

Landon Black sweeps lamb show top honors

Landon Black hit a grand slam Friday at the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, exhibiting both the grand champion and reserve grand champion lambs.

Black, the son of Kim and Sheila Black, had three medium wool lambs in the show and all three came to the top. His Class 4 winner stood as the champion medium wool and the grand champion, while his Class 5 winner was the reserve champion medium wool and the reserve grand champion.

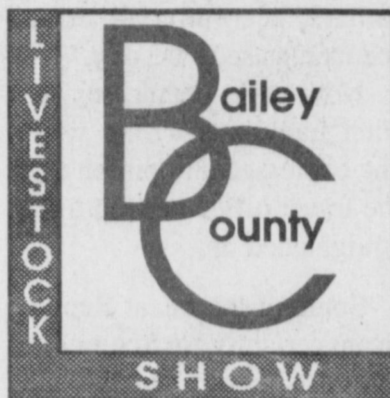
His third lamb was second in Class 5 behind the reserve grand champion.

Also in the grand drive were Nadine Webb with her champion finewool; Robin Tooley with her champion finewool cross; and Josh Tooley with his champion Southdown.

Reserve breed champions included Terrell Heathington in the finewools; April Webb in the Finewool crosses; and Cody Altman in the Southdowns.

There were 39 lambs in the show, which was judged by Kenny Brdecko.

Showmanship winners were Cody Altman in the junior division and Joshua Tooley in the senior division. Tooley was



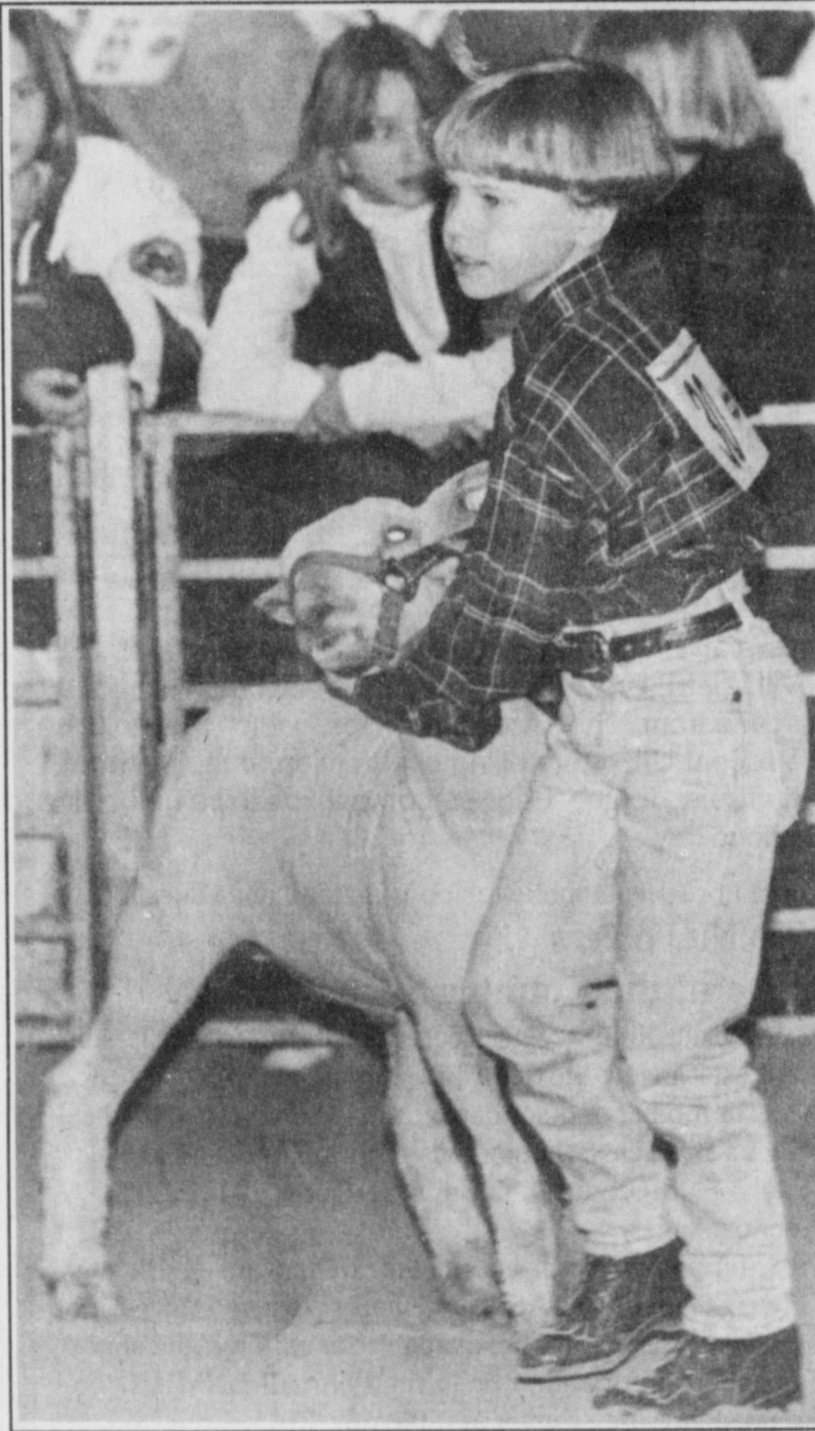
also the overall showmanship champion.

The lamb show was the first of the weekend at the stock show, which continued Friday afternoon with the swine show and Saturday morning with the steer show. The premium sale was set to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday. See next Thursday's Muleshoe Journal for full results of those events.

Here are the final results of the lamb show:

Junior Market Lamb Show
Finewool
One class only — 1. Nadine Webb; 2. Terrell Heathington; 3. Toby Kitchens; 4. Joshua Kitchens; 5. Toby Kitchens; 6. Jonathan Bennett; 7. Daniel Reeves; 8. Shauna Kitchens;
Champion Finewool
Nadine Webb
Reserve Champion Finewool
Terrell Heathington
Finewool Cross
One class only — 1. Robin Tooley; 2. April Webb; 3. Terrell Heathington; 4. Joshua Kitchens; 5. Averi Wilkerson; 6.

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Working hard

Tristen Herington works her lamb during the Southdown class of the Bailey County Junior Lamb Show Friday at the Muleshoe Civic Center. The annual event continued through Saturday.

Hospital seeks payment on outstanding debts

By MARTHA TOLES FROST
City Editor

With more than \$130,000 to write off in "bad debts" since August, Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board members are determined to collect outstanding balances.

The hospital district recently had to write off \$134,650 in uncollected bills, most from repeat non-payers.

"We are paying for doctors and nurses and lab technicians for people who don't even intend to pay," said Board member Bob Finney. "Is anyone paying their emergency room bill?" he asked.

Two new employees, Alonzo Garcia and Dorothy Spencer, have been hired for the primary purpose of putting the pressure on the debtors by calling people who have not paid for emergency room or other services at the hospital.

Both new business office employees also will visit with patients who have been admitted, to determine how and when their bills will be paid.

If these measures don't work, the hospital plans to turn the bills over to a collection agency.

"We need new admission rules for people who have a

history of not paying," Finney added. "Once they are on the list, if it's not life threatening, they can seek their services elsewhere—in rural health clinics or other places set up for that purpose."

In other items of business before the Board:

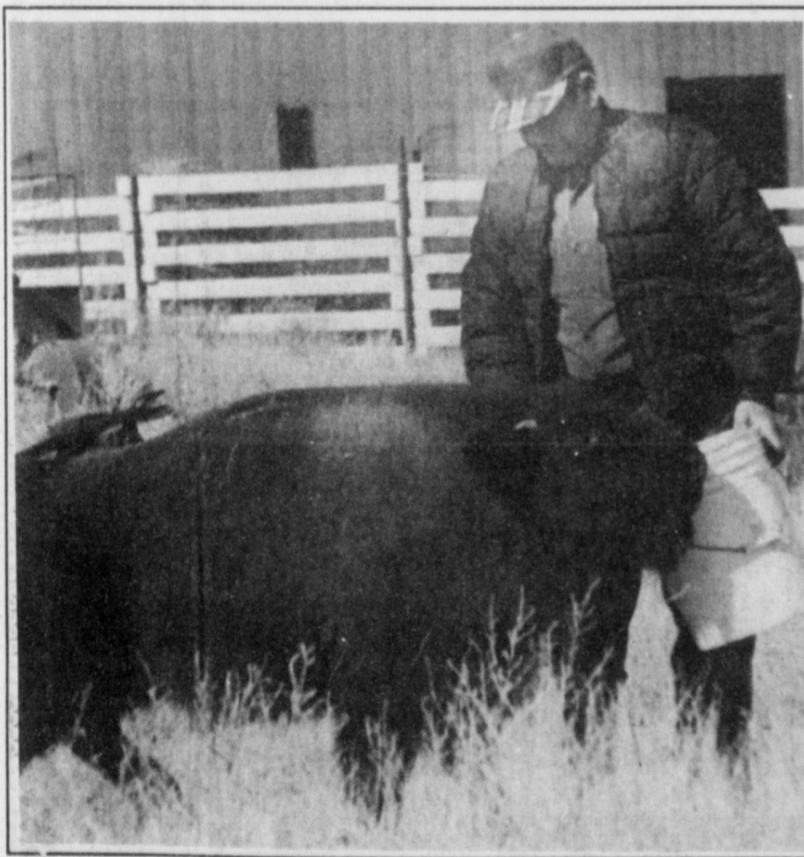
- Board members voted unanimously to advertise bids on new respiratory therapy equipment valued at \$8,000, with a trade-in of \$2,000, bringing the purchase price down to \$6,000.

The expected savings in running the new equipment over two years' time is \$7,853.60.

- Muleshoe Healthcare Center administrator Ed Dudley reported that the nursing home will be able to collect \$150 a day per Medicare patient for room and bed over the past fifteen months.

"There's a lot of money we can go back and get," said Dudley, who did the necessary paperwork to bring the rest home into compliance with Mutual of Omaha. "The claims were rejected because we didn't have a stated daily rate," Dudley said.

• Board members agreed by
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Feeding time

Muleshoe's Donald Harrison feeds Buffy, a 5-month-old buffalo, on his ranch off the Plainview Highway. Buffy is West Texas A&M's newest mascot.

Buffy goes to college as WTAMU's newest mascot

Donald Harrison thinks it's the right time for Buffy to go to college.

Buffy, a five-month-old buffalo calf Harrison raised on his farm just outside Muleshoe, will become West Texas A&M University's seventh mascot since 1922. Harrison exchanged Buffy for Ladee, a nine-year-old female that served as the school's mascot at football games for nine seasons Thursday.

"She's gentle," said Harrison of the 300-pound calf. "I'm glad she's going up there."

Buffy, bottle-fed and raised around humans for most of her life, is more like a big dog than the wild animal that roamed the Midwest Plains more than a century ago. She'll be known as Thunder VI and will probably get a new nickname.

When Harrison called Buffy Thursday to get her picture taken, she obediently came running from about a hundred yards away.

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Professionals share success secrets with MHS students

By MARTHA TOLES FROST
City Editor

A meteorologist who was unable to show up because of inclement weather was the only glitch in a career day planned by DECA students at Muleshoe High School.

Everything else went like clockwork.

Alan Finney of Muleshoe State Bank explained to MHS students how an engineering major can switch to music education and end up being a banker.

Krystal Angeley, of Lubbock Methodist Hospital, fielded questions about nursing, while computer programmer/analyst Ricky Madis attempted to explain what a "virus" is and how it gets into a computer.

Twenty-five special guest speakers gave four 45-minute presentations during Free Enterprise/Career Day Thursday, sponsored by DECA, a student organization which develops future leaders for marketing and management.

Sixteen of the speakers were MHS graduates like Finney, who told students the building hadn't changed much ("same linoleum, same teachers"), but that air conditioning and computers had been added since he was a student 10 years ago.

MHS junior Kandy Wilcox, one of the organizers of the event, said the purpose of the career day was to demonstrate the importance of the free en-

terprise system in America and to impress upon students that school is relevant to the workplace.

The speakers used various teaching methods during the seminar. Amarillo school teacher Arlene Jackson lectured much like a stand-up comic about not feeling guilty when students have to hang up their athletic uniforms for not getting papers in on time.

Stephen S. Thetford, a photographer, showed students a music video of himself doing his job—photographing weddings, seniors and landscapes.

"We sell images on paper, and the emotion that's tied to them," he told the students.

Other presenters showed slides or talked informally to students who had expressed an interest in their profession in a survey administered earlier by DECA students.

Other career fields were represented by an airline employee, an architect, an engineer, a law enforcement officer, a mechanic, an attorney, an accountant, a broadcaster/



Journal photo by Martha Toles Frost

Free Enterprise Day speaker

Krystal Angeley, a staff nurse in medical intensive care at Lubbock Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, spoke to Muleshoe High School students about her profession during DECA's Free Enterprise/Career Day Thursday at the high school. Angeley is a 1989 MHS graduate.

musician, a veterinarian, a fashion designer, a welder, a secretary, a military officer, a physician, a psychiatrist, a pharmacist, and a farmer.

A free enterprise rally was staged that afternoon by DECA students after the morning seminar.

Ten Lubbock Christian University students circulated among large groups of 50 to 70 students, giving 15-minute presentations on free enterprise topics such as debt and deficits, with one a DECA student assigned to accompany each college student.

AROUND MULESHOE

Floyd Country Jamboree auditions Sunday, Jan. 21

Audition day for the Floyd, N.M., Jamboree is Sunday, Jan. 21. Auditions are in the Floyd School cafeteria from 1:30-4 p.m. Categories for auditions are country western, gospel or special acts—no bands. The Jamboree will be March 28-30. For more information, contact Alan Hammtree at (505) 478-2208.

MISD Board receiving District Accreditation Report

The Muleshoe Independent School District will receive the District Accreditation Report and Campus Summary from the Texas School Improvement Initiative (TSII) team visit in November. The report will be presented during a Board meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the school administration office. The Board will discuss Update 50 from the Texas Association of School Boards policy service and take appropriate action.

Other topics of discussion will include implementation of World Lab into the elementary schools, the proposed open-enrollment charter school in Lubbock, and the election procedure for Region 17 Educational Service Center directors.

During closed session, the board will conduct the annual evaluation of the superintendent, receive resignations, consider hiring new personnel, and receive a report from the superintendent on personnel issues.

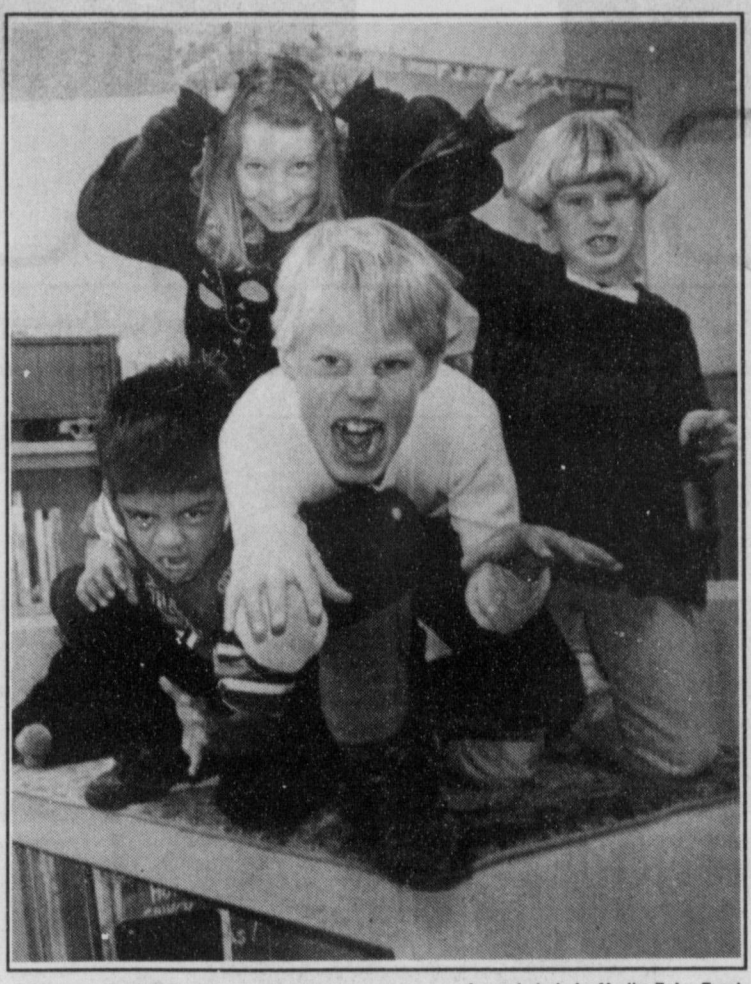
The Board will take appropriate action following the closed session.

Pep Ex-Students 36th annual homecoming Jan. 27

The 36th annual Pep Ex-Students Association Homecoming is Saturday, Jan. 27, at Pep Parish Hall. Reunions are scheduled for the classes of 1936, 46, 56, 66, 76, 86, also 1931, 21, 51, 61, 71, and 81. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. The banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. There is a \$5 charge. After dinner, an ex-students business meeting is scheduled, with a \$500 college scholarship to be awarded to a 1996 Pep High School graduate. To be eligible, at least one parent must be an Pep alumnus and attend the Homecoming ceremony and register. This may be the last Pep reunion due to lack of participation.

King, Graves honored by WTAMU's radio station

Angela King, a senior mass communications major from Amarillo, was honored as the Outstanding Newcomer by WTAMU's radio station at its awards ceremony Dec. 7. King is the granddaughter of Naomi Black of Muleshoe and the daughter of Dr. Charles and Karon Murry of Lubbock. She has been named director of underwriting at KWTS-FM 9191 for the spring semester. Named general manager of the station is Courtney Graves,



Journal photo by Martha Toles Frost

I'll huff and I'll puff

Dillman Elementary students Zackary Hall (front), Eli Villa (left), Brook Bottelman and Andi Black act out a scene from "The Three Little Pigs," which they told in a recent UIL storytelling competition at their school, qualifying for the Feb. 26 competition to be held in Friona.

a senior speech/public relations major from Muleshoe.

ENMU offers "Doin' the Country Swing" lessons

The deadline to register for country swing dance lessons at Eastern New Mexico University is Jan. 29. The mother-and-son dance team of Schirete and Michael Zick will teach the lessons on Friday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. at the ENMU Education Building, Room 101. Cost is \$32 per person. Schirete Zick has been a member of the Greater Phoenix Swing Club and the Arizona Country Western Dance Club. Other classes also are available for children and adults. For more information or to register, call ENMU's Extended Learning Center at (505) 562-2165.

Bailey County EMS holding ECA classes in February

Bailey County EMS will be holding an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) class for basic certification. Participants will learn basic life support procedures. The class will be given from 6 to 10 p.m. two nights a week for eight weeks, beginning Feb. 12 at the Muleshoe Fire Department, through Texas Tech University. Those successfully completing the course will be eligible to apply to ride the ambulance and assist patients at the ECA level. For more information call Jackey Wayne Burris at 272-4390.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor: TRAVELGATE

I have a clipping from the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* of late April, 1991, as follows: "White House chief of staff John Sununu and the Republican Party reimbursed the government \$47,044 for political and personal trips that cost taxpayers more than a half million dollars, according to documents released Tuesday."

Now these people say the First Lady was wrong when she expressed an opinion that the travel office needed to be straightened up.

Some of the fatcat Republicans certainly got free air fare that cost the taxpayers this half million dollars. As far as I know, there was something less than 10 percent of this ever repaid.

I would like to know for sure who did fire them. I would like to congratulate them on their good judgment. Nolan H. Harlan Bula, Texas

Buffy

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Harrison bought a breeding pair of buffaloes at a Wichita Mountain Reserve (Okla.) auction four years ago as a novelty. He also raises ostriches and emus.

Harrison plans to breed Ladee, known as Thunder, who was taken from the wild. Most adult buffaloes weigh well over 1,000 pounds.

Harrison said the university can eventually trade Buffy for one of Ladee's calves.

— Rick White

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Honor Rolls

Lazbuddie schools have reported the following honor roll students from the third six weeks.

Principal's "A" Honor Roll
6th Grade — Savannah Black, Jodie Coker, Kayla Kimbrough, Candice Randolph.

7th Grade — Kati Mimms
8th Grade — Amy Angeley, Scottie Brown, Veronica Mata, Leah Turner.
9th Grade — Seth Black, Jill Hodges, Michael Jones, Josh Morris, Kia Morris, Cade Morris, Shena Seaton.
10th Grade — Don Burch, Brice Foster, Deon Gallman, Chris Smith, Cameron Turner, Dustin Weir.
11th Grade — Rocio

Aguilar, Janis Hernandez, Many Magby, Justin St. Clair.

12th Grade — Heather Engelking, Marisol Godinez, Suzy Hodges, Katy Jones, Julie McDonald, Guy Nickels, Socorro Reyes, Kimberly Smith, Dawn Weir.

Principal's "AB" Honor Roll
6th Grade — Lindsey Free, Trevor Gartin, Jeffrey Guillen, Kelsey Jones, Shannon Redwine, Colt Richardson, Jay Seaton, Triston Thorn.
7th Grade — Kendra Gallman, Maria Godinez, Crystal Scott.
8th Grade — Randy Bohler, Desirae Brakebill, Staci Foster, Jason Jesko, Garrett Magby, Zulema Marquea, Bobby Martha, Brandon Randolph.

9th Grade — Holly Engelking, Rosalinda Marrufo, Christina Martha, Joshua McDonald, Rachel Rodriguez, Adam St. Clair.

10th Grade — Melissa Aguirre, Yesenia Hernandez, Blanca Pacheco, Brice Redwube, Juan Salaza, Jason Thomas, Roxann Warren.

11th Grade — Heath Brown, Shana Foster, Jennifer Hill, Jamie Kemp, Rebecca Mata, Blake Mimms, Edward Terry, Sarah Watson.

12th Grade — Wade Angeley, Travis Barber, Tiffany Blasingame, Keith Burch, Vivian Cortez, Clay Hurst, Regina Jones, Jr. Lopez, Adolfo Mata, Roel Moran, Krista Smith, Josh Warren.

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Education makes adults more marketable

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

South Plains Community Action Association understands how hard it is to go back to school.

Social and economic situations, plus embarrassment, often prove tough obstacles to overcome when trying to get adults to better themselves through education.

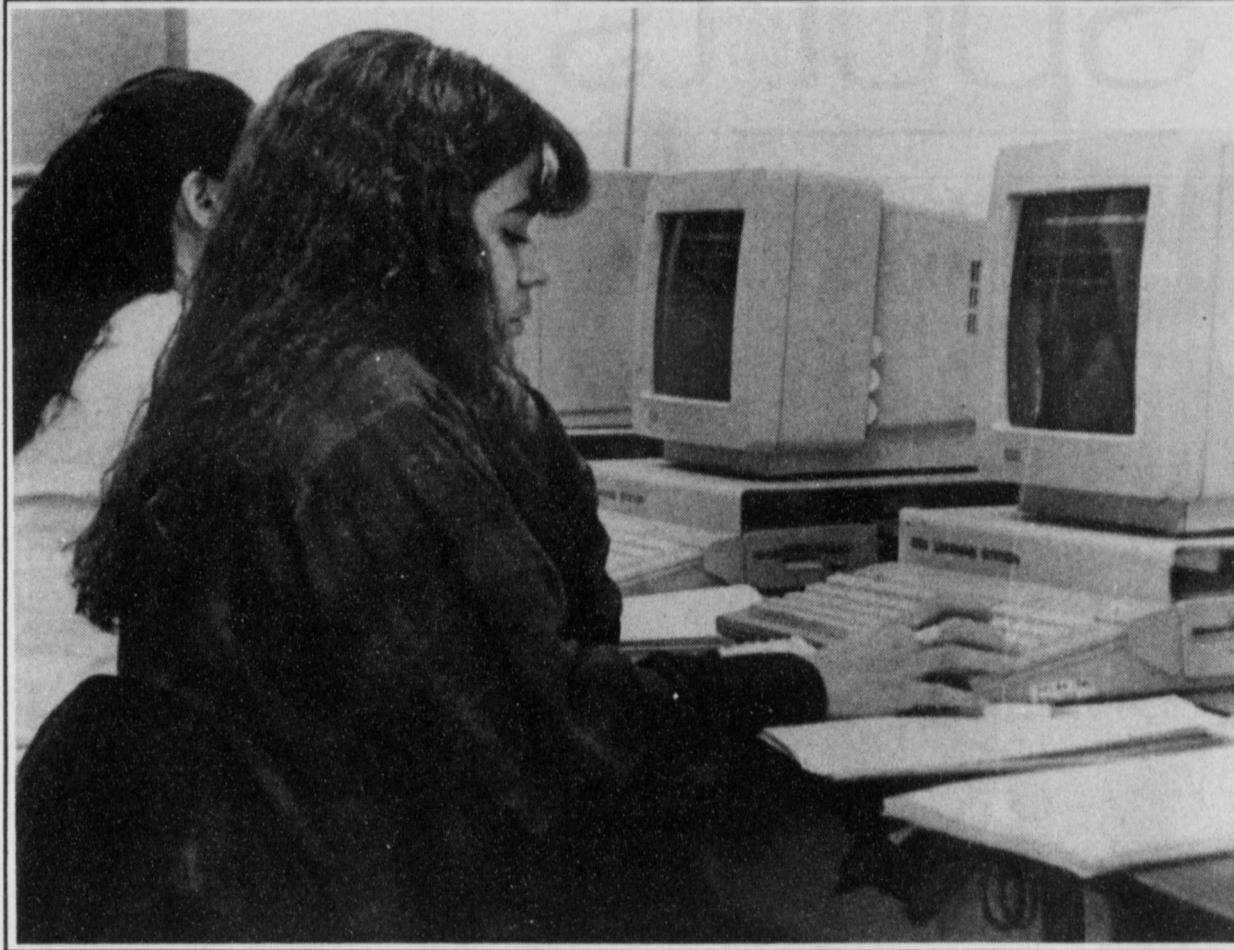
"We break our necks trying to help them improve their life situations," SPCAA adult education coordinator Latrelle Good said. "Education is the beginning of bettering yourself."

The non-profit service organization with branches in 13 Texas counties opened an adult learning center this week in Muleshoe.

Because of its size, and because it's not subject to the fluctuations in state funding, SPCAA is able to tailor its services to meet individual needs on a consistent basis. A lot of adult classes are cancelled in budget cuts.

Providing transportation, baby sitting and counseling are just some of the satellite services SPCAA can offer.

"We treat each person as an individual, and try to fit all their needs," Good said. "We hold them by the hand until they reach then point were it becomes their own responsibility."



Working hard

Patty Garcia of Muleshoe is one of several area residents working toward a GED at the South Plains Community Action Association's new adult learning center.

bility."

Much of the focus at the adult learning center, located at 804 E. American Boulevard, is helping people get their General Equivalency Diplomas (GED) and English as a second language.

They also help people prepare for, and get jobs.

Alene Bryant, a retired Muleshoe teacher, is the instructor. The center is open

public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information,

"A lot of people want to get their GED, but don't know how to go about it," Good said. "Most places won't talk to you without a diploma."

Good's favorite success story is of a Littlefield woman with three children, who was in an abusive marriage. With the help of adult education classes

and counseling, (for the whole family), she is an RN and involved in a healthy marriage.

About the only help SPCAA can't provide is the desire to improve one's stock in life.

Have a nice day!

Debtors

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general consensus to accept hospital administrator Richard Murphy's recommendation to explore the Work Smart program.

Work Smart is a drug and alcohol testing program which the district intends to market to area businesses and industries that must comply with Department of Transportation guidelines on testing their employees.

Under managerial matters, the Board voted to comply with mandated patient confidentiality guidelines.

Lambs

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Shauna Kitchens; 7. Jonathan Bennett. **Champion Finewool Cross** Robin Tooley

Reserve Champion Finewool Cross April Webb **Mediumwool**

Lightweight — 1. Lindsey Altman; 2. Cody Altman; 3. Robin Tooley; 4. LeAnn Altman; 5. LeAnn Altman; 6. Averi Wilkerson; 7. Daniel Reeves.

Mediumweight — 1. Landon Black; 2. Joshua Tooley; 3. Lindsey Altman; 4. Nadine Webb; 5. April Webb.

Heavyweight — 1. Landon Black; 2. Landon Black; 3. Joshua Tooley; 4. LeAnn Altman; 5. Lindsey Altman.

Champion Mediumwool Landon Black

1st place Mediumweight Reserve Champion Mediumwool Landon Black

1st place Heavyweight Southdown

One Class only — 1. Joshua Tooley; 2. Cody Altman; 3. Robin Tooley; 4. Averi Wilkerson; 5. Tristen Herington.

Champion Southdown Joshua Tooley

Reserve Champion Southdown Cody Altman

Grand Champion Landon Black

Champion Mediumwool Reserve Grand Champion Landon Black

Reserve Champion Mediumwool Showmanship Junior Division Cody Altman

Senior Division and overall Joshua Tooley

Three Way appoints Hood athletic director

By MARTHA TOLES FROST
City Editor

The Three Way School Board appointed Superintendent Bill Hood as athletic director at its regular meeting on Jan. 11.

The primary responsibility of the position is to supervise spending in the athletic department. Hood will receive a stipend of \$2,500 for the service.

The Board authorized the principal, Donald Paris, to sign activity fund checks, along with the appropriate sponsor of an activity, during the absence of the superintendent.

The Board also reviewed and approved Policy Update 50 and discussed producing a local policy in compliance with Senate Bill 1, regarding evaluation protocol and termination or non-renewal of at-will employees and paraprofessionals with probationary or verbal contracts.

Approximately ten employees will be affected by the policy change, according to Board president Robert R. Kindle.

"Non-certified personnel

like bus drivers, cafeteria workers and teacher aides now have the same rights as individuals with written contracts," Kindle said. "The district must give 45 days notice of termination before the last day of school, and it must give cause."

Terminated employees with verbal contracts are entitled to a hearing, he added. "Before (the policy update), they could be terminated for no (stated) reason. They just wouldn't get their job back. Now they will be given the benefit of the doubt. A verbal contract is still a contract."

Hood announced that there will be no school board election for an unopposed candidate and that the person with the most votes wins a board election—without a run-off.

The board also discussed the possibility of permitting karate lessons to be offered after school hours as an extracurricular activity, but not as a school-sanctioned physical education option—with questions regarding insurance liability to be answered before action is taken.

The following people have announced their candidacy for the GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996

- Floyd J. "Butch" Vandiver- County Commissioner, Precinct 1
- Jack Dunham - County Commissioner, Precinct 1
- Rich Magby - Constable-Incumbent Precinct 1
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Sports

Fourth-quarter rally lifts Friona past Mules, 66-63

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

Friona rallied from a six-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Muleshoe, 66-63, Friday in a District 2-3A game.

"We're just trying to get over the hump," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said after the Mules dropped to 4-18 overall and 0-5 in district. "We're having a hard time getting over it. We just didn't quite finish it off."

Dustin Cleavinger and Alfonso Mendoza led Muleshoe with 14 points each and Chris Shelburne added 13. Shame Blackburn and Quint Ellis led Friona with 14 points each.

It was a game of emotion, not execution.

There was a total of 46 fouls, with six players fouling out and a seventh ejected. Five Mules fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Both teams made 25 of 44 free throws, but Friona (12-11, 2-3) made its free throws with the game on the line. Friona was 11 of 14 in the fourth quarter.

Muleshoe, which jumped out to a 12-point first-quarter lead, held a 47-41 edge heading into the fourth quarter.

Eric McInroe's 3-pointer

gave Friona its first lead of the game, 54-53, midway through the fourth quarter.

Two free throws by Alfonso Mendoza (11 of 12 for the game) gave Muleshoe its last lead, 58-56, with three minutes left.

Ellis scored inside and added two free throws to give Friona a 62-58 lead with 1:35 left.

Shelburne answered with a 3-pointer from the top of the key to close the gap to 62-61.

But McInroe hit a pair of free throws after grabbing an offensive rebound and Blackburn added a free throw after a steal to seal the win.

"We didn't lose it so much in the fourth quarter as we did in the first," Mason said. "We had a chance to put them away and didn't."

Muleshoe jumped out to a 14-2 lead, but missed several easy shots inside and seven free throws.

McInroe's first of three 3-pointers at the buzzer cut the Mules' lead to 14-5.

Cleavinger's bank shot gave Muleshoe an 18-5 lead early in the second quarter. But Friona rallied to within 18-15 behind the inside work of Tony Mejia

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2-3A standings

GIRLS		
	District	Overall
Friona	5-0	20-5
Muleshoe	3-2	17-7
Dimmitt	3-2	13-15
Littlefield	2-2	11-11
Shallowater	1-4	10-15
Floydada	0-4	8-15

Tuesday
Muleshoe 70, Littlefield 60; Shallowater 43, Floydada 42; Friona 41, Dimmitt 25

Friday
Friona 59, Muleshoe 37; Dimmitt 67, Shallowater 56; Littlefield at Floydada

BOYS		
	District	Overall
Dimmitt	5-0	19-6
Shallowater	4-1	16-6
Littlefield	2-2	11-11
Floydada	1-3	11-13
Friona	2-3	12-11
Muleshoe	0-5	4-18

Tuesday
Littlefield 69, Muleshoe 46; Shallowater 77, Floydada 43; Dimmitt 73, Friona 54

Friday
Friona 66, Muleshoe 63; Dimmitt 67, Shallowater 58; Littlefield at Floydada

Soft touch

Muleshoe's Chris Shelburne shoots the ball over Friona's Tony Mejia during a District 2-3A game Friday at WJHS gym. Friona rallied to beat the Mules, 66-63.

Squaws surprise MHS at home

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

Now Muleshoe knows how West Texas farmers feel after the Lady Mules suffered a field-goal drought that covered the second quarter and change.

The result was Friona and its huge fan following soaking in a surprisingly easy 59-37 win Friday night at WJHS gym that gave the Squaws a two-game lead in the District 2-3A standings.

The game was supposed to be a first-place showdown, but Muleshoe (17-7 overall, 3-2 in district) went more than 11 minutes without scoring from the field, managing just five free throws from late in the first quarter to early in the third.

Friona (20-5, 5-0) is undefeated after the first round of the district schedule, but has to play at Littlefield, Dimmitt and Shallowater the second time around.

Muleshoe is tied with Dimmitt and Littlefield for second with two losses each.

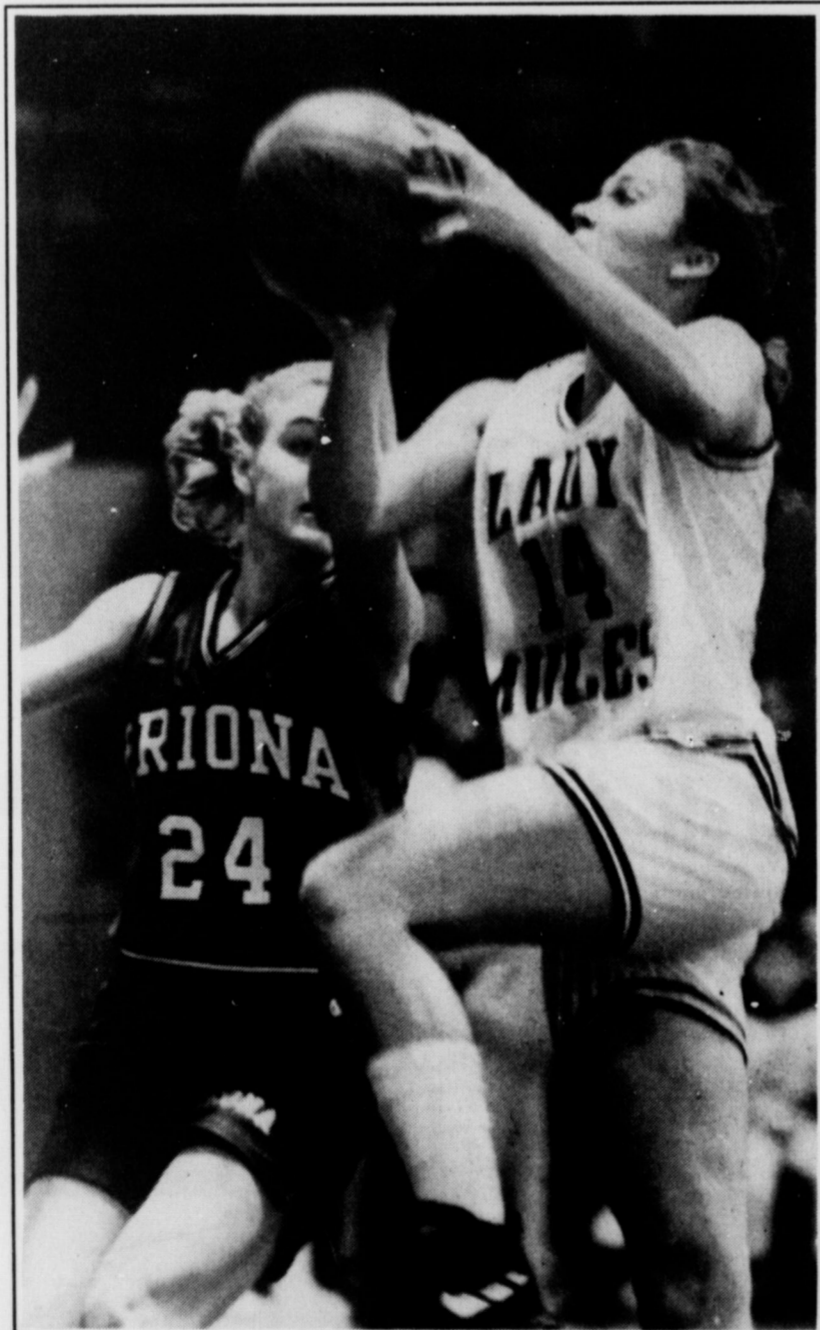
Britney White led a balanced attack with 14 points, Courtney Carthel added 10, and five other Squaws scored at least five points.

Allyson Field led Muleshoe with 10 points, Mandy Cleavinger added 9 points and Michelle Williams 8.

"It's not fatal," Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhlkey said of the loss. "We've got the people we need to beat at home. If we take care of that, we'll be okay."

Muleshoe has Dimmitt, Littlefield and Shallowater at home, and plays at Friona the last game of the year.

"This win gives us confidence and some momentum



Kamakze kid

MHS senior Allyson Field blows by Friona's Amber Martin Friday at WJHS gym. Friona beat Muleshoe, 59-37, in a District 2-3A showdown.

heading into the second half," Friona coach Richard North said. "I'm really pleased how we responded in the first quarter. We showed a lot of character and confidence."

Fueled by Field's kamikaze drives to the basket and good ball movement, Muleshoe took a 16-10 lead after one quarter. Field scored six points in the

first quarter. On one drive she collided with a referee, which left him stunned for a minute. Muleshoe also did a good job of making the extra pass, which created good passing angles to the post.

Then Muleshoe hit the wall. It look like that's when Littlefield lag set in. Muleshoe spent

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Sherry McMasters is a Licensed Master Social Worker. She is from Levelland and she works in Muleshoe on Thursdays and Saturdays.

For 22 years, Sherry has been involved in social work. She has worked in different areas including children and adults, but she really likes working with the patients from Home Health. She likes the fact that most of the people like what they are doing and are willing to work long hours to meet patients needs. She feels like this is more of a calling than a job.

Sherry grew up around Plainview. She is married to Gerald McMasters and they have one daughter Tracey McMasters.



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Ripping one down

Muleshoe's Dustin Cleavinger grabs a rebound during a District 2-3A game Friday at WJHS gym.

a lot of emotion and energy in a 70-66 overtime win at Littlefield Tuesday.

"I felt we were ready to play," Gruhlkey said. "Then we went flat."

From the second quarter on, Muleshoe rarely ran its offense, turning the ball over or taking bad shots most of the time.

"I don't know what happened," Gruhlkey said. "We got impatient and stopped moving the ball."

Meanwhile, senior-laden Friona did just the opposite, with good ball movement resulting in good shots.

Post Kristi Meyer scored five quick points inside to start

the second quarter and Carthel added four points inside later

in the quarter, helping the Squaws to a 25-20 halftime lead.

Friona continued to pull away in the second half, taking a 40-26 lead with three minutes left in the third quarter on Amber Martin's 3-pointer.

Friona outscored Muleshoe, 32-10, over the second and third quarters, taking a 42-26 lead into the final eight minutes.

"I'm surprised we didn't do what we planned to do," Gruhlkey said. "After the first quarter, we just didn't do it."

Mules
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(five points) and Aaron King's 3-pointer.

Muleshoe made 8 of 8 free throws over the next five minutes and led 28-21 at halftime.

MHS' Josh Slayden was ejected in the third quarter on a questionable call.

Muleshoe hosts Shallowater Tuesday.

Friona (66) — Hitchcock 0 3-4 3, King 1 (2) 2-4 10, Blackburn 3 8-16 14, McInroe 0 (3) 2-2 11, Ellis 4 6-11 14, Mejia 2 2-3 6, Grimsley 1 2-2 4, Miller 2 0-0 4, Looper 0 0-2 0. Totals 13 (5) 25-44 66.

Muleshoe (63) — Mason 1 (1) 1-2 6, Lewis 0 0-0 0, Mendoza 1 11-12 14, Williams 0 0-0 0, Shelburne 1 (2) 5-6 13, Slayden 1 1-3 3, A. Gonzales 1 1-3 3, J. Gonzales 2 0-6 4, McClanahan 0 0-0 0, Cleavinger 5 4-8 14, Sierra 2 2-4 6. Totals 13 (4) 25-44 63.

	1	2	3	4	tot
Friona	5	16	20	25	66
Muleshoe	14	14	19	16	63

Muleshoe wanted to Friona's post players back to the middle and double down from the free throw line.

Heather Martin's 3-pointer to begin the fourth quarter gave Friona its largest lead to that point, 45-26.

Muleshoe used full-court pressure to make a short run, pulling within 47-33, but that was as close as they got.

"It's hard to climb back in it against a team like that," Gruhlkey said. "They don't let you make any long runs."

Friona's experience (six seniors) showed as they gave up few easy baskets. They didn't turn the ball over and didn't give up second shots. In fact, most of the time, five Friona defenders were closest to the ball on defensive rebounds.

"We didn't crash the boards," Gruhlkey said, "Our outside people just stood there."

Muleshoe hosts Shallowater Tuesday.

Muleshoe won the JV game, 44-39.

Friona (59) — Goddard 2 3-4 7, Cass 1 3-8 5, A. Martin 0 (1) 2-2 5, White 6 2-3 14, H. Martin 2 (1) 3-3 9, Stokes 0 0-0 0, Carthel 4 2-3 10, Meyer 4 1-4 9. Totals 19 (2) 15-26 59.

Muleshoe (37) — Field 3 4-6 10, Williams 3 2-28, C. Cleavinger 1 (1) 0-0 5, Puckett 0 0-1 0, Schuster 0 0-2 0, Nichols 0 0-0 0, M. Cleavinger 3 3-10 9, Harrison 0 (1) 2-4 5. Totals 10 (2) 11-25 37.

	1	2	3	4	tot
Friona	10	15	17	17	59
Muleshoe	16	4	6	11	37



The Cowboy Vegetarian Cookbook

When beef gets short a lot of cowboys are forced to do without. The cook must come up with meatless meals. The following recipes are from the Cowboy Vegetarian Cookbook.

TENNIS SHOE TONGUE: Select an old one. The price is better and it may have picked up some natural flavor depending on where it has been worn. Boiling is suggested but it may also be fried to a crisp and served on a bed of marinated sweat shirt. Garnish with pickled shoe string.

SEED CORN CAPPICCA: Carefully clean with a fish scaling knife. Remove all metal buttons, rivets and any plastic tabs. Flatten the cap by soaking in linseed oil then placing it underneath a door mat that gets heavy use. Once pliable cover it with lots of cheese and ketchup. Dry kibbles or dust motes may be sprinkled as a topping for variety.

MEADOW HAY SALAD: Choose a bale toward the middle of the stack. Break the bale being careful to remove any plastic twine. Take a flake and winnow it over the garage floor. Then chop the stems with a heavy blunt utensil like a bucket or hoe. For dressing, pound a kumquat sized piece of 17 percent protein block on a flat surface and add vinegar. Croutons chipped from corn cobs or diced styrofoam may be

tossed in.

FAN BELT FAJITAS: The most succulent fan belt can be found on old farm equipment moldering in your boneyard. It should be sliced into bite-sized chunks. Tenderize before cooking by soaking in fingernail polish remover. Fry in lard along with half a hatfull of 3/4 inch black plastic hose and shredded playing cards. Serve with beer and jalapenos. It tastes a lot like abalone.

RAWHIDESTEW: Ever wondered what to do with those old reins, quirts or saddle tree bark? This recipe has been tried and tested from ancient Mongolians right up through Donner Pass. Place the strips of rawhide in a pot and boil for as many weeks as the firewood holds out. What you add to the stew depends on what's available: i.e. pine cones, hoof trimmings, iron pyrite or old hat brims. It's filling but don't expect much more.

ROASTED KAK: Ever eat a saddle? Some parts are edible. Dig a hole big enough to bury a small mule. Burn elm, cottonwood and old tires to get a bed of coals. Wrap the saddle in a plastic tarp (blue), place it on the coals and cover with dirt. Cook for hours on end. Dig up and serve with baked faucet washers. Feeds up to two truckloads of hungry cowboys.

That should give you an idea of what you can do when you run out of beef at the ranch. There are many other Cowboy Vegetarian recipes like Latigo Jerky, Gunstock Pate and Smokin' Joe's Copenhagen Torte, but this should get you started.

Lazbuddie sweeps New Home

BOYS	
Lazbuddie	69
New Home	53

LAZBUDDIE — Guy Nickels scored a season-high 21 points, leading Lazbuddie to a 69-53 non-district win over New Home Tuesday.

Justin St. Clair and Josh Warren added 14 points each for Lazbuddie (16-6), which led 40-22 at halftime. The Longhorns played Vega Friday.

	1	2	3	4	tot
New Home	11	11	21	10	53
Lazbuddie	20	20	16	13	69

Leading scorers — New Home: Nevarez 11, Zant 10, Smith 10. Lazbuddie: Nickels 21, St. Clair 14, Warren 14, Lopez 10. Records — Lazbuddie: 16-6. New Home 6-13.

GIRLS	
Lazbuddie	65
New Home	36

LAZBUDDIE — Lazbuddie is closing in on double digits in the win column, beating New Home Tuesday, 65-36, in a non-district game.

The Lady Longhorns (9-15) got 16 points from Roxanne Warren, and 11 points each from Mandy Magby and Heather Engelking. LHS, which played Vega Friday, has won two of its last three games.

Lazbuddie 65, New Home 36
New Home 5 12 6 13 36
Lazbuddie 19 11 10 25 65

Leading scorers: New Home: Holler 13. Lazbuddie: Warren 16, Magby 11. He. Engelking 11. Records: Lazbuddie 9-15. New Home 2-18.

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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Garth

SANTAROSA, Calif. — A gathering of family and friends of Mary Elizabeth Garth, 77, formerly of Muleshoe, is being Jan. 27, in Santa Rosa, Calif.

She died Sunday, Jan. 14 at her home in Santa Rosa after a long illness. She was born April 3, 1916, in Hugo, Okla. She graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1935. She attended McMurry University in Abilene, where she earned teaching credentials.

She had lived in northern California for the last 30 years. She moved to Ukiah, Calif., in 1960, where she worked as a secretary for the Ukiah Methodist Church. She was a real estate agent until she retired in 1989.

Survivors include a son, Al Garth of California, and his wife Linda; two daughters, Carol and Mike Ferrell and Glenda Sue and Bob Hurley; grandchildren, Alan Payne Garth, Callie Elizabeth Watts and Michael John Ferrell Jr.; one brother, Clyde and Mary Francis Holt of Muleshoe; one sister, Helen and Paul Gardner of North Carolina; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggest memorial to Home Hospice of Sonoma County, 1110 N. Dutton, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Police Report

Arrests

Jan. 16 — Melissa Ann Reyes, 17, was charged with theft.

Jan. 12 — Marcial Martin Martinez, 21, was charged with failure to appear. He was also charged on local warrants with defective tail lights and driving without insurance, and on Capias warrants for driving without insurance and failure to get a Texas driver's license.

Jan. 12 — Christopher Joe Flores, 17, was charged with driving without a license and possession of alcohol by a minor.

Jan. 12 — Jose Angel Flores, 20, was charged possession of alcohol by a minor.

Jan. 12 — Misty April Morales, 17, was charged possession of alcohol by a minor.

Jan. 12 — Nora Joe Mo-

rales, 18, was charged possession of alcohol by a minor.

Jan. 12 — A 16-year-old female was charged possession of alcohol by a minor.

Incidents

Jan. 16 — An employee of a business in the 1400 block of West American Blvd. reported the theft of \$3.89 worth of merchandise. The case was cleared by adult arrest.

Jan. 13 — A male reported criminal mischief in the 110 block of South Main Street, causing \$50 in damage to a

building.

Jan. 13 — A male reported criminal mischief in the 400 block of East Sixth Street, causing \$600 in damage to a vehicle. The case was suspended.

Jan. 13 — A female reported criminal mischief in the 900 block of Ivy Alley.

Jan. 12 — A female reported cruelty to an animal in the 300 block of East Dallas Street.

Jan. 12 — A male reported the theft of dogs worth \$400 in the 100 block of W. 6th Street.

Births

Brandi L. Ramos

Mike and Teresa Ramos of Friona are the proud parents of a new baby daughter born Jan. 16, 1996 in the Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The young lady weighed in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces at birth and has been named Brandi L. Ramos. She has a sister at

home, Teresa Lynn Ramos.

Grandparents include Jesus and Noberta Ramos of Friona and Lupe and Maria Duran, also of Friona.

Great-grandparents are Pedro Garcia of Dimmitt, Juanita Martinez of Friona and Reynoldo and Santos Morales of Littlefield.

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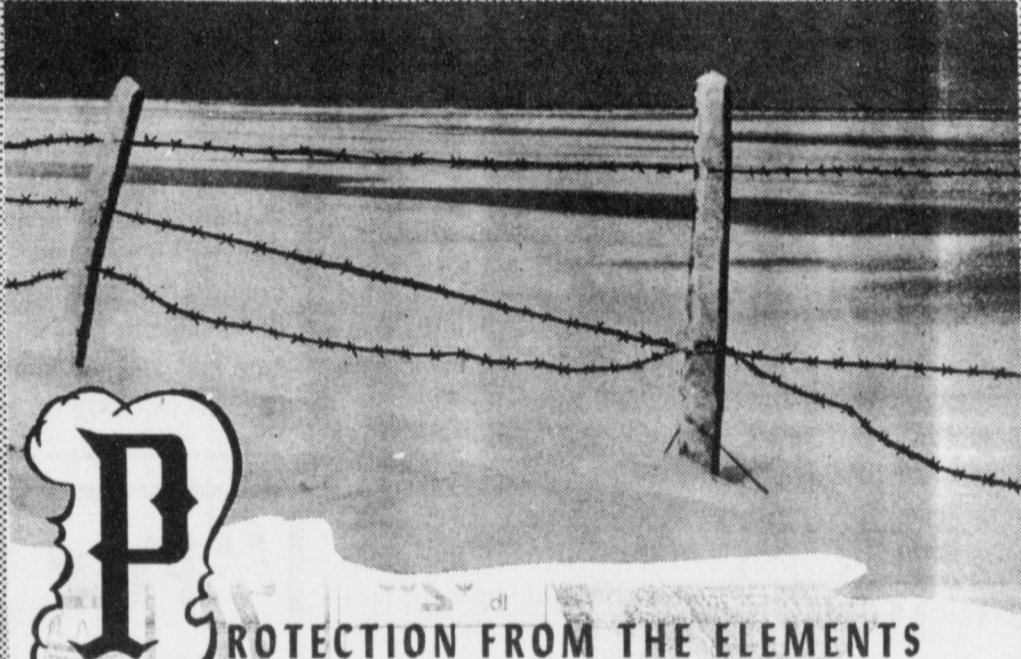
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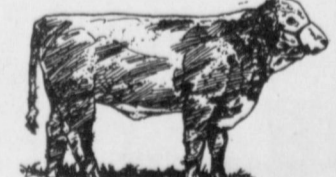
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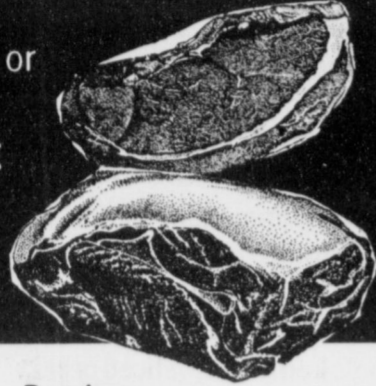
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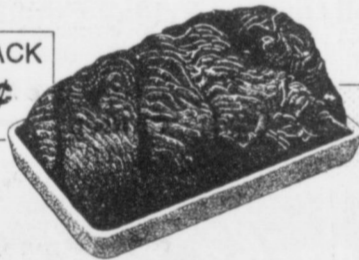
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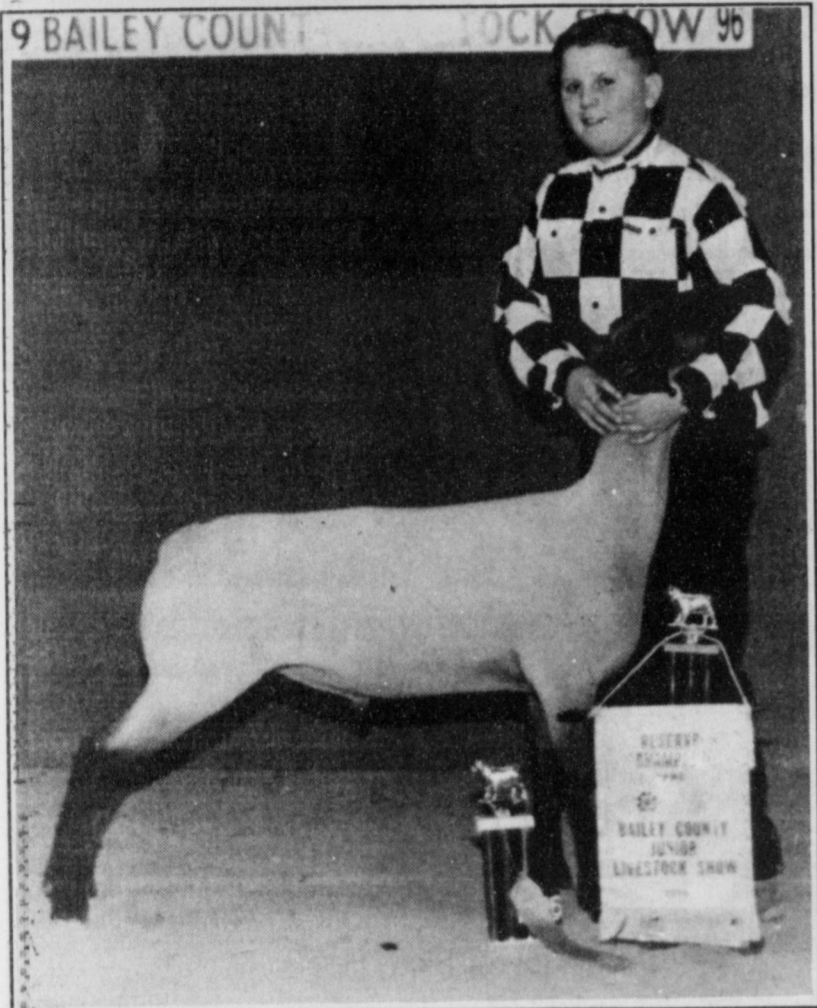
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Nursing Home News By Joy Stancell

Friday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Shanks directed us in a Gospel Sing-A-Long. J.C. and Odessa delighted us by singing a duet. Brenda Robinson was the guest of Nettie Quesenberry at the event.

Saturday afternoon Melvin and Wanda Griffin came to direct the Bingo Party.

Sunday afternoon the Muleshoe Singers came for a special Singing and Music Service.

R.B. Cunninghams' wife, Melba and son, Richard, visited him Friday afternoon.

Mr. Williams is visited by his wife every day.

If you are a group and would be interested in hosting a birthday party or seasonal party, please call the Care Center, 272-7578.

Tommy Hall visited Billy Crouch Tuesday morning.

Lora Dale was visited by her son Gilbert Dale Tuesday afternoon.

Hazel Waddell baked and brought several loaves of sweet

bread for the residents and staff last week.

Pastor David McIntire taught the Bible Study Sunday morning.

Tuesday morning Melvin and Wanda Griffin brought cookies to serve at our exercise and reminiscing time.

Tuesday afternoon Pat Watson, Claudine Embry, Lanell Stancell, Mabel

Nieman, Susan Anderson, Mary Jo Burge, Skeet Bradshaw, Chickie, Shelby and Joy shampooed and set the ladies hair and gave nail care.

Nettie Quesenberrys' granddaughter gave her a hair cut Tuesday morning. Her nieces, Mrs. Clarence Damron and Brownie, visited her Tuesday afternoon.

We have a new resident, she is Lula Roach, she was born Oct. 7, 1903, in San Angelo, Texas. She was a homemaker and is a member of the Church of Christ.

Rotary Club News By Dan Lusk

The Muleshoe Rotary Club met at noon, Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the Bailey County Civic Center. President Mike McDearmon opened the meeting with Lonnie Adrian providing the invocation and Bill Liles leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike introduced his guest for the meeting, his lovely wife, Brenda. J.D. Cage introduced his guest, Jay Cage. J.D. described him as his right hand man, good friend, and son.

In business of the day, Mike informed the club and asked for help from the club for Jackie Denham. Jackie is in need of help in preparing the meal for the Muleshoe civic clubs. If any member knows of someone that could help, please provide the name to Jackie or Mike so that they can be approached.

Charles Moraw brought the program for the day. Curtis

Preston discussed the Bailey County Livestock Show. The arena was prepared Thursday, with animals arriving that day and activities starting Jan. 18. Approximately 100 individuals will be showing livestock. There will be approximately 170 hogs, 60 cattle and 95 sheep. He encouraged all to come and support the effort. In other agriculture news Curtis reported the first estimate on the 1995 Economic Report. Gross income, thus far looks like it will be around \$73 million as opposed to the \$90 million last year. Although down, this is more in line with historical levels. He also reported that he believes the current farm bill will be extended for one year. Jerry Hicks was selected as the Polio Plus winner for the week. Club Sweetheart Reagan McElroy was in attendance at the meeting.

USDA expands absentee ballot options for Feb. 6 sheep referendum

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has expanded methods by which absentee ballots can be obtained for voting in a Feb. 6 referendum on the Sheep Promotion, Research and Education Order.

Individuals and organizations can now request absentee ballots for more than one eligible sheep producer, sheep feeder, or sheep and sheep product importer.

To request multiple absentee ballots, individuals and organizations must include the name and address of each person for whom an absentee ballot is being requested.

Each request must be made in writing, by E-Mail or in person to the Cooperative Ex-

tension Service (CES) office serving the county in which each person for whom an absentee ballot is being requested resides.

Completed absentee ballots must be received in the applicable CES office not later than two business days before the referendum.

Details of the voting procedures were published in the Dec. 15, 1995, Federal Register.

Copies of the final referendum rules, the proposed order and information on how to obtain the addresses of CES offices are available from Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Livestock and Seed Division, AMS, USDA, Room 2606-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456; telephone (202) 720-1115.

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Area school menus

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The Ground at the Foot of the Cross Is Level for All

I began writing this column on Monday, a noteworthy day because: 1) it was the day quarterly tax payments are usually due (though not this time because of item #2); 2) it was the observance of Martin Luther King's birthday; and 3) it was my father's birthday. Concerning item 1, the less said

"precious in His sight."
Good people come in all colors. So do fools. And color has precious little to do with it. Racism is no prettier in one shade than it is in another. Farrakhans and Fuhrmans share the same sickness. They are equally blind because they see only in color.

Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

Does a King holiday make any practical difference? Unless you're a federal or bank employee, I don't know. I know that only one perfect man ever lived. He died in Jerusalem, not Atlanta. But I think I also know that Dr. King's life made a difference for good because he dreamed a lofty dream.

A group of church leaders once told my dad, the visiting preacher, that "colored folks" weren't welcome in their church. Dad told them kindly but firmly that if he couldn't preach to anyone who wanted to hear the message, he wouldn't preach at all.

I've heard him preach in fluent Spanish. He's preached in Mexico. He's preached in Africa. It has always been the same message. There is, after all, only one worth preaching: Christ died for all.

I never knew Martin Luther King, but I grew up at the feet of a man who shared his dream that we all recognize that the ground at the foot of the cross is level for all. Not only is that a dream worth dreaming, it is profoundly and eternally true.

Color-blindness can be a fine affliction if it helps us see men and women of all colors as equal partakers of the image of God. People and programs that focus on color don't help any of us of any color. "Red and yellow, black and white," all children really are

the better. But items 2 and 3 are, to me, significant.

Race relations in our country is not an easy issue, but several truths, I think, are self-evident.

Men and women of all races are of tremendous worth in the sight of God. He sent His Son to save them all. He loves my family's friend whose skin is the richest ebony just as much as He loves me, short on pigment though I may be. He loves people of all shades in between. So should we.

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

Have A Nice Day!

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Surrett, Montes united in double ring ceremony

Courtney Amber Surrett and Erny Montes exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 30, 1995, at the Dugan Avenue Church of Christ in Littlefield. Mark Whitmire of Lubbock performed the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Surrett of Sudan and Mr. and Mrs. Vince Montes of Sudan. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. James Grimes of Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Cornelius of Littlefield.



Courtney Amber Surrett

The church sanctuary was centered with an arch decorated with needlepoint ivy, burgundy magnolias, cranberry satin bows, entwined with miniature white lights.

On each side of the arch were brass spiraling candelabra with burgundy votives and coordinating decorations. The bride and groom memory candle was at the center of the arch. The aisles were decorated by votive globe candles with navy bows and burgundy sweetheart roses.

The bride wore an elegant designer gown of white satin and Battenburg lace. The gown featured a sweetheart neckline and an elongated bodice of re-embroidered alencon lace. Appliques of delicate lace encrusted with bridal pearls and sequins enhanced the Gipsy style sleeves, and cathedral train. The back of the gown was accented with a scalloped V-back and a lace bow.

Designed by the bride's aunt, the headpiece consisted of a pearl and floral headband with a double pouf illusion veil.

The bride carried a traditional cascading bouquet of burgundy and cranberry roses, entwined with baby's breath, Stephanotis and navy satin ribbons.

The bride's dress was "something new," and for "something old" she wore a wedding band belonging to her great grandmother, Lois Offield. The bride wore the traditional "blue garter" and in her shoe, she wore pennies minted in the bride and groom's birth years.

Miss Meghan Surrett attended her sister as maid of honor. Meghan wore a formal length gown of navy satin. The gown featured a jeweled neckline. The gathered skirt was enhanced with three tiers of ruffles in the back and accented with a navy bow at the waist.

Meghan carried a bouquet of pink and cranberry roses entwined with navy satin streamers.

Karissa Surrett, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl, and ring bearer was Cruz Delgado, nephew of the groom.

Musical selections were "Wind Beneath My Wings," "Keeper of The Stars," "In This Very Room," "True Companions," and "Let It Be Me," sung by Shelley Chester of Sudan.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall. Celena Mote and Rosemary Miramontes served at the bride's table.

Serving in the houseparty were Mrs. James Conn, Mrs. Brian Noble, Mrs. Clint Walker, Mrs. Ronnie Ellis and Mrs. Carroll Legg.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Sudan High School and attends Amarillo College. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Sudan High School and is employed by Affiliated Foods in Amarillo.

Following their wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Amarillo.

Guests were registered from Amarillo, Muleshoe, Sudan, Lubbock, Slaton, Portales, N.M., and Enid, Okla.



Lazbuddie kindergarten and first grade students raised more than \$1,400 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Lazbuddie students participate in Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's

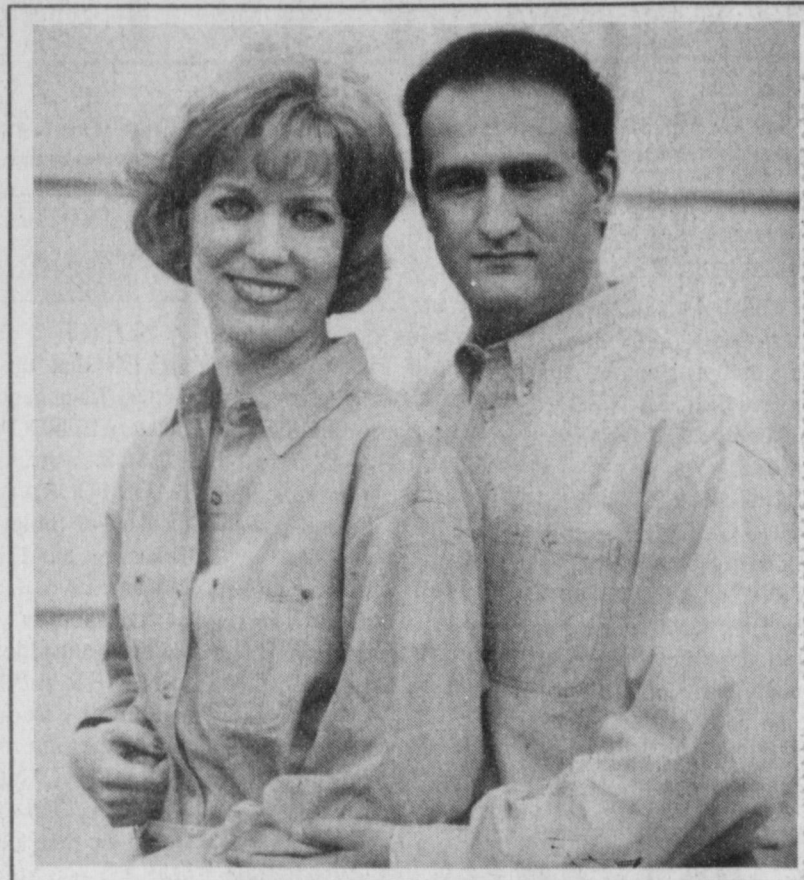
Lazbuddie Elementary students recently took part in the Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital of Memphis, Tenn. The students took pledges from individuals wishing to support the work of the St. Jude's, in research and treatment of major childhood diseases. Lazbuddie students raised over \$1,400 for St. Jude's.

The students were recognized and awarded various prizes, depending on the amount of pledges that they collected. Each student who participated was given a certificate, and several students were given T-shirts and sport bags.

Students participating were Brittany Schacher, Rochelle Smith, Clint Grahm, Amberlee Steinbock, Montana Steinbock, Stephanie Williams, Leslee Martin, Alan Jones, Ana Hernandez, Chris DeLeon, Samantha Sterling, Kelli Harris and Kera Lewandowski.

Also participating were Nicole Lewandowski, Brittany Brakebill, Lucas DeLeon, Bradley Branscum, Madison Smith, Michelle Scott, Ricardo Aguilar, Chelsea Nichols, Dakota Williams, Karen Schaffer, Brett Mimms, Miriam Hernandez, Shawndee Nichols, Kevin Williams, Lucinda Guzman, Violet Aguilar, Brady Mimms and Garrett Scisson.

Engagement



Karen Etheredge and James Carruth

Bob and Gail Etheredge of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Kay, to James Sean Carruth, son of Richard and Bonnie Carruth of Houston. Karen is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Amn of Muleshoe and is the niece of Betty Kirby of Maple. The couple will marry March 16, 1996 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock. The bride-elect is a graduate of Monterey High School, Texas Tech University and Sam Houston State University. She is employed by Dell Computer Corporation in Austin. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Grapevine High School, served in the United States Marine Corps and is attending Park College. He is employed at the office of the Travis County District Attorney in Austin.

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