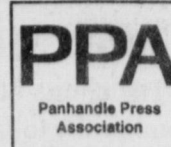




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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Time again for Santa letters

The Muleshoe Journal has again agreed to a special request from the North Pole to act as the area delivery point for Letters to Santa Claus.

Letters will be typed in by the Journal staff before being forwarded to Santa at the North Pole. The letters will also be published in the Journal's Dec. 20 and 24 editions.

Letters should be received in the Journal office no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17. Letters may be dropped off at the Journal office or mailed to PO Box 449, Muleshoe, TX 79347. Mark the envelope "Letters to Santa."

NY not such a bad apple

Two local high school students spread plenty of Thanksgiving cheer last week to nearly two million people during the Macy's parade in New York City.

Krystal Heathington of Muleshoe and Kia Morris of Lazbuddie were among more than 800 cheerleaders from all over the world that marched in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Even though the girls marched several miles in the cold rain, they called it an "experience of a lifetime."

"There were cheerleaders from Europe and all over," Morris said. "It was really neat."

The cheerleaders were invited this summer during camp at Lazbuddie to attend the parade as representatives of the Universal Cheerleading Association.

Neither was sure what to expect when they got to the "Big Apple."

"I was really nervous when I got there. It was a lot bigger than I had expected," Heathington said.

The friends flew to New York together, were picked up by a sponsor and rode a bus to their hotel in Times Square. They received care packets that included meal tickets to area restaurants as part of the trip.

"I expected to see a lot of famous people and people being busted and car chases," Heathington said. "I was told before I went to watch my back, but everyone seemed friendly and I felt pretty safe."

During their week stay in New York both girls got to experience a new culture.

They both agree that "not everybody lives like the people in West Texas"

They toured the Statue of Liberty, saw the Empire State Building and attended a Broadway Show along with other interesting tourist attractions in the city.

Both Morris and Heathington said they are glad to be back home and wouldn't mind returning to New York — to visit.

— LESLI RADFORD
Journal staff writer

MEETINGS

Monday — Muleshoe Independent District Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Administration Building. **Agenda items:** Consider renewal of auditing agreement with Sudduth, Field & Co.; Appoint trustee to serve on Bailey County Appraisal District Board of Directors; Designate fund balance determined by the 1998 audit; conduct board training on the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Tuesday — Muleshoe City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. **Agenda items:** Discuss city manager applicants; consider bids for sale of 4,872 acres of land know as East Well Field; consider resolution to initiate joint seal coat project with other West Texas cities through Oiler Engineering, Inc.

LOCAL WEATHER

	High	low	Pre.
Tuesday	67	39	—
Wednesday	67	39	.33
Thursday	61	42	.19
Precip date	14.21 inches		

EXTENDED FORECAST

Turning colder Sunday with over night lows in the 20s. Increasing cloudiness and continued cold Monday and Tuesday, Highs in the 40s, Lows in the 20s. Warming Wednesday with highs 50-55.



JOURNAL PHOTO BY RICK WHITE

Slipping by

MHS freshman Jessica Carpenter loses control of the ball while blowing by a Friona defender Thursday during a first round game in the Muleshoe Junior Varsity Tournament. The Muleshoe frosh rallied for a 57-53 win. (See story and pictures on pages 4-6).

Boll weevil meeting Dec. 14

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture announced today that it will host a December public hearing in Muleshoe to accept comments from cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production on a proposed assessment rate for the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone referendum.

The public hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Bailey County Coli-

seum in Muleshoe. Cotton producers are encouraged to attend and offer their input regarding the proposal, which was recommended by the local zone advisory committee.

TDA will utilize comments to establish a maximum assessment to be voted on by cotton producers in a referendum set for March 12. At that time, cotton producers will also determine whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradica-

tion program for the zone.

The Northwest High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of approximately 500,000 acres of cotton in five counties: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer.

For more information on the proposal or the Dec. 14 public hearing, contact Katie Dickie Stavino, Texas Department of Agriculture Special Assistant for Producer Relations at (512) 463-7593.

Wood earns South Plains coaching honor

A-J CLASS 3A ALL-SOUTH PLAINS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Justin Hill Colorado

COACH OF THE YEAR

David Wood Muleshoe

OFFENSE

QB	Justin Hill	6-3	195	Sr.	Colorado
RB	Juan Barrioz	5-11	161	Sr.	Lamesa
RB	Bobby Dale	6-0	190	Sr.	Seminole
RB	Matthew Kendrick	5-11	190	Sr.	Friona
WR	Randy Byington	6-1	170	Sr.	Colorado
OL	Matt Turney	6-4	280	Sr.	Muleshoe
OL	Joseph Ramos	6-1	265	Sr.	Shallowater
OL	Matthew Graves	6-0	210	Sr.	Seminole
OL	Sylas Politte	5-10	250	St.	Cooper
OL	Rusty Wooten	6-0	175	Sr.	Dimmitt
WR	Caleb Clay	6-5	200	Sr.	Seminole
K	Randy Byington	6-1	170	Sr.	Colorado

DEFENSE

DL	Dustin Cleavinger	6-6	215	Sr.	Muleshoe
DL	Micahel Royal	6-3	250	Sr.	Littlefield
DL	Daniel Hernandez	5-7	170	Sr.	Lamesa
DL	Patrick Boyd	6-2	270	Sr.	Denver City
LB	Greg Pena	5-10	210	Sr.	Muleshoe
LB	Hugo Rivera	5-10	190	Sr.	Friona
LB	Abel Bonilla	6-0	205	Sr.	Colorado
LB	Jeremy Meeks	5-10	190	Sr.	Seminole
DB	Terry Green	6-2	170	Sr.	Colorado
DB	Luis Villegas	5-11	150	Sr.	Denver City
DB	Justin Sutton	5-9	190	Jr.	Dimmitt
P	Dustin Cleavinger	6-6	215	Sr.	Muleshoe



Coach David Wood



Dustin Cleavinger



Matt Turney



Greg Pena

Muleshoe honorable mention — Matt McClanahan, QB, 5-11, 175, Sr.; B.J. Gonzales, DB, 5-7, 165, Sr.; Mitch Mason, LB, 5-11, 165, Jr.

Muleshoe's dramatic turnaround from cellar-dweller to district champion earned David Wood Coach of the Year honors on the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* Class 3A All-South Plains team.

Wood led the Mules to a 10-2 record and its first playoff appearance since 1983 in his third season at Muleshoe. Two years prior, Muleshoe won just one game.

"The whole coaching staff deserves the award, not just me," Wood said. "We knew there was some work to be done when I first got here, and a lot of them have been here with me from the beginning."

"This town was hungry for a winner. It was truly a community effort from the kids to the parents to all of the coaches."

After winning its first district title since 1979, the Mules advanced to the area round before being eliminated by Crane 28-14.

Muleshoe also landed three senior players and four spots on the All-South Plains team — plus three other Mules earned honorable mention.

Linebacker Greg Pena and defensive end Dustin

Cleavinger were selected from Muleshoe's stout defense, which finished second in the area and posted six shutouts.

Tackle Matt Turney was selected to the elite offensive squad after helping clear the way for a Muleshoe running attack that averaged 237 yards per game.

Cleavinger was also honored as the area's top punter.

Earning honorable mention were senior quarterback Matt McClanahan, senior defensive back B.J. Gonzales and junior linebacker Mitch Mason.

Pena (5-10, 210) was the Mules' big play-maker on a defense that allowed just 157.5 yards per game during the regular-season. He had 105 tackles and a team-leading 7.5 sacks while forcing three fumbles.

Cleavinger (6-6, 215) had 46 tackles, 10 for losses and four sacks. He also averaged 39.8 yards per punt.

The Mules often ran behind Turney (6-4, 280), who graded out at 77 percent and recorded 34 pancake blocks.

Colorado quarterback Justin Hill, who made the transition

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Local agencies end feud

By RICK WHITE
Managing Editor

An ongoing dispute between the city police chief and the Muleshoe volunteer department over emergency radio codes appears to be settled — again.

With City Councilman Cliff Black serving as mediator, Bailey County emergency personnel Thursday agreed to a slightly modified version of what is known as the "Texas 10 code system."

"We feel like we've found a code system that is viable for the whole community and is easy to work with," Black said.

Emergency personnel use what are called "10 codes" to alert personnel to emergency situations and to communicate with other agencies. Number codes are used to limit radio traffic and public knowledge of certain situations.

Muleshoe Fire Chief Donald Harrison said he was satisfied with the modified system but is still irked at what he felt is a lack of respect by some city officials toward the fire department.

"This could have been done a long time ago," Harrison said. "But they think if they hold off long enough, the problem will go away."

The original rift between the departments arose this summer when police chief Don Carter changed the fire department's radio codes without their consent or knowledge.

Fire department officials had brought the issue in front of the City Council during an Oct. 20 meeting — at which time the Council instructed Carter to return to the old system until an agreement could be reached. Black volunteered to serve as the mediator.

But fire officials complained to City Mayor Robert Montgomery last week that the police department had not returned to the previous codes as instructed.

Montgomery said it was simply a misunder-

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AROUND MULESHOE

United Methodist Church choir concert

The choirs of the First United Methodist Church invites the community to "An Evening of Lessons and Carols" at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 in the sanctuary of the church.

It is an evening of listening to the Christmas story told in scripture and song.

EMS Pheasant Hunt Breakfast Dec. 12

The Bailey County EMS organization is holding its annual Pheasant Hunt Breakfast from 4:30-7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Bailey County Coliseum. The meal is an all-you-can eat for \$5.

There will also be a drawing for a Remington 870 shotgun. — \$2 a chance or 3 chances for \$5. The drawing will be held at 7:30 p.m. The winner does not have to be present.

Volunteers seek donations for project

Christmas Card volunteers at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center are seeking donations from community members and businesses for their annual fund-raiser.

The donations will be used for several different projects and renovations at the center.

Donations can be dropped off at the local banks or to Joy Stancell at the Nursing Home. Donations may also be mailed to Christmas Card Project, PO Box 202, Muleshoe, TX, 79347. Checks should be made payable to the Christmas Card Project.

Donations need to be made by Friday, Dec. 18. All contributors will be individually recognized in the Bailey County Journal. For more information, contact Lona Embry or Joyline Costen.

Muleshoe school Christmas concerts

The Muleshoe school choirs and bands are holding their Christmas concerts Dec. 14-15. The Muleshoe High School choir and band will hold their concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14 at the high school auditorium.

The Watson Junior High choir and band at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the high school auditorium.

Three Way hearing of TAAS scores

The Three Way I.S.D. will conduct a public hearing of the AEIS report on Thursday Dec. 10, at 7:45 in the Three Way Administration Board Room. This report includes the TAAS scores for the district for the 1997-98 school year.

Copies of the report are available for public inspection in the Administration office, principal's office and school library.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items can be mailed (PO Box 449), called in (272-4536) or faxed (272-3567).

CORRECTION

In the Thursday, Dec. 3 edition of the Muleshoe Journal the charge listed for the arrest of Joe Duran Bara, 25, was incorrectly listed as burglary of a habitation. Bara was arrested for assault not burglary of a habitation. The Journal regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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Tuesday
Breakfast — Cinnamon toast, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch — Fish filet, macaroni and cheese, English peas, hot roll and milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast — Breakfast hot pocket, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch — Ham & cheese sandwich, veg. sticks, potato chips, pineapple tidbits and milk.
Thursday
Breakfast — Scrambled eggs & toast, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch — Corn dog, veg. soup, cinnamon roll, mixed fruit and milk.
Friday
Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch — Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, hot roll and milk.

DILLMAN & DESHAZO
Monday
Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch — Chili dogs, tator tots, baked beans, applesauce and milk.
Tuesday
Breakfast — Cinnamon toast, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch —

Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, English peas, hot roll and milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast — Breakfast hot pocket, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch — Ham & cheese sandwich, veg. sticks, potato chips, pineapple tidbits and milk.
Thursday
Breakfast — Scrambled eggs & toast, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch — Corn dog, veg. soup, cinnamon roll, mxd. fruit and milk.
Friday
Breakfast — Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch — Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll and milk.

LAZBUDDIE
Monday
Lunch — Subs, pizza, *chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, squash, fruit, salad, jello and milk.
Tuesday
Lunch — Tuna sandwich, corn dogs, *burritos, Stromboli, baked beans, corn, fruit, salad, jello and milk.
Wednesday
Lunch — Hamburgers, egg rolls, *Salisbury steak, noodles, fried okra, broccoli/ricer casseroles, fruit, salad, jello and milk.
Thursday
Lunch — Pizza, Frito pie, Fajitas, rice, hominy, beans, fruit, salad, jello and milk.

THREE WAY
Monday
Breakfast — Texas blueberry biscuits w/sausage or assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk. Lunch — Stuffed baked potato, steamed broccoli, bread sticks, fruit cobbler and milk.
Tuesday
Breakfast — French sticks, or assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk. Lunch — Chicken fajita w/cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, apple and milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast — Breakfast stick or assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk. Lunch — Chicken fried steak & gravy, mashed potato, green beans, cherry parfait, rolls and milk.
Thursday
Breakfast — Waffle sticks or assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk. Lunch — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, baked corn, tossed salad, Garlic bread, orange and milk.
Friday
Breakfast — Biscuits w/gravy or assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk. Lunch — Cheeseburger, potato, celery, lettuce, tomato, carrot, celeri, fresh fruit and milk.

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standing and that he and the police chief thought a different system had been agreed upon during the council meeting.

During the October meeting, Harrison told the Council he learned about the code changes when he called the city dispatcher to find out the location of a fire. He was told there wasn't actually a fire because the codes had been changed.

Carter explained to the Council that the codes were changed in the interest of safety to his officers. He admitted later that he had erred by not discussing the changes in the codes with the fire department and other agencies.

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Commissioner issues Y2K warning

AUSTIN — Texas Banking Commissioner Catherine Ghiglieri has issued a broad warning to small business owners to prepare for Year 2000 and its possible effects on computer systems.

Noting that her department already has compelled Texas banks to review and test all systems for Year 2000 compatibility, Ghiglieri stresses that urgency for all Texans to do likewise.

In her statement released this week, Ghiglieri offered a simple plan for small business owners to address the Year 2000 issue and ensure that their operations don't experience an unforeseen shutdown due to the date change.

■ Review all computers and automated systems operated by the business. Identify the ones that are most critical to the business and focus efforts on these. Don't overlook the obvious, such as a security system which locks the building entrance or your phone answering system. Remember, several heads are better than one: enlist all employees to identifying potentially affected systems.

■ If a product isn't compliant, upgrade or replace it, or move the data to a new system entirely.

■ Once you believe the computers and systems are compliant, test them.

■ Contact your largest customers of the business and assess their Year 2000 readiness. This is the stage of Year 2000 readiness that banks are in, so don't be surprised or offended if your loan officer calls you to discuss your own readiness. Your banker can be a good resource in thinking through your own operations and identifying risks and alternatives.

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Gearing up for Christmas

Joe Gear and his son Tyrel wrap Christmas lights around a tree in their front yard Wednesday afternoon. The next two weeks are a perfect time to cruise the area and take in all the holiday light displays.

JOURNAL PHOTO BY LESLI RADFORD

National insurer agrees to pay fine

AUSTIN — A multistate inquiry into alleged mistreatment of consumers by one of the nation's largest sellers of credit insurance ended Nov. 23 with the company's agreement to pay fines totaling \$12 million.

American Bankers Insurance Group agreed without admitting any violations of state insurance laws, and 24 states will share the fine.

Of the fines, Texas is to receive nearly \$597,580. The money will go into the state's general revenue fund, but there also will be restitution to consumers, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said last week.

American Bankers underwrites credit insurance plans, such as those sold by department store chains to their credit card customers and others who finance purchases of appliances and other big ticket items.

American Bankers allegedly charged more than authorized rates, failed to make required refunds to consumers and underpaid claims filed by its customers.

Warning signs being installed

Americans are learning the hard way that it is illegal to carry firearms and ammunition across the border into Mexico.

On the heels of a recent increase in travelers serving jail time for such offenses, the Texas Department of Transportation announced plans to spend \$600,000 to install signs along the border warning travelers about carrying firearms into Mexico.

More than 50 new signs will be posted at border crossings from El Paso to Brownsville.

Required HIV reporting

Texas doctors, hospitals and medical providers will be required to report the names of Texans who test positive for the AIDS virus beginning Jan. 1.

Anonymous testing for the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, still will be available, but the new rules, adopted unanimously

WTAM scholarship applications due Feb. 1

Applications for all West Texas A&M University academic scholarships are due Feb. 1 at the office of the assistant to the president, Old Main 304.

Students should include any letter of recommendation before the Christmas holiday. In past semesters, students have been allowed to turn in additional materials after the deadline, however this semester everything must be turned in together.

For more information, contact the scholarship information office at 806/651-2097.



death of University of Texas fraternity member Jack Ivey Jr., a 23 year-old junior from Plano. The university is investigating.

Robert E. Sovil Jr. of Georgetown pleaded no contest last week to misdemeanor charges of possession of a gambling device and gambling promotion in the state's first successful prosecution of eight-liner gambling machines.

Nov. 20 by the state Board of Health, will require medical providers to send to the state the names, if they know them, of any patients found to have HIV.

Confidentiality of the tests has not been compromised since anonymous testing began several years ago, according to the Board of Health.

Other Highlights

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said last week he wants to raise the percentage of students who must pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam for a campus to get a rating of acceptable. He also said he wants to add the Algebra 1 end-of-course exam into the accountability system.

The Texas Education Agency has nominated 37 Texas public elementary schools for the U.S. Department of Education's 1998-99 Blue Ribbon Schools Program. The nominated campuses demonstrated strong leadership and working relationships among the school, parents and other in their communities. National finalists will be selected in January.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says the number of boating-related deaths in the state has dropped from 66 in 1997 to 44 this year. The agency attributed the decrease in deaths to new, tougher boating regulations.

The Travis County medical examiner last week ruled alcohol poisoning caused the

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from six-man to 11-man football two years ago, was named Player of the Year.

The 6-3, 195-pound senior was the area 3A leader in pass-

ing, completing 107 of 229 passes for 1,703 yards and 13 touchdowns during the regular season. He threw for another 573 yards in three playoff games.

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Mules reach Classic semis

PLAINVIEW — Muleshoe is giving early indications that it can handle teams with different styles.

Muleshoe routed quick and pesky El Paso High 70-56 and later held off big and physical Plainview 56-54 Thursday while advancing to the semifinals of the Lions-Pioneer Classic.

"I think the kids are starting to believe they can play with anybody," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said about the wins against two bigger schools.

Muleshoe (3-0) faced Lubbock Coronado Friday in the semifinals.

Dustin Cleavinger collected 19 points and eight rebounds and was one of four Mules in double figures against El Paso. Carlton Lewis added 16 points, Mason Sinclair had 15 and Mitch Mason finished with 10.

Sinclair drained three 3-pointers as the Mules connected on 8 of 16 attempts from behind the arc.

Esai Galicia led El Paso with 10 points.

In the nightcap, Cleavinger had 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Mules fought off a late Plainview rally.

Muleshoe was holding a comfortable eight-point lead

PIONEER CLASSIC

Dec. 3-5 at Plainview

THURSDAY

Playdown

MULESHOE 70, EL PASO 56

Muleshoe 21 15 16 18 70

El Paso 12 12 15 17 56

Leading scorers — Muleshoe: Cleavinger 19, Lewis 16, Sinclair 15, Mason 10. El Paso: Galicin 10.

First round

Coronado 59, Andrews 35

Hereford 67, Estacado 55

Lubbock High 61, Dimmitt 59

MHS 56, PLAINVIEW 54

Muleshoe 16 12 15 13 56

Plainview 16 17 8 13 54

Leading scorers — Muleshoe: Cleavinger 18, Mason 13, Sinclair 12. Plainview: Black 13, Autry 10, Bates 10.

FRIDAY

Consolation

First round

Dimmitt vs Estacado

El Paso vs Andrews

Dimmitt vs Plainview

Championship semifinals

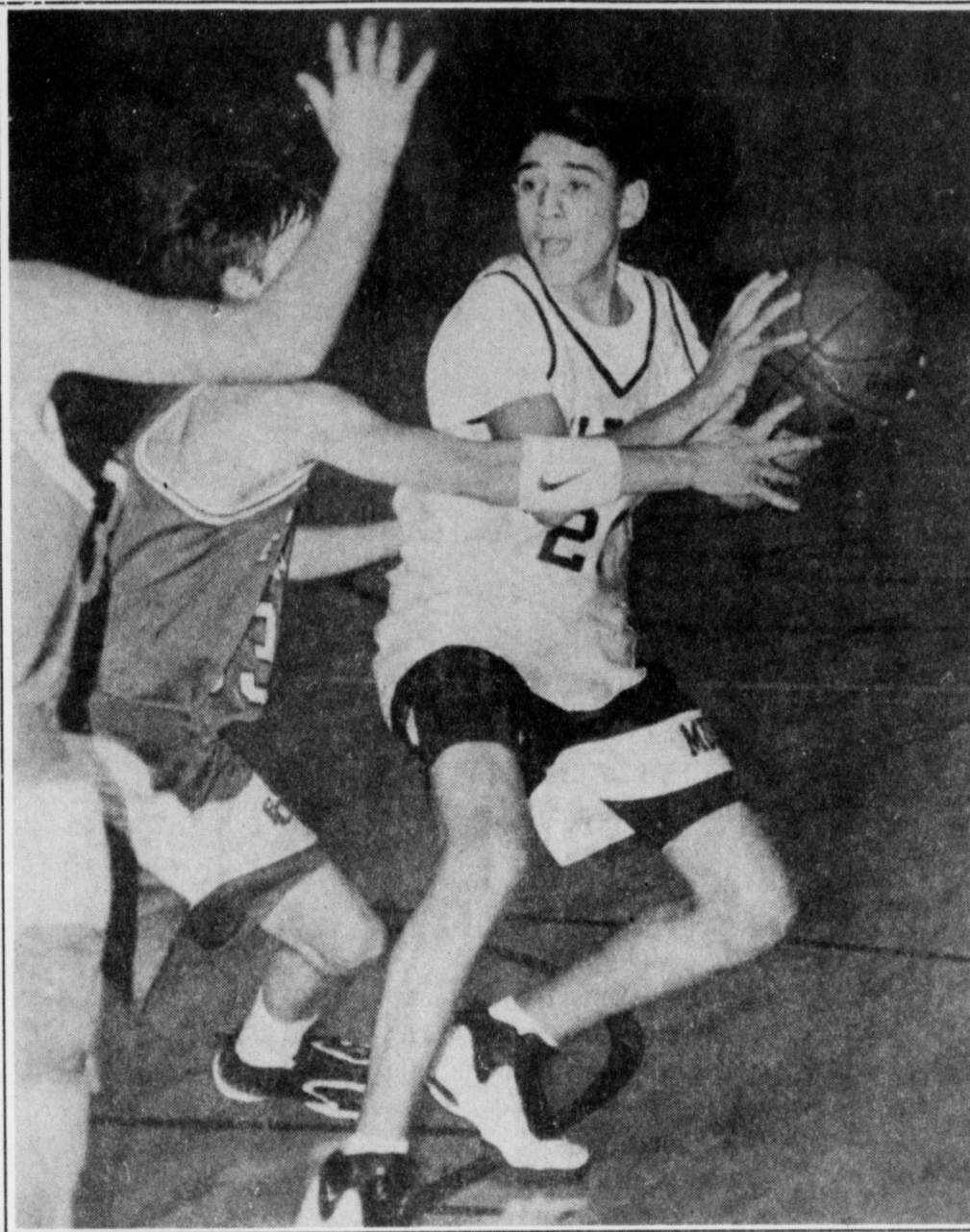
Hereford vs Lubbock High

Muleshoe vs Coronado

before two late 3-pointers by Plainview's Jason Bates made it interesting.

Mason added 13 points and Sinclair finished with 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

The Mules trailed 33-27 at halftime, but outscored Plainview 15-8 in the third quarter.



Searching

Sammy Baeza looks for a teammate Thursday during the JV Mules' 63-27 win against Friona in the first round of the Muleshoe JV Tournament.

Eagles beat Cooper JV 53-47

ACUFF — Gerald Perez had 20 points and 10 rebounds, leading the Three Way Eagles to a 53-47 win Tuesday against the Lubbock Cooper junior varsity.

Michael Soliz added three 3-point-

ers and nine points for the Eagles while Jonathan Kindle contributed seven points and 10 rebounds.

Three Way (3-3) outscored Cooper 22-11 in the second quarter while building a 31-23 halftime lead.

Lady Mules rout River Road 69-31

CANYON — Some reward for playing your best game of the season.

Myndi Heathington drilled five 3-pointers en route to a career-high 21 points as Muleshoe demolished River Road 69-31 Thursday in the first round of the Canyon Classic.

The lopsided win earns the Lady Mules (3-6) a shot at state-powerhouse and host Canyon in Friday's semifinal.

"Playing against someone the caliber of Canyon can only make you better," Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhkey said.

Erin Wilhite added 14 points while Lysie Black and Ellen Wood chipped in 11 points each.

Amber Kile led River Road with 17 points. Muleshoe had a scare early in the third quarter when starters Lindsey Field and Melissa Williams collided and banged heads while chasing a loose ball. Both sat out the remainder of the game but were expected to play Friday.

The Lady Mules roared out to a 25-2 first-quarter lead, forcing 13 River Road turnovers with full-court pressure.

Muleshoe shot 55 percent from the field in the first half while taking a 42-13 lead.

"We did a good job of moving the ball early and got some good looks," Gruhkey said. "It was nice to get a big lead and then go out and play relaxed."

CANYON CLASSIC

Dec. 3-5 at Canyon HS

THURSDAY

First round

Tascosa 54, Happy 28

Nazareth 58, Perryton 50

MHS 69, RIVER ROAD 31

River Road 2 11 14 4 31

Muleshoe 25 17 17 10 69

Leading scorers — River Road:

Kile 17, Muleshoe: Heathington

21, Wilhite 14, Wood 11.

FRIDAY

Consolation semifinals

Happy vs Perryton

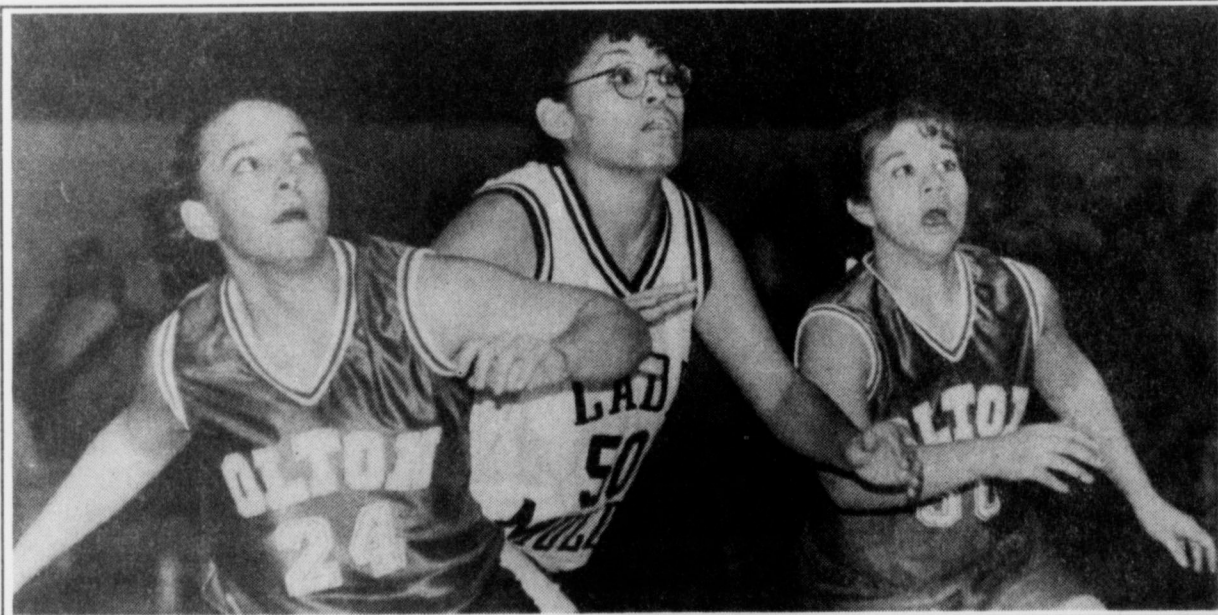
River Road vs Happy-Perryton

loser

Championship semifinals

Tascosa vs Nazareth

Muleshoe vs Canyon



Battle lines

Michelle Toscano battles a pair of Olton players Thursday during a free throw attempt. The Lady Mule JV topped Olton 44-33 in the 1st round of the Muleshoe JV Tournament.

Lazbuddie splits with Lubbock Christian

LAZBUDDIE — Lubbock Christian High School edged Lazbuddie 51-47 Tuesday despite a game-high 28 points by Longhorn senior guard Brandon Foster.

Wes Hobgood led a balance LCHS attack with 15 points and combined with Ty Paden (13 points) for four 3-pointers.

"We did a good job defensively, but we need to do a better job on the boards," Lazbuddie coach Rich Powers said. "And were not going to win too many games shooting free throws like that."

Lazbuddie (2-2) was just 12 of 26 from the free throw line.

Foster was the lone Longhorn in double figures. Cade Morris added eight points for LHS.

Lazbuddie (47) — Foster 9 5-17 28, C. Morris 4 0-0 8, St. Clair 0 5-6 5, Black 1 0-0 2, Roneck 2 0-3 4, J. Morris 0 0-20, Seaton 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 12-26 47.

LCHS 11 15 10 15 51
Lazbuddie 7 19 6 15 47

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THURSDAY

First round

Meadow 100, Dawson 64

Ropes 59, Klondike 52

Grady 60, Amherst 45

New Home 62, Loop 56

Whitharral 44, Southland 36

LAZBUDDIE 63, JAYTON 46

Jayton 10 10 16 10 46

Lazbuddie 22 13 14 14 63

Leading scorers — Jayton: Kidd

21. Lazbuddie: C. Morris 21, J.

Morris 18, Foster 12.

Cotton Center 77, Hermleigh 30

Spade 66, Wilson 51

GIRLS

Meadow 54, Dawson 28

Grady 58, Amherst 23

Klondike 52, Ropes 36

New Home 52, Loop 37

Whitharral 37, Southland 15

LAZBUDDIE 54, JAYTON 29

Jayton 8 3 11 7 29

Lazbuddie 15 6 17 16 54

Leading scorers — Jayton:

Johnson 11. Lazbuddie:

Rodriguez 22, Via 10.

Hermleigh 54, Cotton Center 44

Wilson 62, Spade 31

LAZBUDDIE — Lazbuddie was looking for a challenge.

The Lady Longhorns landed one Tuesday in a 50-47 win against Lubbock Christian High School — although a good portion of their struggles were self-inflicted.

"They really got after us and made us dig down and make some plays," Lazbuddie coach Carey Sudduth said after the Lady 'Horns improved to 4-0.

Scottie Brown and Kia Morris led a balanced LHS attack with 12 and 10 points respectively. Holly Engelking finished with three 3-pointers and nine points.

Lazbuddie pushed a 10-point halftime lead to 12 before poor free throw shooting and back-to-back 3-pointers by Jocelyn Qubty and Amy Rider slashed the lead to six in the third quarter.

Amber Lampert led LCHS (0-4) with 13 points while Qubty and Rider finished with nine each

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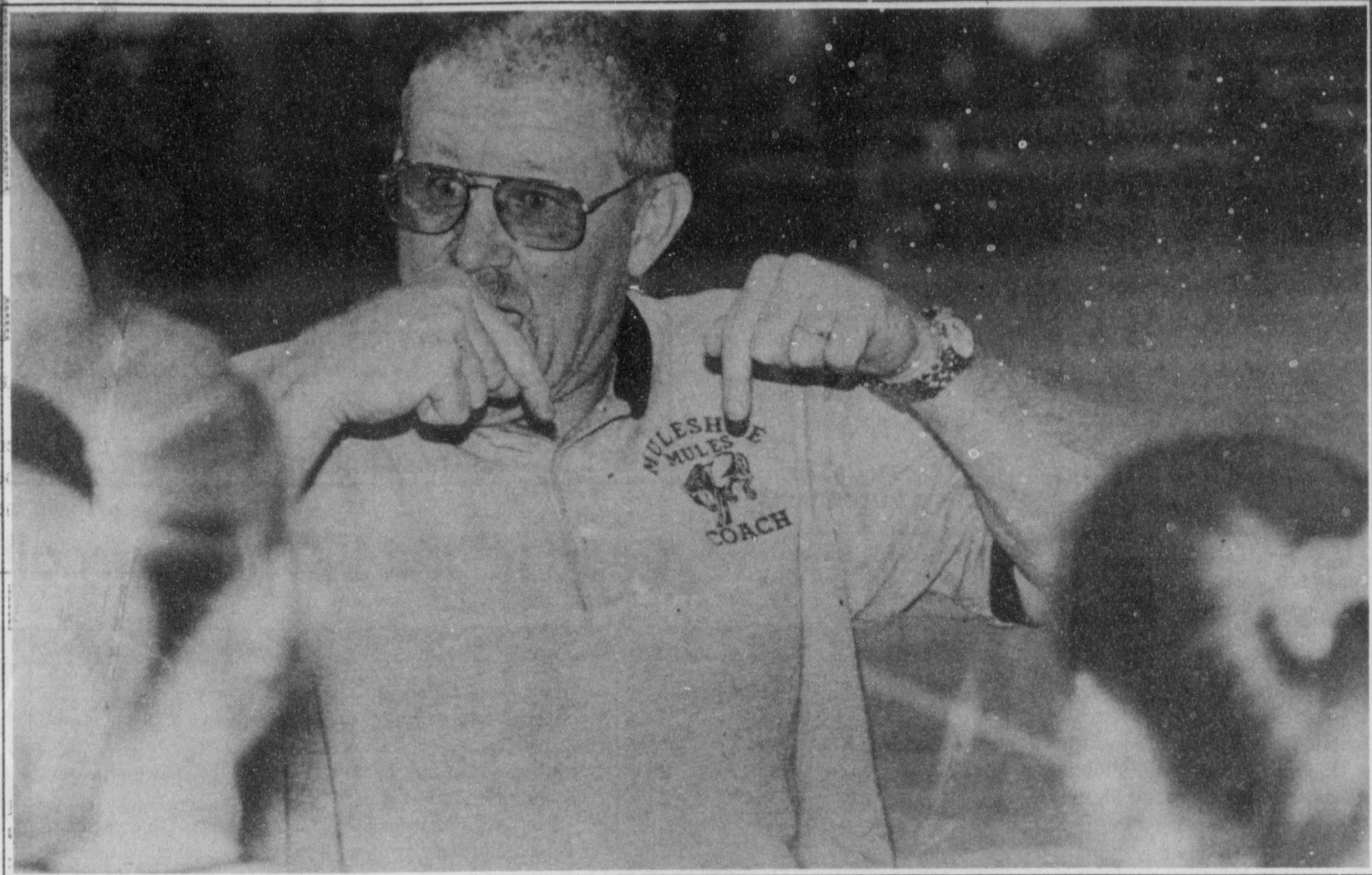
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Making a point

Muleshoe freshman coach John Irwin gives instructions to his team Thursday. The Lady Mule frosh rallied from 10 points down to beat the Friona junior varsity 57-53 in the first round of the Muleshoe Junior Varsity Tournament.

MHS frosh stun Friona; JV Mules easily advance

The Muleshoe freshman girls rallied from a 10-point fourth quarter deficit and stunned Friona 57-53 Thursday in the first round of the Muleshoe Junior Varsity Tournament. Candace Hutto and Rendi Hodge scored 15 points each for the Lady Mule frosh.

In other girls first round action, Kala Johnson scored 11 points in the Muleshoe JV's 44-33 win against Olton, Nazareth beat Springlake-Earth 46-38 and Farwell edged Hereford 45-44 in overtime.

Michelle Toscano and Tommie Hernandez added eight points each for the Lady Mule JV.

In the boys tournament, the Muleshoe JV crushed Friona 63-27 while Tulia topped the Mule frosh 50-41.

James Barrett, Clint Black and Moises Garcia scored eight points in the JV Mules easy win.

Lincoln Riley scored 13 points and Stephan Shelburne added 10 points in for the Muleshoe freshman.

In other boys action, Portales

squeezed past Farwell 44-42 and Springlake-earth downed Olton 51-45.

GIRLS

MHS 9TH 57, FRIONA 53

Muleshoe 9th (57) — Bell 4, Carpenter 8, Glover 4, Barrett 3, Hodge 15, Rempe 4, Wood 4, Hutto 15, Felan, Magby, Herington, Messenger.

Friona (53) — King 6, Wilcox 4, Sack 13, Smiley 12, Hand 8, Bandy 4, Carson 6.

Muleshoe 15 8 10 24 57
Friona 16 10 15 12 53

3-pointers — Friona (King), Muleshoe 2 (Barrett, Carpenter).

MULESHOE JV 44, OLTON 33

Olton (23) — Hamilton 5, Garibay 7, Bunce 2, Smith 5, Caraway 4.

Muleshoe JV (44) — Johnson 11, Benham 6, Robertson 4, Gonzales 4, Locker 3, Toscano 8, Hernandez 8, Hancock, Tipps, Flores.

Olton 6 4 4 9 23
Muleshoe 7 14 4 19 44

3-pointers — Muleshoe 2 (Johnson, Locker).

BOYS

MULESHOE JV 63, FRIONA 27

Friona (27) — Avalos 7, Spencer 2, Mata 4, White 2, Bustos 2, Garcia 2, Carson 8.

Muleshoe JV (63) — Williams 5, Barrett 8, Baeza 7, Black 8, Garcia 8, Vela 2, Woodard 1, Lewis 7, McClanahan 4, Shelburne 7, Chavez

MULESHOE JV TOURNAMENT

BOYS THURSDAY First round

Tulia 50, Muleshoe 9th 41
Portales 44, Farwell 42
Springlake-Earth 51, Olton 45
Muleshoe JV 63, Friona 27

FRIDAY

Consolation semifinals
Muleshoe 9th vs Farwell
Olton vs Friona
Championship semifinals
Tulia vs Portales
Springlake-Earth vs Muleshoe

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Muleshoe JV 44, Olton 23

FRIDAY

Consolation semifinals
Friona vs Hereford
Springlake-Earth vs Olton
Championship semifinals
Muleshoe 9th vs Farwell
Muleshoe JV vs Nazareth

6, Posadas, Latham, Nichols.

Friona 8 2 8 9 27

Muleshoe 18 15 14 16 63

3-pointers — Friona (King), Muleshoe 3 (Williams, Barrett, Baeza).

TULIA 50, MHS 9TH 41

Tulia (50) — Criswell 5, Sabbealdua 16, Singer 6, Amburn 2, Oliveres 8, Rogers 4, Burrow 3, Bean 3, Gibson 3.

Muleshoe 9th (41) — Riley 13, Norman 3, Luna 5, Shelburne 10, Dominguez 4, Johnson 6, Atwood, Lopez, Mount, Spradling, Kerby, Buhman, Hancock, Turney.

Tulia 9 12 12 17 50
Muleshoe 7 8 11 15 41

3-pointers — Friona (King), Muleshoe 2 (Barrett, Carpenter).

Trout hooks up for 21 against Lady Mules

DENVER CITY — Division I signee Heather Trout and Denver City wiggled out a 50-47 win Tuesday against Muleshoe.

Trout pumped in 21 points, including four 3-pointers, as Denver City rallied from a three-point halftime deficit.

"We just couldn't get over the hump," Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhlkey said.

Gruhlkey said he was okay with his team's defense despite giving up 50 points. The difference was a couple of dry spells at the offensive end

in each half, he said. "With the kind of competition we're playing against, you can't have those kinds of lapses. We need to put together a whole game."

Erin Wilhite scored 11 points for the Lady Mules, who spread out the scoring. Five players finished with at least six points.

Muleshoe (2-6) shot 50 percent from the field in the first half while building a 26-23 lead. Lindsey Field scored seven of her nine points for the Lady Mules in the first two periods.

But Trout led a 7-0 spurt, helping Denver City to a 35-28 lead. Muleshoe tied the game at 40 but never lead again. Trout, a 5-10 guard, signed with North Texas in November.

The Fillies (4-1) made 9 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

"We spent a lot of energy trying to get back in the game and couldn't get the lead back," Gruhlkey said.

Muleshoe was just 2 of 9 from the field in third quarter and 7 of 24 in the second half.

Mules rusty in season-opening 50-45 win

DENVER CITY — Muleshoe's season-opener Tuesday against Denver City went pretty much as expected.

The Mules were rusty and lacked offensive continuity, but escaped with a 50-45 win behind 17 points and nine rebounds from senior post Dustin Cleavinger.

Muleshoe's season-opener was delayed two weeks while the football team was in the play-offs.

"It was kind of what I expected," Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason said. What Mason didn't expect was Muleshoe played poorly at the defensive end.

"But the positive thing is that even though we

didn't shoot well and didn't play defense well we still won," Mason said. "And the things we did wrong are correctible."

Mason Sinclair scored five points and Carlton Lewis and Cleavinger added 3-pointers in the third quarter, helping Muleshoe turn a three-point halftime deficit into a five-point lead.

Cleavinger scored seven points in the fourth quarter to help Muleshoe hold off the Mustangs.

Sinclair finished with 11 points and four assists while Lewis had seven points, four assists and four steals.

Jim Turnbough, a 6-6 post, led Denver City (2-2) with 18 points. MHS limited Luis Villegas, the Mustangs' leading scorer, to nine points.

Here's a Gift We Really Should Open

I have no idea who wrote the little story below. I first heard it, along with a number of others, years ago. They were on a tape filled with short seasonal radio "spots" read by Lorne Greene.

Greene has since died and, I suppose, these spots have long since faded into obscurity. But they were well-written by someone, and certainly well-read in the

Because you've always been there when any of us needed you, and Because I hope you always will be Because you've listened to all my bad days and never once asked me to listen to yours Because you've believed in me when no one else would Because you've cried for me when I couldn't Because you've always given me that smile of yours when I had none Because you've been my friend when I needed one most Because you've made the hard times easier Because you've been taken for granted more than anyone in my life And more than anyone in my life, I love you. Merry Christmas!"



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

rich, deep voice most of us still associate with the Cartwright patriarch. If you'll recall the richness of that voice and let the message of the words below resonate in your heart, maybe you'll enjoy the story almost as much as I did the first time I heard it. It's the story of "The Last Gift":

You couldn't buy Christmas wrapping like that anymore, but that wasn't what made it so special. And if you got close, you could see a note, handwritten, tucked on top. And the note said, "Why? Because I've always wanted to Because I never could Because there was always something else we needed more

She had never opened the gift. Why? Because he'd promised he'd always be home for Christmas and suddenly he wasn't. This was his last gift to her before he died. She would make it last forever.

The story of Christmas is the story of a gift given from the heart of purest Love. But unlike the gift in the story above, God's gift can only be received if we're willing to open it.

The good news of Christmas is that the Gift of God is a present to mankind that will indeed last forever. It would be a real tragedy not to open it.

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

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MULESHOE BOX SCORES

Girls
Junior varsity
DENVER CITY 53, MHS 52
Muleshoe (52) — Flores 0-0-0, Johnson 3-0-2, Benham 0-2-8, Locker 3-0-9, Robertson 0-0-0, Gonzales 0-0-0, Scott 0-0-0, Hancock 2-1-4, Tipps 1-0-2, Toscano 4-2-4, Hernandez 9-0-0. Totals 22-5-18-27.

Denver City (53) — Winfrey 3-0-8, Galvan 1-4-4, Quintanilla 5-0-0, Parker 0-0-2, Rawls 3-3-6, Williams 0-2-4, Albarez 0-0-2, Woosley 2-0-4, Benningfield 4-0-2. Totals 19-9-22-53.
Muleshoe 10 13 11 19 52
Denver City 11 8 16 18 53
 3-pointers: Muleshoe 3 (Locker); Denver City 4 (Winfrey 2, Quintanilla 2). Records: Muleshoe 1-3. Next game: Muleshoe JV Tournament Dec. 3-5.

Freshman
MHS 76, ROOSEVELT 27
Roosevelt (27) — Chavira 2, Robinson 1, Gaona 3, Thomas 6, Bynum 2, Cortez 5, Cuellar 2, Tarin 4, Washington 2.
Muleshoe (76) — Bell 4, Gartlin 16, Carpenter 15, Felan 6, Herington

4, Messenger 2, Barrett 1, Hodge 6, Rempe 2, Wood 13, Hutto 7, Glover, Magby.
Roosevelt 5 7 9 6 27
Muleshoe 22 26 16 12 76
 3-pointers: Muleshoe 1 (Carpenter). Records: Muleshoe 3-0. Next game: Muleshoe JV Tournament Dec. 3-5.

8th grade
ROOSEVELT 45, WJHS 43
Roosevelt (45) — Rojas 1, Cartner 1, A. Castelleja 7, F. Castelleja 20, Littlefield 4, Ward 12.

WJHS (43) — Pylant 2, Rasco 10, Flores 9, Locker 2, Henderson 2, Adrian 18, Kitchens, Allison, Hawkins, Barrier, Bailey.
Roosevelt 8 16 8 13 45
WJHS 12 11 11 9 43
 3-pointers: none. Records: WJHS 4-2. Next game: Hosts Shallowater Dec. 7.

7th grade
WJHS 20, ROOSEVELT 14
Roosevelt (14) — Porter 2, Blocker 2, Litsch 2, Smith 2, Shaw 6.
WJHS (20) — Obenhaus 1, Hancock 2, Black 2, Benham 9, Glover 2, Perez 4, Mason, Whalin, Hamilton, Rudd, Lopez.

Roosevelt 0 4 4 6 14
WJHS 8 2 3 7 20
 3-pointers: none. records: WJHS 3-3. Next game: Hosts Shallowater Dec. 7.

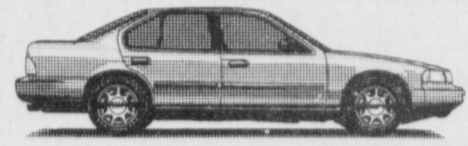
BOYS
Junior varsity
DENVER CITY 54, MHS 43
Muleshoe (43) — Williams 1-1-2, Posadas 0-0-0, Barrett 2-0-0, Baeza 2-0-6, Latham 0-2-2, Black 2-0-4, Garcia 0-0-0, Reyes 2-0-2, Vela 0-0-0, Woodard 1-0-0, Lewis 2-0-0, McClanahan 0-3-4, Shelburne 1-6-8, Nichols 0-0-0, Chavez 0-0-0. Totals 13-12-22-43.

Denver City (54) — Espinosa 2-0-5, Gonzales 2-0-4, Kostilick 6-2-3, Galvan 0-2-2, Flores 1-2-2, Pena 4-1-9, Rocha 1-0-2, Bayer 1-0-2, Unger 0-2-2. Totals 20-11-13-54.
Muleshoe 12 11 9 11 43
Denver City 6 19 12 16 54
 3-pointers: Muleshoe 5 (Baeza 2, Barrett, Black, Reyes); Denver City 3 (Espinosa, Kostilick, Flores). Records: Muleshoe 0-1. Next game: Muleshoe JV Tournament Dec. 3-5.

Freshman
MHS 72, ROOSEVELT 32
Muleshoe (72) — Atwood 16, Riley 8, Lopez 2, Kerby 4, Norman 12, Luna 2, Shelburne 8, Dominguez 8, Hancock 4, Johnson 8, Buhrman, Turney.
Roosevelt (32) — Ruiz 3, Salinas 2, Hood 2, Torne 10, Tomison 4, Bloomer 2, Wellburn 4, Rainwater 2, Gonzales 3.
Muleshoe 18 24 14 16 72
Roosevelt 15 5 2 10 32
 3-pointers: Roosevelt 1 (Thorne). Records: Muleshoe 3-0. Next game:

Muleshoe JV Tournament Dec. 3-5.
8th grade
ROOSEVELT 47, WJHS 37
WJHS (37) — Pena 2, Broyles 17, Dale 5, Powell 8, Field 5, Hunt, Sanchez, Gloria, Reeves, Greenhouse, Ramirez.
Roosevelt (47) — Torres 2, Whetzel 9, Hildebrandt 9, Rocha 12, Buxkemper 2, Thompson 11.
WJHS 4 10 9 14 37
Roosevelt 7 15 7 16 45
 3-pointers: none. Records: WJHS 2-1. Next game: at Shallowater Dec. 7.

7TH GRADE
ROOSEVELT 39, WJHS 16
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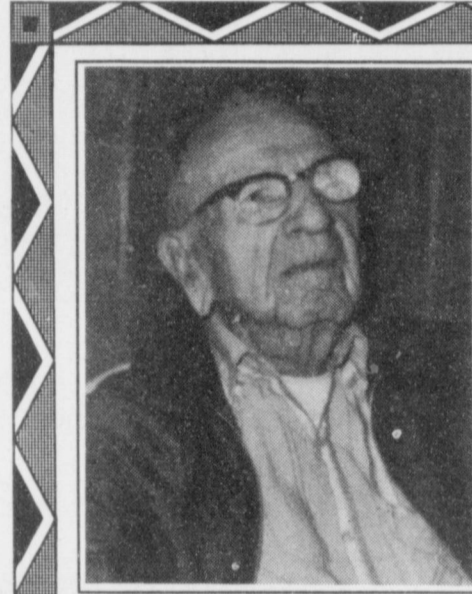
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Tommy Galt celebrated his 95th birthday very quietly. Tommy came to Bailey County in the early 1930's, buying a farm near the Three Way school.

He married Lyndell Gaddy in 1934, and they raised their two children, Ricky and Madalyn, on that farm.

Ricky lives south of Muleshoe. Madalyn married Clarence Albus of Pep and moved to Baytown, where the couple has raised a family of four, one girl and three boys.

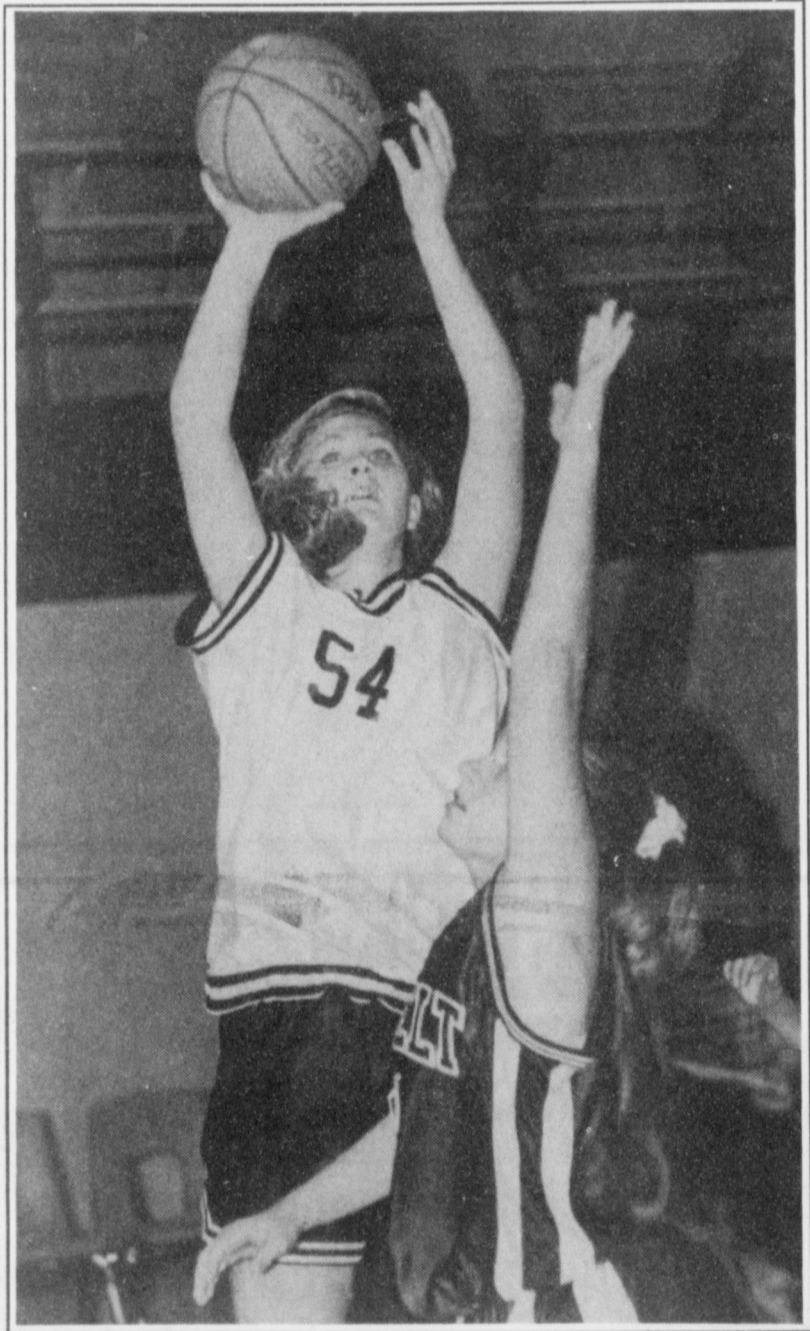
Tommy has been widowed 11 years. For the past eight years, he has lived with his sister-in-law, Frances (Mrs. Cass) Stegall.

Tommy enjoys good health and is rarely ever sick. He smokes two cigars a day, which he has done for 50 years.

He still travels to see Madalyn once a year. Tommy enjoys football, baseball and basketball and has been a staunch Methodist for 75 years.

Tommy came from a family of eight children. He and his baby brother, Charlie, 89, are the only living siblings.

Happy 95th Birthday Tommy Galt



Rising star

WJHS 8th-grader Gradedee Adrian shoots over a Roosevelt defender Monday during a 45-43 loss.

THREE WAY BASKETBALL

JH boys win 38-29

The Three Way junior high boys won their district opener 38-29 over the Ropes Eagles on Nov. 23.

Three Way played well defensively all night and hit several throws down the stretch to preserve the victory.

Chris Kindle led Three Way in scoring with 15 points while Antonio Jasso chipped in 10.

Lady Eagles fall

The Three Way junior high girls suffered a disappointing 23-22 loss to the Ropes Eagles Nov. 23.

Three Way led the entire game but Ropes came out on top with a last-second put back of a missed free throw.

Ashley Layton of Three Way led all scorers with eight points.

Three Way really hurt themselves on the night going 5 for 30 from the free throw line.

— Katye Cook

Special to the Journal

Meadow prevails

The Three Way Junior High boys were outgunned in a 51-11 loss to the Meadow Broncos Monday in the second week of

district play.

The Eagles played well in the first half giving up only 17 points. In the second half, the Eagles could not hold on and came out on the short side.

With the loss the Eagles fall to 1 and 1 in district play.

— Anthony Ferguson

Special to the Journal

Lady Eagles rally

The Three Way Junior High Lady Eagles earned a come-from-behind 22-15 victory over the Meadow Broncos Monday night.

The Broncos leading scorer of the night was N. Alvarado with five points.

The Lady Eagles countered with Kaylie James scoring eight points, Ashley Layton with six points and Sarah Furgeson and Julie Salamanca added three points each.

— Kaylie James

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THE CAT LIKED POPCORN

The cat liked popcorn. It could have been a Christmas story but it wasn't. It was young Ty's eighth birthday. He had his heart set on a baby hamster. Kim as a Boon & Crockett mother and set out to fill her young cub's needs.

The night of Birthday Eve she camouflaged a trip to the pet store as a movie with Ty's big brother. At the pet store she excitedly told the salesman of the great hamster surprise. The pet store person warned her against leaving the baby hamster, no bigger than an avocado pit, in the cardboard box in the car. "It'll eat right through that cardboard like white hot magma through a styrofoam cup. Then it will shred the front seat of your car and make an upholstery bed big as condor's nest. Best keep it close!"

Kim went into the theater with baby hamster in her jacket pocket. By the end of the previews the wily rodent had gnawed through the pocket and was



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thrashing his way through the lining. The movie began with an ear shattering clap thunder and built from there. With every blood curdling scream, structure dropping explosion and metal tearing collision, the baby hamster fought and clawed his confining cloth bonds!

He spent the last half of the movie rolled up in mama lion's shirt front drawing blood on a regular basis.

She made it home, woke Ty up and unceremoniously presented him with his birthday hamster. Popcorn, so named because of his introduction to the movies, spent the night in the bathtub.

The light of day diminished the anguish of the night before for mom.

She helped Ty construct the elaborate hamster cage complete with tubes, automatic waterer, ferris wheels, bumper cars and the non-chewable, inescapable, and indestructible maximum security hamster haven. It cost \$30.

The family went to town that evening for Ty's birthday dinner. Giddy and satisfied with cake and candles they returned home to find the cat polishing off it's own birthday dinner. A little twig of a tail stuck out of his mouth was still showing between cheeks full of hamster hams.

There was not much anyone could do except note the unlatched cage door, so they left the cat to finish his meal.

Ty was distraught and developed pinkeye, Strep throat, an ear infection, sinus and began walking with a limp. However he did achieve a complete recovery before the last of the rodent bites healed on mama's finger.

Cooking up nutrition knowledge in the kitchen

HOUSTON—Holiday baking can be a fun way to help junior chefs learn about food preparation and nutrition.

"Young children love to help, and they really take pride in showing adults how much they can do. By inviting them to assist with holiday baking, parents can help build their children's self-esteem, as well as skills, creativity and knowledge of food and nutrition," said Becky Gorham, a registered dietitian and research nutritionist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

According to Gorham, children who learn to enjoy food

preparation at a young age might be more inclined to cook for themselves and less dependent on convenience and fast foods as adults.

She offers these tips to help parents and their young assistants get started:

- Teach children to wash their hands before and after preparing any food

- Read recipes before starting and decide what task small hands can do. Assemble all ingredients and equipment

- Small children have short attention spans, so choose recipes that are simple and offer lots of opportunities to stir, add ingredients and decorate

- Keep nutrition in mind.

Fruit and nut breads, oatmeal and peanut butter cookies, carrot and fresh apple cakes, and peanut-dense peanut brittle are more nutritious treats than high-fat brownies and fudge. Decorate cookies with dried fruits and nuts.

- Expect a mess. Place an old bed sheet or newspapers over the area where small chefs are working. Cut down on cleanup by teaching children to stay organized and "Clean as you go."

- Give older children lessons on using the can opener, measuring ingredients, setting timers and reading recipes. Older children can also help locate and assemble ingredi-

ents and equipment before baking begins.

- Kitchens can be dangerous if children are not well supervised. Teach young children to avoid touching hot baking pans, ovens and sharp knives. Instruct older children to turn pot handles toward the back of the stove, wipe up floor spills immediately and use padded potholders to remove hot pans from the oven instead of damp towels.

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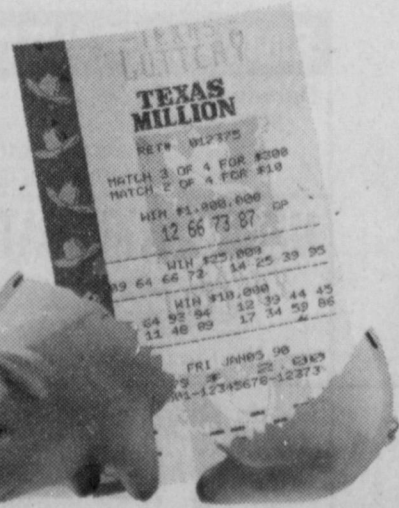
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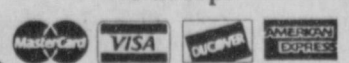
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OBITUARIES

MIGUEL GARCIA, JR.

Miguel "Mike" Garcia, Jr., 48, of Amarillo passed away Dec. 1 in Amarillo.

A vigil was held Thursday at Schooler Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel. Burial was Friday in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Schooler Gordon Funeral Home. The celebrant was father Kenneth Keller of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo.

Mr. Garcia was born in San Benito, Texas. He married Adelita DeLeon in 1976 in Muleshoe. He moved to Amarillo from McAllen in 1982.

Mr. Garcia was a field engineer employed by CCI Triad for 19 years. He was in the U.S. Navy and was a Vietnam veteran. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Adelita Garcia of Amarillo; one son Michael Dan Garcia of Amarillo; one daughter Leia Marie Garcia of Amarillo; one

brother David Garcia of Dallas-Ft. Worth; three sisters, Maria Elva Garza of Clovis, NM, Gloria Lopez of Decatur, Texas and Hortencia Gonzales of Alamo, Texas; parents Miguel Flores Garcia of Muleshoe and Irenia Casarez Garcia of Weatherford, Texas.

MEL HOWARD

Mel Howard, 69, of Odessa passed away Dec. 1 at Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock.

A graveside service was held with Rev. Charlie McReynolds officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home, Inc. in Odessa.

Mr. Howard was born on April 28, 1929 in Archer City, Texas. He married Opalene Cox in El Paso on July 11, 1970.

He was raised in Muleshoe and graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with a bachelor's degree and received his master's degree from Sul

Ross University. He coached several years in towns in the South Plains, El Paso Socorro and West Texas, producing several championship teams and influencing the lives and careers of many young people.

Mel was a very caring and loving husband, father, and grandfather. His passion was raising, training and racing horses. He very much loved the mountains of Ruidoso, N.M.

He is survived by his wife Opal Howard of Odessa; six daughters, Indi Howard of Odessa, Sherry Roller of Spring, Texas, Donna Howard of Lubbock, Jacque Howard of Lubbock, Cindy Cook of Bastrop, Texas, and Debbie Munda of Dell City, Texas; one brother, Thomas Howard of Muleshoe; one son, Joe Moore of Waxahachie, Texas; three sisters, Margie Howard and Naomi Owen both of Muleshoe and Janelle Singleterry of Elsinore, Calif.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents Oren and Edna Howard and brothers Ray and Loren Howard.

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ENGAGEMENT



Stone — Hull

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Stone of Muleshoe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Misty, to Steve Hull. He is the son of Harry and Sandy Hull of New Buffalo, Mich. Misty earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University in human development and family studies. She is employed by Interim On Premise at Howmet Corporation in LaPorte, Ind. Steve is a senior at Purdue University and will graduate in December with a bachelor of science degree in building construction management. After graduation, he will be employed at Gerald H. Phipps General Contractors in Denver, Colo. The couple will marry at 11 a.m. on Jan. 2, 1999 at the Trinity Church Chapel in Lubbock. They will reside in Denver.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported admitting the following patients:

Nov. 27 — Lisa Martinez and Leola Stroud.

Nov. 28 — Lois Harmon and Lisa Martinez.

Nov. 29 — Lois Harmon

Nov. 30 — Joe Shipman, Manuel Soto, Glen Splawn and Lora Dale.

Dec. 1 — Palestina Contreras, Lora Dale, Kathy Garcia, Joe Shipman, Manuel Soto, Glenn Splawn and Ellis Sterling.

Dec. 2 — Donna Black, Palestina Contreras, Lora Dale, Joe Jennings, Richard Rowton, Joe Shipman, Manuel Soto, Glen Splawn and Ellis Sterling.

Dec. 3 — Lora Dale, Margarita Hernandez, Joe

Jennings, Ellis Sterling and Chloe Walker.

BIRTH

EMILY ANN PRECURE

Carroll and Terri Precure of Muleshoe announce the birth of their second daughter, Emily Ann Precure.

Emily was born at 5:16 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1998 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She has two brothers, Andrew, 11, and Patrick, 8, and one sister, Adrienne, 3.

Grandparents are Ray and Jeanetta Precure of Muleshoe and Wayne and Pat Clark of Lazbuddie.

Great grandparents are Clara Harrison of Lowell, Ark. and Erma Templar of Muleshoe.

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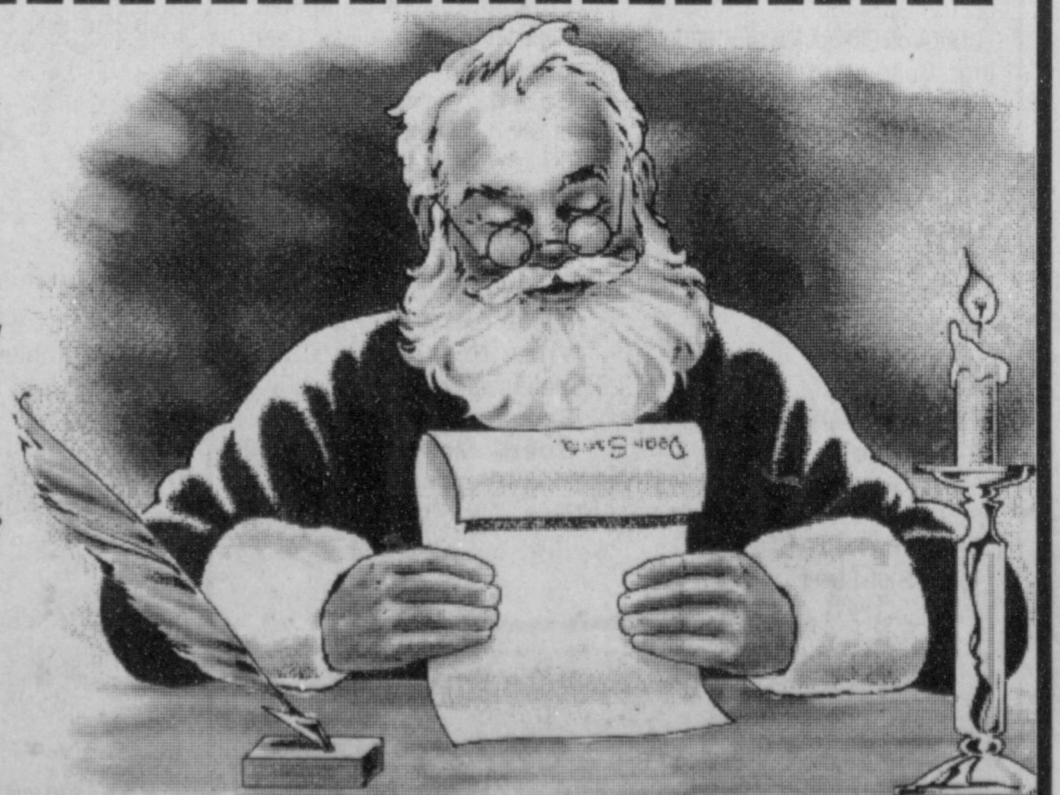
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Four Muleshoe students attend FFA convention

Josh Kitchens, Dusty Ramage, Chris Vaughn and Brandon Thomason of the Muleshoe High School FFA Chapter traveled to Kansas City, Mo. to attend the 71st national convention of the FFA.

They were accompanied by Carl Wheeler, the AG Sciences instructor. The FFA organization held its first national convention in Kansas City in 1929 and a large monument has been placed on the corner of the block where the first meeting was held. The convention has grown larger and more prestigious each year since 1929.

These young people were entertained, motivated, and enthused over many of today's great speakers. One of the main speakers that the Muleshoe group enjoyed was Les Brown, who after being diagnosed as learning disabled has developed his speaking ability to the point of being a top radio announcer. He owns his

own company which does motivational programs for all types of corporations and groups. Some of the other speakers included: Warren Faidley of Storm Chasers, William T. Boehkm of the Kroger Company, A. Charles Fischer of Dow Agrosiences, Gerda Klein, author-historian, Baxter Black-cowboy poet, and Robin Roberts-sportscaster.

Highlighting the convention was the agricultural career show. The two-block-long-exhibit-center was filled with over 350 exhibitors. The exhibits included almost all of the major universities in the nation, all of the state FFA Associations with exhibits of agriculture in each state, and commercial exhibitors from all phases of the agriculture industry.

The Muleshoe group had a full trip. On the way, they attended the World Quarterhorse Show and visited the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Okla-



Students who attended the National FFA Convention were (pictured left to right) Dusty Ramage, Chris Vaughn, Josh Kitchens and Brandon Thomason.

homa City. They also toured the Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where some of the members are planning to attend school after high school.

On the way home, the group visited the Agriculture Hall of Fame in Topeka, Kansas and witnessed the threshing of wheat with a belt-driven-threshing-machine. They also saw other farm equipment, dating back to the horse-drawn era. Amazingly,

almost all of the equipment there is in operating condition.

The 71st Convention hosted over 45,000 members and has outgrown the facilities which Kansas City has to offer. The 72nd convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, which claims to have adequate facilities. Next year promises to be another great one at the National FFA Convention.

ENGAGEMENT



WORLEY—BUSSEY

Mr. Jim and Debbie Worley of Roswell, N.M. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Sharla Renee, to Shawn D. Bussey, son of Leon and Judy Logsdon of Muleshoe. Sharla is a Roswell graduate and is employed at McKay & Co., PC Accounting firm in Clovis, N.M. Shawn graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1987, and is employed as a Finance Manager at Teague-Strebeck Motors in Portales, N.M. The couple will marry on Dec. 26, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the New Vision Church of the Nazarene in Muleshoe. They will reside in Clovis.

TOPS NEWS

Fourteen members were present December 3 for the TOPS #34 meeting. It was held at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard.

Laverne James presided over the meeting. Alma Robertson led the opening song.

At the December 3 meeting, the Best Loser was Alma

Robertson. Aurora Mata was first runner up and Janie Hughes was 2nd runner up.

The minutes were read by Janie Hughes. For the month of November, Laverne James was Best Loser and Aurora Mata was First Runner up.

The weight recorders are Betty Jo Davis and Alene Bryant.

NURSING HOME NEWS

Our Thanksgiving Holiday was filled with the great blessings of family, good food and beautiful weather. We trust yours was too.

Upcoming events for December are as follows:

Dec. 10 — The Brownies and Daisies's will come by to sing Christmas Carols.

Dec. 16 — The Muleshoe Choir will be here in concert. 8:45-9:30 a.m.

Dec. 17 — The residents' Christmas Party and a visit from Santa is scheduled at 4:30 p.m.

We invite you to come see us too!

The 16th and Ave. D Church of Christ ladies baked and served us homemade pies right before Thanksgiving. Each Sunday the Muleshoe Church of Christ directs the Lords Supper/Communion Service. Clara Lou Jones or Buster Kittrell teach the Bible Study. Saturday afternoon Melvin and Wanda Griffin, Harold and Mary Jo Burge direct the

Bingo games. Clark Price (our cookie man) brings his homemade cookies for refreshments.

Mattie Grimsley returned to the Healthcare Center Monday. She has been hospitalized in Abilene. Welcome back Mattie. We missed you!

At this writing, Lora Dale is in the local hospital. Please remember her as well as Alex Cisneros and Arnold Beckett in your prayers.

Betty Ramage delivered quarters for our bingo games on Wednesday. This week we received a donation from the Mary Martha S.S. Class. On Monday, Gladys Wilson made and delivered to us a large batch of homemade peanut brittle. Kimberly Dickerson served pumpkin pie to the residents Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, in the afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon, Beverly Wagnon, Lanell Stancell, Claudine Embry, Mary Jo Burge,

Nellie Wausen, Ozell Cherry, Karen Cook, Kimberly Dickerson and Joy Stancell shampooed and set the ladies hair and gave manicures.

Joe Embry came to visit Tuesday afternoon. Hazel Riddle's daughters, Dorothy Bowers and Mary Jo Burge, and her son and son-in-law, visited with her during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Winnie Orcutt's family visited her in the day room Wednesday night.

Ruth Clements and Tennie McCormick attended the Glenda Jennings/Jackie Scoggins Sing-a-Long puppet show Wednesday afternoon. Elzie Darland, Ruby Reed, Aline Locke, Jackie Daverport, Bill Maddox, Mary Holt, Dovie Matthew, Kenneth Martin, Webb Watts, Mollie Johnston, Grace Scarbrough, Frankie

Daniells, Ruth Lackey and Pearl Helmer all spent the Thanksgiving Holiday out with their family and friends. Many of the residents ate Thanksgiving dinner in the Care Center with their families. Ruth Clements dined with her husband Dee Clements. Guy Kendall's family came to visit with him, among the visitors was his wife Elsie and his daughter Darla Hoyl. Buster and Wanda Kittrell, Harold and Mary Jo Burge, Steve Claybrook and Loyce Killingsworth directed our coffee/donut and Singpiration time Wednesday morning.

Happy December birthday to Alex Cisneros, 12-12-1905. The December Birthday/Christmas Eve party has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 24 at 3 p.m. You are all invited!

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