination of half cholesterol-free mayonnaise and half nonfat yogurt; fat-

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a Jan. 20 article ("Criticisms of hospital erupt at board meeting").

Three months ago my daughter, only 8 months old at the time, needed emergency care in the middle of the night.

She had a 100-plus temperature and was vomiting everything she ate. We rushed her to the Muleshoe emergency room only to be misdiagnosed and frustrated.

They treated my husband and myself as over-worrying first-time parents and treated my infant like she was grown: They roughly gave her a shot and took her vitals with apparently no thought to her young age. Then got mad when she cried, like the baby she was.

We were released three hours later and the next morning took her to children's hospital in Lubbock.

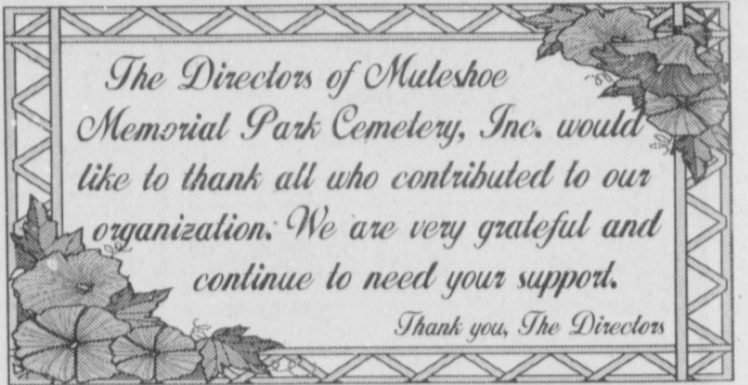
There she was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection and actually treated like a sick little girl. If anything should happen to my daughter now, I would never even consider going to Muleshoe hospital and would make the long drive to a real hospital in Lub-

bock.

So in response to Dr. Bruce Purdy's statement that 99 percent of the hospital's employees are well-educated and hard-working, but morale suffers because of poor (or lacking) equipment in some areas... I saw so much

equipment that some was out standing in the hallways, but we must have lucked out to have needed help when the 1 percent of the uneducated slackers were on call.

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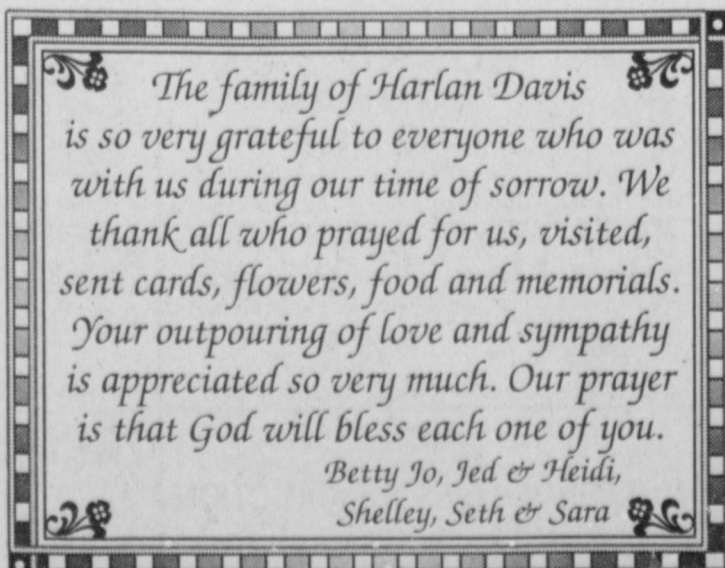
The program is based at the Managed Care Center for Addictive and Other Disorders Inc. in Lubbock. It serves a 15-county area from Bailey County south and east to Denver City and Post.

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**ZECHARIAH** A YOUNG PROPHET

THE POLITICALLY-MINDED PRINCES OF JUDAH, ON SEEING PROPHETS FROM THE HILLS, SPEAK OUT, IN THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM, AGAINST WORSHIPPING IDOLS, WASTE NO TIME IN HURRYING TO THE KING....

NOT TO MENTION THE LOSS OF THOUSANDS OF SHEKELS, WHICH WE OBTAIN BY THE SALE OF INCENSE FOR THE PEOPLE TO BURN AT THE TEMPLE, IN BAAL'S HONOR!

...NOW, THE PRINCES CONFER WITH JOASH ABOUT ZECHARIAH...

MY COUSIN HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO ME - BUT I HAVE TOLD HIM WHY WE GET UP IDOLS IN THE TEMPLE!

BUT I FEAR HE WILL NOT STOP IN THIS THING!

YES! ZECHARIAH HIRED PROPHETS FROM THE HILLS TO COME INTO THE CITY AND PROPHESY AGAINST THEM!

HE INTENDS TO TURN THE PEOPLE AGAINST WORSHIPPING THE IDOLS OF OUR NEIGHBORS - AND IF THIS HAPPENS, WE WILL HAVE NO FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN TIME OF WAR!

HOW DARE HE DO SUCH A THING AGAINST HIS KING?! FOR THIS TREASON, HE MUST SURELY DIE!

THE PRINCES LEAVE THE KING IMMEDIATELY! THEY HAVE OBTAINED EXACTLY WHAT THEY CAME FOR - NO NEED TO TARRY, FOR WHO KNOWS, THE KING COULD CHANGE HIS MIND!

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The bi-district champion Lady Mules (showing off the gold ball) include (back row, from left) Sara Benham, Shani Rasco, Myndi Heathington, Candace Hutto, Britni Gartin, Jessica Carpenter, Mindy Locker and Kayla Glover; (front row, from left) Annie Cox, Tori Barton and Tiffany Flores.

## Girls thump Dalhart for bi-district

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

After their 62-46 bi-district win over a surprisingly tough Dalhart squad, the Lady Mules were scheduled to play Slaton in Lubbock on Friday night in the second round of the post-season playoffs.

Muleshoe had defeated Slaton on two previous occasions this year.

When asked about how the Lady Mules were guarding against overconfidence in their third meeting with Slaton, point guard Jessica Carpenter said, "They always say the third time is the charm, but we're ready to use the same game plan to shut them down again. It will be coach Kennedy's last game to coach."

As for Dalhart, the Lady Wolves turned out to be more determined than had been expected. "Dalhart never said die tonight," Muleshoe coach Shanna Simms said. "They battled all night. Things didn't go like we wanted them to, but our kids pulled together and came out with a big win tonight."

Senior guard Britni Gartin agreed. "We came in tonight thinking the game would be easier than it turned out," she said. "The first half turned out to be tough, and we didn't play like we normally do — but we put it together in the second half."

"We began to block out and rebound — then our

shots began to fall. We came in here tonight determined to go further than we did last year — we lost by one point to (Amarillo) River Road. We won tonight, and it is our first step of seven and there are only six more to go."

Gartin's determination to see the Lady Mules would advance in the post-season was seen in her first shot of the game. Sara Benham controlled the opening tip, and Gartin took the ball to the left corner of the court and launched her first of four three-pointers. The shot found only the bottom of the net to jump-start the Lady Mules.

Tiffany Flores set up Benham on the block as the two played catch until Benham got her defender on her hip. She then turned into the lane for an easy bucket. After a defensive stop, Dalhart sagged off Flores to double on Benham.

With room to work, Flores tickled the twine from 21 feet to put Muleshoe on top 12-5 with less than three minutes left in the first period. With a power move, Mindy Locker drove the lane to add to the Lady Mules advantage.

The Muleshoe press stopped the Lady Wolves at midcourt when Dalhart tried to pass over Locker. She climbed the ladder for the ball and found Annie Cox to start the fast break. Cox was nailed going for

the layup and converted both free throws to end the quarter with the Lady Mules up 16-7.

Dalhart was a very physical team and outrebounded the Lady Mules 12-5 in the second frame. They used the second and third chances at the bucket to cut Muleshoe's lead, and then nailed a three to cut the Lady Mules lead to three points near the end of the half.

Benham converted both ends of a one-and-one to end the half with Dalhart trailing 25-20.

"We didn't block out or communicate well in the first half, and that kept us from executing our game plan," Carpenter said. "Because of that, Dalhart was able to keep the game close. But we came together as a team in the third quarter."

With less than two minutes gone in the second half, Dalhart had trimmed the Lady Mules advantage back to three. Gartin buried two treys in less than a minute

to ignite a 14-2 scoring blast.

During the run, Benham completed a fast break and Tori Barton and Flores dropped in a trey each.

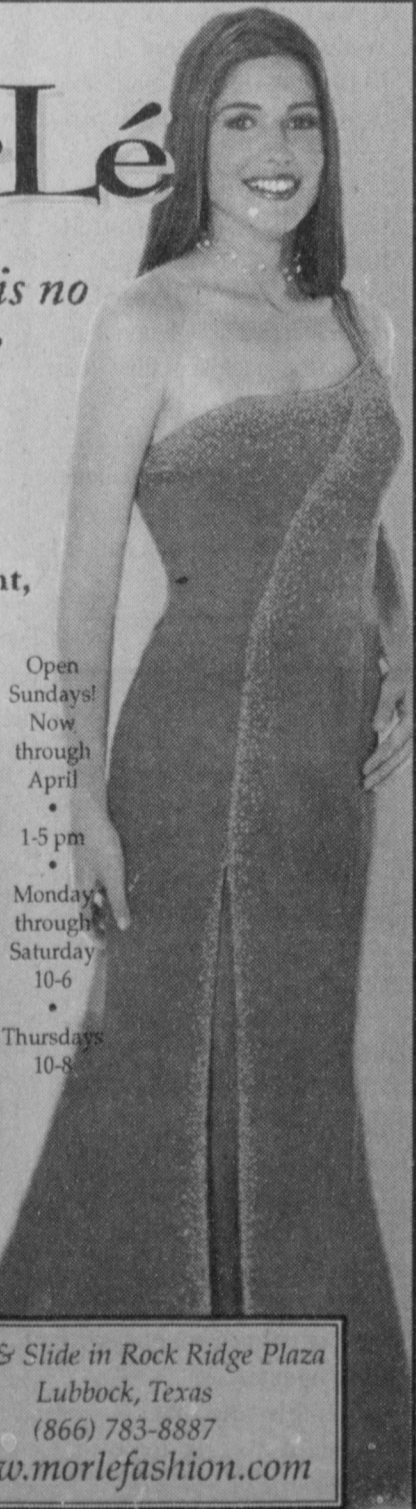
Dalhart broke its scoring drought with two minutes showing.

Then Candace Hutto drove the lane, and as the defense collapsed on her she dishd to Benham for the easy deuce.

The Lady Mules lacked only a point scoring as much in the third period as they had in the first half, outrunning Dalhart 24-12 to take a 49-32 cushion into the final frame.

The Lady Mules drained seven of 11 free throws in the final quarter.

Dalhart's Taeler Shepherd led all scorers with 19 points and Gartin set the pace for Muleshoe with 16. Benham had 14, Flores eight, Shani Rasco and Cox six apiece; Barton five, Locker four and Kayla Glover made three points for the Lady Mules.



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Jeannie is a recent graduate of Francis Tutil Institute of Medical Technology, Oklahoma City College, with a degree in nursing and medical management. Klay is a 1994 graduate of Farwell High School and a 1998 graduate of West Texas A&M University. He now works for Texas A&M University in Commerce, Texas and is working on his Master's Degree.


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Be the life of the party on Friday, Pisces, and you just may hook up with a winning romance. Look to Scorpio for some inspiration and companionship and sparks will fly.

**Aries — March 21/April 20**  
Chilly weather has put you in a mood. You might want to spend some time at home, Aries, until you're in better spirits. Post Valentine's Day blues are expected.

**Taurus — April 21/May 21**  
Financial concerns leave you feeling nervous this week, Taurus. It's better to pinch some pennies for a while until you get back on course. Seek help from Virgo.

**Gemini — May 22/June 21**  
A special friend from your past comes back for a visit, Gemini. It could lead to interesting things. Keep your agenda open for Wednesday when love is in your stars.

**Cancer — June 22/July 22**  
Keep your patience with a family member on Tuesday, Cancer. This person is just feeling a little stir crazy and really doesn't mean all the the things he/she says. Focus on a home project instead.

**Leo — July 23/August 23**  
A distant family member isn't visiting as much as usual, Leo. Something could be wrong. Drop this person a line or give him/her a call. It may help ease your concerns.

**Virgo — Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Stop doing so much for others and pamper yourself a little bit this week, Virgo. Go to a spa, take a vacation or just stay home from work for a day.

**Libra — Sept 23/Oct 23**  
You've been feeling very anxious, Libra, and it's partially because you are experiencing low self-esteem. You have to exert more confidence or it just will be an endless cycle.

**Scorpio — Oct 24/Nov 22**  
A close friend really needs your help on Thursday, Scorpio. Make sure your schedule is open so that you can lend a hand. Put work on hold for some quality time with your mate.

**Sagittarius — Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Have you been spending too much time at work, Sagittarius? It could be because you are avoiding a situation at home. That's not like you. Face up to the situation. It's far better to be honest with yourself.

**Capricorn — Dec 22/Jan 20**  
It may be time to consider a career change, Capricorn. You are far too educated and talented to settle for the work you've been doing so far. Have some confidence and go for your dreams.

**Aquarius — Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Your confidence continues to rise, Aquarius. It could be because of that good news at work. Consult with Leo for some good advice on how to improve your financial future.

## Child-safety week observed

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL  
AUSTIN — Area law-enforcement and state officials kicked off National Child Passenger Safety Week (Feb. 11-16) by emphasizing the importance of properly restraining children in transit.

At a news conference, the National SAFE KIDS Coalition released the results of a national study on how many children ride unrestrained.

Failure to use restraints remains the leading cause of child traffic fatalities.

In 1999 alone, a total of 299 Texas children ages 16 and under were killed in traffic crashes, and 154 of these were not restrained. According to the National

Traffic Safety Administration, 64 percent of children killed in collisions nationwide were unrestrained.

Since Sept. 1, Texas law requires that:

- Children under 4 years old or less than 36 inches tall must ride in a child safety seat in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- Children ages 4 through 16 must be restrained in a seat belt, regardless of their position in the vehicle;
- Anyone age 17 or older must be restrained in a seat belt when seated in the front seat; and
- Children under 18 cannot ride in the open bed of a pickup or on a trailer on a public road

# Muleshoe Mules win first two pre-playoff games handily

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The Mules took the lead against Littlefield on Thursday with 1:26 left in the half and never trailed after that, defeating the Wildcats 52-46 in the second game of a district playoff for third place.

Lubbock Roosevelt had notified the other teams involved in the four-way tie that the Eagles had an ineligible player and had to withdraw from the playoffs. Littlefield, Lubbock Cooper and Muleshoe redrew for seeding and the Mules had to match up with the Wildcats. The Mules then took on the Cooper Pirates on Friday night for district 2-3A's final post-season spot.

"We are on a streak now and came into the game with a lot of confidence," said the Mules' Luis Sánchez. "We are moving the ball well and getting it inside to the post. If they don't have a shot, they get it back outside for a three-pointer. We want to keep it going as a team and do it again tomorrow."

The Wildcats were called for seven first-quarter fouls. Landon Sheets cut Littlefield's lead to 11-9 by making both ends of a one-and-one as the period ended. Brennan Broyles took over at the point on offense as the second quarter began, and Littlefield was called for reaching.

Broyles converted both free throws to knot the game at 11 only 10 seconds into the period. The teams exchanged buckets until Tyler Kirby gave the Wildcats a brief two-point lead with 3:30 remaining in the half.

Lincoln Riley grabbed a long offensive rebound, got himself in position to put the ball back in, and was fouled for his effort. He nailed the charity toss to put the Mules

on top to stay. The Mules built a 30-22 cushion by intermission, outscoring the Wildcats 21-11 in the second quarter. Riley led the Mules with 14 points and was perfect on six free-throw attempts.

In the first five minutes of the third period, the Mules strung together a 10-4 offensive run with D.J. Domínguez and Stephan Shelburne each hitting from the "Land of Plenty."

The Wildcats would not go away, however, and mounted a comeback to trail the Mules by only 40-36. Littlefield made a half-court shot to end the period on a high note.

The Wildcats knotted the game at 46 with a three-pointer near the midpoint of the final quarter. Kyle Atwood picked a Wildcat's pocket and found Riley running on the break to untie the knot.

Atwood was fouled deep in the back court with less than a minute remaining in the game and converted both freebies to hold off the Wildcats. Broyles grabbed a defensive rebound and got the out let pass to Atwood. Riley was off to the races and Atwood got him the ball to complete the break and ice the game for the Mules.

"Kyle Atwood came through in the clutch with those two big free throws in the fourth quarter," said Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason. "The last two games we are 14-of-14 free throws in the last quarter. That is a big improvement for us."

"Early in the game we were not getting the post involved in the game, and I told Lincoln (Riley) at the quarter break that he had to get more involved. He responded with 12 points in the second quarter and 24 in the game.

Defensively, we played smart in knowing who their shooters were and not let them get untracked on us tonight."

Mason continued, "The way the officials called the game in the first half was a big plus for us tonight. Littlefield is very aggressive on defense and will get after you, but the officials called it very tight and they (the Wildcats) had to back off."

Riley had an unofficial double double with 10 rebounds to go with his game-high 24 points.

Tyler Kirby led Littlefield with 17 points, 15 coming in the first half. Domínguez had nine points, Landon Sheets eight, Shelburne seven, and Atwood and Broyles two each.

"We were disappointed with the way we had played Littlefield the last time," Riley said. "We knew we could play a lot better. With two wins, we have built some momentum and came in tonight and pulled through and got the job done."

## Muleshoe 62 Lubbock Roosevelt 54

The Mules tried a little psychology on the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles: Rather than play the usual hard rock during warm-up, they played the soothing sounds of The Bee Gees, and the effect on the Eagles was quickly apparent.

The Eagles seemed to doze as the Mules raced to a 17-4 lead with only a minute remaining in the first period. The Mules hung on to put the Eagles away 62-54 and keep Muleshoe's playoff hopes alive.

"On Thursday, coach (Ralph) Mason explained to us where we were, and the possibility of getting into a tie for the third-place spot. As he showed us the Roosevelt film, he turned on The Bee Gees' song 'Staying Alive,'"

Mule point guard Kyle Atwood said.

"That has become our motto — to 'stay alive' — and we want to get into that tie and go to the playoffs. Once things start going our way, I believe we can get in the playoffs and there is not much that can stop us."

Against Roosevelt, the Mules scored 21 points in the initial period and held the Eagles to only nine. Roosevelt seemed to come to life in the second period and cut the Mule advantage to only one point with 23 seconds left in the half. Landon Sheets set up in the right corner and Atwood got the ball in his hands with no defender even close.

Sheets launched the three-pointer and hit only the bottom of the net to give the Mules a 31-27 cushion at the break. The teams exchanged buckets after the break as the Mules hung on to their four-point advantage until Sheets buried his second three of the night.

The Eagles beat the buzzer to trail the Mules 48-44 after three periods. The Eagles hit the first bucket of the final quarter and trimmed the Mule advantage to only two points. Sheets answered the call with his third trey to give the Mules some room to breathe, and Stephan Shelburne drove the baseline for an easy bucket.

D.J. Domínguez, who had suffered from foul trouble throughout the game, dropped in a bucket as the clock moved below one minute.

Brennan Broyles added a pair from the charity stripe to extend the Mules advantage

to 62-52, with 28 seconds showing on the clock.

Sheets set the pace for the Mules with a game-high 17 points. Broyles and Riley added 16 each, Luis Sánchez dropped in five, and Domínguez and Shelburne had four apiece.

"Frustration is what did Roosevelt in tonight," Mule coach Ralph Mason said. "They got some technicals, and even though we did not shoot free throws well tonight, they were giving the ball back to us there at the end."

"Our kids hung in there tonight because they came out mentally tough. Brennan Broyles gave us a great lift coming off the bench, and Luis Sánchez came in and hit some big shots when they didn't think he could shoot. These kids just do not quit."

"If we can stay alive and get this thing into a mini-tournament, there is no telling what will happen," he added.

"The key for us tonight is we went out and had fun and were not worried about winning the game," Broyles said. "We got the ball inside and that opened up the guards for some three-pointers. We were able to keep it all working for us tonight."

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## NURSING HOME NEWS

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Joe Embry, Harold Burge, Joyeline Costen, Lona Embry and Aline Bryant, Herb and Betty Ramage, and Melvin Griffin were among the home's special visitors this week.

A prayer service was held in the lobby of Park View by Kay Graves, Berta Combs, Frankie Carpenter, and L.D. and Anita Johnson on Tuesday evening.

Webb Watts was visited Sunday afternoon by his daughter, Joy Whitt, his granddaughter Jan and great-granddaughter Whitney.

Nancy Lemons delivered ceramics for the residents to paint Thursday morning.

The youth group from Farwell's Church of God in Christ (Mennonite) came Friday evening for singing and fellowship.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge and Iris Clements directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon. Melvin and Wanda Griffin also stopped by to assist.

Members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a Communion service Sunday morning.

Buster Kittrell and Harold Burge taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

The Rev. Gary and Judy

Hubbard came Monday morning and directed a musical devotional.

Markita Adamson, a gourmet and connoisseur in the delicacies of the table, prepared food "fit for a king" for the residents' Mardi Gras celebration Monday afternoon.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts to the residents at coffee time Wednesday morning. Harold Burge also directed a discussion on current events.

Glen Williams, Buster Kittrell and Loyce Killingsworth directed a devotional Wednesday morning.

Jackie Scoggins and Janis Cowley directed a sing-along Wednesday afternoon.

Dominga Silva's family honored her with a birthday party on Feb. 12.

Christina Garcia, D.J. Domínguez and Monique Rodríguez came Wednesday afternoon and delivered to residents several Valentines and Valentine necklaces that they had made.

Decorators Floral and Gifts delivered a magnificent bouquet of fresh roses in an array of colors and a Valentine balloon bouquet Wednesday.

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5 slices bacon  
1 onion, chopped  
3 Tbsp. flour  
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2 potatoes, baked, cooled and cubed  
1 tsp. salt  
Dash of pepper  
Dash of thyme  
Cut bacon slices into pieces and place in a 3-quart casserole. Cover with paper towel and microwave on high power for three and a half to five minutes, or until crisp.  
Remove the bacon and set aside.

Add onion to drippings and microwave on high for two to three minutes, or until onions are softened. Stir in the flour.  
Add enough milk to the clam juice to equal 3 cups. Slowly stir this mixture into the flour mixture.  
Add potatoes, salt, pepper and thyme.  
Microwave on high power, uncovered, for four minutes, then stir.  
Reduce power to medium (50 percent) and microwave an additional six minutes.  
Stir in the clams and microwave on 50 percent power for seven minutes.  
Crumble the bacon and sprinkle it over the top of the chowder.



# MULESHOE JOURNAL'S 8TH ANNUAL CUTEST BABY CONTEST

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Bring your favorite photo along with \$12 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$12 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 1, 2002. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

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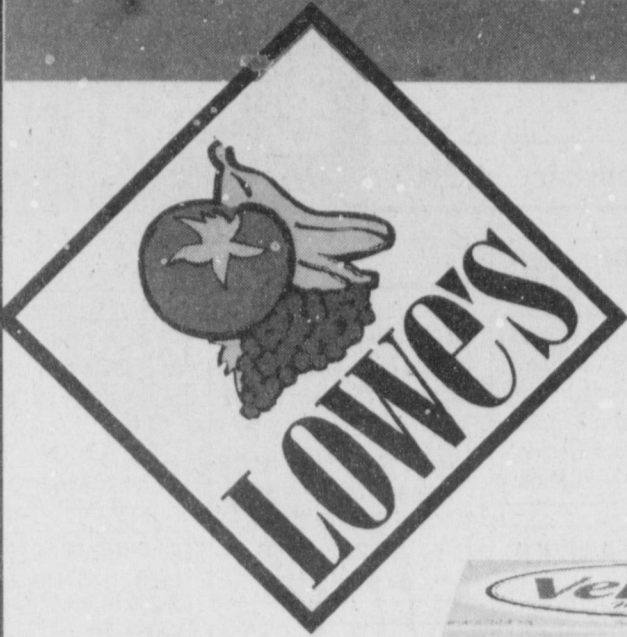
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<p><b>Owens Breakfast Sausage</b> 1 LB. ROLL</p>	<p><b>Lowe's or Shurfine Milk</b> ALL VARIETIES GALLON JUG</p>	<p><b>Kraft Velveeta Loaf</b> REGULAR OR LIGHT 32 OZ. BOX</p>	<p><b>Ultra Gain Laundry Detergent</b> 100 OZ. LIQUID OR 84 OZ. POWDER</p>	<p><b>Mixed Fruit</b> 5 LB. BAG</p>
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**Here's How It Works!**  
Lowe's is giving you deep discounts on many of the items you purchase everyday! For each dollar you spend at Lowe's, we will give you a point. After 50 points (or \$50), you will receive a Lowe's X-tra Savings Reward Coupon.

**Reward Coupon.** This coupon can then be redeemed for deep discounts on selected items.

Each month, Lowe's will select from our most popular items in the store and deeply discount them for our X-tra Savings Reward Coupon holders. Present your coupon and receive incredible savings on selected items.

**X-tra Savings Reward Program**

- Each Dollar You Spend Is Worth ONE (1) Point.
- After you earn 50 points, you will receive a Lowe's X-tra Savings Reward Coupon.
- Use your Lowe's X-tra Savings Reward Coupon to get deep discounts on one of the selected items.
- Only ONE (1) item can be purchased with each Reward Coupon.
- Items will be changed monthly.

**X-tra REWARD ITEMS FOR FEB.-MAR. 2001! X-tra savings**

<p><b>Red or Golden Delicious Apples</b> 3 LB. BAG</p>	<p><b>Mazola Cooking Oil</b> ASSORTED 48 OZ. BTL.</p>	<p><b>Coca-Cola, Sprite or Dr Pepper</b> 3 LITER BTL.</p>	<p><b>Wright's Sliced Bacon</b> 16 OZ. VACUUM PACK</p>	<p><b>Rosetto Frozen Stuffed Pasta</b> 25 OZ. RAVIOLI</p>	<p><b>Van de Kamp's Fish</b> 20 TO 26 OZ. PKG.</p>		
<p><b>Lay's Potato Chips</b> PRE-PRICED \$2.99</p>	<p><b>Casa de Lowe's Salsa</b> 16 OZ. JAR</p>	<p><b>C &amp; H Granulated Sugar</b> PURE CANE 4 LB. BAG</p>	<p><b>1¢</b></p> <p><b>EACH</b> With 1 Reward Coupon 1 item per coupon</p>		<p><b>Shurfine All Purpose Flour</b> 10 LB. BAG</p>	<p><b>Dona Maria Nopalitos</b> 30 OZ. JAR</p>	<p><b>Wonder Long Grain Rice</b> 70 OZ. BAG</p>
<p><b>Clorox Bleach</b> REGULAR OR SCENTED 96 OZ.</p>	<p><b>Reynolds Wrap Aluminum Foil</b> 75 SQ. FT. ECONOMY OR 50 SQ. FT. HEAVY DUTY</p>	<p><b>Dixie Paper Plates</b> 48 CT. - 9 IN. OR 24 CT. 10 IN.</p>	<p><b>StarKist Chunk Light Tuna</b> 7 OZ. POUCH EXCLUDES ALBACORE/ WHITE</p>	<p><b>7 Lb. Bag of Ice</b></p>	<p><b>Suave Lotion</b> 18 OZ. BTL.</p>		
<p><b>U.S. No. 1 Russet Potatoes</b> 5 LB. BAG</p>	<p><b>Ore Ida Frozen Potatoes</b> 28 TO 32 OZ. PKG.</p>	<p><b>1¢</b></p> <p><b>EACH</b> With 1 Reward Coupon 1 item per coupon</p>		<p><b>Vick's NyQuil</b> 6 OZ. LIQUID</p>	<p><b>Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine</b> 12 CT. GELS OR 20 CT. TABS</p>	<p><b>Colgate Toothpaste</b> REGULAR 6.4 OZ. TUBE</p>	
<p><b>Tomatoes 4 Pack Cello Wrapped</b></p>	<p><b>Carrots</b> 2 LB. BAG</p>	<p><b>Ramirez Chorizo</b> 1 LB. PKG.</p>	<p><b>Bar S Beef Bologna</b> 16 OZ. PKG.</p>	<p><b>Minute Maid Orange Juice</b> 16 OZ. FROZEN CAN</p>	<p><b>Lipton Sizzle &amp; Stir Dinner Kit</b> 10 TO 17 OZ. PKG.</p>		

**Why shop at your neighborhood Lowe's Supermarket?... Our Prices are LOWER!**

**SPECIAL REWARDS GOOD FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> THRU MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2002**  
Prices Good At Muleshoe Store Only!

WE HAVE MONEY ORDERS, CHECK CASHING AND PHONE CARDS. ACCEPTED IN SELECT LOWE'S STORES...

WESTERN MONEY UNION TRANSFER

LOWE'S GAS LOCATIONS: Lubbock, 19th & Frankford

**The X-tra Savings Reward Program Good at Lowe's Muleshoe Store Only!**  
Offer valid February 6th thru March 5th, 2002. Points are not transferable between stores. No substitutions please on X-tra Savings Reward Items. Only one item may be purchased at the special deep discount per Reward Coupon.