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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Football seats mark grave

Paul Wellener's family found the perfect marker for his grave: two blue plastic seats from the Three Rivers Stadium auction.

The Mount Lebanon, Pa., man, a lifelong football fan and Pittsburgh Steelers season-ticket holder for 42 years, died unexpectedly last March 16.

Looking around for a gravestone, his son, Paul, and widow, Mary Ann, bought three pairs of stadium seats for \$2,100 at an auction — and knew they had found the perfect gravestone.

Now, that's junk food!

A Ukrainian candy company, headquartered in Kiev, has begun marketing what may be the stickiest, richest and most fattening treat on the market: pure pork fat covered in chocolate.

Cracking open a finger-sized stick of "Fat in Chocolate" reveals exactly that: a vein of fat.

The dark chocolate product pokes fun at the traditional Ukrainian snack of salo, or salted pork fat, usually consumed with vodka and pickles.

Legislature is family affair

The makeup of the 2001 South Dakota Legislature includes two brothers from opposite sides of the state. And a third brother gave the invocation the day they were seated.

The Rev. Ron Hennies, an Episcopal priest from Rapid City, delivered the opening prayer Jan. 9 when the Legislature opened.

Tom Hennies and Don Hennies were listening from their seats in the House of Representatives.

"There will be Hennies boys galore in the state Legislature," the Rev. Hennies said.



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On this date in history

Jan. 14 — Charles Lallemant arrives in Galveston and attempts to establish a French military colony in Texas (1818).
Also on Jan. 14 — The first Texas historical marker, honoring Camp Ford in Smith County, is erected by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee (now the Texas Historical Commission) (1962).

Jan. 15 — The Congress of the Republic of Texas charters the Austin and Houston Turnpike Co. to lay an Austin-Houston road (1841).

LOCAL WEATHER

The forecast as of Tuesday was predicting a return to several days of seasonal weather beginning Thursday. Morning lows were expected to be near 30 Thursday through Saturday, about 26 Sunday and dropping to about 21 Monday. Daytime high temperatures were expected to hit the mid-50s with the exception of a warm 64 on Friday. Partly cloudy skies were expected throughout the period.

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School assembly honors 14-1 football season

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

An assembly Tuesday morning at Muleshoe High School honored members of the 2000 state semi-finalist football team as well as the coaches and others who played some special roll in the Mules' 14-1 best-ever season.

The main fanfare was presenting the players with their University Scholastic League medals, earned for making it to the "final four."

Each one also got his name plate from the

locker he was assigned at Texas Stadium, certificates of achievement from the school board, and scrapbooks compiled by Ronnie Jones and several helpers.

Principal Dave Jenkins changed the tone of the often-lighthearted proceedings in his concluding remarks.

"I have never seen a group of people that were less self-centered and more team-oriented than this group," he said.

Telling the players that they would be remembered and admonishing them to continue meeting the standards they set for themselves during the season. Jenkins told them: "I know that you know how to handle your success. Only you can tarnish your great success."

Early in the ceremony, after a welcome by head coach David Wood, Jenkins recognized

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County moving on both prison, jail proposals

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Before the beginning of Monday's Bailey County Commissioners' Court, County Judge Marilyn Cox told the commissioners informally that things look good for both a new jail and a proposed prison to be located south of Muleshoe.

She said the county's jail proposal now has "top priority" with the state.

She also said James Parkey of Corplan, the company that would manage the facilities, said it would not be a major problem if the city's option to buy the site expires Jan. 30 with no action being taken; an extension can be sought with no problem to the project.

She also said Parkey now advises going for a specialty geriatric prison, which would house older inmates.

In their business meeting, commissioners:

- Approved a resolution to divide the Plains Trail region into Northern Plains and Southern Plains for historic trail designation;

- Named Commissioner Jerry Damron as the county's voting delegate to the West Texas Resource Conservation and Development Commission;

- Selected David L. Sudduth, June Thompson Green and Joe Clinton Dear as the county's salary grievance committee along with Cox (non-voting), Treasurer Donna Kirk and one other elected official. Rickie Stockard Warren was selected as the alternate member; names are drawn from grand jurors.



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

Kidsville commerce

Several students demonstrate just a few of the commercial activities involved in the Dillman kindergartners' annual Kidsville activity. Above, Zachary Hernández (left), Nathan Cruz, Michelle Lira and Tiffany Toscano refine their baking skills, while at left Kirk Williams seems to be studying optometry and medicine at the same time. On the designated day (this year it was Sept. 29) each of the seven classrooms is turned into some type of business space. This year included a space center, a farm and ranch store, a grocery, a construction company, a doctor's office and others. Each class then rotates into each room so students can experience elements involved in that particular business or profession. Teacher Vicki Surret said Kidsville is valuable in allowing the students to "get that exposure to real things," which many of them have not yet had at their age. Surret said her classroom this year became the construction company, and the children got play hammers and nails so they could experience putting things together. They even got materials so they could add "brick" veneers or other surfaces to their projects, and paint rollers so they could experience what it's like to apply paint.



Cotton growers board to meet

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers board of directors are scheduled to meet Jan. 17 in Lubbock to discuss the organization's legislative priorities for 2001.

The board has worked for months on a preliminary set of goals to bring both short- and long-term relief to growers in 2001. The ill effects of the 2000 growing season piled on top of poor economic outcomes in previous years have virtually every link in the industry chain worried about the coming year.

At the top of the list are producers and bankers trying to figure how to finance operations that face the worst of all situations — low prices and increased costs.

Adding to the misery is the hit price projections took this week with an upward revision in Chinese production numbers. The change will no doubt

alter forecast world supply and carryover projections and change the timeline for a price recovery.

In the light of these and other issues, the organization has focused on two immediate changes to benefit producers.

Chief among the policy changes the growers' group will push for, and one that could make the most direct impact on producer cash-flows, is the immediate increase of the base cotton loan rate by 20 percent.

Such a change would increase the loan rate to about 60 cents per pound and put a new face on the balance sheets of many growers.

Bank representatives are scrambling for ways to prevent the penalization of growers who, through no fault of their own, have been adversely affected by drought, cost increases and low prices.

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Greeting the new year

Martina Regalado of Muleshoe holds her as-yet-unnamed daughter, born at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Muleshoe Area Medical Center — the first baby of the new year born in Bailey County. The child is the ninth for Regalado and her husband, Salome, who already had four boys and four girls. The new arrival weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 22 inches long. Her siblings and their ages are Samuel, 13; Crystal, 12; Sonia, 11; Natalie, 10; Nathaniel, 9; Amy, 6; Joel, 5; and Chamel, 4.

AROUND MULESHOE

License office to be closed

The Muleshoe driver's license office will be closed Friday afternoon and Monday, according to an announcement Tuesday by the staff.

Monday's closure will include the whole day, in honor of Martin Luther King Day. The office will resume regular hours Tuesday.

Library to benefit from Cotton Kings

The Friends of the Muleshoe Area Public Library are selling tickets to the Jan. 13 Lubbock Cotton Kings game against the New Mexico Scorpions.

This is Muleshoe night at the game, which starts at 7:05 p.m. in Lubbock.

Tickets are \$8 each, and the Friends of the Library receive a portion of each ticket they sell.

The tickets are available from any member of the Friends or by stopping by the library.

EMT class set for Muleshoe

Bailey County Emergency Medical Services will sponsor an ECA/EMT class starting Jan. 31 at the First Assembly of God.

Class times will be 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Everyone taking the class must be CPR-certified before starting class. A CPR class is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 17-18, also at the church.

Anyone interested should contact Christopher Thompson at 272-4390 to be scheduled.

Final signup set for boys' basketball

The final signup and evaluation for boys' Muleshoe Youth Basketball is scheduled for Jan. 13 in the Watson Junior High Gymnasium.

The cost is \$35.

Players must attend the evaluation in order to play in the

league. Evaluation times are 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. for grades three and four (Minor League) and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for grades five and six (Major League).

Public calendar

Jan. 11 — 7:45 p.m. — Public hearing in Three Way Independent School District for discussion of the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System, just before the school board's regular 8 p.m. meeting.

Jan. 24 — North Plains Cotton Conference, Friona.

Jan. 25 — Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Bailey County Coliseum.

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.

Symphony schedules concerts

The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra has scheduled concerts with guest conductor Lara Webber for 8 p.m. Jan. 12-13 in the Lubbock Civic Centre Theatre.

Webber is in her first season as assistant conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. The concert will include music by Dvorák, Prokofiev, Arturian and Sibelius.

Guest artist will be Will Strieder, a professor of trumpet at Texas Tech University. In addition to his teaching duties, he is principal trumpet of

the Lubbock orchestra, second trumpet of the Houston Ballet Orchestra and principal trumpet of the Santa Fe Pro Musica.

Guest conductors have been invited to Lubbock for each of the five "Musical Mystery Tour" concerts as the symphony searches for a permanent director.

Unsold tickets will be available at the door each night. Prices are \$13.50, \$18.50 and \$22. Student tickets may be purchased for \$9.50.

More information is available by calling (806) 762-1688.

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PLAYERS

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members of the Mighty 'M' Band, who extended their marching season to include five extra football games, and asked them to stand for a round of applause; thanked Mike Hahn and Don Heathington for game pictures throughout the season; cheerleaders (Megan Barrett, Melissa Flores, Roxann García, Rendi Hodge, Stephanie Kirk, Ashley May, Suzanne Messenger and Laura Wood); cheerleader sponsors (LaNell Skaggs and Kimberly Beard); and mascot Elizabeth Castorena.

He also presented the coaching staff, in addition to Wood, with certificates of apprecia-

tion — Ralph Mason, Eddie Kilmer, Joe Pat Wright, Ron Welch, John Irwin, Kodi Crane, Donnie Scott, Brad Stegall, Chad King and Nick Dickson.

Wood presented season souvenirs to Jenkins, Superintendent Gene Sheets, Assistant Principal Vince Erdman and Muleshoe Mayor Victor Leal.

Then came the players (including a few moved up from the junior varsity for the playoff games), managers and trainer, who filed across the stage to receive their honors in alphabetical order:

Kyle Atwood, Chris Barrera, Tommy Barrera, Tyler Black,

Brandon Broyles, A.J. Buhrman, David Burciaga, Sonny Chávez, T-Bird Cox, Chance Daniel (manager), D.J. Domínguez, Michael Durben, A.J. Flores, Trista Green (trainer), James Hancock, Cade Hooten, Daniel Johnson, Jeff King, Darrell Lewis, Matt López, Tadd Lutz, Brandon Mount, Lupe Nuñez, Mark Orosco (manager), Jerrell Otwell, Lindy Piñeda, Danny Ramírez, Lincoln Riley, Jeff Shelburne, Stephan Shelburne, Jeffre Skipworth, Bradley Thomason, Jesús Tovar, Joey Tucker, Travis Tunnell, Chance Turney, Chris Vela and Stephen

Woodard.

Closing the assembly was a special tribute by Jody Wood, who read a speech written by Wesley Wood (the team's ball boy). "Thank you for being his hero," she concluded.

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Many growers are simply unable to project a positive cash flow due to the effects of these variables.

The second part of the organization's short-term relief initiative would entail changing the 2001 Agricultural Market Transition Act payment rate and authorization of a second AMTA payment for the 2001 crop year.

Plains Cotton Growers suggests that all 2001 AMTA payments be calculated using the 1998 payment rate of 8.17 cents per pound.

Any short-term changes will hopefully get producers back in the game in 2001. They are, however, only the start of the policy work that will take place in 2001.

Efforts are also under way to develop a comprehensive set of long-term policy reform suggestions to set the stage for development of the next farm bill. The House Ag Committee is gearing up for another round of hearings and the issue is expected to be a top priority in 2001.

PCG is currently looking to initiate changes aimed at several areas key to shoring up the safety net provisions of current farm policy.

The balance that must be struck, however, is to provide

an adequate safety net without decreasing the flexibility growers have under the Freedom to Farm Act.

Long-term reform ideas that the growers' group is looking into include:

- A permanent increase in Marketing Loans rates for all program commodities;

- Initiation of a voluntary set-aside program that producers can use to further increase loan rates along the lines of the "Flexible Fallow" program being studied;

- Initiation of a counter-cyclical price protection mechanism to kick in automati-

cally when prices are down; and

- Continuation of some form of de-coupled payment mechanism similar to AMTA payments utilizing updated acreage and yield figures.

In the coming months, the growers will seek input throughout this process. The main conduit for surfacing, evaluating and then pursuing new ideas is the group's board of directors.

Member gins in the 25-county High Plains region earn a seat on the board automatically and can immediately take part in all deliberations.

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By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

Usually plants that do the best in a given climate are the species native to that area — and certainly native species offer advantages that no “outsider” has.

But despite coming from the other side of the planet, it’s hard to fault Turkish speedwell (*Veronica liwanensis*) if you have the right spot for it. The High Country Gardens catalog states, “For the western gardener, there is no finer groundcover.”

It’s hard to convey the beauty of this in bloom, since it grows only 2 inches high and doesn’t make much impact as a single plant. But that 2 inches gets as thick as a carpet with little blue flowers, and if you have several square feet of ground space covered with it, its beauty is almost otherworldly when the light is right.

I almost have to get down on my hands and knees to see it in detail, but it’s worth the effort.

It’s even evergreen, so it doesn’t leave the ground in your flowerbed bare through the winter.

The books and catalogs say it will tolerate a little shade



(especially evening shade in a climate with hot sun), but I wouldn’t plant it anywhere that’s going to be shaded before 2 or 3 o’clock in the afternoon.

Mine is in a bed that starts being shaded by about noon, and there is clearly not enough sunlight — the foliage is not as compact as it should be and the flowers have become fewer as the overhead canopy has spread farther east. It’s time to dig up the Turkish speedwell and move it to a sunnier spot.

Another piece of advice from the voice of experience: I would place this species around herbaceous perennials (those that die back in the winter) that are not very tall or — if using it more-or-less as an edging — at the base of evergreens.

Mine patch is near some large shrubs that shed massive

amounts of leaves in the fall, and under the edge of honeylocust branches. Even though the honeylocust leaflets are tiny, there are a lot of them; with the Turkish speedwell being only 2 inches tall, it gets buried under all these leaves several times per autumn. With its need for lots of light, this is not a healthy condition for it, and because of its mat-like growth, I pretty much have to pick the dead leaves off by hand or ruin the little speedwell.

Therefore, my next spot will be one with lots of sun, but near enough to shade that there will be protection from the sun from about mid-afternoon, and far enough from shade so that most of the falling leaves won’t land on the speedwell.

Even though Turkish speedwell isn’t listed as especially drought-tolerant, a well-established patch of it was able to survive this past summer on its own — how drought-tolerant do you want?

The little plants spread to 18 inches across and the runners root at various joints along the way, so it doesn’t require a great many plants to cover an area fairly fast.

A somewhat similar species is the thyme-leaf speedwell (*Veronica oltensis*), another native of the Turkish high country.

If you’re familiar with creeping thyme, you know what thyme-leaf speedwell looks like when not in bloom. It’s less than an inch tall, spreading to 2 feet across (but slow growing, so it won’t cover a big area quickly) and with leaves that look somewhat hairy (as opposed to the smoother leaves of Turkish speedwell).

When it blooms, it becomes an azure blue carpet — distinguishing it from the white or pink or red of the thyme family.

The experts will tell you that thyme-leaf speedwell is strictly for full sun and is very drought-tolerant. I have tried it only once here, and I felt like the sun was too much for it; at any rate, it didn’t survive the first summer. There could have been some factor besides excess sun that did it in, so a conclusion will have to wait for further experiments.

Aside from the usual groundcover uses, either of these species (or creeping

thyme, if you want a flower color besides blue) looks very nice planted among flagstones in a walkway or patio. For the speedwells, the stones need to set high enough off the ground so that people aren’t stepping right on the plants. This is less

critical with thyme, as long as it isn’t a really high-traffic area.

Happy planting!
(Questions and comments may be directed to Ronn Smith, 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to ronnsmith@hotmail.com.)

Cattle may not be only thing sorted by personality

My friend and farm broadcaster, Rich, alerted me to a new cattle-handling procedure instituted by a group of Iowa feedlots: They classify new cattle through the chutes by disposition.

They assume that gentler cattle perform better and that behavior is hereditary, so a cattle feeder could use the information to select which cow-calf operations to buy calves from.

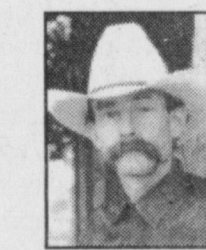
Their classification system scores 1 through 5 as follows:

- 1) Gentle, moves quietly, respiration may be slightly elevated;
- 2) More active, respiration elevated, settles down after rejoining herd;
- 3) Constant movement, occasionally bumping into fences and gates, etc.;
- 4) Agitated by handling, prefers to avoid handlers, bumps into fences and gates, always watching handlers; and
- 5) Not only bounces off equipment but would prefer to run over handlers and jump fences and gates.

Rich pointed out that handling cattle is a two-sided penny. He said there also should be a classification system for the disposal of the handler.

I agreed, and thus propose the following, based loosely on the Seven Dwarfs.

- 1) Sleepy — not a good person to have on the head catch. Useful for plugging holes. Think of as life-sized cardboard cutout.
- 2) Dopey — Not necessarily unintelligent, but has exceedingly bad judgment. Forgets basic rules like “close tailgate” or “let planter finish before opening head gate.” And will talk to a cedar post.
- 3) Grouchy — Unfortunately, usually in charge. Irritates cattle and crew in an



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effort to speed things up. Disrupts everyone’s rhythm and timing, resulting in regular breakdowns. Needs to be shoveling bunks . . . alone.

4) Rambo — Overanxious, often new on the job. Catches

every other one, can hit a steer 14 times with a hot shot in the two seconds between tailgate opening and first step. Better working with inanimate objects.

5) The Conductor — Or-

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Varsity girls trounce Roosevelt Lady Eagles 63-43

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

Muleshoe's Lady Mules opened district play Friday night at Lubbock Roosevelt, defeating the Lady Eagles 63-43.

The game plan was to jump the Lady Eagles early and see if they could stand the pressure, according to Muleshoe coach Shana Simms.

Roosevelt was up to the challenge in the first half, but the Lady Mules took the lead for good with 1:15 remaining in the half. At that point, Kayla Glover found Britni Gartin running the floor and completed the fast break with a layup for an 18-17 lead.

Tommie Hernández grabbed an offensive rebound and muscled the ball up and in to give Muleshoe a three-point

lead as the buzzer ended the first half.

The first quarter had ended with Roosevelt to a 7-6 lead. Hernández entered the game four minutes into the second quarter and had two steals and six points before the quarter ended. Gartin had nailed a three to start the quarter, and Mindy Locker had pulled down four first-half rebounds and contributed two points to send the Lady Mules to the locker room with only a three-point cushion.

Muleshoe's full-court press found a higher gear in the second half, and the Lady Mules opened the third period with an 11-point run. Megan Tipps started it by putting back a rebound; Gartin added four points and Shani Rasco hit two buckets and a free throw before the Lady Eagles finally scored with

3:45 left in the quarter.

Not content with a 12-point lead, Myndi Heathington nailed two three-pointers in the final two minutes of the period to push the Muleshoe lead to 41-25 at the end of three periods of play.

Jessica Carpenter and Annie Cox each nailed a three in the first two minutes of the final period.

The Lady Mules owned a 52-27 lead with only four minutes remaining, but then Muleshoe temporarily lost its focus and allowed the Lady Eagles a seven-point run of their own.

Muleshoe called a timeout, regrouped and spread the floor to drain the final minutes from the clock and end any hope the Lady Eagles had of a miracle comeback.

"We played too timid the first

half," Simms said. "We knew they were going to be physical, and we had to be physical with them. We regrouped in the second half and our intensity level went up, and we felt like if we could get a run, Roosevelt was not disciplined enough to withstand a big run.

"The only question was, when was our run going to come? We got it early in the second half and played good team ball in the second half to put Roosevelt away," she added.

Muleshoe hit five threes in the game, with Heathington having two and Gartin, Cox and Carpenter one each.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Mules was Gartin, 15; Heathington, 12; Rasco, 11; Hernández and Cox, seven each; Locker, four; and Carpenter, Glover and Tipps, three

each. The Lady Mules had seven steals (Gartin three), pulled down 28 rebounds (Locker, nine; Rasco, eight), made 18 of 24 free throws, committed 19

turnovers and were called for 18 fouls.

The Lady Mules play Lubbock Cooper at Wilson on Tuesday night in their second district game.

A 'dream break' can help in dealing with reality

Have you ever stopped to think about little things you normally wouldn't think twice about?

I do. I find it very relaxing. I think about things like "if I were an airplane, where would I fly?" or "if I were a crayon, what color would I be?" I could go on and on about the kind of food I'd be or what brand of shoes I would be.

It's just fun to completely lose yourself in your thoughts.

I found this way of escaping everything when I was little. If something was going on that was unpleasant or just plain boring, I would escape into all

KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Katye Cook

of my dreams.

This does get me into trouble from time to time, so I wouldn't recommend doing it in school or at work. But I'm a dreamer — always have been, always will be.

One time when I was having a horrible day, I went to our school library to get away from my problems for a little while. The former librarian knew me well and knew I was a big dreamer, so as soon as she walked in, she could tell some-

thing was wrong. She didn't even have to ask what.

She just looked at me and said, "Katye, let's decorate your house in Montana." I don't live in Montana, and I don't have a house there. But she knew I had always wanted to live there — I still don't know why, but I do.

So we sat there, and I told her all about what my house would look like. Every tiny little detail, inside and out. By the time I was finished, I was almost

excited to go back to class.

The point is that no matter how old or young you are, you can always use a vacation. This kind is free. You don't have to worry about the money, where to buy the tickets, who will keep the kids, or how to get your parents to let you go.

So next time you're so stressed you can barely breathe or your brain is so fried you don't know what two plus two is, give your brain and rest and take a dream break.

(Katye Cook is a freshman at Three Way High School. Her column will appear at intervals in the Journal.)

CREATIVE LIVING

Information on homemade recipes, window-treatment toppers and silk painting will be featured on "Creative Living" on Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. and Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Darlene Dickson of Clovis, who is with the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service, will show how to use homemade mixes to quickly prepare a variety of recipes.

Joe Jankoski of Upper

Saddle River, N.J., representing Hunter-Douglas Window Fashions, will show several options for window-treatment toppers.

Rheata White of Rheata's Studio and Gallery in Muleshoe will show some projects featuring silk painting.

Information on potato bars and garments for special-needs individuals will be featured Jan. 16 at 11:30 p.m. and Jan. 18 at 1 p.m.

Connie Cahill of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee in Monte Vista, Colo., will show how to entertain with what she calls a

"grand potato bar."

Claudia Sammis of Larkspur, Calif., will show some garments her company and other companies now make available for special needs individuals.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico and is distributed by Westlink of Albuquerque.

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GREAT FOLKS IN THE MULESHOE AREA:

Thank you for the wonderful reception you have given to my book, *18 Miles From Earth, Stories From Barber Shops, Front Porches and Supper Tables*. Since graduating from Muleshoe High School in 1955, my work has taken me to 34 countries on five continents. Everywhere I have gone, I have talked with pride about my hometown. Now, it has been a special delight to look back, remembering the good times and the people who made them so special.

Thomas Wolfe said, "You can't go home again."

Well, I don't know where he was from, but it sure wasn't Muleshoe. My wife, Robbie, and I could not have imagined the welcome you gave us during our recent visits. We want to say a very special "thank you" to Carolyn and Buck Johnson for introducing *18 Miles From Earth* and hosting two book signings at Carolyn's Christmas Creations, to Magann Rennels at Gil Lamb Advertising and Channel 17 for continuing to carry my "Sentimental Journey" programs every Friday morning, to Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. for sponsoring those broadcasts, and to everyone who came by Carolyn's to visit with us and share their own memories.

Today, I am more Muleshoe proud than ever. Getting caught up in "Mule Mania" this fall made that real easy. Congratulations to the Mules on the greatest season in MHS history!

If you have any comments, after reading my book, or if you have some of your own memories to share, write to Robbie and me at P.O. Box 30325, Edmond, OK 73003-0006. You can e-mail us at wbea@totalifenow.org, or call us toll free at 1-888-868-2543. Our 24-hour fax number is 405-340-3535. If you are connected to the Internet, visit us online at <http://www.totalifenow.org>.

For Sentimental Reasons,
Wayne Bristow

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- Ask your workplace about emergency plans.
- Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.

Create an Emergency Plan

- Meet with household members. Discuss with children the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes and other emergencies.
- Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could occur.

checklist will help you get started. Discuss these ideas with your family, then prepare an emergency plan. Post the plan where everyone will see it—on the refrigerator or bulletin board.

For additional information about how to prepare for hazards in your community, contact your local emergency management or civil defense office and American Red Cross chapter.

Emergency Checklist

- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches.
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Family Forum links communities building character

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
WACO — The Texas Family Forum has scheduled Jan. 16 for an all-day program on character building. Held in conjunction with the Blackland Income Growth Conference, the forum event begins at 9 a.m. at the Waco Convention Center.

"Building character has become a concern for communities large and small," said Faith Ballard, chairperson of the 2001 Texas Family Forum.

"How do we build strong families in a hurried world full of conflicting influences from media, school and more?"

How do we turn those influences toward a common goal?"

"Speakers on our program link those segments of our communities who make a difference in developing good character," said Ballard, who is also a regional director for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "And our closing session puts into real-world practice these connections. Participants will design a working plan for developing their own community network."

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Barry B. Thompson, chancellor emeritus of The Texas

A&M University System.

"Dr. Thompson, a powerful speaker, always inspires his audience to a higher level of commitment to integrity," Ballard said.

A Johnson County panel focuses on county character efforts with County Judge Roger Harmon and Extension 4-H agent Tammy Cantrell. Dr. Kathy Volanty, associate director for human sciences

with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will discuss a statewide Extension program, Texas Building Character.

Luncheon speaker will be Howard Graves, chancellor of the Texas A&M System, whose topic looks forward to the "Promise for a New Century."

Wrapping up the day, Martha Couch, assistant di-

rector for 4-H, speaks on "Linking Communities" and how to develop a working plan for individual communities.

Concurrent sessions will focus on such topics as building character in families, linking church and home, character and education, government ethics and the business of character.

The conference is sched-

uled to conclude at 2:30 p.m. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch.

Other B.I.G. sessions feature beef, forage, cotton, grain, horticulture and horses. Sponsors of the joint conference with the Mid-Texas Farm and Ranch Show include the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

Freshman girls send Roosevelt packing, 55-28

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The freshman Lady Mules kept their district record perfect at 6-0 Monday night by defeating the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles for the second time this season.

Muleshoe began its second round of district play by downing Roosevelt 55-28 at home.

Tori Barton led the Lady Mule scoring with 20 points, including a three-pointer in the second period. Sara Benham had 12 points and Tabatha Obenhaus added 11 more. Keri Copley found Erin

Hancock open for two in the lane and Obenhaus put back a rebound for two points to give Muleshoe an 11-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Roosevelt then tied the game at 11 with seven minutes remaining in the half. Benham made a three-point play by scoring in the lane and making the free throw that followed; Barton nailed a three from the top of the circle to start a Lady Mule 11-point run in the second period.

Roosevelt made back-to-back buckets before Megan

Mason saw Benham posting up, and Benham got the shooter's roll for two points. Mason got a second assist when she saw Ashley López cutting across the lane for a layup, giving Muleshoe a 27-15 halftime lead.

The Lady Mules pressured the ball on both ends of the court and held the Lady Eagles to only seven points in the third stanza. Barton, Obenhaus and Benham combined to put 14 points on the board for the Lady Mules.

Defense continued to be the key to the Lady Mules' game

as they allowed Roosevelt to add only six points in the final period while putting up 14 more on their end.

Obenhaus hit a three from the corner, Brandi Whalin made two points in the lane and Marlie Black added three in the final minute.

Scoring, in addition to Barton, showed Benham with 12, Obenhaus 11 and Black three; Mason, Whalin, Hancock and López added two apiece.

The Lady Mules are scheduled to play Jan. 11-13 in the Levelland Tourney.

OBITUARY

GEORGIA NELSON

Services were held Tuesday at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church for Georgia Nelson, 89, of Oklahoma Lane. The Rev. Randy Thomas officiated. Burial was in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

Mrs. Nelson was born Jan. 25, 1911, at Rock Creek, Okla. She died Jan. 6 at home.

She moved to Oklahoma Lane in 1924 from Duncan, Okla., and graduated from Oklahoma Lane High School. She married Conrad Nelson on Jan. 7, 1940, in Clovis; he

died May 12, 1976.

She was a homemaker and a member of Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.

Mrs. Nelson is survived by two sons, Dennis Nelson of Spearman and David Nelson of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Helen Johnson of Redmond, Wash.; a brother, Joe Bolton of Florida; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Frances.

The family suggests memorials to Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church or the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery.

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JV Lady Mules have little trouble with Roosevelt

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The high-energy junior varsity Lady Mules maintained a seven-point lead through the first three periods of play Friday night before pulling away to beat the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles 53-26 in their first district game.

Muleshoe dominated the final stanza by spreading the floor and forcing Roosevelt out of its 2-3 zone. The Lady Mules outscored the Lady Eagles 19-2 in the final quarter.

Muleshoe used its 1-2-2 full-court press to jump out to a six-point lead, Tiffany

Flores finishing a fast break with a layup, before Roosevelt was able to put its first points on the board.

Flores finished the first period with six points, Jodi Hawkins added four, and Sara Sheets and Johnna Cleavinger hit two free throws each to give the Lady Mules a 14-7 first-period advantage.

Roosevelt tightened its defense in the second quarter and limited the Lady Mules to six points—but only managed six points of its own.

The Lady Eagles used a quick 2-3 zone to get a hand on many Muleshoe passes,

but the Lady Mules prevented turnovers from becoming points by hustling back on defense. Eva Pylant had a six-foot jumper, Summer Daniel put back a rebound and Sheets added two from the charity stripe as Muleshoe took a 20-13 halftime advantage.

With only two seconds remaining in the third period, Megan Barrett nailed a three to give Muleshoe a 10-point lead at the end of three quarters. The Lady Eagles had used physical play and quick hands to limit the score to 34-24 at this point.

The Lady Mules owned the

fourth period, and the reason was explained by coach Su Scott. "They had taken us out of our game in the first three quarters with the 2-3 zone. So we decided to take them out of their game, spread the floor, and forced them to come out of the zone defense if they were going to pursue the game at all. We decided to only shoot layups in the fourth period."

Muleshoe opened the fourth period with the ball and spread the floor. Pylant held the ball at midcourt until the Lady Eagles gave up the zone and went to a man defense. Muleshoe's guards

ran the weave between the arc and midcourt until someone was open for a layup, and then the pass would go to the open player.

Cleavinger led the Lady Mules with 12 points; Pylant had 11, Hawkins and Sheets eight each, Barrett three, and Daniel two.

Muleshoe made 19 of 33 free throws (Sheets eight of 12, Pylant five of seven), had 19 rebounds (Cleavinger six), committed 15 turnovers and were called for eight fouls.

The Lady Mules are scheduled to meet Lubbock Cooper's Lady Pirates in Wilson on Tuesday.

Eighth-grade girls nearly shut out Lubbock Roosevelt, 34-4

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The eighth-grade Lady Mules extended their district record to 5-1 by defeating the Roosevelt Lady Eagles 34-4 Monday night. The Lady Mules' record is 8-1 overall, with their only loss being to Shallowater.

Muleshoe put a stranglehold on the Lady Eagle scoring and allowed them only two second-quarter buckets for the night.

Jamie Carpenter and Ashley Gutiérrez paced the Lady Mule scoring with 13

and 10 points, respectively. The key to Muleshoe's victory was defense; Roosevelt never got in the game, and Muleshoe scored repeatedly on turnovers forced by the defense.

April Morgan put the Lady Mules on the scoreboard with two free throws after being fouled in the act of shooting on a pass from Mitci Hawkins. Carpenter and Gutiérrez combined for eight points in the initial period, and Hawkins contributed two. Amber Cowart went coast-to-coast for two points

as the first period ended with Muleshoe leading 14-0.

The first bucket of the second period came when Mandy Brantley pulled down an offensive rebound and found Cowart open. Carpenter added five for the Lady Mules, and Brantley blocked a Lady Eagle shot at the top of the lane. Brantley grabbed a defensive rebound and found Erin Gallman for the outlet pass.

Gallman was fouled completing the fast break and made one shot from the charity stripe to give Muleshoe a

22-4 halftime lead.

In the third period, Carpenter and Gutiérrez put in two hoops apiece. Danielle Tucker pulled down a defensive rebound in the final period, and Brittany Thomason found Shanna Rempe free to record the final bucket of the night.

Muleshoe dominated the Lady Eagles on both ends of the court and forced them to make costly mistakes.

Scoring for the Lady Mules were Carpenter, 13; Gutiérrez, 10; Cowart, four; Hawkins, Rempe and Mor-

gan, two each; and Gallman one.

The Lady Mules are competing in the Levelland Tourney on Jan. 11-13.

Seventh-grade girls annihilate Lubbock Roosevelt

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal correspondent

The seventh-grade Lady Mules used a very stingy defense Monday night to hold the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles to only one basket and six free throws in a 33-8 mauling in Muleshoe.

The Lady Mules increased their district record to 4-2 in the first game of the second round of district play.

Muleshoe controlled the tipoff, and Ashley Dickson took the ball to the hoop to

start the Muleshoe scoring. Madison Smith put in nine points in the first half for Muleshoe by getting backside position and putting back offensive rebounds for points.

Team ball is the name of the game for the Lady Mules, and they work to find the open shot on offense. Brandi Wood found Jenna Rasco open in the lane for two points to push Muleshoe to a 12-0 first-quarter lead.

In the second period, Lindsey Hall, running the base line, got open in the corner and nailed a three-pointer. Trisha Robertson found Veronica Nuñez open on the blocks for two points to end the half. The Lady Mules had increased their lead to 23-3 when the first half ended.

Wood and Dickson combined to add eight points for the Lady Mules in the third period. Roosevelt got its only bucket with 4:40

showing on the clock in the third period. Robertson found the range in the final stanza for two points, ending the scoring for the Lady Mules.

Smith and Dickson led the Lady Mule scoring with nine each. Wood added five and Hall three; Robertson, Rasco and Nuñez two each; and Monica Posadas one.

The Lady Mules are scheduled to play Jan. 11-13 in the Levelland Tourney.

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Aries - March 21/April 20
While you're usually one to speak your mind without thinking about the consequences, be careful of what you say when talking with a business associate early in the week. Voicing your opinions to this person only will get you into trouble. So, bite your tongue. A loved one needs a shoulder to cry on. Be there for him or her.

Taurus - April 21/May 21
A family matter has loved ones upset on Wednesday. Taurus. They look to you for strength and guidance. So, you must stay calm. Don't let the excitement get to you. Try to do what is best for everyone involved. Your efforts are sure to be appreciated. Sagittarius plays an important role.

Gemini - May 22/June 21
Don't let a close friend spoil your good mood when he or she gets upset about a personal problem. Do what you can to help this person, but don't get so involved in the matter that you forget about your own good fortune. You receive something special. Enjoy it! Virgo is involved.

Cancer - June 22/July 22
Your conscience tries to get the best of you late in the week. Cancer. However, don't feel guilty about not helping an acquaintance. You know that this person can handle things on his or her own. There's no need for you to get involved. A loved one offers you some romantic advice. Be sure to listen to him or her.

Leo - July 23/August 23
A business associate confides in you about a personal matter. While you're not close with this person, do what you can to help. Your efforts will be appreciated. A close friend asks you out late in the week. Say yes, because he or she has something important to tell you. Capricorn plays a key role.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22
While you just want to be alone early in the week, Virgo, loved ones keep knocking on your door. They want your advice about a family matter. Don't turn your back on them. Instead, do what you can for as long as it takes. You'll have plenty of time to yourself during the weekend.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23
Don't cry over spilled milk, Libra. The minor setback that you encounter while trying to accomplish an important task early in the week shouldn't bring you down. You can overcome this with little effort. All you must do is continue to work diligently. So, just stay focused, and keep moving ahead.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22
Don't try to control a loved one's actions. This person needs to do what is right for him or her. All you can do is offer advice and guidance. If you try to force your will on this person, you'll only push him or her away. That special someone has a surprise for you on Thursday. Enjoy!

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21
Be honest with an acquaintance when he or she asks you an important question—even if what you have to say could hurt this person. He or she deserves to know the truth. A loved one receives an unexpected windfall and wants to share it with you. Join in the celebration.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20
Don't be stubborn when a close friend asks to reschedule a get-together early in the week, Capricorn. This person isn't trying to avoid you; he or she really has to attend to a more pressing matter. Try to understand this, and be supportive. Gemini plays an important role.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18
There is a lot to be done this week, Aquarius, and several people are counting on you to make progress. Don't crack under the pressure. You can handle everything if you just stay calm and organized. So, get it together. Your efforts are sure to impress those around you. Leo is involved.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20
Don't turn your back on a friend in need early in the week, Pisces. You are the only one who can help this person. So, do what you can. A loved one shares a family secret with you. Keep it to yourself, because it's not your place to tell anyone else about this. Remember that.

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Clues ACROSS

- Tramp
- Trainee
- Questions
- Winged
- Comic or grand
- Grandmother
- 1956 winners
- Personal backgrounds
- Rhizopodan (var.)
- Type of tube
- Many blood vessels
- Bench
- Migrants
- Bitter chemical
- Equal (prefix)
- Sound of disgust
- Spears
- Flour
- Fed
- Detroit suburb
- Covered with marks
- Greenwich, for one
- Terminates
- Artificial diamond
- Blackball
- Puff adder genus
- Nakedness
- 1944 winners
- Frank's diary
- Machine for shaping wood
- Flightless bird
- Metric weight units (abbr.)
- Blends
- Formerly (archaic)

Clues DOWN

- Used to have (Scottish)
- Stew with chickpeas
- Low voice
- Minerals
- Adjoin
- Opposite of starboard side
- H2Os
- Before
- Seaman
- Type of instinct
- Former East German state
- Ornament
- Capital of Yemen
- Church council of A.D. 325
- Thomas, American cartoonist
- Rebellion, slave uprising
- Minute particle
- Spicy sausage
- Lift up
- Used in laser printers
- Twitch
- Stone parsley
- Poems
- Leopold von, German historian, 1795-1886
- Daniel, rebel of 1786
- Commotion
- Can or bottle
- Mauna, Hawaiian volcano
- Waders
- Measured portion
- Menus (French)
- Cleanse
- Pitt
- Private school in New York
- To seize or hold
- Sandwiches
- Atom bomb
- Ruler
- Cuts
- Vexation
- Radio frequency
- de cologne

Crossword Answers

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Ring in new year properly with technology upgrade

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

AUSTIN — In many households, computers have become an important part of everyday life, allowing families to get driving directions, shop online, conduct research and much more.

To make sure the household can continue to do these things seamlessly, sometimes the computer must be given a tune-up.

The Texas Society of CPAs recommends ringing in the new year by cleaning up personal computers, assessing technological needs and planning future purchases and enhancements.

- Perk up the computer. A little cleaning up can go a long way in improving a computer's performance. Delete files that no one will ever use again.

If some might need to be saved, put them on a backup disk.

Similarly, delete e-mails that are not needed, especially those with large attachments.

If some of the applications on the computer aren't used, they might need to be deleted as well. Software applications can consume huge amounts of hard-disk space that may be needed for other purposes.

Under the Windows 95-2000 operating system, most programs that are less than 2 years old can be deleted simply by using the Add/Remove program utility.

Double-click on the "My Computer" shortcut and then on the "Control Panel" icon. Open Add/Remove Programs and highlight the program that is to be discarded.

Then click Add/Remove and follow the dialog-box instructions.

If the program to be removed isn't on the computer list, open Windows Explorer, highlight the

folder and click on Delete.

Under the McIntosh operating system, simply drag the unwanted files to "Trash" and then "Empty Trash" under the "Special" menu.

- Debug the system. Given the potential for computer viruses to completely disable a computer system, it pays to make sure any system includes anti-virus software. If such software is in place, be sure to check the Internet periodically for upgrades that keep up with new viruses as they are detected.

Make sure all those using a home computer are warned about accepting notes or e-mail attachments that can potentially transmit a virus.

- Get on a faster track. These days, faster Internet access is becoming the norm. Several options are available for obtaining high-speed Internet access, commonly known as broadband. They are cable, DSL and wireless connections.

Any of these provide a permanent connection to the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and eliminate waiting time.

Cable Internet access, known as cable modem, is available from some local cable-TV providers that have upgraded their equipment.

With cable, the user shares bandwidth with a group of subscribers. One downside to this is that connections may be slow, depending on the number of subscribers.

DSL (digital subscriber line) uses a digital signal to transmit information over telephone lines. DSL is offered by many phone companies and is becoming widespread throughout the country.

For areas where neither DSL nor cable are available, connect-

ing with a wireless satellite-based Internet service provider is another option.

Broadband options usually cost between \$40 and \$45 a month, so before signing on, be sure the household uses the Internet enough to offset the cost.

Certainly a family with a work-at-home parent or student would benefit from the advantages of broadband.

It may be worthwhile to investigate options for cable, DSL and wireless providers available locally and weigh the advantages of each. Be aware that only certain types of services may be available in a given locale.

Before entering a contract, be sure to get the details about service, customer support and other policies.

- Assess system capability. If broadband seems the best choice but the computer is old and cannot accept a network card, it may be time to upgrade the system or purchase a new one. As a general rule, if it will cost more than \$400 to \$500 for the upgrade, it probably will be wiser to buy a new system.

If the system is capable only of running Windows 95, which does not allow the use of the newest printers and scanners, it may be time for an upgrade.

Another reason to upgrade is if the computer is very slow, such as 200-megahertz. And check with other members of the household to determine if the software they use runs effectively, and if the computer can accommodate their future software needs.

When actually making a purchase, don't be lured by unnecessary features but do make sure the system is capable of being upgraded.



Muleshoe Cattle Market

SATURDAY, JAN. 6, 2001

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

787 head of cattle, 246 hogs and 251 sheep and goats for a total of 1,284 animals were sold at the Jan. 6th sale. Market fully steady from our last sale Dec. 16th, with feeder cattle selling 3-4 dollars higher with strong demand. Pairs and Bred cows had strong demand, along with packer cows and bulls selling higher than our last sale.

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately 12 noon.

FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE, CALL (806) 272-4201

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Carmello Rodriguez, Albuquerque	5	Hol. Bulls	199 lbs.	at \$114.00
Javier Rocha, Hereford	5	Hol. Strs	270 lbs.	at \$106.00
Bar P Ranch, Muleshoe	Char.	Str	265 lbs.	at \$130.00
Luis Flores, Muleshoe	4	Mxd. Strs	316 lbs.	at \$118.00
Kay Purdy, Plainview	4	Mxd. Strs	353 lbs.	at \$116.00
Dale Demel, Sudan	Blk.	Str	385 lbs.	at \$114.50
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	2	Blk. Strs	433 lbs.	at \$110.00
John Thiessen, Seminole	5	Limo. Strs	512 lbs.	at \$97.00
John Thiessen, Seminole	5	Limo. Strs	618 lbs.	at \$92.50
Frank Wilcox, Elida, NM	4	Blk. Strs	676 lbs.	at \$94.50
M.C. Osborn, Friona	10	Blk. Strs	682 lbs.	at \$95.00
M.C. Osborn, Friona	5	Blk. Strs	773 lbs.	at \$91.25
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	11	Mxd. Strs	720 lbs.	at \$91.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	17	Mxd. Strs	806 lbs.	at \$86.25
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	8	Mxd. Strs	896 lbs.	at \$82.75
Bar P Ranch, Muleshoe	3	Char. Hfrs	268 lbs.	at \$117.00
Patricia Davis, Hereford	3	Mxd. Hfrs	337 lbs.	at \$105.00
D&D Cattle, Friona	3	WF Hfrs	400 lbs.	at \$98.00
Frank Wilcox, Elida, NM	Red	Hfr	445 lbs.	at \$94.00
Ross Caviness, Causey, NM	2	Mxd. Hfrs	490 lbs.	at \$90.00
John Thiessen, Seminole	4	Red Hfrs	524 lbs.	at \$93.00
May Davis, Rogers, NM	Blk.	Hfr	660 lbs.	at \$85.00
Shane Faught, Hobbs, NM	3	Red Hfrs	668 lbs.	at \$87.00
M.C. Osborn, Friona	5	Blk. Hfrs	698 lbs.	at \$88.50
Jimmy Chunn, Causey, NM	2	Mxd. Hfrs	783 lbs.	at \$83.00
Ike Wilcox, Muleshoe	19	Mxd. Hfrs	786 lbs.	at \$84.00
Owen Young, Levelland	6	Blk./Char. Hfrs	790 lbs.	at \$84.00
Kaleb Baker, Muleshoe	Blk.	Hfr	1000 lbs.	at \$69.50
Broken H Farms, Sudan	Red	Pair		\$820.00
Bar M Cattle, Muleshoe	Red	Pair		\$780.00
Bar M Cattle, Muleshoe	BMF	Pair		\$710.00
Undercliff Farms, Hereford	Brin.	Cow P7		\$550.00
Ramiro Llanes, Albuquerque	BWF	Cow P6		\$520.00
Wade Wheeler, Muleshoe	BWF	Cow	1450 lbs.	at \$45.50
T.C. Lynch, Morton	Char.	Cow	1180 lbs.	at \$47.00
Steve Kennedy, Muleshoe	Blk.	Cow	1420 lbs.	at \$44.50
J.D. Cage, Muleshoe	RWF	Cow	1040 lbs.	at \$42.00
Dale Bone, Bard, NM	BWF	Cow	1480 lbs.	at \$44.00
Broken H Farms, Sudan	Red	Cow	1620 lbs.	at \$45.00
Ryan Dairy, Portales, NM	Hol.	Cow	1280 lbs.	at \$44.00
Prairie View Dairy, Muleshoe	Hol.	Cow	1145 lbs.	at \$45.00
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- NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. heat & evap. air, nice carpet, fans, 2 stor. bldgs., fenced yd., MORE!!! \$36.5K!! HL-1

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HIGH SCHOOL

- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Heat pump, DW, nice carpets, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$30's !!! HS-1
- REMODELED 3-2-1 carport Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, new carpet & vinyl, 5 fans, new roof, MORE!!! \$38K!! HS-2
- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, stove, DW, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$38K!! HS-4
- 3-2 Home, corner lot, floor furnace heat, fenced yd. \$25K!! HS-10
- PRICE REDUCED - NICE 3-1-1 Home, Cent. Heat & Cent. Evap. Air, built-ins, stor. bldg., fenced yd., MORE!!! \$35.5K!!! HS8
- 3-1-1 Brick, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, DW, Disp., 4 fans, cov. patio, 2 stor. bldgs., fenced yd. \$34,500!! HS-3
- VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, 3 ceiling fans, stor. bldg., fenced yd. \$38K!! HS-5
- VERY NICE 2-1-1 Brick, Elec. Heat Pump, stove disp. fans, deck, fenced yd., MORE!!! \$32.5K!! HS-13
- 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. heat, evap. air, Dishwasher, fenced yd.!! \$28K!! HS-6

RURAL

- PLEASANT VALLEY, Approx. 160 acres, 2 bdrm home, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, on pavement!!
- W. of SUDAN-NICE 3-3-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn, MORE!!! \$95K!!!
- 5 Acre tract on pavement close to town!
- PRICE REDUCES - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' commercial bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!!
- 3-2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., man, spktr., 300' stor. on .84 acre on pavement, edge of town!! \$40's!!
- PROGRESS-VERY NICE 3-2-2 Home on 21.8 acres on Hwy. 84, Elec. Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, 3 fans, 10 hp., sub. irrig. well, undrgrd. tile, valves, & gated pipe!!! MORE!!! \$55K!!!
- EARTH - 4-2-2 carport home, Heat Pump, fans, storage-workshop!! \$35K
- 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home at edge of town on pavement, .8 acre, wall furnace heat, evap. air, DW, FP, fenced yd., 20' x 24' gar./shop w/loft stor., 1 hp. dom. well!!! \$49,5000!!!

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