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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Town starts tradition

It's a Wisconsin twist to a Times Square tradition: Instead of watching the famous glittering ball drop in New York City as the final seconds of 2001 tick away, people in Prairie du Chien, Wis., city will get a chance to watch a carp drop.

"It's tongue-in-cheek, but we're doing it," said Cathie Nelson, who brainstormed the idea with her husband, Tom. "New York has the Rockettes. Maybe we'll have the Carpettes."

Nelson said the organizing group hasn't decided if the fish should stay frozen for the drop or be smoked and served as the first appetizer of 2002.

### Crier for justice

An Allegheny County, Pa., judge said he will hire a former Pittsburgh city councilman and convicted felon as his court crier, after the judge's son turned down the job.

Common Pleas Judge Patrick McFalls said Ben Woods accepted the position, which pays \$32,577.

Woods, 59, was forced to quit as city council president in 1989 after being convicted of racketeering, income-tax evasion, extortion and conspiracy.

### Hunters raise jobless rate

Wisconsin had the largest increase nationwide in unemployment claims during the Thanksgiving week, according to the federal government.

But the increase may have more to do with the hunting season than the misfiring economy. Companies often close their doors, adorning them with "Gone Hunting" signs, which allows full-time employees to file for unemployment benefits.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported Wisconsin's filings for new benefits rose by 20,564 the week ending Nov. 24, to 35,155 initial claims.



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### On this date in history

**Dec. 10** — The Great Seal of the Republic of Texas is adopted by the Congress of the Republic (1836).

**Dec. 14** — Gen. Martin P. de Cos and his men leave for Mexico after surrendering San Antonio four days earlier (1835).

### LOCAL WEATHER

The National Weather Service forecast calls for continuing partly cloudy conditions through early next week, with expected high temperatures ranging from about 49 Thursday to 57 Friday, 53 Saturday, 46 Sunday and 52 Monday. Morning lows should be cold — mostly in the 20s except for a mild 34 on Friday.

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## Cheese plant being discussed for Muleshoe

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Representatives of Caprock Securities in Lubbock were in Muleshoe on Monday to begin researching the possibility of a cheese plant in Muleshoe.

City Manager David Brunson and his assistant for economic development, Janet Claborn, attended the regular meeting of the Bailey County

Commissioners' Court, where the idea was discussed.

The Lubbock men, J.L. Hutcheson and Joe Pate, said rural economic development legislation recently passed in Texas spurred their interest in such a project, and they read in the Lubbock paper that Muleshoe was interested in securing a cheese plant.

"This is just in the embryonic stage," Pate said.

"What we want to determine now is the viability," Hutcheson said.

If the project proceeds under the new legislation, an agricultural improvement district would be formed. Hutcheson said the law allows such a district to have taxing powers, but

he does not envision that being part of the cheese-plant project.

"If it won't pay its own way, then we wouldn't want to build it," he said.

Unrelated to Caprock's interest, Claborn said Albin Smith of Clovis had expressed interest in a Muleshoe cheese plant

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## Lady Mules win New Deal tournament

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

**NEW DEAL** — The Lady Mules converted green to gold last weekend by winning first place in the 11-team New Deal Mean Green Classic.

The Lady Mules defeated Anton 81-41 in the opening round, downed New Deal 59-37, and then outlasted the Smyer Lady Cats 60-54 in the finals.

Touch fouls hurt the Lady Mules in the first half of the Anton game, but Muleshoe still owned a 41-24 lead at halftime. Tough defense held the Lady Bulldogs to three free throws in the first six minutes of the second half, while Muleshoe pounded the ball inside.

Shani Rasco and Mindy Locker put eight unanswered points on the boards for the Lady Mules during that time.

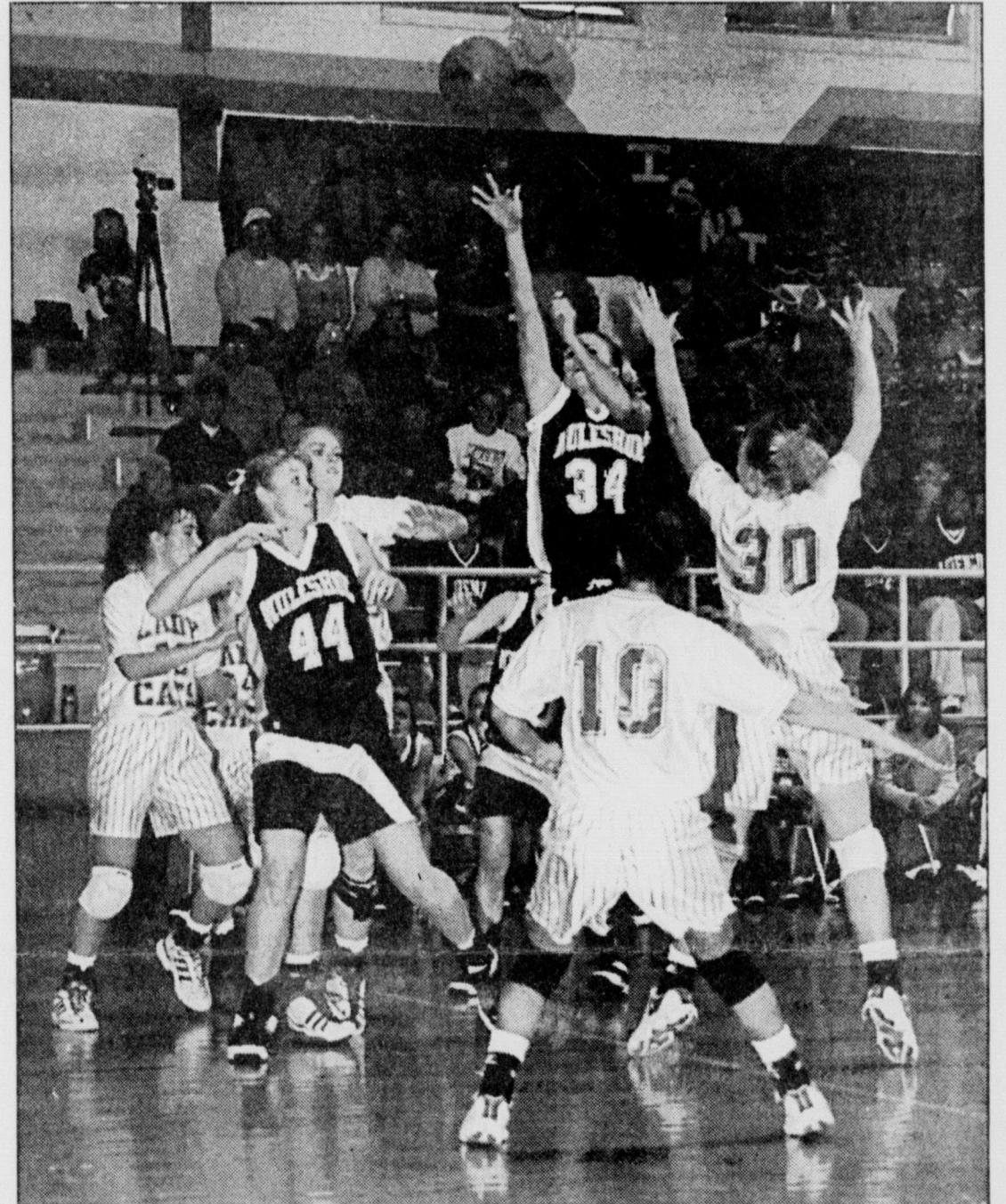
Anne Cox and Sara Benham made a connection at the end of the third period that pushed the Muleshoe advantage to 55-31. That Cox-to-Benham connection paid big dividends in the final frame.

After Cox fed Benham on the blocks on successive trips down the floor and Benham scored on turn-around jumpshots, the Lady Bulldogs fronted Benham. Cox lobbed the ball over the defense and Benham laid the ball on the glass.

Britni Gratin quietly scored 17 points, Benham made 15 and Cox had 13 for Muleshoe. Rendi Hodge nailed four three-pointers for 12 points, Candace Hutto scooped up eight points, Lockers six, Kayla Glover had four, Tiffany Flores three, Rasco two and Tori Barton made one.

The Lady Mules scored 33 points off turnovers, pulled down 44 rebounds with Cox and Benham grabbing seven each and scored 53 points off the bench.

Muleshoe did not treat the host Lady Lions much better. Jessica Carpenter found the range from three-point land, connecting four times to lead the Lady Mules with 14 points; Gartin added 13. Locker had seven points, Cox, Flores, Rasco and Benham had four each, Hodge, Barton



Journal photo: Mike Hahn

Muleshoe's Britni Gartin (No. 34) gets off a shot against Smyer in the championship game of New Deal's Mean Green Classic on Saturday. Blocking is Shani Rasco (No. 44). The Lady Mules took the title in a 60-54 victory.

and Hutto three apiece.

The Lady Mules trimmed the claws of Smyer's Lady Cats in the finals of the tournament, but Smyer post Codye Pitman could prove to be one of the best inside players the Lady Mules will face all year.

"Today was a test for us," Lady Mule coach Shana Simms said. "I did not do a good job with our post defense today, and Smyer has a very good post player and some very good outside shooters. Gartin carried the load for us today. Rasco played well inside and that opened the outside game for Gartin."

Muleshoe and Smyer traded buckets in the first period and were tied at 15-15 after

the first eight minutes. Gartin had two threes in the second period and Barton sank a three as the final seconds ticked off to give the Lady Mules a 28-25 advantage at intermission.

Carpenter nailed a three with 2:40 left in the third period to give Muleshoe its largest lead of the day, 40-32. Lack of depth hurt the Lady Cats as Muleshoe rotated players in the game and kept fresh legs on the floor.

At the quarter break, the Lady Cats seemed get their second wind and battled Muleshoe in the final eight minutes —

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## Yule greeting project under way again

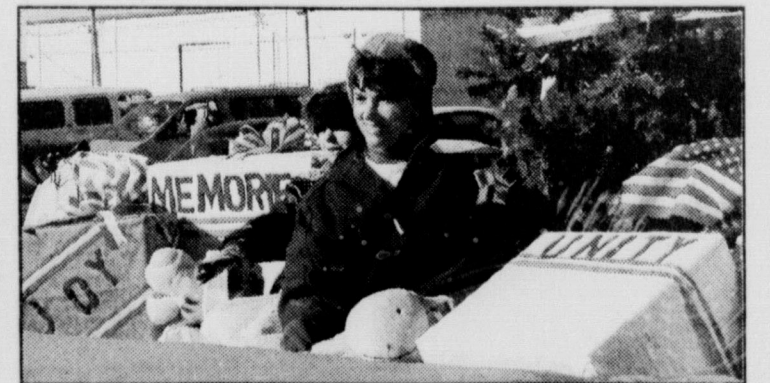
The annual Christmas Card Project to raise money for the local nursing home will be accepting donations until Dec. 18.

Money may be taken to either local bank or mailed to the project at Box 202, Muleshoe 79347. Donors' names will appear on a special page in the *Bailey County Journal* on Dec. 23.

More information is available by calling Joyeline Costen at 272-6731.



The first-place float in the parade belonged to the Jennyslippers and featured (above right) Donna Kirk and Brianna Long among gifts under the tree. Third went to Richland Hills Baptist Church (above left), which featured Jason Beard as Joseph and Tory Pollard as Mary.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

## Parade winners

Winners in Saturday's Christmas parade include the Muleshoe Heritage Center's second-place "Heritage of Freedom" (left) featuring (from left) Vivian White as Betsy Ross, George Washington as that other George Washington and Wells Hall as Abraham Lincoln. The Heritage Center also hosted its annual old-fashioned Christmas Saturday night.





# AROUND MULESHOE

## Lubbock woman wins birdhouse

Peggy Corder of Lubbock won the handcrafted birdhouse given away by Charles Harvey during the Moonlight Extension Club's holiday crafts bazaar, held Dec. 8 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Harvey said Corder is the sister of Van McCormick of Muleshoe.

## 4-H fruit orders arrive

The fruit ordered through members of Bailey County 4-H has arrived and will be delivered by club members.

The Extension office has several boxes of mixed fruit (apples, oranges and grapefruit) available for \$16 a box to those who did not place an order.

## GED scheduled at high school

The General Educational Development Test is scheduled to be given at Muleshoe High School starting at 8 a.m. Dec. 15 and (if needed) Dec. 17. Candidates must begin the test on Dec. 15.

The fee is \$40 and must be paid at the time of registration and a photo ID is required at the time of testing.

Individuals testing for a certificate of high school equivalency must complete all five of the GED tests, and those holding partial scores must complete the battery of tests before a new test goes into use Jan. 1 or their scores will be invalidated.

Applicants must be Texas residents, officially withdrawn from school and not a graduate of any accredited U.S. high school. Seventeen-year-olds also are required to have the eligibility verification/parental approval form signed by a parent or guardian; anyone in this group should contact the high school before the testing date.

## School news

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

## Public calendar

**Dec. 13** — Noon to 1 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at 16th and D Church of Christ, featuring the Muleshoe High School Choir. Free-will donation. Information, 272-4619.

Also on Dec. 13 — 8 p.m. Three Way School Board, in the board room of the district's administration building.

**Dec. 16** — 6 p.m. Christmas party at New Covenant Church, four miles east on U.S. 70. Fellowship afterward.

**Dec. 17** — Noon. Muleshoe School Board, in the board room of the administration building.

## Aminals® By David Sung



## PLANT

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on behalf of investors who had tried to get one in Clovis a few years ago.

Hutcheson and Pate were encouraged to learn that the city of Muleshoe has land

that could be made available for such a plant. Local officials were encouraged to learn that Hutcheson is from Three Way and Pate owns a farm near Hub.

## LADY MULES

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starting with a six-point run as the final frame started.

Flores drove the lane and Gartin canned a three-pointer to push Muleshoe back to a 53-45 pad with half the final game gone.

Gartin made nine of her game-high 23 points in the final period and connected on five-of-six three-point attempts.

Rasco added 10 points for the Lady Mules; Hutto, Glover, Locker, Flores and Benham had four points each; Carpenter and Barton added three apiece and Cox chipped in a point.

The Lady Mules were

scheduled to travel to Slaton on Dec. 11 and are to visit Lamesa on Dec. 14.

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## Chisum announces for House speaker

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will be a candidate for speaker of the House in the next session, in 2003.

The speaker's post is now held by Democrat Pete Laney of Hale Center, who has represented Bailey County for several years.

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# Hale Center Owls claw varsity Mules for 55-43 victory

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

Murphy and his law have had its impact on the Mules so far this year, and Dec. 4 in Hale Center was no different as Muleshoe lost 55-43.

Lincoln Riley, recovering from a shoulder injury suffered in the final football game, had made the conversion to the hardwood quickly. Tuesday night, he scored three points in the first three and half minutes but eventually landed on

someone's foot and sprained his ankle.

It was hard to determine which hurt him the worst, icing the ankle or having to sit and watch the Owls fly away from the Mules in the final stanza for the victory.

The Mules had gone into the game short-handed, with Brennan Broyles missing the trip because of sickness.

Even with Broyles and Riley out of the lineup the Mules battled hard and

owned a 24-19 lead at intermission. Chance Turney and Landon Sheets each put seven points on the board for the Mules in the second period.

The Mules managed only four points in the third frame but held the Owls down until a little more than three minutes were left in the period; then Hale Center took the lead for good.

A heavy load was placed on Sheets' shoulders when Riley went out

of the game. He recovered his composure in the final period to put eight more points on the board and lead the Mules with 22 points.

Turney added nine for Muleshoe, Stephan

Shelburne and Riley had three each, Luis Sánchez, Matt Luna and James Hancock dropped in two apiece. The Mules pulled down 35 rebounds in the game, with 22 coming in the first half.

Broyles was expected back for the I-27 Tournament in Abernathy on Dec. 6-8, when the Mules were scheduled to face the No. 1-ranked Class A Nazareth Swifts in the first round.

## JV girls pluck Owlettes 50-32

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The junior varsity Lady Mules held the Hale Center Owlettes scoreless for a time Dec. 4 as they jumped out to a 7-0 lead with more than three minutes left in the first period. These first minutes set the tone of the entire game, as Muleshoe grounded the Owlettes 50-32.

Tabatha Obenhaus scored seven of her 18 points in the first period and Lindsey Wood beat the buzzer for the final two points of the period with a layup on a fast break to give the Lady Mules a 14-6 advantage.

Jamie Carpenter drained a three midway

through the second period. The Lady Mules kept the Owlettes glued to 12 points for the final 3:40 of the second quarter while scoring six points on fast-break layups. Amber Cowart, Gradee Adrian and Wood completed the breaks.

Cowart buried a three on an in-bounds play to end the first half with the Lady Mules up 30-12. Carpenter sank two free throws to begin the second half and Wood picked off an Owlette pass and drove the floor. Cut off at the basket, she kicked the ball back to Carpenter for a short jumper.

Megan Mason put back a rebound at the

three-minute mark in the third frame to give the Lady Mules their largest lead of the night, 39-14. Muleshoe shifted to overdrive in the final quarter and coasted, with Adrian collecting the final two points from the free-throw line.

Obenhaus collected 18 points for the Lady Mules, Carpenter added 10 and Cowart put in eight. Wood and Adrian each got six points and Mason dropped in two for Muleshoe.

The Lady Mules were scheduled to meet the New Home Lady Leopards of New Home in their first game of the Sundown JV Tournament on Dec. 6-8.

## Freshman girls 2-1 in JV tourney

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The freshman Lady Mules evened their season record at 3-3 on Dec. 3 as they dropped the Dimmitt Bobbies like a hot mule shoe. Tough defense and systematic offense paid dividends for the Lady Mules as they dismantled Dimmitt 39-12.

The Lady Mules passed the opportunities around, with nine players getting in the scorebook.

Mandy Brantley led the Lady Mules with nine points, followed by Brittany Thomason and Kayla Spradling with seven each. Tamara Thompson added six points, April Morgan and Sarah Domínguez dropped in four apiece and Amanda López, Irene Torres and Kristen Ambriz chipped in a point each.

The Lady Mules are 2-2 in district play after defeating Lubbock Roosevelt in their season opener and losing to Lubbock Cooper and Littlefield prior to playing in the Muleshoe JV Tournament.

In the tournament, the Lady Mules dropped their opener to Hale Center's JV, 50-37. Spradling had 17 points for the Lady Mules, Thompson added 10, and Domínguez five. Brantley and Morgan had two points each and López dropped in a point.

The Lady Mules defeated Springlake-Earth 25-17 in the first game of the consolation bracket. Spradling put up nine points in the contest, Thomason and López had five each, and Morgan and Paje McRoberts added three each.

Farwell's JV Lady Blue defeated the Lady Mules for the consolation trophy 49-9. Domínguez had six points and Spradling added three in a tough game with a potent Lady Blue team.

The Lady Mules were scheduled to host the Shallowater Lady Mustangs on Dec. 10.

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- 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 can (16 oz.) pear slices, drained
- 3 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Wash the spinach and dry thoroughly. Place spinach in large bowl and sprinkle with blue cheese and onion slices.

Add canned pear slices. In a small saucepan, heat the vinegar and oil until the mixture is steaming.

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# Ready, get set: Seed-starting time is just weeks away

By **RONN SMITH**  
Editor

Most people will continue to buy their tomato and pepper and bedding plants from garden centers, and understandably so — starting your own is a lot more hassle.

As I say every year, though, the garden centers can't carry everything. For those who want a specify type of tomato or flower, starting them at home may be the only way to get them.

The biggest boost to this aspect of gardening has come in recent years with the re-discovery of old types of tomatoes with flavor and color that make most supermarket tomatoes seem nasty in comparison.

You may think this is early, but count the weeks: Tender vegetables that go outside around the first of May can go out at least a month earlier with the right protection, meaning about the end of March. Many of them take 60 days to reach optimum transplant size, so count back 60 days and you're talking about starting them indoors at the end of January — six weeks from now.

If you don't already have the seeds, you'll probably have to get them by mail-



order, which will take a couple of weeks. Voilá! Once the Christmas tree is out of the way, it's time to pull out the seed flats — whether it's the efficient commercial kind or milk-carton bottoms or cardboard boxes or whatever!

Tomatoes and peppers certainly are among the easiest plants to start from seeds. In fact, though, most people don't have any trouble getting the seeds to sprout; they lose the seedlings between sprouting time and transplanting time.

Common causes of loss include:

- Damping off — This is a disease that comes from soil-borne bacteria, causing tender seedlings to wither just when they appear to be doing well. As I say every year, it's worth buying a commercial mix in which to sprout the seeds (or heat your dirt in an oven for 20 minutes or so to kill the bacteria).
- Not enough light — This

problem may not be apparent right away, but over a period of time the plants become so distended and delicate that their survival is unlikely. A 4-foot fluorescent shop light (costing about \$5) will provide enough lighted space to start several plants. Sunny windows will work — just remember to turn the plants daily so they don't grow in one direction too much.

- Lack of nourishment — If you use a sprouting medium that contains compost or soil, you won't need to worry about feeding until you pot the seedlings. Otherwise, start using half-strength fish emulsion when the first true leaves appear.
- Dry air — The average house is not a healthy environment. Once the seedlings are in individual pots (some people plant them that way to start with), try setting the pots on a tray of pebbles and water.

As usual, many more details about seed-starting will be coming up!

... Last call to get those bulbs planted. Most species probably could still bloom in the spring, although the flowers might not be as lush as

they would be had the bulbs been planted earlier.

Snow crocus probably wouldn't bloom this winter, since they'll be coming up in another month. New ones planted now probably wouldn't have time to develop a full-size root system before then.

Whatever you have left, though, I'd go ahead and plant them, rather than let them go to waste.

This might also be taken as last call to spread compost or manure on your garden for next spring. I say "might" because the experts probably would say it should have been done a month or more ago, but I do mine whenever I get the chance.

Most people also say it should be dug into the top

few inches of soil. Long-time readers of this column know I'm not a big believer in much digging or disturbing the top layers of soil. Usually, I just spread these things on the ground — which means sometimes I use un-composted manure and don't have to worry about it "burning" the plants. By the time the stuff penetrates to the root zone, it's had time to break down enough for most plants.

If you still believe in a lot of digging, I won't make fun of you — but if I had to do anything that time-consuming in order to grow things, I wouldn't have a chance. I don't get that kind of free time.

Happy planting!  
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## JV Mules take consolation bracket

By **DELTON WILHITE**,  
Journal sportswriter

The junior varsity Mules dropped their opening game of last week's Muleshoe JV Tournament 62-57 to the Farwell Steers, but rebounded to take the consolation trophy by defeating Friona and Tulia.

Against Farwell, Valentín Colunga led the Mules in scoring with 14, Tatom Heathington and Layne Sheets had 12 points each and Daniel Campolla added nine points. Eric Villa scored five points, Brian King added three, and Alex Agundís dropped in two points in the opening game.

The Mules jumped on the Friona Chieftains early, leading 20-4 at the end of the first period. The Chieftains could not overcome their early deficit and the Mules advanced to the consolation final with a 65-43 pounding of Friona.

Campolla led the Mules with 19 points, Colunga had 13 and Sheets nine, while

Louis Simpson added seven points, Matt Saddler six, Heathington and Agundís four each, Villa two and Glen Scott one.

In the consolation final, Muleshoe got off to a slow start and fell behind 13-7. Colunga garnered all the Mules' first-period points. In the second frame, though, the Mules went off like a Fourth of July firecracker.

Colunga and Heathington knocked down a three-pointer each to ignite the Mules to a 20-7 quarter and allow them to take a 27-20 lead to the locker room.

Overall, the Hornets outscored the Mules 37-36 from the floor, but the difference in the game came from the charity stripe.

Muleshoe sank 10-of-13 free throws in the final quarter and shot 70 percent from the charity stripe to seal the 55-46 victory over the Hornets.

The Mules traveled to Hale Center on Tuesday to mix it up with the Owls.

They were scheduled to play in the Sundown JV Tournament on Dec. 6-8.

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### Food Pantry benefits

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### 'Home alone' not a movie for some

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

HOUSTON — "Home alone" is not just a kid's fear. For millions of older Americans, the idea of spending the holidays by themselves can bring on depression and dread over what should be a season to celebrate.

"One of the joys of growing older is the ability to be alone and at peace with oneself," said Dr. Robert Luchi of the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "One of the sad things about aging is being alone when you do not wish to be."

Television can contribute, especially for people who watch a lot of depressing news about war, terrorism and other daily events.

What is accepted reality about living alone during the rest of the year can become an exaggerated source for depression during the holidays.

"It can be depressing at times to be alone, but during the holidays when television is full of cheery, Norman Rockwellesque portrayals of the perfect family get-together, it can make even secure, confident people dread this time of year," Luchi said.

There are some things

you can do, however, to take charge of the situation and not fall prey to the "holiday blues." Consider the following:

- Help someone else. What better way to get in the holiday spirit and away from an empty house than to help another human being? Volunteer at a local charity organization, visit a nursing home or take some baked goods to neighbors who might not have your mobility and independence.

- If you are not able to get out as easily, ask what you can do from home. Many organizations would welcome the chance for any help, even if it means doing work from your home.

- Make arrangements ahead of time with friends or neighbors to have your own "family" gathering. Younger single people who live in large cities away from their homes do this all the time. It's a way to create a holiday event to look forward to with others on the holidays. Church potlucks are another way to join others.

- Avoid depressing news coverage. Look for light TV programming, rent a favorite old movie, stock up on good books or pick out a favorite childhood holiday

recipe and invite a local youth group to learn a new "old" tradition.

- Do something old-fashioned as a treat for others. Send an old friend or a young relative a thoughtful, hand-written letter, make them a card, or do a family oral history as a keepsake for others interested in their roots.

There are no limits to finding ways to get through the holidays, but the first step is making the decision to do things a little differently this season. It might just start a whole new tradition.

### ROTARY NEWS

The Muleshoe Rotary Club met Dec. 4 at the Bailey County Coliseum. President Wanda Hooten called the meeting to order.

The prayer was led by Mike Cleavinger and the Pledge of Allegiance by Katherine Schraeder.

December MISD students of the month Ricardo Aburto and Kayla Glover were introduced by Rotary sweetheart Candace Hutto. There were no other visitors.

New member David Brunson was officially welcomed into the club.

Hooten reminded the club that Dec. 7 was the deadline to turn in raffle tickets for the district Apple Orchard project. The drawing is scheduled for Dec. 14, and the winner receives two tickets on Continental Airlines and three nights' accommodation at a hotel.

Rotarians placed in charge of the next three programs were Max King (Dec. 11), Robert Lepard (Dec. 18) and Don McElroy (Jan. 8).

Hooten posted thank-you letters from Meals on Wheels and the Hope Chest for the \$1,000 contributions to each organization. The Hope Chest will earmark its money for utility assistance and Meals on Wheels indicated that the contribution will pay for 250

meals.

Phil Kent was in charge of the week's program. He invited Lady Mule basketball coach Shanna Sims, the MISD Lady Mules basketball coach to speak. She was accompanied by an assistant, Su Scott, and the varsity team. She shared her thoughts about the team, the district and Region 1 competition.

Sims said the Lady Mules were rated No. 8 in the state pre-season poll, adding that they could play well enough

to end the season in Austin at the state finals.

The Hunger Plus winner for the week was Mike Holt, who "donated" his winnings to Rotary International's Hunger Plus program to fight world hunger. Holt adjourned the meeting by leading the club in the Four Way Test: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Cowart

community service, career networking and scholarships.

#### THOMASON

A South Plains College student from Muleshoe was among students and donors honored at the SPC Scholars Recognition Banquet on Nov. 6.

Vincent Thomason received the API Scholarship in electronics service technology.

#### BUHRMAN

A.J. Buhrman of Muleshoe was among 200 high school seniors competing at Wichita State University's Distinguished Scholarship Invitational

this fall.

The event is held annually at the 15,000-student school in Wichita, Kan., for students with a grade-point average of at least 3.5 and composite scores of at least 24 on the ACT.

Buhrman is the son of Rudy and Peggy Buhrman.

### OBITUARY

#### ALVA D. SPARKS

Private services will be held later for longtime Muleshoe resident Alva D. Sparks, 90.

She was born March 14, 1911, in Roosevelt County, N.M. She died Saturday in Lubbock.

She was a graduate of Lubbock High School and Texas Tech.

She had worked at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and received numerous awards during her employment there. She was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

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# Seventh-grade boys topple Littlefield, Lubbock Cooper

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

The seventh-grade Mules have found the hardwood floor and roundball as much to their liking as the grassy field and strangely shaped ball they played with across the street.

The Littlefield Wildcats were the first to feel the heat the Mules generate, 31-29.

The Mules led from the opening tip until very late in the third period. With only 15 seconds left, the 'Cats sank a bucket to claim a 20-19 advantage. The Mules reclaimed the lead 20 seconds into the final frame and scrambled to a 31-29 final to defeat the Wildcats.

Tony Guzmán put the Mules on the board early by cleaning up a backside rebound and putting it back for the first two points of the season.

Dustin Barker picked Littlefield's pocket and took the ball coast-to-coast for two points.

Timothy Conner dealt the ball to Eric Washington on an inbound play to put the Mules on top 6-2 three minutes into the game. Conner again found Washington in the paint for a pair to give the Mules a 9-4 advantage after one period.

Guzmán picked up a bucket in the paint and D.J. Robertson hit from the elbow to push the Mule lead to 13-4 in the second frame. The 'Cats would not stay down, however, and rallied to 13-11 with 1:35 left in the first half.

Barker and Guzmán each got a basket before the buzzer sounded to keep the Mules on top 17-14 at intermission. Cade Smith took a charge late in the third

frame as Littlefield threatened to take the lead, which it did.

Conner made a free throw just before the start of the final quarter to keep the Mules close at 21-20. Guzmán put the Mules back on top for good with 5:40 left in the game.

Washington and Barker then swapped buckets and assists to push the Mule lead to 26-21.

Martín Rodríguez put back a rebound with 1:47 on the clock to put the Mules up 29-23.

Conner found Guzmán open in the lane for the Mules' final score as Littlefield missed several scoring opportunities and nailed a three at the buzzer.

Guzmán had 10 points to lead the Mule scoring. Washington had eight, Barker six, Robertson three and

Connor and Rodríguez two each.

In their second outing, the Mules pounded the Lubbock Cooper Pirates on the road, 32-14.

Conner led Muleshoe against the Pirates with

11 points; Robertson added five.

Barker and Guzmán had four points each and Al Onteveros, Washington and Rodríguez chipped in two points each.

The Mules continued on the road with the Dimmitt Bobcats and returned to the confines of the Muleshoe competition gym when the Shallowater Mustangs visited Dec. 10.



## Muleshoe Cattle Market

SATURDAY, DEC. 8, 2001

### REPRESENTATIVE SALES

1163 head of cattle, 192 hogs and 326 sheep and goats for a total of 1,685 animals were sold at the Dec. 8th sale. Market steady on almost all classes of stocker cattle. Not enough feeder cattle to truly test the market. Lower receipts on Pairs and Bred cows, with active trade. Packer cows and Bulls steady to a dollar lower. Remember, **NO SALE Dec. 22nd and 29th.** Dec. 15th will be the last sale of the year.

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