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Legless clothing thief sought Police in West Vancouver, B.C., have been looking for a legless man who stole $\$ 2,600$ worth of clothing from a
mall store, then fled in his wheelchair mall store, then fle
to a getaway car.
Sgt. Bob Fontaine said a wheelchairbound man was seen going into the Gap in Park Royal Mall, then taking 10 pairs of pants worth $\$ 800$ and six Gap leather jackets worth $\$ 1,800$
The man wheeled away to a mid sized gray vehicle that had a licence plate earlier reported stolen from a different vehicle in Vancouver, he said. The man in the wheelchair was accompanied by another man, Fontaine said.
Witnesses who saw the theft alerted the store's manager, but the two left the store's manager, but the two left
before they could be arrested, he said. Several witnesses got a good look and are confident the man really had no legs and was not faking, Fontaine said. Woman offers free home Nancy Conatser of Woodbridge, Va.,
is putting her house on the market. The is putting her house on the market. The
cost? Nothing. The catch? The land cost? Nothing. The catch? The land Conatser will give away her three bedroom Prince William County home to anyone who can move it off her property, which is being sold to a developer. It will be razed if nobody accepts her offer
The house is assessed at about $\$ 140,000$. The land it sits on has been in Conatser's family since the early 1900s. When her parents died, Conatser and her brother inherited the property but neither of them wanted to live there


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Jan. 24 - The Republic of Texas Congress passes legislation establishing a National Library of Texas (1839)

## Local wbather

As of Friday, the National Weather Service was predicting more mild weather - highs in the mid-50s Sunday, near 60 Monday and Tues day and about 53 Wednesday Thursday could be cooler, down to about 42 . Monday morning should be a mild 31 , but other morning lows are expected to be in the 20 s through Thursday. Expect sunny skies through Tuesday, then cloudy

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## Park View facility to be re-inspected (again)

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Park View, Muleshoe's new nursing home, should be inspected again this week, according to Jim Bone of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.
Bone said Thursday at a district board meeting that the issues raised in the Jan. 2 re-inspection have been addressed and it was hoped the inspectors would visit again "no earlier than Wednesday and no later than Friday.
Melvin Griffin of Muleshoe must have voiced many citizens' frustrations when he asked from the audience, "Is he (the

Bone responded that there are various interpretations of the regulations, and the inspector's "is the one we have Representatives of the architect and the Rentractor visited Muleshoe on Thursday for final check of the facility, Bone said Paulwill Paul Wibanks, a district board member Pked, Are the architect and contractor oing to make this first bond payment?" Bone said, "I have asked that question, nd you can guess the response I got."
ney, and after four months of lost revenue on the new facility, "somebody ought to be held responsible."
Bone said the district's attorney has contacted the architect and contractor.
Sharon Novak, the district's chief finan cial officer, assured Wilbanks that the district has set aside enough money to make the first payment.
"Are robbing Peter to pay Paul?" Wilbanks asked

Novak said no hospital funds are being used to cover nursing-home expenses.


Watch this
Lincoln Riley checks the court Tuesday during the Mules overtime loss (75-71) to district favorite Dimmitt. See story on page 6.

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

South Plains residents are being asked to donate used cell phones for Woman's Protective Services in Lubbock, which serves a 12 county area.
The Donate a Phone drive will continue through Jan. 31, and Muleshoe-area residents can drop off the phones at the Muleshoe


Stock show under way
The crowd and the trophies - two important parts of the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show, which was under way Friday at the Coliseum. Look for results in Thursday's Journal.

Citizen asks for investigation of police actions Larry Parker of Muleshoe appeared before the Muleshoe City Council on Tuesday to ask that independent investigator be brought in to look into police acbrought in to look into police activitie

City Manager David Brunson said the city charter makes no pro-
"ell phones are a wonderfu tool for our clients," said Angie Messerer, community education advocate for Women's Protective Services. "Victims are safe in our safe-house, but once they leave it, they are vulnerable.

Nelda Laney of Hale Center organizer of the drive, said all' in formation is stripped from the phones before they are reassigned
vision for independent investiga tion of the police department. In stead, he said, his own office is charged with investigating such complaints.

Brunson said later that the ac tivities span several years, dating from long before he became city manager in October

## Criticisms of hospital erupt at board meeting

 JOURNAL STAFF REPORT Doctors and hospitalemployees had plenty to say at Thursday's meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board, and most of it was critical of the hospital.Dr. Bruce Purdy said 99 percent of the hospital's employees are well-educated and hard-working, but morale suffers because of poor (or lacking) equipment in some areas and a shortage of personnel in anesthesiology, radiology and administration.
He said he had no complaints about the quality of work when an anesthetist is available, but the lack of 24-hour coverage has cost the hospital "lots of money" in lost surgeries.

He said the X-ray department has two employees and should have four. And he said the district's
chief executive officer, Jim
Bone, needs more help in administration to avoid bottlenecks that slow solutions toeveryday problems. Bone said the district is in the process of hiring a third X-ray technician, but that the problems are not unusual in a small hospital with limited funds.

Dr. Thomas Smith said that before coming to Muleshoe, he visited other rural hospitals that had things in order "hands down better than here, in my opinion."

In the area of equipment, Purdy said the hospital's lack of fluoroscopy equipment for the past six months has been "a burr under everybody's saddle" and that the recent discussion of whether to get a conventional fluoroscope or hunt see BOARD on page 2

## Not giving up

Muleshoe's Sara Benham tangles with a Dimmitt player and someone else (note the third hand on the ball) in Tuesday's battle, won by the Lady Mules 72-44. See story on page 5.

## Cell phones sought for the abused



## AroundMuleshoe

First Assembly to feature speakers Evangelists Mike and Dawn Benson will speak and sing at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20-23 at the First Assembly of God in Muleshoe.
Mike Benson has preached in revivals all over the United States as well as crusades in several countries Dawn Benson will sing each right, and on Wednesday will tell the story of her childhood abuse, "From Victim to Victor,'
More information is available by calling 272-3017
Scouts offering flag service
Muleshoe Boy Scout Troop 620 has American flags for residential display
Scouts will put out the flags and take them down seven times a year (on national holidays) for $\$ 25$ a year
More information is available by calling Mike Richards
Square-dance lessons to begin
Muleshoe Square Dance Club will be sponsoring les sons beginning Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bailey County Coliseum.
The first two lessons are free.
James Pettus of Portales, a member of the club for 21
years, will be the caller.
More information is available by calling $946-3622$.
School news
Parents and others interested in activities in the Muleshoe Independent School District can learn about changes in the current week's activities by calling 272-7669. The

## JV Lady Mules continue to deflate opponents

By DELTON WILHITE

Journal sportswriter
The 20-2 junior varsity Lady Mules continued their winning ways Jan. 7 by Lubbock Cooper 49-43 ond Lubbock Cooper 49-43 and extending their
record to 2-0.
Muleshoe spotted Cooper the first four points, but the last five minutes of the first quarter belonged to the Lady Mules.
Lindsey Wood led the Muleshoe charge, canning two threes and a pair of two-pointers for 10 points in the first period. Gradee

## BOARD

the money to get state-ofthe art digital equipment has been unecessary. "I'm not concerned about what we have - I'm just concerned that we have it," Purdy said, Furthermore "our etry is terrible - it works about half the time," he said. The staff may be hardworking, but "they're not going to stay here if we
damn day," he said.
As for administration, Purdy said one important thing is that staff complaints get heard by someone. Nursing supervisor Margaret Heathington said the hospital has sometimes borrowed beds from the nursing home because so many in the hospital don't work.

Mules up 16-4
The Lady Pirates dominated the first four minutes of the second period with 10 unanswered points, cutting the Muleshoe lead to only two points. Tabatha Obenhaus kept the Lady Mules on top with a 15 -foot baseline jump shot
Mitci Hawkins dropped in a three-pointer to send the teamsinto halftime with Muleshoe leading 25-17 Cooper opened the second half by scoring the first
four points of the second four points of the second half to cut the Muleshoe 1age lo 25-21.
 "It's wonderful to have the latest X -ray equipment, but if you don't have a bed to put a patient in, if you don't have an IV, what do you do?" she asked. Board member Arline Phelps, who presided over the meeting, said the board won't make excuses and is ust as interested in the hospital as in the nursing home.

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swered the Cooper charge to put the Lady Mules up with Obenhaus running the floor to complete a fast break and Amber Cowart sinking two of three from the charity stripe. Adrian dropped in an 18 -foot jump dropped in an 18 -foot ju
shot for a $31-23$ pad. shot for a $31-23 \mathrm{pad}$. But the Lady Pirates cut
the Muleshoe the Muleshoe lead to 34-29 with a buzzer beater to
outscore the Lody Mules 12-9 in the third period.
Cooper then nailed a
three as the final period got under way, cutting Muleshoe's lead to 34-32. Wood picked off a Coo-
Correction
A story that began on page 1 of Thursday's paper incorrectly reported the votes of school trustees David Tipps and Arnold Price. Price voted to move a donated football-team photo back to the junior high, while Tipps voted to leave it in the high school gymnasium
Also, a story and headline on page 3 of Thursday's paper did not include the final score ( $68-44$ ) in the Lady Mules' game against Lubbock Cooper.
The Journal regrets the errors.
Public calendar
Jan. 20 - 11 a.m. The Rev. Liz Sisko of Christ Methodist Church in Levelland speaks at First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.
Also on Jan. 20-6 p.m. The Rev. Ken Robinson of Artesia, N.M., leads services at Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.
Jan. 21 - 8:30 a.m. (registration) to 3:30 p.m. Hay and silage seminar at Bailey County Coliseum.
Jan. 24-8 a.m. (registration) to 4 p.m. Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at Bailey County Coliseum. Information, 272-4583.
Jan. $26-7$ p.m. to 9 p.m. First Assembly of God, 521 S. First, hosts a West Texas Gospel Jubilee. Information, Pastor Jack Stone at 272-3017.

Feb. $2-7$ a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting at Three Way and Sudan schools on district consolidation.
Feb. 4 - Mammograms at Muleshoe Area Medical Center if enough people sign up. Appointments required Center if enough people sign up. Appointments required 800) 377-4673. to put the Lady Mules up
$40-32$. The Lady Pirates then began to chip away at the Muleshoe lead again, eventually cutting the lead to five points with three minutes left in the game. Obenhaus put back a rebound and Cowart added two free throws to iebuild the Muleshoe lead. Cooper was forced to foul and Hawkins dropped, in two free throws to seal the win for the Lady Mules. Wood and Obenhaus had 14 points each, Cowart eight, Adrian six, Hawkins

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Lazbuddie honors four as students of month for November

Students of the month for November at Lazbuddie High School and junior high were announced las week.
Honorees are Brady Mimms, 17; Shonnah Black, 15; David Campos 13; and Brittney Schacher

Mimms is the son of Clay and Reta Mimms and was born Oct. 28. He is con cerned about earning good grades and graduating; his plans include college and working on a ranch
Hispersonal motto is "No
one has ever drowned in his own sweat." His survival tip for high school is "don't get in trouble,"
He would improve the world by making everyone happy.
He likes Lubbock Chris-

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Honored at Lazbuddie are (from left) Brittney Schacher Shonnah Biack, David Campos and Brady Mimms.

Campos is the son of to your highest standards. Johnny and Sylvia Campos. He wants to graduate fronı high school with the best grades possible. best grades possible.
He would make the worl He would make the world
a better place by catching Osama bin Laden
His survival tip for high school is "Always live up
to your highest standards.'
He wants to attend Texas Tech University, and he likes Harry Potter beoks, chips and the color red. Schacher, the daughter of David and Mary Jo Schacher, says the important things to her are family friends, piano and baske
ball.
She has a five-yẻar plan and is looking forward to taking college-entranceexams.
Her personal motto is "Life is like a bowl of fruit; one day it's an apple and the next is like a rotten ba nana."
She would make the world better by helping to decrease the number of decrease the Her survival tip for ju ior high is "Listen to your teacher."
Her favorite tune is "I Want You" by Savage Garden, and she likes Texas A\&M University, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Potter and the Goblet of Fire and American Girl, Julia Roberts, ice cream and
the color orange. the color orange. Her pet peeve is her sister.

State police turning tables on truckers with radar detectors
SPECIALTOTHE JOURNAL they can be pulled over and

The Texas Department of Public Safety is stepping up efforts to get big rigs to slow down.
Supplemented by federal grant money, DPS has purchased 101 radar-detector detectors for use by License and Weight troopers. Another 43 could bepurchased by June.
Federal law forbids commercial vehicles from using radar detectors, and

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\section*{OPS NEWS}

Twelve TOPS No. 34
members met Jan. 17 at the regular site, the Muleshoe Church of Christ.
Leader Laverne James presided and led the prayer and pledge.
Polly Otwell, co-leader, presented the previous week's minutes, which were approved as read. Linda White and Alene Bryant, weight recorders, were in charge of the weigh-in.
Lucille Harp was best loser and Bryant was the
they can be pulled over and
ticketed for simply operating a radar detectnr during travel.
The combination of size and speed can make large trucks a lethal combination," DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. said. "Because of their vehicle's sheer mass, truck drivers have a special responsibility to drive safely Hopefully, this additional enforcementtool will make
them think twice about v
lating the speed limit." Some License Weight troopers have been using radar-detector detectors for several years now, but the new and future pur chases will eventually equip nearly every License and Weight patrol vehicle in the state with the technology to spot active radar detector devices in comdetector devices in commercial vehicles The units cost about
first runner-up. White was second runner-up.
James had a good report on Evelene Harris and Ruth Clements, who have been ill. Retha Knowles, card chairman, sent cards to both members from the club.

As a program, James presented a positive-thinking quiz with some unusual questions such as "What is the first thought you have in the morning, and is it positive or negative?"
Members decided that
often it is the individual and not other people who keep them from thinking and behaving positively. Several sports, such as water aerobics, skiing, snow tubing and canoeing, also were suggested. Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Rose Sain, Birthday to Rose Sain, who recently celebrated a
birthday. She also was prebirthday. She also was presented a gift.
The next meeting is
scheduled for 5 . scheduled for 5 p.m. Jan. 24 at the usual site. Vis tors are welcome.
\(\$ 1,500\) a piece and were
purchased with the help of grant money from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
"It's important for the
public to remember that
uck drivers often are not the culprits when it comes to dangerous driving habits," Davis said. "Driving with big rigs presents special challenges for everyday motorists.

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MUTT JENNINGS
Services were held Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Mildred "Mutt" Jennings, 82, of Lubbock. The Rev. Mike Davis officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.
Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.
Mrs. Jennings was born Sept. 1, 1919, in Dexter, N.M. She died Monday at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock.
She married Loyd Jennings on Oct. 10, 1942, in

Morton. He died Oct. 29, 1995.

She moved to Lubbock from Portales in 2001. She had been a resident of Morton and Causey, N.M., and was a graduate of Causey High School. She was a homemaker.
Mrs. Jennings is survived bythree sons, MelvinLoyd Jennings of Morton, Dalton Wayne Jennings of Plainview and Leland Jennings of Dimmitt; two daughters, Jimmie Lea Beavers and Mae McKinzie, both of Lubbock; two sis-
ters, Billie Heisch of Continental Divide, N.M., and Johnnie Mae Tucker of Portales; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Ester Pauline Jennings, on March 28, 1952, and a sister, Louise Richardson.
The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock (1102 Slide Road Suite 3, Lubbock 79416), American Heart Association (3403 73rd St. Suite 1, Lubbock 79423) or a favorite charity.
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\section*{Lady Mules overpower Dimmitt, Littlefield}

By DELTON WILHIT Journal sportswrite Dimmitt 72 - 44 Tues night in Muleshoe.
The Lady Mules' depth paid dividends late in the second period and increased as the Bobbies ran low on gas in the second half. A 7-2 run at the end of the first half fueled a \(47-27\) scoring burst in the second half Bobbies in Mules left the Bobbies in cloud of dust. Dimmitt out, and going up there it will be tough," Lady Mule coach Shana Simms said. "We ran them down tonight, and at the end of the game they appeared to be exhausted and we were still pretty fresh.'
"Depth is our trademark, and it was nice to get everyget them some good minutes. Kayla (Glover) did not score tonight, but her defense was awesome. We have been stressing that evif they do, we are going to go a long ways." feel good ionight, bui she stepped up big for us. We got in a rhythm in the second half because of our depth, and we are going to will take us. Being 4-0 going into Shallowater is exactly where we wanted to
Rasco poured in four points in the final 47 sec onds of the first half and Britni Gartin completed a ast break to put the Lady Mules on top 25-17. The Bobbies converted nine of 13 free throws in the first half to stay with in striking

Muleshoe added 10 points to its lead in the third period with an \(8-0\) run in a threeminute span after the five-minute mark. Annie Rasco scoredon anin-bound lay as the third period drew o a close to give the Lady Mules a 45-27 cushion. Rendi Hodge and Tiffany Flores snapped the defen sive trap shut on a hapless Bobbie, and Cox grabbed the loose ball and went for a layup. Flores fed Rasco posting up topush the Mule shoe advantage to 63-39. "We work really well to gether as a team," Flores said. "We really try to focus on rebounding because that will get us through the times we are not shooting well Tonight we moved the bal well and good things hap

Gartin had three threepointers and 17 points to lead the Muleshoe offense, Rasco added 14, Cox 10 , Mindy Locker nine, Sara Benham eight. Carpenter
five, Flores four, Candace five, Flores four, Candace
Hutto and Hodge two each and Tori Barton had one. The Lady Mules out rebounded Dimmitt 27-19 and forced the Bobbies to turn the ball over 29 times in the contest. Muleshoe shot 72 percent from the free-throw line, making 21 of 29 freeThe Lady Mules, 4-0 in
bies. district play, were scheduled to collide head-on with the 4-0 Lady Mustangs in Shallowater on Jan. 18 to determine the district leader Shallowater dumped Lubbock Roosevelt 56-39 and Lubbock Cooper outlasted Littlefield

\section*{uesday's games.}

\section*{Muleshoe 47}

Littlefield 40
The Lady Mules forgotto pack their perimeter shooting when they got on the bus for Littlefield on Jan. 11 Muleshoe could not buy a hree-point bucket, but the Lady Cats' dismal freehrow shooting allowed the Lady Mules to defeat Littlefield 47-40.
"Our shots were not falling tonight and Littlefield is ough," Lady Mule coach Shana Simms said. "They made us do a lot of things we normally do not do." "We have to figure out the (Tawannami) Mitchell problem-she really took it to us tonight. But in the last three minutes when we needed it, the kids really stepped it up and showed who we are, and that was it more."
After eight lead changes, four in the second half, Mitchell knotted the game at 38 with \(2: 36\) left in the game. Anne Cox made one of two from the charity stripe to put the Lady Mules on top to stay.
Jessica Carpenter was pressuring the ball when she was pushed off and Littlefield was called for the charge. Muleshoe tossed the ball out of bounds under its own basket but Britni Gartin was on the front of the Lady Mule press.
Gartin took the in-bound pass off the fingertips of the Lady Cat and laid the ball up and in with the frustrated Lady Cat hanging on her back. Gartin sank the free throw to complete the three

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Shani Rasco (No. 14) and teammates battle a Bobbie.
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ails in the Lady Cats' cof
fin. Carpenter added a nail of her own before Mitchell cored two for the Lady

Mindy Locker threw a baseball pass past midcourt as Cox streaked downcourt and laid the ball in to sea the game for Muleshoe. to an end, Sara Benham put back a rebound of her own shot to give Muleshoe a 7-6 advantage. Mitchell failed o sink four free throws as the second periodbegan, but made a bucket to give Littleleld a brief lead. Kayla Glover drove the

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Gartin was touching the three-point arc with her foo as she fired up a shot from 20 feet, 11 inches and that was as close as the Lady Mules couldcome to a three put five points between the wo teams, and Tiffany Flores dropped in two freebies after being fouled trying to put back a rebound. The first half ended with the ady Cats trailing 21-16. they were going to be intense and this was going to be their championshipgam of the season," Lady Mule
post Shani Rasco said. "We

\section*{Where Are You Placing}

Your Trust in 2002?

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fow the wrong calendar a few weeks ago. For a number of years now, I've been using
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the big one, too. But I got the wrong calendar this year. Oh, this one came complete with a nice picture placed over on one side. And
it also came with a quotation


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matters compared to what lies within" Him, the God who made us. Now, that's worth hanging on the wall.

ame out ready for them and ve worked together as a eam tonight.

There were fouls that were not called both ways tonight, and they (the Lady Cats) seemed to let that other them. We as a team have learned to shake it off and just play together. No matter who we have on the ourt, we believe in each ther and that is the way it

The Lady Cats only conected on six of 15 free-throw attempts in the first half and made 15 of 30 in the game. Mitchell led all scoring with 20 points but only made eight of 16 free throws.
Gartin led the Lady Mules with 11 points and Benham followed with 10 points Shani,Rasco had eight, Cox ive, Locker and Candace Hutto made four each Flores and Glover two piece and carpenter added

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\section*{Aries - March 21/April 20}
stime to save up your pennies, Aries, there is some rough financial road ahead. You may want to consider taking up some emporary part-time work to get you through.
Taurus - April 21/May 21
Expect some major changes at the workplace by Wednesday, Taurus. It is bound to cause some commotion. Extra stress at ork makes home life a little tricky this week.
Gemini - May 22/June 21
Keep clear of an upset family member on Tuesday, Gemini, this person is only bound to ruin your good mood. Your love like akes an unexpected turn for the better
Cancer - June 22/July 22
Sarcasm can be your downfall on Tuesday, Cancer. Best to keep quiet for a while and remain busy. You'll be needed to put in extra hours at work, but the rewards will probably be generous. Leo - July 23/August 23
ems imminent and a promotion is not too far on the horizon. Your positive mood can only be enhanced by a chance encounter this weekend. Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22
It seems that things are looking up for you, Virgo. You're finally out of the slump that's been bogging you down lately. A better mood frees up more lime for recreation.
Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23
Your patience is tested at work on Thursday. Too many technical difficulties with faulty equipment cause your temperature to ise. Just be levelheaded and hope for the best.
Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22
Stress has driven you over the edge on more than one occasion in the past, but this week you've finally found the formula for remaining calm. Expect dinner plans for Friday.

\section*{Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21}
you need to find a new interest, Sagittarius. Why not adopt a pet to focus your attention in a different direction. A party on the weekend leaves you anxious - an old flame will rattle you

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20
Stop butting heads with that coworker. Your teasing and argu ments are just masking the underlying attraction you feel for ach other, Capricom. Accept the truth and pursue this attractive catch.
Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18
Stop being so hard on yourself, Aquarius. You are your own worst critic - others around you don't judge you as harshly eave room for self-indulgence on Friday
Pisces - Feb 19/March 20
Your relationship is bound to end this week, Pisces, but it's not ment. Remember, there are other fish in the sea.

\section*{Dimmitt Bobcats edges Mules in overtime}

By DELTON WILHITE Journal sportswriter Anyone who left the Muleshoe competitiongym Tuesday before the Mules completed an almost unbelievable comeback by a scrappy Muleshoe team.

AftertrailingDimmitt 4128 at intermission, the Mules kicked their way back to knot the game at 64 at the end of regulation. Dimmitt then slipped away from the Mules 75-71 in the overtime period
The Mules stand at 1-1 in district play

We should be convinced now that we can play with anybody in the district, since we just played with the team favored to win the district," Mule coach Ralph Mason said. "We made a statement tonight, and we get another shot at them.

I challenged the kids at halftime and preached to them to practice a littie patience offensively and work the ball a little bit things might work a little better. That is what we did in the second half and worked our way back in the game. We have a good ball club, and the kids learned something tonight."

The Mules had grabbed a 12-5 lead early in the game, but the final three minutes of the first period was all Bobcats as they strung together a 12-0 run to claim a 20-15 margin. Dimmittcontinued to pour in points as the second period opened dropping in eight for a 20-0 run before Luis Sánchez nailed a three to break the streak.
With 1:45 remaining in the first half, Dimmitt claimed its largest lead of the night, 40-2.1, before D.J. Domínguez popped a three to start the Mule comeback. Lincoln Riley scored twice in the final 22 seconds of the half to cut into the Bobcat lead.
The Mules chipped away at Dimmitt's lead in the third frame, outscoring the Bobcats 21-16. Landon Sheets beat the buzzer for the final basket of the period. Sheets was hammered on a putback attempt and dropped in both freebies to cut the lead to six at the start of the final period.
Brennan Broyles popped the net from 21 feet with four minutes left inthe game to cut Dimmitt's margin to only one point. The Bobcats held on to their one-point advantage and

\section*{TODAY'SRECIPE}

BUTTERCREAM ICING
1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening
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tsp.clear vanilla extract 4 cups sifted confectionrs' sugar
2 Tbsp. milk
Cream butter and shortening with electric mixer. Add vanilla.
Gradually add sugar, 1 cup t at time, beating well on medium speed.
Scrape sides and bottom of bowl often
When all sugar has been mixed in, icing will appear
were shooting a one-andthe clock.
Dimmitt left no one on the lane to rebound, and the the lane to rebound, and the Bobcat missed the free
throw. The Mules easily rebounded and called time out. Returning to the floor, the Mules turned the ball over with a bad pass and were forced to foul.
Dimmitt sank the front end of the one-and-one and again pulled back on defense only to miss the second shot. With the final seconds ticking off the clock, the Mules scrambled downcourt and Riley scored in the paint to send the game to overtime
"We had a lot of opportunities it just did not work out for us tonight," Sheets said. "We played well down the stretch, and we learned a lot of things - especially how to finish off a game." Dimmitt scored the first four points in overtime before Domínguez dropped in an NBA three. The Bobcats converted 11 of 12 free throws in the extra period but maae only one shot from the floor in outpacing the Mules.
Sheets shot his jersey number with 23 points to pace the Mules and Riley had 17. Domínguez dropped in 14, Kyle Atwood had 11 and Sánchez and Broyles had three each for Muleshoe.

The Mules were scheduled to meet the Mustangs in Shallowater on Jan. 18.

\section*{Muleshoe 60} Littlefield 52
It had all the makings of a runaway Jan. 11 as the Mules dominated the Littlefield Wildcats during the first two minutes and opened a 7-0 lead. When Littlefield got its offense started, howgot its offense started, how-
ever, a war ensued, with the Mules eventually taking their first district win 60-52. "As usual when you play Littlefield, it is a barnburner - especially in this little gym - it's always the same way," Mule coach Ralph way, Mule coach Ralph ready to play and built a lead, then the momentum shifts and we go in at half down by eight."
challenged them at halftime and we tied the game at the end of the third period. The kids reached period. The kids reached We did not let the official's error hurt us and now we are \(1-0\). We need to still work on playing in control and cut down on turnovers.

D.J. Domínguez shows off his form against Dimmitt.

The Mules won the fourth period battle, joining Shallowater and Roosevelt for the district lead at 1-0. As Mason predicted, it appears to be a rough and tumble district race.
With three ininutes left in the final period, the Wildcats scored a breakaway layup to tie the game at 47 . Kyle Atwood converted to push the Mules back in front to stay
Lincoln Riley put back his own rebound to give the Mules a 51-47 advantage. A referee's error on a Littlefield free-throw attempt gave the Wildcats the ball out of bounds on the possession arrow.
The official had told the teams it was a two-shot foul rather than one and one.
When the Wildcat missed his first attempt, the official corrected his call and gave

\section*{he Wildcats the ball.}

Littlefield made the most of the situation and nailed a three to cut the Mule lead to one point.
Riley scored in the paint and Atwood picked the Wildcats' pocket, brought the ball downcourt and scored to give the Mules a five-point pad. With the clock working for the Mules, Littlefield was forced to foul to stop the clock and get possession of the ball. Landon Sheets was fouled as the Mules spread the floor to kill the clock. He sank both free throws with 33 seconds left and opened a seven-point gap in favor of the Mules. D.J. Domínguez dropped in a free throw after Litilefield committed a turnover in their haste to get on offense.
dry. Add milk and beat at mefluffy
Makes 3 cups.
Keep icing covered with a damp cloth until ready to use. For best results, keep icing bowl in a refrigerator when not in use. Refrigerated in an airtight container, this icing airlight container, this icing Re-whip fefore using Coloring icing 1. Dip a toothpick into the color and swirl it in the icing, blending well with a spatula. 2. Add color a little at a time, using a fresh toothpick achieved
Coloring hints: Colors inensify and darken in buttercream icing from one to two hours after mixing, and this should be borne in mind when mixing colors.
Always mix enough of any ne color at one time, since it will be difficult to match the xact shade later on.
To achieve a true black, start with chocolate icing as a base, hen add black gel color. Also, use chocolate icing when a design calls for brown icing. For a rich red, mix no-taste d color with Christmas Red

The Wildcats scored as Atwood and Riley added free throw each to ice the game for the Mules. game for the Mules.
"We had worked on fr throws all week, because we had not been hitting them in the last few games," Mule post Domínguez said. "But we hit them down the stretch tonight and that was the difference in the game tonight, The Mules appeared to
go flat at the end of the first period with Littiefield cutting the Mules lead to one point after scoring five unanswered points. Luis Sánchez gave the Mules a much-needed spark with his aggressive deferse and aggressive defense and
drove the lane to put the drove the lane to put the
Mules on top 15-12.

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The Wildcat defense be-
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they poured in 17 to take a they poured in 17 to take a
29-21 lead over the Mules. 9-21 lead over the Mules.
The Mules returned to the floor after intermission with renewed determination. Muleshoe went on a 6-2 scoring run in the first two minutes of the second half,
with Stephan Shelburne hitwith Stephanshelburne hit-
ting from the "land of plenty" to draw the Mules to within four points. Domínguez scored an play to cut the Wildcat lead to one and Atwood penetrated and dished to Domínguez to put the Mules on top as the third period wound down. Littlefield banged in a three, but
Brennan Broyles beat the buzzer to knot the game at 38 as the period ended. Riley led the Mules with 24 points, 13 coming in the final frame and knocked down five of seven free throws. Domínguez added 10 points, Atwood eight,
Broyles and Shelburne six each, and Sheets made four for the Mules.
The Mules of 21 free throws.
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