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## DAGE ONE

Fire Dept. answers the call The 29-member Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department responded to 226 calls to fires wrecks, rescues and stand-by situations hrough November.
The department meets every Wednesday for business, training and work nights. Firefighters respond to calls in Muleshoe and Bailey County, plus assist neighboring counties when called on.
The MVFD has assisted Lamb County on grass fires several times this year.
In December, the Muleshoe fire department responded to two vehicle fires, one grass fire, one mobile home fire and one gas

LOOKING AHEAD Soup \& Salad Luncheon The 16th \& D Church of Christ's monthly luncheon is being held from 12-1 p.m. on
Thursday, Jan. 14 and features a video enThursday, Jan. 14 and feat titled "Worship the King."
Luncheons are held the second Thursday of each month and are open to the public. The meal, stew and cornbread this meeting, is offered on a free-will donation basis. Next month, Muleshoe area hospital district administrator Jim Bone is the guest speaker

## Thrift Shop open house

The Heritage Center Thrift Shop on Main Street is holding an open house from $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16 There will be refreshments served and entertainment. $\qquad$
Meetings
Monday - Bailey County Commissioners Court, 10 a.m., County Courthouse. Key agenda
items: Set pay for jurors, authorize county judge to items: Set pay for jurors, authorize county judge to
advertise proposals for putting up 911 road number advertise proposals for putting up 911 road number
signs, hear 5 -year plans from Extension Service signs, he
agents.
agents.
Monday - Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., administration
building. Key agenda items. Received report building. Key agenda items: Received report on
Texas Education Agency's "Aim High and Target Excellence" program for special education, appoint district textbook committee, receive report on technology in the district

## Local weather

High low Pre.
Tuesday
$\begin{array}{lll}68 & 10 & - \\ 61 & 20 & -\end{array}$
Wednesday $70 \quad 22$
Prec to date $\qquad$
Extended forecast
Mostly sunny Sunday with highs in the upper 50 s to lower 60 s. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs. in the 60s. Lows in the 30s.

## On this date

 in historyJan. 11 - Insulin is first administered to diabetic patient (1922).

Jan. 12 - Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway of Arkansas becomes the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate (1932).
Jan. 13-E

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Drawing date: Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1999 Winning numbers: 04-19-21-26-27-45 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million Next drawing: Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999 Estimated jackpot: \$7 million

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at 272-4536 or ctyankee@ fivearea.com

## Hospital collects tobacco settlement

Journal staff
AUSTIN - A check totaling $\$ 129,000$ is in the mail to the Muleshoe Area Hospital District to help repay some of the costs of providing health care to indigents with tobacco-related illnesses.
Bailey County is also expected Bailey County is also expected toreceive a little more than $\$ 7,000$.
State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced Wednesday
that checks totaling $\$ 300$ million
have beensentto Texascities, coun-
ties and hospital districts as the ties and hospital districts as the
first down payment for their share of the state's $\$ 17.3$ billion settlement with the tobacco industry. "The funds being distributed today amount to 'found money' for Texas cities, counties and hospital districts," Rylander said.
It will be up to the hospital disrict and the county to decide how
to spend the money, although there

## re a few restrictions, according to - Providing health care for those

Muleshoe hospital district administrator Jim Bone.
We're still waiting for information that will give us a clear indication on it's use," Bone said. Entities will have to file a report with the state on the use of the tobacco funds, Bone said.
Bone said the hospital district is pand its outpatient services.

## who cannot afford it is costly for

 the hospital district. Muleshoe Are Medical Center provided an estimated $\$ 566,000$ in charity and unfundeBone.
Rylander said that even thoug he signature on the checks is hers State Senator Bill Ratliff, House see TOBACCO on page 3


First round action
Lazbuddie's Stephanie Sharp looks to turn the corner on a Cotton Center defender (above) while Melinda Scott pump fakes a Silverton defender (below) Thursday during first round

## action in the Lazbuddie Junior <br> Laz, MHS girls advance

LAZBUDDIE - Lazbuddie and Muleshoe ould be headed for a showdown after easy firstround wins Thursday in the girls junior varsity
division of the Lazbuddie Junior Varsity/Junior High Tournament.
Savannah Black scored 12 points, Kayla Kimbrough added Full results on pages 4-6 11 and Stephanie clipped Cotton Center 36-22 while Lela Hancock and Kala Johnson scored 10 points each in and Kala Johnson scored 10 points each
Muleshoe's $43-23$ win against Silverton. In Friday's championship semifinals, Lazbud die played Boys Ranch and Muleshoe faced die played Boys Ranch and Muleshoe face
Farwell. Boys Ranch drilled Amherst 53-28 and Farwell had a first-round bye
In the boys junior varsity tournament, both Muleshoe and Lazbuddie dropped first-round decisions.
Farwell ripped a split-squad from Muleshoe 69-24 and Cotton Center cruised past Lazbuddie 62-37.
Sonny Chavez led Muleshoe in the losing ffort with 12 points.


## Livestock

 validation
## goeshi-tech

## By RICK WHITE

## Managing Editor

Texas officials are turning to modern science in a further attempt to eliminate fraud at stateevel junior livestock shows.
In a pilot program being introduced this year, blood samples are required from all steers entered in junior livestock shows. Genetic testing using the animal's antibody profile will be conducted if there is a suspicion of fraud, according to Bailey County Extension Service Agent Curtis Preston.
Antibodies leave a "fingerprint" profile that is unique to each animal, much like DNA. Antibody fingerprinting is much less expensive and easier to test, Preston said.
Blood samples from steers entered in this year's Bailey County Junior Livestock Show were collected in June. The samples were sent to the Extension Service office in College Station, where they are being stored in a locked freezer. Blood samples will be taken from every bred champion and reserve bred champion. If there is a suspicion of fraud, state officials would then For the last 12 years, livestock officials have used nose prints, ear tags and tattoos as a means of identifying steers.
"But we still have problems," Preston said. "The current validation system is not adequate." Preston said attorneys for the Houston Live stock Show question whether identifying an animal based on nose prints would hold up in court.
State officials may use genetic testing to validate lambs and swine in the future, Preston said.
Although they do not believe fraud at livestock shows is widespread,

> officials have their suspicions. There are several ways to cheat.

One scam would involve a youth registering an animal and attesting to raising it. But as the livestock show nears, the youth buys another animal and passes it off as a product of the his work.
animal for a first-place winner or grand champion before the livestock sale. In that scenario, an entrant substitutes a lower-place animal for

## Texans pledge cooperation for agriculture's sake

## By BOB ELLISON

## American Farm Bureau

The man scheduled to be the next chairman of the House Agriculture Committee said he is all for the free market, but adds farmers need help during hard times. Chairman-designate Larry Combest (R-Texas) said a better financial safety net for farmers is needed and the committee's ranking Democrat Charlie Stenholm (Texas) agrees.
Unlike many of his Republican
f the 1996 Freedom to Farm bil, which sought to make U.S. agriculture more market-oriented and less dependent on government support.
"I think the government has a role to play and to participate to try o make for sure they do every thing they can to protect the armer," he said. Combest said al lowing farmers the flexibility to produce for the market is appropri ate, and that Freedomto Farm need

"What is void in my opinion and what is the fallacy of the current situation is the safety net or lack thereof and that's why I think we can keep the good parts of the bill," he said.
Combest's fellow Texan Stenholm agrees wholeheartedly saying planting flexibility is a great concept, but should be viewed realistically.
"Unfortunately Freedomto Farm
was a philosophical idea born in the (House) speaker's office," he said. "Well, that speaker's gone now so it's time to take another look at it."
Stenholm said Freedom to Farm without a financialsafety net is unworkable. "We do need a safety net and I think it's going to need to be a safety net for other than weather," he said. "When Southeast Asia gets the flu, look what it's
see COMBEST on page 3

## Pep ex-students to gather January 30

The 39th annual Pep Ex-Student Association Homecoming will be held Saturday, January 30 at the Pep Parish Hall. All former students teachers, patrons and friends are cordially invited.
Classes to host reunions will be years ending in $6,7,8,9$ and 0 . Classrooms are available for reunions.

Registration begins at 5.3 p.m. The school will be open for tours. Cost will be $\$ 10$ fog a at $6: 30$ p.m. $\$ 5$ fill be $\$ 10$ for adults $\$ 10$ and $\$ 5$ for children 12 -under $\$ 5$ A raffle will be held during the evening. The business meeting will folHenderson presiding.
lege of choice will be awarded to a 1999 high school graduate who plans to attend college in the fall. To be eligible, at least one parent must be eligible, at least one parent must
be an ex-student of Pep School and be an ex-student of Pep School and
attend Homecoming to register for attend Homecom.
the scholarship.
Donations for the scholarships

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Muleshoe High School Honor Roll 3rd six weeks
9th grade - Ricardo Aburto, Megan Barrett, Laura Bonds, A. J. Buhman, Jessica Carpenter, Elizabeth Castorena, Carmen Estrada, Carmen Flores, Kayla Glover,
Lorie Herington, Erienne Hill, Reindi Hodge, Kayla Kelley Denisse Lopez, Matthew Lopez, Matthew Luna, Ashley May, Suzanne Messenger

Jennifer Rempe, Lincoln Riley, Laura Woods and Zacarias Yanis
10th grade - Adrienne Ashford, Letti Barrera, Brandon Broyles, Melissa Flores, Casey Hall, Chritsopher Hall Jessica Hernandez Tommie Hernandez, Stezherie Jerrell Otwell, Araceli Rascon, Aubrey Ruthardt, Joey Stone Megan Tipps, Travis Tunnell, Amanda Villegas and Dan Williams.

11th grade - Melissa McClanahan, Eric Posadas Aguirre, James Barrett, Tyson Purdy, Ebony Ross Bobbie Benham, Kamal Michelle Toscano, Kristi
Bhakta, Clint Black, Lynsie
Villalobos, Leisha Wallace Black, Clarkson, Rosario, Fludra Blake Gartin, Chris Gatewood, Rhett Green, Phillip Hardt, Ryan Hodge, Leonard Joyner, April Kelley, Toby Kitchens, Stacy Locker, Michael Dan Lopez, Michelle Lopez, Vicki Martinez, Mitchell Mason, John

Ronek Alyssa Saylor Nichole Sutton, Lindy Underwood, Erin Wilhite and Katie Woodworth. and Brandy Whitt.

12th grade - Deepa Bhakta, Amanda Carpenter LaRhonda Copley, LaRhonda Copley, Nath Keller, Carlton Lewis, Amy共

## LIQUIDATION Auction

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attend but would like to make a scholarship donationmay mail contributions to Pep Ex-Students, c/o Vivian Henderson, Rt. 2 Box 249B, Slaton, TX 79364. Raffle donations Slaton, TX 79364. Raffle donations are also appreciated. For informa-
tion, call 806-828-4719 or tion, call 806
$806-9333-4603$.


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## School lunch menus

FOR WEEK OF JAN. 11-15
MULESHOE
High School \& Junior high
$\quad$ Monday
Breakfast - Breakfast taco,
fruit or juice and milk.
Lunch-Subsandwich, lettuce
\& tomatoes, carrot sticks, potato
chips and milk.
Tuesday
Breakfast - Breakfast on a
stick, fruit or juice and milk.
Lunch - Foot-long chili dog,
tator tots, baked beans, sliced
peaches and milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast - Biscuit \& gravy,
fruit or juice and milk.
Lunch - Chicken Tetrazzini,
corn, tossed salad, hotroll and milk.
Thursday
Breakfast - Cinnamon toast,
fruit or juice and milk Lunch
Corndog, veg. soup, cinnamonroll,
pineapple tidbits and milk.
Friday
Breakfast-Frenchtoast sticks,
fruit or juice and milk. Lunch,
Fish fillet, macaroni \& cheese, En-
glish peas, hot roll and milk.

| DILLMAN \& DESHAZO Monday | LAZBUDDI |
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| hips and milk. | esday |
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| sh pe | ch |
| milk. | tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cup |

## DECA hosts

## rec center

Muleshoe High School
DECA members sponsored a recreational center on Dec. 28 30 at the Bailey County Coliseum.

The recreational center was held for teens ages 11-18 and was designed to provide an alternative to cruising the streets Students participated in several activities, including basketball, volleyball, rollerblading and watched movies.
The recreational center carne as a result of feedback from a survey. DECA members held the teen center to show the town of Muleshoe that there is a need and a demand for such a facility.

## PEBEKAH NEWS

Acting Noble Grand Ruby Green opened lodge with seven members present. Members played bingo for white elephant gifts. Merry Christmas was wished to those not present with hopes to see them next week
Elva Mart's mother-in-law Bernie Marts fell down Christmas Eve and broke her hip. She is at St. Mary's in Lubbock, Room 567. It was also reported that member Juanita Busby of Amarillo died Dec. 22. June Green will be in charge of draping the charter. Lodge was closed by Acting Lodge was closed by Acting
Chaplain Ina Wilemon, with love Chaplai
to all.

## $\mathbf{H}$ osprtal admissions

Muleshoe Area Medical
Center reported admitting the following patients:
Dec. 31 - Letha Beach, Hattie Coleman, Julian Jaime, Christine Luna and Clarence Taylor.
Jan. 1 - Margie Alarcon, Letha Beach, Fred Cavazos, Hattie Coleman, Julian Jaime, Erika Marquez, Kerry Moore, Yasmine Porras, Maria Sanchez and Clarence Taylor. Jan. 2 - Letha Beach, Fred Cavazos, Hattie Coleman, Julian Jaime, Erika Marquez, Kerry Moore, Yasmine Porras and Maria Sanchez.
Jan. 2 - Letha Beach, Julian Jaime, Erika Marquez,
asmine Porras and Maria
Jan. 4 - Letha Beach, Julian Jaime, Erika Marquez, Yasmine Porras and Maria Sanchez.

Jan.5-Julian Jaime, Clara Jones, Wesley Keelin, Jack Rains, Kelly Turner, Nan Gatlin and Joe Shipman.

Jan. 6 -S. Clements, Nan Gatlin, Lois Harmon, Clara Jones, Wesley Keelin, Jack Rains, Joe Shipman, Kelly Turner and Margaret Wilhite. Jan. 7 -S. Clements, Nan Gatlin, Lois Harmon, Clara Jones, Wesley Keelin, Lucy Lucero, Jack Rains, Joe Shipman and Margaret Wilhite.



COMBEST
from page 3
$\overline{\text { done to agriculture in this coon- }}$
Trade is another area where both Combest and Stenholm plan to push hard. Stenholm said fast-track trade negotiating authority for the president needs to be on the front burner "I think it's going to be imperdive that we who support it do a better job of educating our col leagues and educating the general working men and women as to what it is and what

## going to be a fairly tight <br> IRS tax forms in the mail

North Texas taxpayers ( 59 million, nationwide) will soon receive their 1998 federal tax packages in the mail. U.S. busy sorting and delivering the tax packages to most North Texans this week.
According to the Internal Revenue Service, 8.3 million individual tax returns will be filed from Texas this year. One hundred twenty-six million returns will be filed nationwide with more people choosing to file their taxes by telephone

## TOBACCO

from page
Speaker Pete Laney, Represenative Rob Junell, and the Attorney General's Office de serve credit for negotiating the agreement that brought th money to Texas. Thanks are also due to the Texas Depart ment of Health for handling the administrative work necessary to distribute the funds to
the correct entities.
As a result of their efforts, just under $\$ 2.3$ billion will be distributed over the next five years to entities that provide indigent health care, Rylander said.
The check amounts were de termined by several factors, including 1990 U.S. Census data and the providers' legal responsibility for indigent health care.
Under the terms of the agreemet, the Comptroller's office will distribute another $\$ 100$ million in April 2000 and $\$ 50$ million in April 2001, using a formula based on unreimbursed health care expenditures.
An additional $\$ 1.85$ billion he received from the settle be receiver frost fer ment over the next four yea will be deposited to a Permnent Trust Account. The income from this permanent fund will be distributed prorata to the cities, counties and hospital districts providing indigent health care in proportion to their amount of unreimbursed health care expenditures.
but I think it's one we have to

Combest also has high hopes Combestalso has high hope elections long past. "Hopefully the administration won't take walk on it this go round and we can get their support as well," he said. But Combest adds simply signing new trade agreements is not enough to help farmers. "We have to have he same tenacity in enforcing he agreement on behalf of American agriculture as is the tenacity in trying to get the

Almost 800,000 tax pack ages going out to North Texans, 25 million nationally, contain no tax forms. That's because the recipients are eligible to file their taxes by telephone TeleFile, the IRS' award win ming 10 minute file-by-phone system is available only to people who receive the special packet and those who have ac cess to a touch-tone phone.
Postcards instead of forms were already mailed to about 8 million taxpayers who used a computer to prepare or file their tax returns last year. The IRS is inviting them to be part of pilot program for paperless

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Christians Should Be "Wise as Serpents, Harmless as Doves" $\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{i}}$
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senile genie and kind.
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for all of God's people for all of God's people at all
times, and maybe especially as we
 FOCUS instrument with which to pummel On Faith Shelburne

## WANTED

 LOW PRICES ON SALES \& RENTALSbegin a brand new year. You can begin a brand new year. You can
flesh this out with your but what follows is part of mine. May we be wise enough to realire that the God of the universe has standards that are as real as the law of gravity and, like that law, can only be broken at the risk of great pain.
May we be wise enough to realize that every one of God's precopts and commands is given to uinely and deeply happy.

know that even the best and most committed of God's children often falls short of His standards, and may that realization make us gentle ourselves toward those who fall short of ours. May we be wise enough to
(ECN S) that the taxpayers will use to electronically "sign" their returns before transmit ting them. The ECNeliminates the signature form that would otherwise be required. The mailing also has a reply postcard for taxpayers to request that the IRS send them a regu-
Finding tax forms this
s easier than ever before.
Forms and publications are available via computer from the IRS Web site at www.irs.ustreas.gov or the inServices bulletin board at 703-

## 321-8020.

Unlike much of Capitol Hill the relationship between the Republican Combest and the Democrat Stenholm has the potential to be cooperative and non-partisan. Not only are both men Texans, but their congres sional districts are side by side. "It doesn't matter if it's Re publican or Democrat as long as it's positive for agriculture,' Combest said.
Stenholm, meanwhile, jokes
about the House Ag bout the House Ag hope the la ty from page
his winner at the sale, pockets the sale money, and sells the
winner to a contestant at another fair.
Grand champion steers sell for as much as $\$ 60,000$ at statelevel sales and lambs and barrows can bring $\$ 30,000$ New Mexico State Fair offi cials passed new rules this year provide a DNA sample an agree to genetic testing in the event of questions about the
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fice of His Son is always gracious
and willing to freely forgive May we be gentle enough humbly open our hands in trust 0 receive what ca
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much He has loved us in spite of much He has loved us in spite of
the cost. May we be gentle enough the cost. May we be gentle enough
never to use His word as an
actions will show to the other 49 states that what's good for states," he said tongue-in

On a serious note Stenholm said he looks forward to work ing with Combest. "If I can't be chairman, I look forward to riding shotgun with Larry and seeing what we can do together, restoring bipartisanship to the committee and finding solufacing agriculture" he said

## LIVESTOCK

instrument wit
our neighbors.
May we be wise enough to
know what is a command of God God's word indeed, from the words Pharisees of all times have tried to put in His mouth. May we be wise enough to realknowing the Author are word and essarily the same thing. May we essarily the same thing. May we
be wise enough to avoid those who only know the former and not the Latter. May we be gentle enough to share the Author as we share the word.
May we be wise enough to know that God's grace is no license for loose living. May we be gentle enough to live lives that are quietly strong at the same time
as they are filled with His grace richly received and then mercifully and freely shared with others. May we be wise enough to ognize $\sin$ but gentle enough to love sinners.
Like our Father, you know Curtis sheltume is minister of
Church of Christ in Muleshoe. animal's identity

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##  TEXAS PRESS <br> Page 4 <br> Balley County Journal <br> vy 10,1999

## Fillies push past MHS in 2nd half

Heather Trouthas been playing against Muleshoe for four years, so nothing she does sur prises Lady Mules coach Jim Gruhlkey.
Trout scored 17 points and led a pivotal third-quarter spurt that carried the Fillies to a 5140 win against Muleshoe Tuesday in a girls basketball game at WJHS gym
But it's what Denver City did while Trout wasn't on the court that caught Gruhlkey off guard.
Trout went to the bench late in the third quarter for a welldeserved rest after helping the Fillies build an eight-point lead. But instead of playing like fish out of water, her Denver City teammates stretched the lead to 44-31 by the time the 5-10 senior do-it-all guard returned to the floor with 3:35 left in the game.
withouther," Gruhlkey said. "I felt we were ready to make a run at them but we couldn't get going.
Senior post Shenika Griffin finished with a game-high 23 points for the Fillies, who have beaten Muleshoe twice this season. Griffin scored eight points in the third quarter and 15 in the second half
Lindsey Field scored 17 points for Muleshoe, who rallied from a disastrous start to tie the game at 20 by halftime. Except for the second quarter, Muleshoe played tentatively on offense Gruhlkey said.
"We couldn't ever get untracked offensively," Gruhlkey said. "We didn' make them play defense. On the verge of getting blown out early, Field helped Mulesee LADY MULES on page 6

## No contest:Mules

 blitz Denver CityThe score wasn'teven as close as it looked - and Muleshoe won by 18 points.
Dominating from the tip-off, Muleshoe ripped Denver City 60-42 Tuesday in a boys basketball game at WJHS Led by 6-6 post Dustin Cleavinger, the Mules scored 35 points before Denver City reached double figures. Cleavinger scored 23 of his game-high 26 points in the first half that ended with Muleshoe

The final margin was as close as the Mustangs got in a slopas the Mustangs got in a sloppily played second half "We justcame out and smothered them," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said. "We were real efficient early, moved the ball well, and were patient Mason said because of the situation, he wasn't too concerned about Muleshoe's sluggish play in the second half. Cleavinger worked the offen sive boards and the low post for 10 first-quarter points and Mason Sinclair's rare fout point play gave Muleshoe a 22-4 lead after eight minutes. Sinclair was fouled shooting

## Longhorns get break

 going in 69-35 rompLAZBUDDIE-Lazbuddie has proved it can play defense and rebound
The Longhorns added a running game Tuesday, nearly doubling Whitharral 69-35 in their final pre-district tuneup.
Brandon Foster scored a game-high 19 points for Lazbuddie. Josh Morris added 14 points for the Longhorns and Cade Morris chipped in
"We got the break going which gave us some open looks," Lazbuddie coach Rich Powers said. "And we continued to play defense and rebound."
Lazbuddie (13-7) held

## Muleshoe 3-pointers $\mathbf{2 2} 11715 \quad 6 \quad$ Muleshoe 3 (Bruns,

## 3-pointer and then converted

 he free throw.Cleavinger pumped in 13 more points in the second quarter, including a 3 -pointer and 4 of 4 free throws, and appeared to have an outside chance of taking a run at his career-high of 45 points set earlier this season. But he could never get it going in the second half. Matt Turney added 13 points for Muleshoe, including 11 in the third quarter
Jim Turnbough, a 6-7 post, led the Mustangs with 14 points
Muleshoe played its final non district game Friday at Dimmit before opening District $2-3$ A Littlefield.
Denver City (42) - Villegas 10 02 , Morales $00-00$, Cox $10-0$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Folmar } & 1 & 0-0 & 2 \text {, Diaz } & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3\end{array}$ Turnbough 62-2 14, Bennett $32-48$,
Rivas $30-06$, Boyd $13-65$. Totals 17

Muleshoe (60) - Lewis 2 2-2 Bruns 12-25, Sinclair 11-14, Hodge $00-20$, Mason 22-26, Clements $00-$ 00, Hahn 0 0-2-2, Cleavinger 9 7-8

26, Turney 6 1-1 1 . Totals 21 15-20 26, Turney $61-113$. Totals $2115-20$ | Denver City | 4 | 9 | 1514 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 |  |  |  | Whitharral to single digits in all four quarters and finished strong with as 23 -point fourth quarter

Joe Burns led the Panthers with 14 points and B.J. Reynolds added 11.
Whitharral (35)-Dockery 00-0 0 , Rigna $10-2$ 2, Kistinek $10-13$, Dunlap $00-00$, Rodriguez $13-65$, Sullivan 00-00, Smith $00-00$, Burns
$52-4$ 14, Reynolds $35-611$, Chavez 00-0 0. Totals 11 10-19 35 . Lazbuddie (69)-Foster 8 1-2 19, St. Clair 11-23, J. Morris $60-014$, Black $10-0$ 3, Ronek 41-29, Seaton 00-1 0, C. Morris 5 3-313, Gartin 4 O-0 8. Totals 29 6-10 69. $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Whitharral } & 9 & 8 & 9 & 9 & 35 \\ \text { Lazbuddie } & 17 & 19 & 10 & 23 & 69\end{array}$ 3-pointers - Whitharral 3 (Burns 2, Kistinek); Lazbuddie 5 (Foster 2, J. Morris 2, Black). Records:Lazbuddie 13-7.


Shooting spree
Muleshoe's Chyla Torres shoots a layup (left) Tuesday a $51-40$ loss to Denver City while Matt Turney works hard to squeeze off a shot against a pair of Mustang defenders (right) in the Mules' $60-42$ win. Muleshoe hosts Littlefield this

## LHS closing in on school record for wins

LAZBUDDIE - Lazbuddie
beat Whitharral at its own game.
Playing stellar defense, Lazbuddie pulled away in the second half for a comfortable 45-26 win Tuesday against the perennial playoff contenders. Senior point guard Rachel Rodriguezscored 13 points and sophomore post Laura Jo Via added 10 as the Lady Longhorns (15-3) closed to within one for the girls school record
Clinging to a 20-16 halftime
lead, the Lady Longhorns lim-
ited Whitharral (12-5) to just
three field goals in the second
half.
"I challenged the kids to step
up andplay defense with them,"
Lazbuddie coach Carey
Sudduth said. "Whitharral likes
work the ball for 30 to 40 sec-
onds, but we still made them
take tough shots."

LAZBUDDIE JUNIOR VARSITY/JUNIOR HIGH TOURNAMENT

| Lazbuddie JV Tournament Boys | Clair 12, Phillips 4, Thorn 3, Wood 6, Loudder 6, Gartin, Redwine, Juarez, | McFarland 5, Crawford 18, Franse 4. <br> Muleshoe (24) - Vaughn 2, Vela | Consolation semifinals Amherst vs Lazbuddie |
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| Thursday | Martinez. | 8, Turney 2, Chavez 12, Mount, Luna, | Happy vs Muleshoe |
| First round | Cotton Center 1515131962 | Nichols. | Championship semifinals |
| Olton 35, Amherst 22 | Lazbuddie $\quad \begin{array}{llllll}211717 & 37\end{array}$ | Farwell $\quad 18112515 \quad 69$ | Olton vs Cotton Center |
| Silverton 65, Happy 48 | 3 -pointers - Cotton Center 3 | Muleshoe $\quad \begin{array}{lllllll}6 & 11 & 5 & 2 & 24\end{array}$ | Silverton vs Farwell |
| Cotton Center (62)-Reyes 11 , | (Ashby, Garcia, Reyes); Lazbuddie | 3-pointers - Farwell 3 |  |
| Ashby 16, Garcia 14, Castejilla 2, | 1 (Thorn). | (Kimbrough, Nichols, McFarland), | GIRLS |
| Rodriguez 7 Harbour 5, Lopez 7, | Farwell (69) - Goettsch 15, | Muleshoe 1 (Chavez). | Junior varsity |
| Lazbuddie (37) - Randolph 6, St. | Nichols 16, Kimbrough 11, | Friday | Thursday |

 with just eight turnovers. This is a big win for the kids confidence-wise," Sudduth Two 3-pointers by Holly Engelking and another by Rodriguez and another by after Whitharral jumped out to a 5-0 lead. Beth Wright led the Lady Panthers with 10 points. Whitharral (26)-Hoskins $24-8$
otals $106-1226$ 26 Lazbuddie (45) - Foster $00-00$,
Engelking $30-0 ~$ Engelking $30-09$, Brown $30-06$,
Rodriguez $44-413$, Turner $00-00$, Rodriguez 4 4-4 13, Turner 0 0-0 0,
Via 34-8 10, Morris $21-25$, DeLeon

0 2-4 2. Totals $1511-19-45$. Whitharral $15 \quad 11-1945$. $\begin{array}{llllll} \\ \text { Lazbuddie } & 9 & 7 & 6 & 4 & 26 \\ & 11 & 9 & 12 & 13 & 45\end{array}$ 3-pointers - Lazbuddie 4 (Engelking 3, Rodriguez). Records: Junior varsity Lazbuddie 18, Whitharral 14 | Lazbuddil |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Whitharral | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 14 |
| Lazbuddie | 8 | 3 | 6 | 18 |  | Lejorado LHS B Black Whitharral

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## Loose ball

Muleshoe's Stacy Locker scrambles for a loose ball Thursday during a $43-23$ win against Silverton in the first round of the Lazbuddie Junior Varsity Tournament.

Boys Ranch 53, Amherst LAZBUDDIE 36, COTTON CENTER 22 Cotton Center (22) - Ray 5

Lazbuddie (36) - Kimbrough 11, Sharp 10, Black 12, Jones 3, Coker, Gallman, Thorn, Randolph,
Hernandez, Mimms. $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Hernandez, Mimms. } \\ \text { Cotton Center } & 495 & 22\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Lazbuddie } & 10998 & 36\end{array}$ (Vayles).
MULESHOE 43, SILVERTON 23 Muleshoe (43) - Johnson 10, Robertson 4, Gonzales 2, Locker 4, Hernandez 5, Flores, Benham, Garcia. Silverton (23) - B. Garvin 12, McMurtrey 2, K. Garvin 7, Reyna 2 . $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Muleshoe } & 9 & 10 & 8 & 16 & 43\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Silverton } & 2 & 7 & 8 & 6 & 23\end{array}$ Consolation semifinals Amherst 46, Cotton Center 35 Friday

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Latham leads JV Mules past Denver City 54-42

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Mules in double figures with season-high 16 points and Muleshoe avenged an earlier loss by dunking Denver City 54-42 Tuesday in a boys junior varsity game.
James Barrett (three 3s) and Darrell Lewis added 11 points each for the Mules, who fin ished with six 3 -pointers and connected on 10 of 13 free connect
throws.
Lewis scored five points a Muleshoe (6-5) outscored the Mustangs quarter to put the game away Amado Rodriguez led Den-
ver City with 12 points. The Mustangs posted a
43 win in Muleshoe, season-opener.
Denver City (42) - Espinosa 00 00 , Rubio 00-5 0 , Kostelich 32-28
Rodriguez 5 2-2 12, Flores $10-12$ Pena 21-2 5, Bayer 22-26, Unger 1642 .
Muleshoe (24) - Williams 0 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 2, Posadas } 20-0 & 5 \text {, Barrett } 40-0 \\ \text { Baeza } 0 & 0-0 & 0 \text {, Latham }\end{array}$ Baeza 0 0-0 0 , Latham $54-416$,
Black $11-23$, Vaughn $00-00$, Lewis

5 Shelburne 0 2-2 2 Totals 19 10-13 | Denver City | 9 | 10 | 13 | 10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Muleshoe | 11 | 14 | 15 | 14 | Mur 6 (Barris

Lady Mules los A fourth-quarter rally powered Denver City to a $33-24$
victory against Muleshoe Tuesday in a girls junior varsity game.
game-high 17 points as game-high 17 points as Denve ond time this season.
The Fillies outscored Mule shoe 16-4 in the fourth quarter to erase a three-point Muleshoe lead.
Megan Tipps and Tommie Hernandez paced MHS (3-7) with six points each while Michelle Toscano added five Denver City edged Mulesh 53-52 the first meeting. Denver City (33) - Winfrey $10-$
2 2, Quintanilla $35-11 \quad 11$, Rawls 0 2 2 , Quintanilla $35-1111$, Rawls
$0-00$, Williams $00-00$, Wolf0 $01-2$ $0-00$, Williams $00-00$, Wolf $01-21$,
Woosley $81-217$, Savage $00-0$ Benningfield $10-2$. Totals $139-1$

## Muleshoe (24) - Flores 0 0-0

 Johnson $10-02$, Benham 1Robertson $00-00$, 10


Denver City

## Muleshoe



Tall task
Lazbuddie's Jeffrey Phillips pump fakes a Cotton Center defender Thursday during a first round game in the Lazbuddie Junior Varsity Tournamen

New higher education tax
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. college education or job training can translate into tho sands of dollars in additional income for families and a bette life, and these tax credits are means to make the end more
affordable," said U.S. Educaaffordable, said U.S. EducaThe two tax credits will ben efit some 13 million families when fully implemented. Following are some guidelines on qualifies, and IRS sources to contact for more information. A Hope tax credit of up $\$ 1,500$ can be claimed up two years for be suden for ily who is enrolled in higher ly who is enrolled in highe education

## LADY MULES

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 The credit is 100 percent of the first $\$ 1,000$ of payments for qualified tuition and fees, and 50 percent of the second $\$ 1,000$. possible for all Americans it afford the cost of the first two years of a college education. In most states, the Hope credit nity college education. There is no limit on the number of eligible students who can claim a Hope credit in a household in $\begin{array}{ll}\text { any given year. } & \text { adjusted gross income, and fo } \\ \text { In 1998, tax filers can claim a } & \text { single filers who have betwee }\end{array}$
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Denver City (51) - Littlefield 00 Do, Trout 5 5-7 17, Tate 0 0-0 0,
Jordan $01-21$, Williams $00-00$, Beal 31-37, Navarez 0 1-2 1, Humphries 02-2, Wilson 00-00, Griffin 103 423. Totals 18 13-20 51. Muleshoe (40) - Black $20-0$ 4, Heàthington $00-00$, Gartin $10-02$ Williams $10-2 \quad 2$, Wood $10-0 \quad 2$
Wilhite 3 1-48. Totals $174-1340$. Denver City $\begin{array}{llllll}11 & 9 & 17 & 14 & 5\end{array}$ Muleshoe
3-pointers - Denver City 2 (Trout 2), Muleshoe 2 (Torres, Wilhite)


Gabrielle and Sarah Bechyne, grea
granddaughters of Alejandro $\mathcal{G}$. Sisneros, along with the rest of the family wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who bestowed upon us any act of love, kindness
or generosity during the time our loved one Alejandro $\mathcal{G}$. Sisneros, left us to meet our

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## BOX SCORES

| Muleshoe vs Farwell |  | Friday |
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| JUNIOR HIGH | Second round |  |
| BOYS | Lazbuddie vs Hart |  |

Nazareth 47, Boys Ranch 14
DIMMITT 38, LAZBUDDIE 14 DIMMITT 38, LAZBUDDIE 14 Dimmitt (38)-Casas 6, Martin 2,
Rodriguez 2,Lopez 4, Puente 2, Ward 14, Aguero 8.
Lazbuddie (14)-Martinez 2,
Melendez 8, Marquez 4, Miewes, Melende
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NURSING HOME NEWS

David McIntire directed memorial service for Bob Gage Thursday morning. J.C. Shanks and Clara Lou Jones were in charge of the songs and music.
Lawrence Welk as well as Harold and Avis Carpenter entertained at our New Year's Eve celebration Thursday Mr. Welk appeared on our ig screen TV video but Mr big screen 1 video, but M nd Mrs. Carpenter were live ntertainmen. Songs wer played and sang from the early 1900s to 1998. Refresh ments of bubbly punch and cookies were served. Every one was given a bottle of bubbles and we all filled the oom with ourblownbubbles
Kimberly Dickerson and Ozell Cherry assisted the res dents in cooking a big pot of blackeye peas Friday.
Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo game Saturday afternoon. There is al ways a big crowd anxious and ready to play on Satur day.

The First United Method ist Church directed a communion service and song ser vice early Sunday afternoon The Calvary Baptist Church came for church serices Sunday afternoon
Pat Kirk, Beverly Wagnon, Claudine Embry, Dorothy Turner and Mary Jo Burge volunteered their time, talent and hard work to fix the ladies' hair and give some hair cuts.
Elsie Damron visited Nettie Quesenberry, Kathrine Rogers and Bootie Tiller Tuesday afternoon.
Joe Embry and Velta Fyie came by to visit us Tuesday afternoon and spread around a little sunshine.
Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice and donuts to the residents Wednesday morning. Harold and Buster directed the "around the table" discussion and bits of wisdom

Jackie Scoggins directed our Wednesday afternoon sing-a-long puppet show. At this writing, Dee Clements is in the local hospital. Please remember him in your prayers.

## BITUARIES

## W. "PETE" FREEMAN

 AMARILLO - C.W. "Pete" Freeman, 76, of Amarillodied Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999. A memorial service will be held at a later date under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of AmarilloHe was borninMoran, Texas and married Jean Foster on April 12, 1947 in Muleshoe. Mr. Freeman was a longtime resident of Muleshoe and also owned and operated a drilling business in Canyo from 1970-1986. Upon retir ing, he moved to Las Cruces N.M. He moved to Amarillo seven months ago. He earned

The Truth Seekers Sun- by her daughter day school class and Followers Sunday school class of he First United Baptist Church gave donations to the Healthcare Center
althcare Center
Zaoda Gibbs was visited Turner, this week.
in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

He is survived by his wife Jean Freeman of the home;
$\qquad$ o daughters, Jeatonne Slaughter of Burleson, Texas and Jeanene Scoggin of La Cruces; two sons, Carol W Freeman and Rick B. Free man, both of Amarillo; a sister, Lois Rundell of Magnolia Texas; 14 grandchildren wo great grandchildren. He was preceded in death twin sons.
The family suggests memo rials be made to Baptist St Anthony's Hospice and Lif Enrichment Center, PO Box Enrichment Center, PO Box

Altha Turner was visited by her daughter, Mary Wise, and daughter-in-law, Dorothy Florence Harvey was vis ted by Gladys McAlister and

CLEMA. KUEHLER PILOT POINT - Cl Kuehler, 52, of Pilot Point died on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1999 in an automobile accident on FM 385 in Denton County. Funeral services were hel on Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Pilot Point with Rev. Jeremy Myers and Rev. Don Brennam celebrat ing the mass. Burial was hel in St. Thomas Ce was in the St. Thomas cemetery in Pilot Point under the directio of DeBerry Funeral Directors of Denton.
He was born to Louis and Elizabeth Kuehler on May 22 1946 in Littlefield.
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| Shursaving Lemon Liquid Dish Detergent $\ldots . . . . . . . . . .4002 ~ b u t . ~$ $\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{1 9}$ | Spaghetti ...............3202. pre $99^{\text {c }}$ |
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[^0]:    shoe get back in the game. The 5-10 junior guard scored six points and added two assits in a 10 point run that pulled MHS within 15-14 midway through the second quarter. Erin Wilhite's 3-pointer with asecond left in the half tied the game at 20 .
    After a quiet first half, Trout scored the first five points of the second half. Her layup off a steal put the Fillies up 31-22 midway through the third quarter.
    Muleshoe crept within 31 27 on Wilhite's free throw, but Griffin sandwiched a pair of bank shots from the block around Trout's free throw jumper to push the lead back to eight heading into the fourth

