

The Vampire strikes back

Muleshoe man finds guest appearance on national TV show pain in the neck

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor
Curiosity got the best of Tommy Sexton.

And it turned out to be a real pain in the neck.

Sexton was a guest on the Jenny Jones Show that aired Nov. 3.

It was on the nationally-syndicated show that the 31-year-old Muleshoe man found out he had a secret love—a woman claiming to be a vampire.

The show's theme was "Sex Stars Reunite" with their secret loves.

Shelli Fried, formerly of Muleshoe and now an exotic dancer, told the audience she had sex with Sexton as a teenager in the front seat of his Camaro. She said Sexton was her first lover.

"I didn't really remember her," Sexton said Thursday of the 25-year-old Fried, although on the show he said he remembered having sex with her. "When she said she was a vampire; that blew me away."

"It was an experience, I'll guarantee you that. Was I spooked? Spooked is an understatement."

In August, one of the show's producers approached Sexton, who works the nightshift at Valley Grain, about appearing on the show.

"I thought they were crazy," Sexton said. "I didn't really believe it until they sent the limousine."

A limousine picked Sexton up in Muleshoe and drove him to Lubbock, from there he flew to Chicago.

Sexton was given an all-expense paid trip to Chicago, and compensated "pretty well" to appear on the show.

"I was curious," Sexton said. "They told me a young lady had been in love with me for eight years."

When Sexton arrived at the studio to tape the show, he was "scared to death" about going in front of a national television audience.

Fried, remembered by most Muleshoe folks as "different" when she lived in town, was dressed in a black leather vampireress' outfit, complete with a hoop earring through her nose and enlarged, sharp incisors.

The vampire bit is part of

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WJHS earns praise for academics

By MARTHA TOLES FROST
City Editor

Watson Junior High School was recognized by Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees Monday night for significant performance gains in the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test in spring 1995.

TAAS measures students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics.

Referring to the test scores, Shelia Joyner, principal at the school, said, "Staff, students and parents eventually pulled together, and it made a big difference."

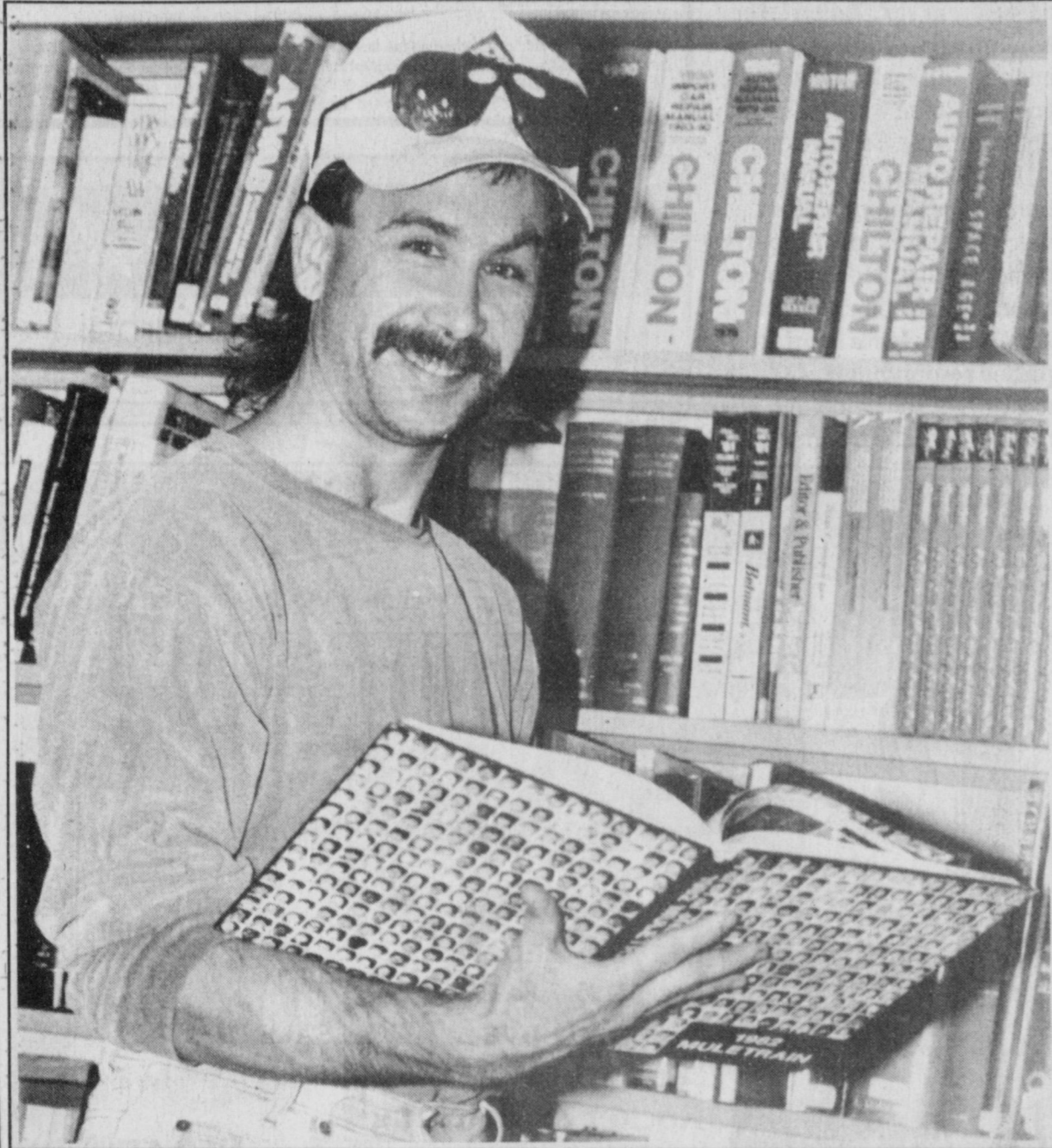
The school also met performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

The junior high school will be awarded \$1,888.53 on Jan. 8 as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards Program. Watson is among 1,236 cash-winning schools statewide.

The money must be spent at the junior high school for academic enhancement purposes. Joyner has asked teachers to begin making lists of ideas for using the money.

Teacher's suggestions will be presented to a site-based committee which will choose

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Looking for love

Tommy Sexton looks through an old Muleshoe High School yearbook for a picture of a woman who says she's had a crush on the Muleshoe man for eight years.

Boutell 'one of the lucky ones'

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

Tom Boutell was alive with excitement as he talked about his students, passionately describing a video project that was reaching kids many other teachers thought unreachable.

It was hard to believe this was the same man who a half-hour later described with a surreal calm a two-year stint in Vietnam as a Green Beret.

Boutell believed, and still believes, he did the right thing when he enlisted in the Army (1966-67) after leaving West Texas State University.

"I felt an obligation to my grandfather (to join)," said Boutell, an art teacher at Watson Junior High School in Muleshoe. "My grandparents were from Europe, and they believed they owed the country something. I guess they passed that along."

He doesn't begrudge those who stayed behind and protested.

"That's the reason we were over there," Boutell said. "So they could do what they were doing. We were there for the wrong political reasons."

Veteran's Day goes by with little fanfare for Boutell, who said he's one of the lucky ones who came home in one piece



Journal photo by Rick White

My tie

Watson Junior High art teacher Tom Boutell examines a student's art project (a tribute to Boutell's love of novelty ties). Boutell is a Vietnam veteran.

and has been able to put the war behind him.

"I've always felt a lot of the vets got a raw deal," Boutell said of the condemnation that greeted a lot of the soldiers when they returned to the States. "I never felt any of that. I can understand how some of the guys are resentful."

"With the way this community, and especially this school, has treated me, I'm fortunate," Boutell said.

Every year, Watson Junior High students go out into the community and interview veterans as part of a program to help them understand about

war.

"We not trying to glorify war," Boutell said. "But we're letting them know that these things happen. War is a horrible, horrible thing."

Boutell served in the hills and jungles about 200 miles outside of Saigon. His job was to train Vietnamese, Cambodians and indigenous people (called mountain yards) how to protect themselves by day, and ambush Viet Cong supply routes by night.

"It was a very confusing time," Boutell said. "One minute

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Veteran's Day: Not just for men

By MARTHA TOLES FROST
City Editor

Veteran's Day brings to mind soldiers who fought in foreign wars or survived tortures in prisoner of war camps.

Another type of soldier also served, quietly preparing for the future.

Two women in Muleshoe served in the Army during and just after the Vietnam era, but their experiences were not stereotypical of the times.

Donna Kirk joined the Army the summer after she graduated from high school in Michigan in 1975, just as the Vietnam War ended.

She joined the service because it kept her involved in music. "I wasn't ready to give up the band," said Kirk, who played the piccolo for the military.

"Mostly we played for field artillery graduation ceremonies. Occasionally we did recruiting—playing concerts at schools, marching in local Fourth of July parades..."

Kirk, who works as secretary for the county judge, viewed military life as a way to spend three years deciding what direction her life should take.

It also gave her the opportunity to take responsibility for financing her own education with the help of the GI Bill. She didn't want to ask her parents to pay for college when

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Raising Old Glory

Tech-Sgt. Dale Rice of Cannon Air Force base in Clovis, NM, raises the American flag as part of a Veteran's Day ceremony at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center Friday morning.

Vets

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she didn't have a specific career goal in mind.

For Watson Junior High School Principal Shelia Joyner, the Army was a way to serve her country and see places and people with diverse cultures. "It would allow me to do some things I might not be able to do later," she said.

Joyner, who served from 1969 to 1973, saw lots of changes for women happening. "Each year the scope increased in what women were able to do in the military."

After Joyner graduated from college at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, women were allowed to participate in ROTC. The Women's Army Corps (WAC) was done away with entirely just after she joined.

"Now women can be paratroopers and pilots," she said. "They can be assigned to almost anything but a combat position."

Joyner grew up in Hettick, Ill., while Kirk is originally

from Detroit, where her father was in the Macomb County sheriff's department.

How the two women got to Muleshoe is another story.

Joyner entered the military after college in 1969 as a 2nd Lt., taking her training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., serving in personnel at Benning, Ga., and in recruiting at Fort Sam Houston, Texas (5th Army Headquarters).

Before leaving the military, she achieved the rank of major. Asked how she feels about Veterans Day, she said, "I'm proud that I served in the military."

As a civilian, Joyner taught English and math in Oklahoma and Texas towns. She also served as principal, counselor and curriculum director.

Her late husband, James A. Joyner, died of cancer in 1990, and Veterans Day is a reminder for her of his military funeral. "If you've ever heard 'Taps' played for someone you care



Donna Kirk

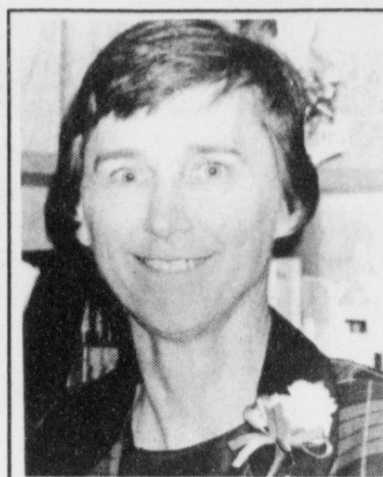
about, you will never forget it," she said.

She came to Muleshoe because she "likes West Texas a lot" and this happens to be where there was a principal's position available. Joyner has been principal at Watson Junior High School for two years.

She has one son, two stepdaughters and two stepsons.

Getting to Muleshoe was a joint effort for Kirk. After doing her basic training at Ft. McClellan Ala. and spending six months in the School of Music at the Naval Amphibious Base in Norfolk, Va., she was assigned to Fort Sill, Okla.

There she met Lacie Kirk, who was serving as a legal



Sheila Joyner

assistant clerk in the staff judge advocate's office. "We met in the mess hall," she said.

They married, and after being discharged, they moved to Plainview, where he had relatives. His mother lives in nearby Olton.

Donna got a job in the abstract office at Plainview, while her husband finished his bachelor's degree at Wayland Baptist College.

His Department of Public Safety assignment was at Muleshoe, as DPS Highway Patrol Trooper IV in Bailey County, where he still works.

The Kirks have two children, Shane, 21, and Stephanie, 12.

Vampire

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her dance act, but Fried claimed she truly is a vampire.

That's when the audience turned on her and went for the jugular.

Sticking to her story, Fried claimed she drinks blood, and had even drunk Sexton's blood.

Sexton sat quiet throughout most of the show with a look of disbelief and bewilderment through most of the show.

"I thought it was funny when they turned on her. That was my biggest concern, the audience," said Sexton, who said he's seen the Jenny Jones show enough to know what happens

when the audience turns on a guest.

The show offered to pay for a dinner at the finest restaurant in Chicago and a night on the town for two, but Sexton wanted no part of it.

"I didn't stick around and talk to her," Sexton said. "I just went back to the hotel."

Still, Sexton said the trip was worth it.

"I didn't want to go around the rest of my life wondering who it was," Sexton said.

Next time he might not be being so willing to stick his neck out when curiosity gets the best of him.

Vote indicates support for agriculture

AUSTIN— More agricultural items ranging from foods and beverages to clothing will likely carry the "Made in Texas" label as a result of voters approving the constitutional amendment Proposition 3 on Tuesday, Agricultural Commissioner Rick Perry said.

"Today's vote showed that many Texans are ready to keep jobs and dollars in state instead of sending 90 percent of our raw agricultural commodities out-of-state to be made into consumer-ready items," Perry said.

Proposition 3 will transfer \$200 million in existing bonding authority from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authorities Farm and Ranch Finance Program. The measure's approval will increase the program funding from \$25 million to \$ 225 million.

WJHS

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three or four possibilities.

To be eligible for a significant gain award, a school must have at least 25 percent of all students in each group passing each section of the TAAS.

In addition, a school's gain in performance from spring 1994 to spring 1995 must be in the top 20 percent of the school's demographic group on overall gain for students and

within each student group.

A school's performance is compared to other schools in its same demographic group—having roughly the same percentages of minority, economically disadvantaged, and limited English proficient students, as well as students who relocate and change schools often.

The school must also aver-

age at least five percent gain across all subject areas for all students and each student group.

The MISD School Board and Superintendent Bill Moore are planning an awards ceremony for the school sometime between November and January.

Lucky

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you're laughing and the next minute you're trying to survive. You lived in constant fear. You're were scared to death the whole time you're over there."

Boutell said he doesn't talk much about the war, except to share some of the light-hearted and funny stories.

"The rest of the memories are mine," Boutell said.

Near the end of the inter-

view, Boutell told of a moving experience when his daughter visited "The Wall" in Washington, D.C., that honors those soldiers killed in Vietnam a few years ago.

A Veteran who was there asked why the young lady was there. She explained that her father served in Vietnam.

"Tell him I'm waiting here for him to welcome him home," the man said.

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Aline Locke married Burley Locke in 1934. They have five children—Claude Locke, Geneva Huckleberry, Ronnie Locke, Mary Jo Walker and Donna Locker. She has 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

For nearly 30 years, Mrs. Locke worked at the Corral Restaurant as a cook. Her hobby is quilting. She used to show her quilts in the fair when she was able.

The girls at Muleshoe Area Home Health Agency are all very nice and good people. She doesn't know what she would have done without them while both her arms were broken. She says she couldn't manage without them. Having home health care in Muleshoe is wonderful!



Aline Locke

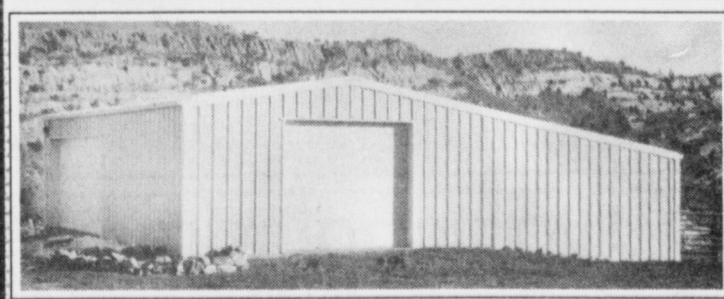
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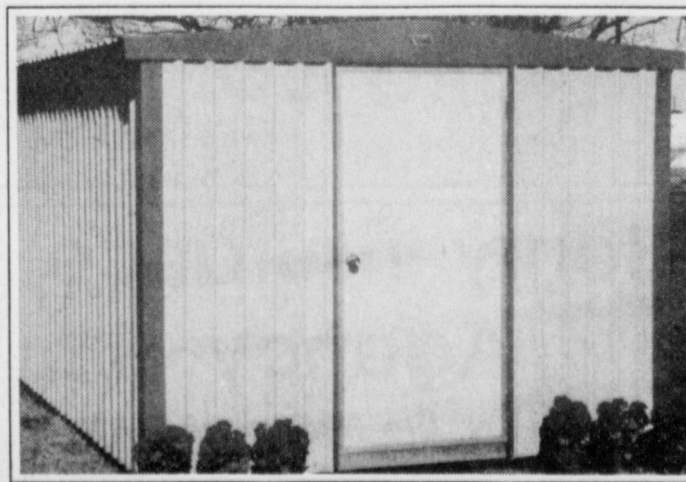
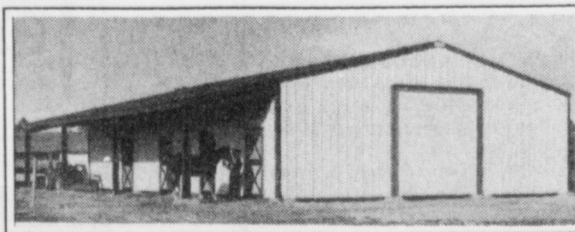
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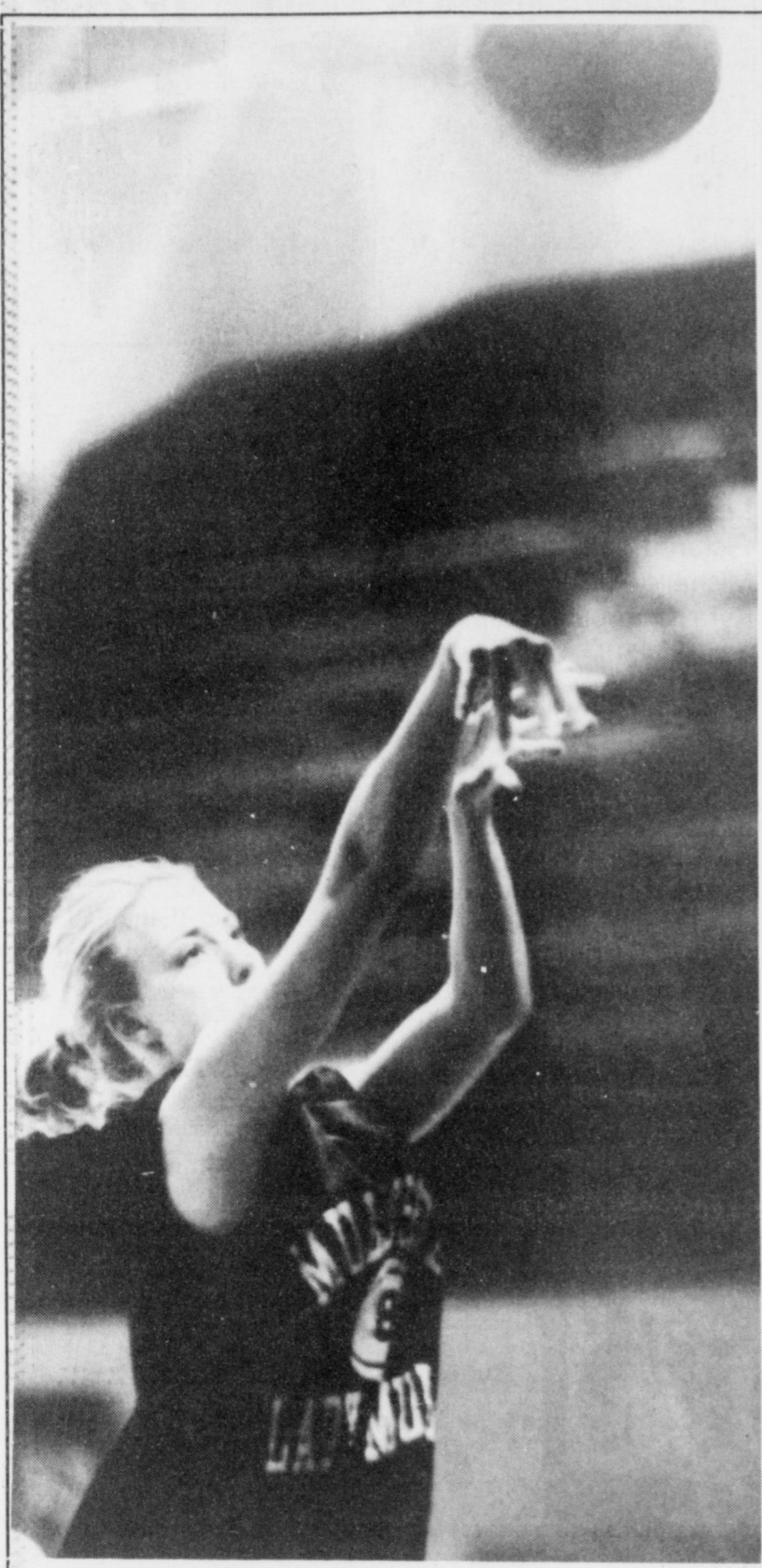
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Sports



Practice, practice

Muleshoe High's Brandi Harrison works on her free throw shooting during a practice Thursday. The Lady Mules open their season Tuesday at Lorenzo.

Lady Mules preview

Added depth makes rebound probable

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

Jim Gruhlkey must have thought he was looking at the standings in reverse last year. After consecutive 20-win seasons and a District 2-3A championship in 1994, his Muleshoe High School girls basketball team suffered through a disastrous season in 1995.

Besieged by injuries and eligibility problems, the Lady Mules stumbled to a 5-21 record last year.

In January, Gruhlkey's infant son underwent open-heart

surgery.

It was a season Gruhlkey would just as soon forget.

"Everything happened," Gruhlkey said. "It was forgettable in every way."

The Lady Mules return six players who started at times last year, including All-District post player Mandy Cleavinger and point guard Allyson Field. Both played significant roles on the 1994 district championship team.

Cleavinger, a 6-0 senior, averaged 14.3 points and eight

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Shallowater sabotages WJHS 7th's title hopes

SHALLOWATER — The Watson Junior High School 7th-grade Mules saw a chance to win the District 2-3A title slip through their hands here Thursday.

The Mules (6-1-1) fumbled inside the Shallowater 20-yard line on their first two possessions, and the Mustangs converted both into touchdowns in a 16-0 win that determined the 2-3A champion.

Shallowater finished the game undefeated.

WJHS reached the Mus-

tangs' 20 three more times in the game, but couldn't score.

"We had our chances," WJHS coach Bruce Lacefield said. "But we didn't take advantage of them."

Lacefield said that Shallowater was by far the quickest team the Mules had faced all year.

Black scores 2 TDs in loss

SHALLOWATER — The Watson Junior High School 8th-grade Mules ended their season on a down note with a 34-20 loss here Thursday.

Muleshoe can't corral Mustangs

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor
SHALLOWATER

Empty.

It's one of the worst feelings in the world.

But that's what Muleshoe High School came up here Friday night after losing 6-2 District 2-3A contest to Shallowater on a cold and windy night.

Empty.

Muleshoe (0-10, 0-5) had its chances to beat the playoff-bound Mustangs, (8-2, 4-1) but came up empty on first-and-goal inside the six-yard line twice in the second half.

Mike Martin's interception of a Mike Woodard at the one-yard line ended the Mules' first goal-line misadventure, although Muleshoe did record a safety four plays later when Shallowater snapped the ball out of the end zone trying to punt.

Daniel Garbarino's great open-field tackle prevented the Mustangs' Jay Lusk from picking up the first down (and possibly a touchdown).

The safety gave the Mules a 2-0 and the ball late in the third quarter.

Alfonso Mendoza returned the free kick 15 yards to the 50. Three plays later, senior tailback Jake Adair (169 yards on 30 carries) ripped off his longest run of the year, 39 yards to the Mustang four.



Mustang on the loose

Shallowater's Jay Lusk (15) squirts past Josh Otwell (55) and into the Muleshoe secondary during the Mustangs 6-2 win over the Mules Friday night in Shallowater.

After two running plays netted no gain, Garbarino threw the ball away while under heavy pressure on his only play at quarterback and Woodard's fourth-down pass was batted down.

Garbarino played only a handful of offensive plays and concentrated on defense after injuring his knee last week.

Shallowater then drove 96 yards on 13 plays, none bigger than a 36-yard screen pass to on third-and-15 that Jr. Guzman carried down the left sideline to the Muleshoe 33.

Three plays later, Lusk scored standing up from 10 yards on an inside reverse to give the Mustangs a 6-2 lead with 6:15 left in the game.

Muleshoe failed to gain a yard on three running plays on its next possession, forcing Adair to punt.

Adair's punt rode the wind and kept rolling after it hit the ground until a hustling John Embry down the ball at the Mustang one. Sixty-nine yards in all.

But with the help of Peter

Garza (151 yards on 21 carries), the Mustangs gained three first downs and ran off the final three minutes of the game.

The screen pass was the sole completion for the Mustangs, as gusting 30 m.p.h.-plus winds made passing virtually impossible.

"The weather, wind and adverse conditions were definitely a benefit to us," Adair said. "They were flat early. Eventually they recognized how they had to win the ball game. It was going to be smash-mouth football."

Lady Mules BB schedule

Nov. 14	Lorenzo
Nov. 18	Denver City
Nov. 21	Springlake-Earth
Nov. 28	Springlake-Earth
Nov. 30	Canyon Tournament
Dec. 1-2	Canyon Tournament
Dec. 5	Tulia
Dec. 7-9	1-27 Tournament
Dec. 12	Roosevelt
Dec. 15	Sudan
Dec. 18	Hereford
Dec. 28-30	Sudan Tournament
Jan. 5	Shallowater*
Jan. 9	Floydada*
Jan. 12	Dimmitt*
Jan. 16	Littlefield*
Jan. 19	Frona*
Jan. 23	Plains
Jan. 26	Shallowater*
Jan. 30	Floydada*
Feb. 2	Dimmitt*
Feb. 6	Littlefield*
Feb. 9	Frona*
Home games in bold	
* — District 2-3A games	

BB season tickets on sale for Mules

Basketball season tickets for adults and students are now on sale in the business office of Muleshoe ISD, 514 W. Ave. G.

Tickets are \$7.50 for students and \$15 for adults. These tickets enable the holder to entrance to all home basketball games for junior high and high school.

Clint Black rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns for the Mules (4-4-1) and Jeremy Tosh scored on a 63-yard screen pass from James Barrett. Tosh rushed for 45 yards on six carries.

Barrett completed 3-of-6 passes for 105 yards for WJHS.

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Three Way lances Longhorns

MAPLE—Jesus Perez continued his hot streak, leading Three Way to a 26-22 win over Lazbuddie, and its first winning season in five years.

Perez completed 17-of-32 passes for 195 yards and three touchdowns and added 108 yards rushing as Three Way improved to 5-4 overall and 2-3 in District 2-1A six-man.

Perez passed for 398 yards and six touchdowns last week.

Brice Foster rushed for 109 yards and a touchdown for Lazbuddie (5-5, 2-3).

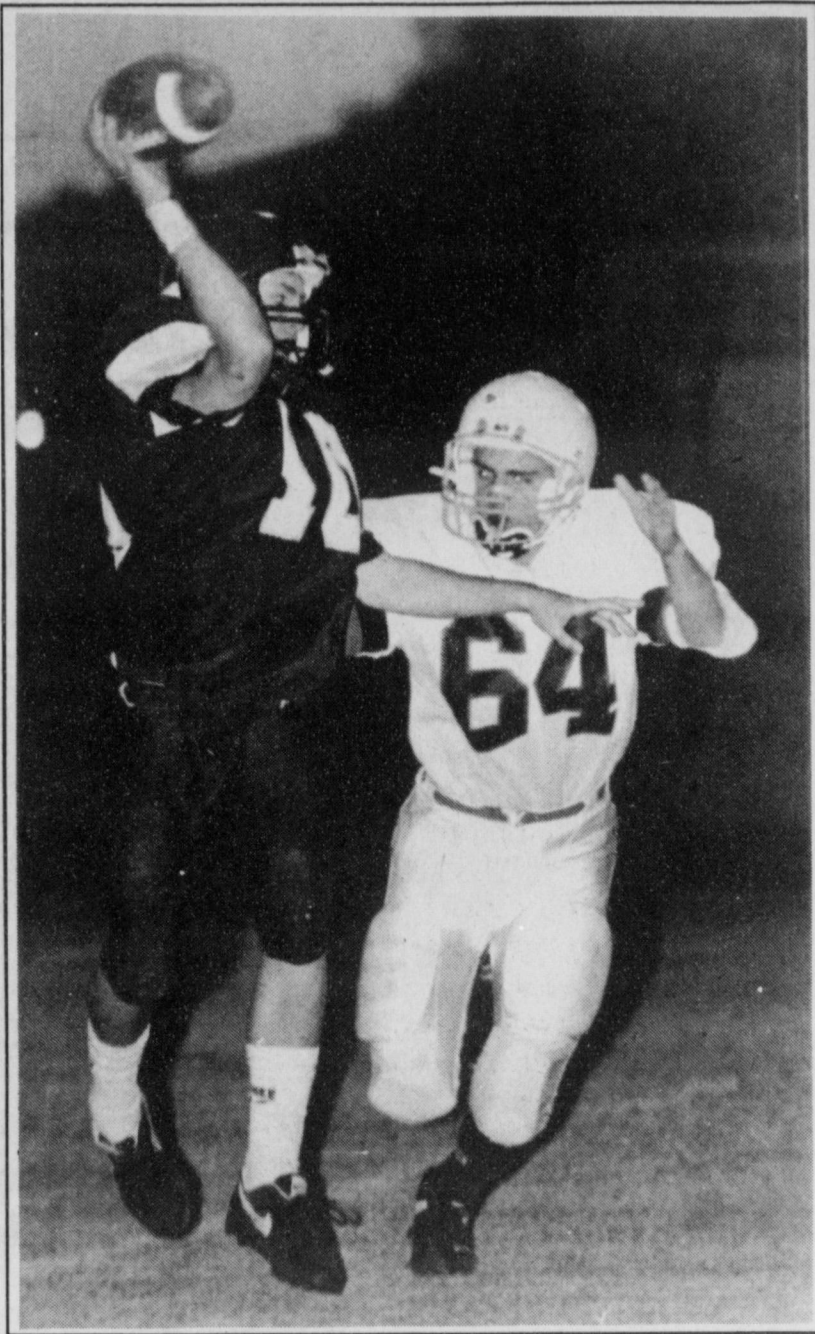
Lazbuddie took a 14-0 first-quarter lead on Foster's two-yard run and a 20-yarder by Guy Nickels.

With the wind at its back in the second quarter, Three Way scored 20 straight points to take a 20-14 halftime lead.

Perez ran 12 yards for one touchdown and passed 13 yards to Lupe Landeros for another score.

Perez gave Three Way a 26-22 lead after three quarters on a 59-yard pass to Randall Rodriguez.

Lazbuddie's last chance ended at the Three Way 22 with a minute left in the game.



Throwing on the run

Mule JV quarterback Matt McClanahan throws under pressure from a Shallowater defender during JV action Thursday at Benny Douglass Stadium. The JV Mules lost their season finale, 34-27.

Lady Mules

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rebounds per game while Field, a 5-10 senior, chipped in 12.1 points and 6.8 rebounds.

"We're definitely a lot deeper than last year," said Gruhlkey, entering his fourth year at Muleshoe. "We're better at guard than we've ever been."

Juniors Brandi Harrison (5-8) and Carolyn Schuster (5-6), and senior Lauri Puckett (5-6) give the Lady Mules quality depth in the backcourt.

Harrison (5-8) was thrust into a key role last year as a sophomore and gained valuable experience.

Gruhlkey expects big things from Schuster, who played junior varsity last year. Schuster is probably the Lady

Mules' best outside shooter, he said.

Inside, Cleavinger will get help from 5-9 senior Michelle Williams, 5-10 junior Kristen Nichols and 5-5 junior Raquel Posadas.

Even though he'd like to forget about last year, Gruhlkey knows it's something his team has to deal with.

"Some people will say the kids gained a lot of experience," Gruhlkey said. "I say they gained a lot of bad experience and I'm concerned about that. But the kids can overcome that if they believe in themselves."

Gruhlkey said he's already seen one extremely positive trait in this year's team.

"The kids have already

shown that they're recommitted to working their tails off," Gruhlkey said. "It's been an enjoyable year already from that standpoint."

Gruhlkey's teams play traditional West Texas style basketball: man-to-man defense and structured offense.

Gruhlkey said this year's team "has the ability to run more than we ever have," but don't look for him to loosen the reins.

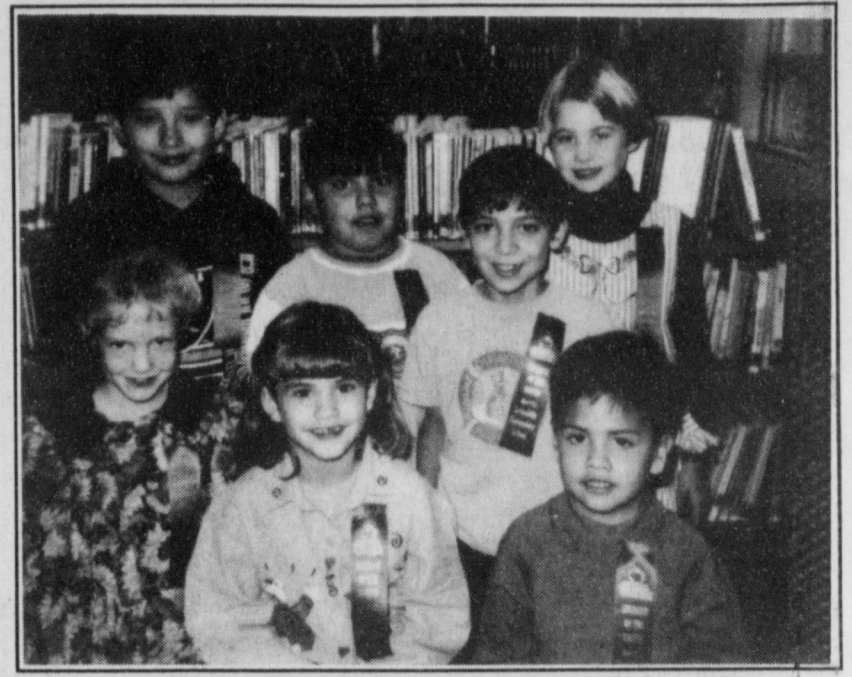
"I like to be disciplined," Gruhlkey said. "I don't know if I'll ever have a team that will run-and-gun. I'm a defensive-minded coach that believes defense wins the big games."

Muleshoe opens Tuesday at Lorenzo and hosts Denver City Saturday at 2 p.m.

Lazbuddie students of the month announced

The students of the month of November have been selected at Lazbuddie Elementary School. These students have exhibited character, leadership, and citizenship.

Pre-kindergarten: Frankie Rodriguez, son of Monica Rodriguez; Kindergarten: Brittney Schacher, daughter of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher; 1st grade: Kyra Kimbrough, daughter of Kyle and Kim Kimbrough; 2nd grade: Claudia Morales, daughter of Dora Morales and Ezequiel Contreras; 3rd grade: Arturo Benavidez, son of Rita and Florentino Benavidez; 4th grade: Raul Mata, son of Eraul and Valentine Mata; 5th grade: Michelle Puckett, daughter of Ronnie and Kim Puckett.



Lazbuddie students of the month

Pictured (left, back) are Raul Mata, Claudia Morales and Michelle Puckett. Front row (from left): Brittney Schacher, Kyra Kimbrough, Arturo Benavidez and Frankie Rodriguez.

Honor Rolls

Three Way Honor Roll All "A"

Grade 1 — Joe Cuellar
Grade 2 — Caleb Heinrich, Trevor Hood, Cody Kirby, Lauren Layton
Grade 3 — Sarah Furgeson, Christopher Kindle, Jennifer Kirby, Rigo Rodriguez
Grade 4 — Buddy Holmes
Grade 5 — Ashley Layton, Julie Salamanca, Monica Walker
Grade 6 — Leanne Draus

Grade 7 — DeAnne Martha
Grade 8 — none
Grade 9 — Jonathan Kindle
Grade 10 — Russell Pollard, Joshua Tooley
Grade 11 — none
Grade 12 — Jessica Hood
"A" Average
Grade 1 — Noel DeLaRosa, Lorenzo Lopez, J.R. Rodriguez, Creston Standard
Grade 2 — none
Grade 3 — Cory Contreras, Erika DeLaRosa, Michael Holmes, Elizabeth Lopez, Lance Martinez
Grade 4 — Amy Castillo, Mor-

gan Clayton, Veronica Martha
Grade 5 — Sammy Castillo
Grade 6 — Alma Castillo, Anthony Furgeson, Christy Mills, Ivan Navarro, Meredith Potts
Grade 7 — Ernesto Navarro
Grade 8 — Kasey Davis, Monty Kirby, Scott Pollard, Jessica Robinson, Rosa Soliz, Alberto Valderas
Grade 9 — Janice Martha
Grade 10 — Melissa Moses, Joey Smith, Sammy Soliz
Grade 11 — Melanie McCaul, Jesus Perez, Diana Salamanca
Grade 12 — Keith Kindle, Alma Pina, Rosie Rodriguez

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Matthews, Cox wed at 1st Baptist

Brenna Lee Matthews of San Antonio, became the bride of Darrell Ray Cox, also of San Antonio, at the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe, Oct. 7.

Walter Lackey, Muleshoe, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Brenna is the daughter of Derrell and Treana Matthews of Dimmitt, formerly of Muleshoe. Darrell is the son of Gary and Darlene Cox of San Antonio.

Tory Matthews, of Denton, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Kay Lynn Moehrig, Canyon Lake and Crystal Stevens, Dimmitt, both friends of the bride, served as bridesmaids.

Best man was Roy Albert, of China Grove, grandfather. Groomsmen were Mike Allen, and Bob Mutz, Jr., both of San Antonio, friends of the groom.

Candlelighters were Jennifer Addison and Bill Addison, cousins of the bride of Ft. Sumner, NM. Ring bearers were Zane Matthews, Dimmitt, brother of the bride and Kylor Dune, Lubbock, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Kaygan Dunn, Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

Kelly Addison, cousin of the bride of Ft. Sumner, NM, registered the guests.

Ushers were Zack Matthews of Dimmitt, brother of the bride, Lance Dunn, Lubbock, uncle of bride, and Curtis Matthews, Arlington, cousin of the bride.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Derrell Matthews. She was attired in a full length, 3 tiered gown of silk organza, with off the shoulder poof sleeves. The sleeves were decorated with organza roses and beads. The gown featured a fitted bodice of white satin and beaded lace.

The bride's veil was of silk leaves and beads with a French poof and was waist length. She

carried a bouquet consisting of a cascade of stargazer lilies, stephanotis, pearl sprays and English ivy.

For something old the bride carried a handkerchief, belonging to her grandmother, Barbara Matthews. Something new was her white, satin shoes, something borrowed was her head piece, and something blue was her garter.

The bride and groom repeated their vows before an arched candelabra, flanked by two seven branch candelabras. The altar bouquet was of stargazer lilies, delphiniums, white larkspur, snapdragons, cabbage roses, yellow asters, pink gerbers, misty blue and springria, flanked by side bouquets on Grecian pedestals and greenery.

The attendants' dresses were sundresses of tea-length, cotton, multi-colored floral print. They carried nosegays of ranunculus, delphinium blossoms, yellow asters, rosebuds, misty blue and springria.

Musical selections were "Pachelbel Canon," "Ever-

green," "Here Comes The Bride," "Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Trumpet Voluntary."

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The bride's table was covered with a white damask tablecloth. The cake, a white, lattice design adorned with nosegays of the bride's chosen flowers, honeyroasted nuts, cream cheese rose mints and punch were served from silver appointments by Kelly Addison and Jennifer Addison, of Ft. Sumner, NM, cousins of the bride. The bride's bouquet served as the centerpiece.

The groom's table was covered with a 2-tiered white damask cloth and was decorated with silver candelabra and greenery. The cake was strawberry in a basket weave design adorned with chocolate dipped strawberries, honey roasted nuts and chocolate leaf mints, along with coffee, were served by Lisa Cox of San Antonio, sister of the groom and Pam Josselet of Dimmitt, a friend of the bride.



Mrs. Darrell Ray Cox

The houseparty consisted of Terry Addison of Ft. Sumner, NM, Dawn Williams, Muleshoe, Sheila Moraw, Lubbock, Kathy Embry, Muleshoe and Pam Josselet, Dimmitt.

The couple plan a wedding trip later in the spring. The bride's traveling attire consisted of a 2-piece denim dress with silver accessories and brown boots.

The bride obtained her BS

degree at Southwest Texas State University in the sports field. She is currently employed as a racquetball and fitness, personal trainer in San Antonio.

The groom will graduate in the spring of 1996 from Southwest Texas State University with a degree in criminal justice. He is currently employed at the Salt Exchange in San Antonio.

Hospital Admissions

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center has reported the following admissions:

Oct. 27 — Rolando Saucedo, Maria Diaz, Pearl Cox, Bettie Moore, Arminia Pena, Juana Alarcon, Ruby Steinbock

Oct. 28 — Rolando Saucedo, Ottilie Wisian, Michael Johnson, Maria Diaz, Audrey Dudley, Bettie Moore, Erminia Pena, Ruby Steinbock

Oct. 29 — Ottilie Wisian, Michael Johnson, Maria Diaz, Audrey Dudley, Erminia Pena, Linda Moore

Oct. 30 — Ottilie Wisian, Audrey Dudley, Kenneth Martin, Erminia Pena, Carrie Gameson, Linda Moore

Oct. 31 — Ottilie Wisian, Royitios Godinez, Audrey Dudley, Carrie Gameson, Linda Moore

Nov. 1 — Ottilie Wisian, Royitios Godinez, Audrey Dudley, Edna Ellis, Maria Morales, Baby Boy Morales

Nov. 2 — Ottilie Wisian, Mylissa Thompson, Audrey Dudley, Edna Ellis, Rebecca Weaver, Allison Weaver.

Moore to participate in Lamar program

BEAUMONT — Bill Moore, superintendent at Muleshoe ISD, has been chosen as one of 40 superintendents in Texas to receive a grant to participate in the Lamar University Superintendents Academy.

The academy is an advanced leadership training program on Lamar's Beaumont campus. Funded by grants from IBM Eduquest, Quantum Solutions and the Texas Education Agency. The academy provides senior level executive training for superintendents recognized as outstanding in their field.

Participation is by invitation only, according to Dr. Bob Thompson, director. The 40 were chosen from more than 100 applicants.

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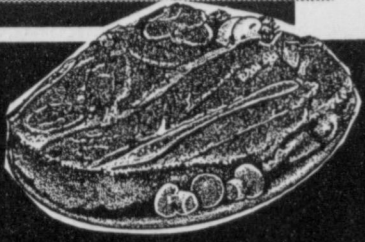
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Angela Lutz feted with bridal shower Oct. 29

The Muleshoe Church of Christ family room was the setting for a bridal shower honoring Angela (nee Scott) Lutz, bride of David Lutz of Muleshoe, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Angela greeted guests along with her mother, Barbara Scott, and mother-in-law, Linda Lutz, both of Muleshoe. Special guests included her grandfather, Ellen Bolin, and aunts Myra Copley and Glenda Price, all of Muleshoe.

The serving table was covered with a hunter green cloth and a fall flower arrangement. Brass trays and baskets held an assortment of breads and mini-puffins. Lemon tea and coffee were also served.

The hostesses presented the bride with a vacuum cleaner,



Angela Lutz

odd pieces of her pottery and a fall corsage.

Hostesses for the occasion included, Dianne Brown, Glenda Dale, Maxine Donaldson, Sherry Embry, Charlotte Field, Druscilla Hutton, Hollye Hooten, Patti Kent, Kay Leopard, Kerma McGuire, Jan Morris, Lela Ann Smith, Lenda Trussell, Doris Vandiver and Marilyn Wilson.

Shower honors Sliger

Glenna Sliger, bride of Tommy Sliger, Jr., was honored with a bridal shower, Sunday, Oct. 29, at Glenna's Beauty Retreat.

Glenna is the daughter of Edd Edmiston and the last Mary Edmiston. Tommy is the son of Arvilla Sliger and the late Sid Sliger, Sr.

Special guests were, Joyce Olds of Cozad, NE, sister of the bride, Terri Raney,



Glenna Sliger

Levelland, sister-in-law of the bride and Vicki Petmecky, of Wolfforth, TX, niece of the bride.

Hostesses were Della Snell, Dolores Harvey and Connie Alanis.

The Most Difficult Question Is "Why?"

We may never fully understand why some trouble comes. Does that bother you? It does me! When my now-thirteen-year-old son was three, his favorite utterance was the plaintive syllable, "Why?" Children's inquisitiveness may be occasionally bothersome to

yield satisfactory answers.

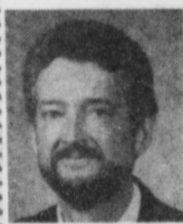
Don't misunderstand. For the question, "Why pain?", Christianity has very substantial answers. But when pain combines itself with these questions—"Why me?" "Why mine?" "Why now?"—we sometimes face a very ominous silence.

Outside of Canyon, Texas, there is a cemetery. In that cemetery is the gravestone for a 17-year-old girl who died in the 1930s. Etched in that stone is the stark, still-unanswered question, "Oh, God, why?"

A man named Job once asked that question. Job was a man of extraordinary patience, but even Job had his limits. Read far enough in the book and you'll see Job shaking an angry fist at Heaven demanding an explanation for the tragedy that had befallen him.

He never gets it. Look for yourself. God never answers Job's impassioned, "Why?" He simply says, basically, "I am God. Trust me."

May the Lord make us wise enough to know the times when our questioning is faith-building from the times when it is faithless, so that even in the midst of deep perplexity, we may affirm with Paul that, though we hurt, we are not "driven to despair" (2 Corinthians 4:8). Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & Avenue D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Mom and Dad, but it is very normal. God designed three-year-olds to ask questions. They learn that way.

So, I'm convinced, do we. Asking questions is part and parcel of thinking. And since Jesus often asked his disciples, "What do you think?", I assume that he meant for them to! When we modern-day disciples quit asking God questions, it does not mean that we've reached spiritual maturity; it may very well mean that we've quit growing.

If that is true, the next truth becomes all the more difficult: most of us will face in life some pain, some trouble, some tragedy for which all the questioning in the world can never

What's Cooking?

Area school menus

Muleshoe High School Watson Junior High Breakfast

Monday-Pancake w/ sausage, fruit or juice, milk
Tuesday-Biscuit w/ gravy, fruit or juice, milk
Wednesday-Breakfast hot pocket, fruit or juice, milk
Thursday-Taquito, fruit or juice, milk
Friday-Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, milk

Lunch

Monday-Steak sandwich, lettuce cup, tator tots, milk
Tuesday- Szechuan chicken, fried rice, egg roll, Oriental vegetables, milk
Wednesday-Burrito w/ chili, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, milk
Thursday-Crunchy corn dog, vegetable soup, cinnamon roll, sliced peaches, milk
Friday-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, hot roll, milk

Dillman, DeShazo Breakfast

Monday-Pancakes w/ sausage, fruit or juice, milk
Tuesday-Biscuit w/ gravy, fruit or juice, milk
Wednesday-Breakfast hot pocket, fruit or juice, milk
Thursday-Taquito, fruit or juice, milk
Friday-Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, milk

Lunch

Monday- Hamburger, tator tots, lettuce cup, peanut butter cookie, milk

Tuesday-Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, mixed fruit, Italian bread, milk

Wednesday-Crunchy corn dog, vegetable soup, pineapple tidbits, crackers, milk birthday cake & ice cream

Thursday-Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, hot roll, milk

Friday-Chicken a la king, sliced peaches, green beans, hot roll, milk

Three Way Breakfast

Monday-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk
Tuesday-Malt O Meal, juice, toast, milk
Wednesday-Two waffles, juice, milk
Thursday-Eggs, hash browns, juice, biscuits, milk
Friday-Sausage, juice, biscuit, milk

Lunch

Monday-Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, apricots, milk
Tuesday-Burrito w/ chili and cheese, peas, corn on cob, crackers, peach cobbler, milk
Wednesday-Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, tator tots, pears, milk
Thursday-Chicken fried steak, green beans, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, ice cream, milk

Friday-Pizza, salad, blackeyed peas, birthday cake, milk

Junior Class offering Santa's Helpers service

It is that time of year again and the Muleshoe High School Junior Class would like to help you prepare for the holidays. Santa's Helpers are available from Nov. 27 through Dec. 15.

These junior students are available to help you prepare for the holidays including decorating your tree, hanging lights, cooking, wrapping packages, cleaning your home or business or anything you need done and do not have time to do it yourself.

Teams of two students will work for only \$15 for three hours. (What a bargain!!)

If you are interested in hiring Santa's helpers, please call Muleshoe High School at 272-7571 by Nov. 27. Ask for Lola Pylant or Carolyn Johnson and arrangements will be made for students to arrive at your business or home at your convenience.

After the work is completed, they are asking that you pay the students by check made out to the MHS Junior Class. The money made will be spent on the 1996 Junior-Senior Banquet. Santa's Helpers hope to hear from you soon.



Marie Castorena, of Alco, presented Meals On Wheels' Doris Wedel and Betty Rejino a check of \$553.50. The money, proceeds from the Cutest Baby Contest, was donated to Meals on Wheels. Jonathan Gabriel Ramirez won the Cutest Baby Contest. He is 8 months old and the son of David & Kimberlee Ramirez. David is the greenskeeper at the Country Club and Kimberlee works at McDonalds.

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Dillman courteous, good citizens for September

Pictured in the front row (from left) are Dillman Elementary kindergarten winners of good citizenship and courtesy awards for September: Daniel Montejano, Tanner Bales, Colby Carpenter and Johnathan Heron. In the middle are (from left) first grade winners Randall Knox, Carla Almanza, Tosha Gomez, Gerardo Gomez and Santiago Sifuentes. In the back row (from left) are second graders Amanda Martinez, Michael Ellis, Hillary Tipps, Vanessa Vasquez, Amanda Toscano and Lidia Villezcas. Not pictured are pre-kindergarten and early education winners, Moises Sandoval and Isabel Ramirez, and kindergarten winners, Adam Perez and Ceasar Lopez.

Tie-breaker gives Embry win in Power Points grid contest

Buddy Embry of 220 W. 11th, Muleshoe, won the Week 10 Muleshoe Journal Power Points football contest, surviving a tie-breaker challenge from Scott Brown.

Embry and Brown each scored 98 points in the contest, which again featured the San Francisco 49ers disappointing contestants by losing to an expansion team.

Embry's margin of victory came in the first tie-breaker, where he guessed 43 points would be scored in the Houston-Cleveland game. The actual point total was 47 and Embry collects \$10 and a gift certificate from Leal's Restaurant.

Brown's tie-breaker guess was 35 points. He receives \$7.50 for second place.

Right behind the top two was Carol Kennemer of Muleshoe with 97 points. She earned \$5.

Honorable mention for Week 10 goes to J.E. McVicker of Muleshoe, who finished with 96 points.

The statewide winner of \$1,000 was Floyd Dewberry

of Rt. 2, Box 530, Willis, who predicted the 49er's loss to Carolina. In fact, he listed Carolina on his 11-point line, enabling the 68-year-old Dewberry to score 129 of a possible 136 points.

When notified by phone of his victory and \$1,000 prize, he was asked:

"Good afternoon, Floyd, This is your Commissioner calling about the Texas Power Points Football Contest. You've heard of it?"

"Maybe I have and maybe I haven't," Dewberry replied.

"You've entered it too, haven't you?"

"Maybe I have and maybe I haven't," was Dewberry's response.

"Well, you might be the state winner of \$1,000. Do you know how many points you scored?"

"One hundred twenty-nine," retorted the Week 10 winner.

He remembered.

The retired telephone worker entered the contest through the *Conroe Courier*.

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