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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

## County's first settlers

The population of Bailey County in
1900 was four, according to "Tales and Trails of Bailey County.
Have you ever wondered who those four people were? All four of the residents were from a family with the surname Smith.
They were George and Mattie Smith and their children, three-year-old Prudy and five-month-old Ruth.
Was Ruth possibly the first baby born in Bailey County?
George Smith, 47, came from England and was not a U.S. citizen. He came to the United States in 1860; his occupation was listed on the census as a cook
Mattie Smith, 35, was a native of
Tennessee.
Apparently, George and Mattie had some education since the record indicates hat both could read and write. Records also indicate they owned a home, but did not reflect the location.
The Smiths did not stay in Bailey County for long because a 1910 census showed they were in Palo Pinto County, located just west of Fort Worth
At that time, they had two other children, Ester, 7, and Herbert, 4

- Jerry Hicks Journal corresponden Gypsy suspects being held Two men believed to be part of a gyp $\$ 16,000$ from a Muleshoe grocery store are being held in Chicago awaiting extradition Bailey County Sheriff Coy Plott ideñitified the two suspects as Recep Tekin and Mirko Petrovic. Plott said extradition papers are being drawn up to bring the suspects to Muleshoe to face charges as accomplices to the November robbery of Pay 'N' Save.
Three men and two women were arrested shortly after the heist and are being held at the Bailey County Jail awaiting trial.

Investigators believe the two men being held in Chicago were driving a second car involved in the mid day robbery, during which diversionary tactics were used to grab the money out of the grocery safe. The money hasn't been recovered.

## BAILEY COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE



## Loćal weather <br> High low Pre. <br> Friday Saturday <br> Monday Total to date $\begin{array}{lll}53 & 17 & \text { - } \\ 66 & 29 & - \\ 58 & 28 & - \\ 65 & 21 & -\end{array}$

## Extended forecast

Partly cloudy and cooler throughout the week end. Lows in 20 s , highs in mid to upper 40 s.

## Top-ranked Tulia throttles Mules

TULIA - Mark Dyer led a bal- anced attack with 15 points and topranked Tulia remained undefeated by beating Muleshoe 63-44 Tuesday in a District $1-3 \mathrm{~A}$ boys basketball game.

Dustin Cleavinger scored 19 points for Muleshoe (16-7 overall, 3 2 in district), who were held to a season-low for points.
"They did some things early in the game that took us out of our rhythm," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said. "They were trapping us in the corners and really came after us.
Mason said Tulia (22-0, 5-0) is usually content to sit back in a 2-3


Dustin Cleavinger snags a re bound earlier this season

## Council debates dropping auto tax



Not Kidding
Hubert Kidd was one of several citizens to address the Muleshoe City Council Tuesday about the possibility of dropping the city car tax. After a lengthy debate, the Council decided to further discuss the motion in February

## Loya earns rare music honor

Muleshoe High School se nior Gerardo Loya joined select group of talented students when he was recently named to the Texas All-State Band for the fourth consecutive year.
Loya, the son of Janie Quiroz, is one of only three students in the state who have been named to the Texas All State Band four years in a row He is the first person in the history of Muleshoe High School to accomplish this honor.
Loya, a clarinet player, trav eled to Sundown on Jan. 10 where he successfully auditioned for this year's All-State Band. Loya advanced to the state level by placing first in the region, and in the top six at area.
In February, he will perform in a concert as a member of the all-state band at the Texas Music Educators Associatio convention in San Antonio. Loya plans to attend Angelo State University.


## Top performer

Muleshoe senior Gerardo Loya was re cently named to the Texas All-State band for the fourth straight year.

- Eliminating property tax would cost City \$60,000

By TERESA STONE

## Journal staff writer

Hubert Kidd spearheaded a public protest Tuesday, calling Muleshoe's property tax on personal vehicles unfair.
Kidd and numerous other concerned citizens filled Council Chambers during a Muleshoe City Council meetang to opp
vehicle tax.
The personal property tax on vehicles and trailers generates approximately $\$ 60,000$ of the city's $\$ 2$ million budget.
Kidd, who has lived in Muleshoe for 17 years, addressed the Council expressing his conbe double taxation by the city. "If you look at people who have been here a long time," Kidd said, "they've built the community, working hard all their lives. Then when they want to buy a new car for their wife or a new truck for themselves, they're penalized. You have to pay tax when you buy it and each year again with this vehicle tax."
Kidd, who is the general manager of Five Area Telephone but was speaking as a private citizen, pointed out that Muleshoe is in one of only 13 counties in the state which imposes such a tax on their citizens.

City Manager James Fisher said the reason other towns can do without a vehicle tax is that many of them have strong ecomany of them have strong eco-
nomic bases and strong tourism which can supply a lot of revenue.
"It costs a lot of money to run a city," Fisher said. "Right now we're trying to find a way to find $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5$ million for capital improvement. We don't have the luxury of cutting taxes. We are on a bare bones budget We are on a bare bones budget
as it is. We need every dollar to as it is. We need every dollar to
generate revenue so our citigenerate revenue so our citi-
zens can have services they zens can have services they
expect and deserve."
Fisher, who advised the board not to abolish this tax, gave example after example of why the city needs the money. He said the city was short on
"It costs a lot of moneytorunacity. Right now we're trying to find a way to find $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5$ million for capital improvement. We don't have the luxury of cutting taxes. We are on a bare bones budget as it is. We need every dollarto generate revenue so our citizens can have services they expect and deserve."

- City Manager

James Fisher
personnel, has no public build ings in compliance with the American Disabilities Act, has a leaking ground storage water tank, needs to expand the sewer treatment plant, new emergency warning sirens are needed, new fire-trucks are needed, machinery needs placing or repair and the list placing continued
"We can take funds out of the budget, but we will pay for "it later," said Fisher who stated that the city is spending excessive amounts on repairs and maintenance of old, run down equipment.

Mayor Robert Montgomery also stated his opposition to forgoing the personal property
"I don't think we can afford to abolish this tax. I think it would be fiscally irresponsible when we are as short as we are at this time," Montgomery said. "The bottom line is that the money has to come from somewhere. We can't afford to do without the revenue without decreasing services and in-
see TAX on page 2

## Around Muleshoe

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## M ULESHOE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Freshmen - Lindsey Gary Gartin, Ryan Hodge, Altman, Adrienne Ashford, Letti Barrera, Brandon Broyles, Jessica Hernandez, Stephanie Kirk, Jerrell Otwell, James Robinson, Aubrey Ruthardt, Joey Stone, Meagan Tipps, Joshua Williams
Sophomores - James Barrett, Bobbie Benham, Kamal Bhakta, Clint Black, Jeffrey Bruns, Maria Flores
proceeds go to benefit the Calvary Baptist Church Youth Group. Conversational Spanish class beginning A nine week conversational Spanish class is being sponsored by Muleshoe Independent School District Adult Education Pro-

## gram.

The class will be held on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. starting Jan 22 at DeShazo Elementary. The instructor will be Connie Alanis. For more information contact MISD Administration at $272-3325$. The cost is $\$ 100$
ger, Kellie Morris, Reynaldo Ortiz, Blair Saylor, Mason Sinclair, Erin Wilhite, Melissa Williams
Seniors - Sherri Altman, Kendra Benham, Katie Black, McKenzie Brown, Angela Castorena, Cassidy Cleavenger, Damon Davenport, Louisa Garcia, Danny Griswold, Amanda Hahr

Kenmore, Amy Locker Loya, Steven Madrid, Yadira Marquez, Matt Mason, Scotty Mills, Mandy Myers, Jesmina Patel, Larry Pineda, Maria Puente, Shelbi Robinson, Julie Slayden, David Vaughn, Rhonda Warren Chanda Weatherbie, Keisha Whitt, Charlee Wood, Anissa

## Watson Jr. HiGH HoNOR ROLL

6th Grade - Casey Bar- Ruvalcaba,
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { rier, Sara Benham, Marlie Salamanca } \\ \text { black, Mehdi Darigan, Elida } & \text { 7th Grade-Gradee Adrian }\end{array}$ Diaz, Tyrel Gear, Amanda Angela Allen, Wyndolyn Gonzales, Trina Hall, Hailey Allison, Crystal Bailey, Bailey Hamilton, Erin Hancock, Barrier, Larry Broyles, Jordan Aubrey, Heathington, Marisela Dale,LiliaFlores, Tiffany Flores, Loya, Yuri Marquez, Megan JennyHall,JodiHawkins, Laura Mason, Stacey Mata, Christy Lewis, Mindy Locker, Felicia Morgan, Tabetha Obenhaus, Mumau, Ryan Powell, Eva Morgan, Tabetha Obenhaus, Mumau, Ryan Powell, Eva
Moraima Romero, Karla

Sotelo, Cydni Vandiver, Jami Wedel, Erica Whalin 8th Grade - Ricardo Aburto, Megan Barrett, Amanda Bell, Laura Bonds, Austin Buhrman, Jessica Carpenter, Elizabeth Castorena, Nicole Felan, Carmen Flores, Miranda Free, Kayla Glover Joshua Hall, James Hancock

Hernandez, Rendi Hodge, Hernandez, Rendi Hodge,
Candace Hutto, Brandi Jones, Kayla Kelley, Elizabeth Lewis, Denisse Lopez, Matthew Lopez, Matthew Luna, Juan Madrid, Ashley May, Suzanne Messenger, Brandon Mount Megan Pierce, Jennifer Rempe Lincoln Riley, Janna Skaggs, Elizabeth Villa, Laura Wood Zacarias Yanis

THREE WAY HONOR ROLL

| All "A" | 7th Grade - Monica Walker |
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| 1st. Grade - Shaelynn Can- | 8th Grade - Leanne Draus |
| non, Brittaney Cuellar | 12th Grade - Russell Pol- |
| 2nd Grade - Tiffany Davis, | lard, Sammy Soliz, Josh Tooley |
| Cassie Kirby | "A" Average |
| 3rd Grade - Joe Cuellar, | 1st Grade - Rocky Amalla, |
| Lorenzo Lopez, JR Rodriguez | Carmen Medrano, Eloisa |
| 4th Grade - Caleb Heinrich | Salamanca |
| 5th Grade - Kyla Ellis, Rigo | 2nd Grade - Colton |
| Rodriguez | Heinrich, Cenee Hood, Alberto |
| 6th Grade - Katye Cook, | Vironche |

Arington, Noel DeLa Rosa
4th Grade - Trevor Hood,
Nathan James, Cody Kirby,
Lauren Layton
5th Grade - Norma Baeza,
ErikaDeLaRose, Sarah Furgeson,
Chris Kindle
th Grade - Amy Castillo,
Jennifer Cuellar, Canaan
Heinrich, Buddy Holmes,
Veronica Martha, Ruben

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## From page

## creasing fees." Councilman Juan Chavez also supported the tax and its

 fairness. In essence, Chavez supports the tax because it co of living and the money they make.One citizen in attendance a the meeting questioned whether or not local taxpayers were ever given the opportunity to vote on the tax.
Montgomery explainedthat state legislation has given the city the power to enact this tax with only council vote. Chavez added that the people had their say when they elected their representatives to the Council Councilor Larry Kirk, who requested the car tax issue be put on the Council's agenda, reassured the concerned audience that the Council is a government of the people and if they want to make a differ ence they have to get involved. He also added that any one person in the community is more powerful than the Council with the right of citizens to obtain signatures petitioning obtain signatures petitioning
the city and Council to bring the city and Council to bring
any issue to the voters for apany issue
Kirk and Councilmen Roger Williams split the board by being in favor of abolishing the tax and finding a more fair way to generate revenue
If the tax was to be eliminated, the city would have the right to offset the decrease in revenue by increasing property
axes. According to the Baile County Appraisal District, home and business property taxes would have to increase if the city was to recoup the rev enue loss.
The heated discussion was brought to an end as audience member Dr. Michael Precure reminded everyone that the basic issue was whether the tax is a good tax or bad tax. Precure who considers the tax bad, pro posed the city examine other means to do their job, adding that everyone in their personal and business lives have to deal with finding a way to make ends meet.
Councilman Chavez mo tioned totable thiscontroversial topic until more citizens can
express their feelings to the rep resentatives. The personal property tax on vehicles will be further discussed February's meeting.
The second topic which sparked discussion from citizens present, was the sell of over 5,000 acres of city-owned land and possibly water rights of the land.
The Council decided to pre cede with plans to accept bid for the land and water as wel as separate bids for the land only. Councilman Kirk assured the constituents present that be fore a bid will be accepted, especially if it concerns selling water rights, the council will discuss the matter thoroughly and give the public a chance to roice their opinions.


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## The mixed LoAd

The brothers did a little hauling FOR HIRE on the side. Although there are som big time livestock haulers in northern Wisconsin, they would often decline to haul "mixed loads." That was Glenn and

Basil's speciality
Dennis engaged them to come to his farm to take a load to the sale in Stratford six pigs and a big Charolais steer that had gotten a little "rangy
The brothers showed up in their 1975 International one ton flatbed with stock racks in place. Several chains ran across the top of the racks like strands of hair combed

They
Must weited the big steer over the fence Glenn.
"Mebbe," responded Basil, "But he's not bigger'n that'un we hauled for Rhinelande half an hour. They finally arreed that half an hour. They finally agreed that he seen and concluded he must have some Brown Swiss blood. So they decided to take all the chains off the top for clearance The three of them managed to get a piece of lasso rope around him, plus a halter and two lengths of yellow nylon water ski ro

They lashed the ropes of Dennis's

## 55 BAXTER BLACK

Farmall $\mathbf{C}$ and dragged him to the back of the loading chute. The steer managed to put a new dent or two in the tractor and actually got high centered over the radiator momentarily when changing sides.
Dennis pinned him crossways against he chute posts while Basil ran a length of the ski rope through a pulley strategically wired inside on the front rack. Putting in some fancy sailor's knots here and there, they had soon had the Farmall pullin' back on the ski rope and draggin' the steer into the truck. They got him nose to pulley and held him there with the tractor while Glenn and Basil chased six good sized feeder pig in under the steer's feet and slammed the tailgate shut.
Glenn cut the rope close to the tractor, snapped and whipped under the tailgate nd, in one leap, cleared the front rack! His front feet left two post holes in th ruck roof. The windshield shattered an ne headight pooped out as the steer icocheted off the right front finder, He disappeared down the country road in the direction of Lake Superior
"Hum," said Glenn, "He sure was a tall one... and fast."
"Yup," replied his brother, "But not as ast as Nitzel's. Remember him. Maybe we should'a left the chain on.

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Emergency care
course begins
in February
An emergency care attendant by the Medical Service.
The course will start Feb. and be held two nights a week fo about nine weeks. Classes will b held from 6-10 p.m. at Lazbud die school. The course is open anyone 18 or older.
Students will receive eme gency care attendant certification from the Texas Department of Health upon satisfactory comple tion of the course
The cost of the course is $\$ 150$ and will be taught by Joe Haseloff. For more information or nroll, contact Glenn Lust at (806) $965-2828$ or Connie Barnes at

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## IRS reminds employers

## W-2s due by Jan. 31

DALLAS - With 1998 tax season just beginning, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds Texas employers that W-2, "Wage and tax statements" need to be made available to their employees by the end of January
Additionally, Form 1099, "Statement for miscellaneous i come," also needs to be available to employes by the Jan. 31 deadline.
Most employees need this information so they can file their tax forms early to receive their tax refund. According to the IRS North Texas District, seven out of 10 North Texans receive tax refunds. Last year, the average tax refund was $\$ 1,309.37$

Texans who receive a special Telefile tax package and plan to file by telephone also need their W-2 statements. That's because TeleFilers will need to enter interest income, unemployment compensation, wages, tax withheld and employer identification number directly from each W-2 form.

Employees are encouraged to ask their employer for their W2 if they do not receive it by Feb. 2. If employees do not receive their W-2 or 1099 forms by Feb. 15 , the IRS can help by requesting the form from their employer


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## Cleavinger, Muleshoe mow down Perryton

Muleshoe had the game in control despite an early sixminute scoreless stretch and the first half heroics of Shae Cunningham and Cory Dear. Leading by just a point at halftime, Muleshoe ripped off a 17-1 run over the first five minutes of the third quarter to minutes of the third quarter to
putaway pesky Perryton $72-45$ Friday in a District 1-3A boys basketball game at WJHS. Dustin Cleavinger turned in a monster effort for the Mules (16-6 overall, 3-1 in district), scoring a season-high 32 points and collecting 10 rebounds. Cyrus Norman added three 3pointers and 12 points for the Mules, who blitzed Perryton 40-14 in the second half.
"Something was just clicking in the second half," said Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason, happy with the way his team rebounded from a tough twopoint loss at Dimmitt last Tuesday. "We were real focused and played well together. It was just a real good team effort."
Muleshoe assisted on 23 of the its 27 field goals - helped by the fact that feeding Cleavinger the ball was almost a guaranteed assist.

## 'Horns

 handle VegaLAZBUDDIE - It wasn't pretty, but Lazbuddie contin-
ued its winning ways, beating ued its winning ways, beating
Vega 59-45 Friday in the District 3-1 A boys basketball game at LHS.
Jason Thomas scored 14 points and improving Brandon Foster added 12 points as Lazbuddie (11-3 overall, 2-0 in district) won its third-straight game while remaining undefeated in district play.
Foster, a junior point guard, is averaging 13.5 points in dis-

## trict.



## DISTRIGT 3-IA Boys

Lazbuddie
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Farwell Happy
Vega Friday's results Lazbuddie 59, Vega 45
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Silverton 56, Happy 51 Girls
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Lazbuddie Friday's results Vega 52, Lazbuddie 44 Nazareth 52, Farwell 33
Happy 38, Silverton 29 Tuesday's doubleheaders Lazbuddie at Farwell, Happy at Vega, Nazareth vs O'Donnell Friday's doubleheaders Nazareth at Lazbuddie, Farwell
at Happy, Vega at Cotton Center at Happy, Vega at Cotton Center


## Trapped

Muleshoe's Kendra Benham is hemmed in bytwo Perryton defenders Friday during a District $1-3 \mathrm{~A}$ basketball game at WJHS. The Rangerettes handed Muleshoe a $65-42$ loss. Rangerettes rout Lady Mules 65-42

## LHS

 falls shortLAZBUDDIE - Lazbuddie clawed its way out of a
16-pointhole only to falter late in a 52-44 loss to Vega Friday in a District 3-1A girls basketball game.
Kia Morris scored six points and Laura Jo Via added four in the third quarter when Lazbud-
die outscored Vega 16-10 to die outscored Vega
forge into a 32-32 tie.
The Lady Longhorns continued their charge early in the fourth quarter, taking a 39-35 lead. But Kyla May (seven points) and Kimberly Artho (six points) helped
$7-5$ the rest of the way.
ing three-year starter Chris Smith, who was outscore LHS 17-5 the rest of the way.
attending a state academic function. $\begin{array}{cc}\text { attending a state academic function. } & \text { "I guess we spent all our energy catching up," } \\ \text { Kellan Richardson fired in five 3-pointers and } & \text { Lazbuddie coach Carey Sudduth said. "Because }\end{array}$

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## FOOTBALL

## Six-man all-state team

[^1]There was no fourth-quarter
comeback this time.
Packing five players in
double figures, Perryton double figures, Perryton mowed down Muleshoe 65-42 Friday in a District 1-3A girls basketball game at WJHS. Perryton handed the Lady Perryton handed the Lady
Mules their third-straight loss behind a potent running game and 55 percent shooting.
Muleshoe, which lost its two
previous games when late fourth-quarter rallies fell short, simply had too many defensive breakdowns.
Calling it the toughest loss of the season, Muleshoe coach of the season, Muleshoe coach
Jim Gruhlkey was extremely disappointed with his team's mental approach.
" I can handle playing well and losing," Gruhlkey said. "But to lose the way we lost in such an important game is tough. We didn't even make them work for it,"
"I was disappointed in the team effort," Gruhlkey said. "We just didn't help out on defense." Jaclyn Nowlin led the Rangerettes (15-6 overall, 4-2 in district) with 13 points. Tobi
Alexander added 12 and

DISTRICTI-3A Girls

## Friona Dimmitt

 DimmittRiver Road Perryton
Muleshoe Tulia
Dalhart Sanford-Fritch Friday's games Friona 48, River Roed 48 Friona 48, River Road 38
Dimmitt 53, Sanford-Fritch 35 Tulia 57, Dalhart 49 Tuesday's games Muesday's games
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Friday's games Muleshoe at Sanford-Fritch Friona at Dalhart
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Amy Locker and Erin Wilhite led Muleshoe (11-10, 2-4) with 12 points each. The Lady Mules shot 27 percent from the field. The three-game losing streak drops the Lady Mules into a tie for fifth place, three games besee ROUT on page 5


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## MULES

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coreless in the game and took only one shot, but had 10 assists. Mason is averaging 10 assists a game in district play nd 6.1 for the seasor
Cunningham scored nine points in the first quarter, spear heading a 13-0 run that gave the Rangers a $15-13$ lead.
Muleshoe jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead two minutes into the game, but didn't score gain until Carlton Lewis three-point play with three sec onds left in the quarter
Dear pumped in three straight 3-pointers early in the second quarter, giving Perryton (5-12, 0-4) its largest lead, 24 18.

Muleshoe regained the lead 8-27 on Cleavinger's jumper His 3 -pointer in the waning seconds of the first half handed he Mules the lead for good
"There wasn't really any thing to change because we were playing the way we should," Coach Mason said "They were just throwing i
ough shots."
Both Cunningham and Dear were held
Cleavinger, a Norman 3 pointer and Lewis sparked the Mules' game-breaking' thirdquarter blitz.
Cleavinger scored six points in the 17-1 run and Lewis scored twice off steals.
Perryton (45) - Dear 3 0-0 9,
Page $00-00$, J. Cunningham 00-00, Page 00-00, J. Cunningham 00-00,
S. Cunningham 32-2 9, Bollinger 2 , S.0 6, Scwalk $11-3$
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Alexander $41-49$, Total 167 , Alexander 41-49. Totals 167-1345
Muleshoe (72) - Lewis 31-1
(7)
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Mason 0 0-0 0 , Norman 3 3-4 Mason $00-00$, Norman
Field $11-13$, McClanahan 1 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Field } 1 & 1-1 & 3, \text { McClanahan } 1 & 1-2 \\ \text { Clements } & 10-0 & 2, \text { Kemp } 1 & 0-0\end{array}$ Clements $10-0 \quad 2$, Kemp $110-02$,
Cleavinger $150-232$. Totals $287-12$, Total FG: 30-65. 3-point FG: 5-
17. Rebounds: 31. 13-ff 17. Rebounds: 31,13 off. (Cleavinger
10). Blocked shots: 5 (Clements, Cleavinger 2 each). Steals 15: (Sinclair 4). Assists: 23 (Mason 10).

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shoe 5 (Norman 3, Cleavinger shoe 5 (Norman 3, Cleavinger 2 ,
Records: Perryton 5-12, 0-4; Mule
shoe 16-6,3-1


Helping hand
Muleshoe senior Douglass Field helps teammate Carlton Lewis up during Friday's District 1-3A game at WJHS

ROUT
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hind co-leaders Dimmitt and Friona
"We really can't afford to lose any more games," Gruhlkey said.
The first 12 minutes of Friday's game looked like a track meet as Perryton flew out to a $26-8$ lead.
Time after time Muleshoe failed to rotate back to stop the fastbreak, resulting in easy baskets that helped the Rangerettes
hoot 61 percent from in the first half
Even after the horrendous start, Muleshoe battled back within striking distance at halftime, outscoring Perryton 13-4 the last four minutes of the second quarter to shave the deficit to nine at the break.
But the defensive breakdowns continued in the second half, enabling Perryton to pull After trading baskets early
in the second half, Perryton used an 8-2 run to push its lead to 43-27 late in the third quar-
ter.

Alexander canned a pair o jumpers and Lacie Holt scored a a backdoor cut in the spurt. Muleshoe got no closer than 1 the rest of the way Perryton (65) - Estra


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Muleshoe (42) - Myers 20-0 4 | Field $24-68$, Whitt $00-00$, Copley |
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 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Totals } 14 & 14-20 & 42 . & \\ \text { Perryton } & 15 & 15 & 1421 & 65\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Muleshoe } & 6151011 \\ & 42\end{array}$

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| District 1-3A |  |  | 16-7, 5-1. |  |  |  |
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| River Road | 2111220 |  |  | - | Tulia: Culv | ell 27. |
|  | 16212018 | 73 | Hawthorne 8; Dalhart: Jessop 11, |  |  |  |
| Leading scorers - River Road: Jus-tin Chancler 12, Jerod Fikac 9; Friona: |  |  | Smallwood 8. Records: Tulia: 7-15, 2-4; |  |  |  |
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| Justin Daniel 19, Quint Ellis 18. Records: |  |  | Dimmitt | 1110 | 101418 |  |
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|  | 23141224 | 73 | Leading scorers - Dimmitt: |  |  |  |
| Dalhart | 851712 | 42 | Matthews 13, Robertson 9; Sanford Fritch: Dudley 8, Ott 6. Records: Dimmitt 12-9, 5-1; Sanford-Fritch 1-19, 1-5 |  |  |  |
| Leading scorers - Tulia: M. Marshall |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26, Sims 20; Dalhart: Chaffan 18, Barrow 7. Records: Tulia 21-0, 4-0; Dalhart 10-9, 1-3. JV score: Dalhart 46, Tulia 44. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Boys top 25 |  |  |  |
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| Sanford-Fritch | 1112128 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leading scorers - Dimmitt: Sanders |  |  | The weekly boys class 3A basketball polls complied by the Texas |  |  |  |
| 20, Thomas 17; Sanford-Fritch: Price 10,DeShields 10. Records: Dimmitt 15-6, |  |  | Assocation of Basketball Coaches. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Records are through Jan. 17. |  |  |  |
| 0; Sanford-Fritch 5-15, 1-3. JV score: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sanford-Fritch 53, Dimmitt 47. |  |  | 2. Clarksville |  |  |  |
| GIRLS |  |  | 3. Kennedale |  |  |  |
| River Road | 119612 |  | 4. Dimmitt |  |  |  |
| Friona | $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { Friona } & 9 & 16 & 617 & 48\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leading | - River Roa | : Ali- |  |  |  |  |
| Swaim 11, Laurie Adams 11: Friona: |  |  | 7. La Vernia |  |  |  |
| Tammy Spencer 15, Sandra Gonzales 9. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Records: River Road 12-7, 4-2; Friona |  |  | 9. Rusk.averex |  |  |  |



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we just flat ran out of gas Roxann Warren led Lazbuddie (13-9 overall, $0-2$ in district) with nine points. Morris chipped in eight points while Via and Scottie Brown finished with seven each.
Artho paced Vega (11-10, $1-$ 2) with 14 points, Camie Rea added 12 and May finished with

Rea, all-district as a sophomore, hit a pair of early 3 -pointers and scored 12 points as Vega raced out to a 22-6 two minutes into the second quar

Rachel Rodriguez provided the offense spark and Scottie Brown put the defensive clamps on Rea, enabling the Lady 'Horns to get within a manageable 22-16 at halftime Rea didn't score in the second Rea di
half.
Sud
Sudduth called his team's slow start a nightmare
"We just weren'texecuting," Sudduth said.
Lazbuddie is $0-10$ in league play since being shifted into 3 A two years ago.

## Lady Mule JV smacks Perryton

Ellen Wood scored 17 points route to a $23-15$ halftime lead. and Lynsie Black added 13, Wood added 10 points in the leading Muleshoe to a 43-30 win against Perryton Friday in a District 1-3A girls junior varsity game.
Wood and Black scored four points apiece in the second quarter, when the Lady Mules outscored Perryton 15-6 en
$\qquad$
Perryton (30) - Symmons 4 Donley 2, Henry 11, Dodson 4, Eperonce 2, Palner 7 .
Muleshoe (43) - Black Muleshoe (43) - Black 13,
Benham 3, Johnson 3, Hancock 4, Locker 3, Wood 17, Adrian, Whitt, Toscano. Perryton
Muleshoe
$\begin{array}{cccccc}9 & 6 & 6 & 9 & 30 \\ 8 & 15 & 10 & 10 & 43\end{array}$

## Mule JV guns down Perryton

John McClanahan scored 14 points and Mitch Mason added 13 as Muleshoe remained undefeated in District 1-3A Friday with 84-63 victory against Perryton in a junior varsity game at MHS.
Muleshoe (16-3 overall, 4-0 in 1-3A) used a $16-3$ second quarter edge to grab a 45-20 halftime lead.

we're going to win one, but the kids are kind of frustrated,' Sudduth said.
Lazbuddie plays at No. Narwell Tuesday an Nazareth Friday.
Vega (52) - Rea $50-012$, Perrin
$0-02$, Artho $70-3$ 14, Sudeman 30-06 Selman 2 1-5 5, Basford 0 2-2 2, May 1-3 11. Totals $234-1352$.
Lazbuddie (44) - Foster Lazbuddie (44) - Frown
Engelking $10-1$
2, Brown Rodriguez
$40-08$
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Vega
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3-pointer $\quad \begin{array}{llll}51116 & 12 & 54\end{array}$ die 2 (Foster, Rodriguez); Lazbud-

## HORNS

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a game-high 24 points for Vega (4-18, 0-3).
Lazbuddie coach Phil War ren was mildly disappointed his team "played down to the level of competition"
level of competition."
"We just didn't play very
well," Warren said. "The thing is we can't let it carry over." Josh Morris and Cade Morris added 10 points each for Lazbuddie.

| Vega (45) - Richardson $75-724$ |
| :--- | Hodges 25-9 9, Flores $05-65$, Hubert 04-44, Stephenson $10-02$. Totals 1 20-27 45 .

Lazbuddie (59) - Gallman 02-3 2, Bran. Foster $60-0$ 12, St. Clair $10-$
02, J. Morris $40-010$, Nail $30-26, \mathrm{Br}$ Foster 1 1-2 3, C. Morris $50-010$ Thomas 70-4 14. Totals 26 3-15 59. $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Vega } & 9 & 61317 \quad 45\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { lega } & \mathbf{9} & 6 & 13 & 17 & 45 \\ \text { Lazbuddie } & 18 & 13 & 13 & 15 & 59\end{array}$ 3-pointers - Vega 5 (Richardson (5);Lazbuddie 2(J. Morris 2). Records:
Vega 0-3, 4-18; Lazbuddie 11-3, 2-0.


## Obituries

MICKEY MAX PIERCE
Mickey Max Pierce, 57, Muleshoe died Sunday, Jan. 18, 1998 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.
Pierce was born Feb. 17, 1940 in Muleshoe and married Jacqueline Ervin on Nov. 19 1988 in Eagle Point, Ore.
Pierce has lived in Muleshoe since 1995 moving from Lake Creek, Ore. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was a mechanic and a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force,
Survivors include his wife Jacqueline of Muleshoe; sons, Mickey Gene Pierce of Norman, Okla., Max Ray Pierce of Norman, Okla., John Meister of Phoenix; daughters, Mitzi Springs of Norman, Okla.; Lisa Hamilton of Norman, Okla.; Jill Kerofsky of Chesapeake, Virg.; mother, Gladys Pierce of Muleshoe sisters, Pat Hughes of Lubbock,

Betty Blair of Noble, Okla.,
Cherry Estep of Muleshoe; 10 grandchildren.
EVETTE FREEMAN Evette LaParche Freeman, 47, of Duncan, Okla. died Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998 at Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, following a lengthy illness.
Memorial services were held Jan. 19, 1998 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Duncan, Okla. with Rev. Dwight Helt and Rev. Phil B. Wahl officiat-
ing.
As a disabled veteran of the Vietnam War interment was held with military honors at Resthaven Cemetery in Duncan under the direction of Don Grantham Funeral Home Freeman was born June 26 1950 in Morristown, NJ. She married Maj. Thomas S. Freeman on Feb 19, 1977 in Clovis. They resided in Muleshoe for
seven years.
Freeman, a captain in the U.S Air Force, served as a member of the Pacific Air Force Aeromedical Evacuation System. As a flight nurse on the C-9A Nightingale plane, she assisted in moving patients from Southeast Asia stations to adequate medical facilities to adequate medical facilities near their home base or to the regional hospital at Clark Air Base in the Philippines., where she was stationed.

She aided in the airlift of twoU.S. Serviceman wounded during the recovery of the merchant vessel "Mayaquez" which had been captured and other evacuation missions and regular basis. She is a regular basis. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of "Rainbows"; has active membership in the DAV, Nurses Association, Antique Car Club, and is a charter member of Women in Military Service.


## TAZBUDDIE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The students of the month or January have been named at Lazbuddie Elementary School. These students have displayed outstanding qualities f character citizenship, and eadership. They have prove obe an asset to their class and to their school. Each studen was presented a ribbon and commended for their efforts They are the following.
Pre-Kindergarten: Natasha Barnes, granddaughter of Bob and Wanda Templar
Kindergarten: Jackie Bryant, daughter of Darrell and Polly Bryant
1st Grade: Ryan Mason, son of Sheldon and Debbie Mason


Students of the month
The following were named Lazbuddie Elementary School students of the month of January: (Back, from left) Castle Crawford, Bessie Hendrickson and Roberto Marrufo. (Middle) Ryan Mason ands Nathan Pesch. (Front) Natasha Barnes 2nd Grade: Roberto and Jackie Bryant. Marrufo, son of Robert and Maria Marrufo
3rd Grade: Castle Crawford, daughter of Nathan and Sharli Crawford

4th Grade: Nathan Pesch,
son of Robert and Brenda Pesch 5th Grade: Bessie Henderickson, daughter of Michael and Annie Michael and Annie Henderickson

## LAZBUDDIE YOUNG HOMEMAKERS NEWS

The Lazbuddie Young Homemakers held a meeting Nov. 4 with Sharlie Crawford and Janette Thorn being hostess. Lisa Jo Jones of Lubbock was the speaker.
Another nmeeting was held Dec. 2 with Amy Barnes and Jennifer Smith being hostess. Stephanie Cullison of Farwell was the speaker, displaying and explaining how she made her jewelry. Also in December the Homemakers joined with their spouses and children for Christmas party on the 19th.
Sheryl Engelking of Lazbuddie was the guest speaker during a Jan. 6 hosted by LeShea Mason. She taught the homemakers how to do calligraphy


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Dillman Superkids The following students were named January Superkids at Dillman Elementary: (Back row, from left) Adrian Perez, Jennifer Carion, Carlos Bustillos and Hilda Rascon. (Front) Caitlyn Durben, Alexis Reid, Austin Bamert and Belen Gonzales.

Survivors include her hus band, Thomas; parents, Alfred and Gladys LaParche; daughters, Melina Young and Dave of Bremerton, Wash.; April Camp and Bo, of Hanahan, SC. Jill Thompson and Dan of Lilburn of Ga.; sisters, Suzanne Weber and Paul of Albuquerque, Lorelle LParchquer que, Lorelle LaParche of Dallas, Janeene Rider and James of Herndon, Va., Elisse Ewing
and Brad of Sugarland; uncles Norman Comly and Millie, of Hopatcong, NJ. Jerry LaParche and Irene of Racine, Wis. Charles Freeman and Joanne of South Berwick, ME.,George Diamond and Artie of Rollinsford, NH.; 5 grandchil dren; 3 nieces; 5 nephews.
The family requests memorials be sent to Evette LaParche Freeman Memorial Fund for Student Nurses, \#119865, AmQuest Bank, Ninth and Willow, Duncan, Okla. 73533.

## The Family and Friends of

 James \& Shelly Turnbow invite you to a FAREWELL RECEPTIONSunday, Ianuary 25, 1998 Sunday, January 25, 1998 2 P.M. to $4 \mathcal{P}$. M. $^{2}$. First Baptist Church Activity Center 219 East Avie. $\mathcal{B}$ We welcome you to stop by and wish the Turnbow Family well as they prepare to leave Muleshoe for Red Oak, Iowa.


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the 1997 Census of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers use the data to spot trends The Census takes place only once every 5 years that will help them decide which crops to grow or and serves as the nation's only uniform, comprehensive information source on agricultural production, inventories, sales, and expenses for all states and counties.
Census of Agriculture data virtually impact all
farmers and ranchers, either directly or indirectly farmers and ranchers, either directly or indirectly. Census data is used by a great variety of people and businesses for many purposes.
Farm organizations use the results to develop farm programs and policies.
Agribusiness use Census of Agriculture data to identify sales territories and the best locations for retail outlets.
Census data are often used by local planning councils to document the value of agriculture to the
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Congress uses the in
change farm legislation.
U.S. Department of Agriculture uses the information toestablish programs and determine eligibility for those programs.
For those with a stake in agriculture, the Census is the most comprehensive source of information on farmland use, kinds and acreage of crops harvested, value of products sold, acres treated with fertilizers pesticides, number and types of livestock raised, cost of fuels and energy consumed. Financial data generated by the Census include interest expenses, value of machinery and equipment, and farm-related income. The 1997 Census of Agriculture also collects data about direst sales, number of hired workers, and the number of injuries and deaths that curred on the farm.
End of year estimates include record corn production
son ending, outstanding yields of sost crops were produces across the state, according to the final production estimates of springplanted crops released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Ser-
The 1997 Texas Upland cot-
ton crop is expected to total 5.3
million bales, 22 percent above
1996. Harvested acreage is esti-
mated at 5.15 million acres, 26
percent more than last year when
drought resulted in greater than normal abandonment. Planted acreage totaled 5.5 million acres, 4 percent less than 1996. Harvested acreage produced a yield
of 494 pounds peracre, compared of 494 pounds per acre, compared
with 509 pounds the year before. Corn production is estimated
at at a record 248.4 million bushels, percent above the previous record estimated at a record 138 bushels per acre, 26 bushels more than in
mated at 1.8 million acres, the same as in 1996
Texas peanut production is lion pounds up 18 per 811.2 millast year. Statewide yield, at 2,600 pounds per acre, matches the pre Sorghum production ist year mate at 104.1 million hundred weight (cwt), 2 percent above las mated at 3.15 million acres, down 17 percent from 1996, when sorghum replaced some lost cotton per acre, is 616 pounds less than last year.
million producers harvested 14.2 million cwt , 23 percent less than mated at 5,500 pounds per 700 pounds less than a year ago The 1997 Texas Soybean crop is estimated at 11.2 million bushels, up 60 percent fro the previous
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estimated at 28.0 bushels per acre, estimated at 28.0 bushels per acre,
compared with 26.0 bushels last compar
Production of all hay is estimated at 10.8 million tons, 38
percent more than is 1996 . percent more than is 1996. Acre-
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estimated at 2.45 tons, up. 65 tons UnitedStates corn production, at 9.37 billion bushels is up less crop. A yield of 127 bushels per acre is estimated, virtually the same as a year earlier. The sor-
ghumcrop is expected to decrease 19 percent, to 365.7 million cwt The U.S. Upland cotton crop is
expected to total 18.4 million bales, virtually the same as last cast at 2.73 billion bushels, 14 percent above last year. The $U$
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