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News Briefs

Muleshoe VFD calf fry tickets go on sale

Muleshoe firefighters help citizens by donating time, effort and risking their lives. Citizens can help firefighters by eating.

The eating has to be done at the annual Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department's annual Calf Fry Fund-raiser.

The dinner is going to be Saturday Feb. 7 at the Earl Ladd Fire Station on East Fifth and American. Tickets however can be purchased now from any firefighter or by calling 806-946-9144 or 806-946-8851 for more information.

The tickets are only \$5 a piece and include not only calf fries but all the trimmings as well.

All the profits will be dedicated to the department's general operating fund to make sure equipment and supplies are ready to go when needed.

City studies Atmos gas rate increase

The Muleshoe City Council held a special meeting last Tuesday to consider a resolution denying rate relief requested by Atmos Energy

On September 11, 2003, Atmos Energy Company filed a statement of intent to increase rates for natural gas delivered within the municipal limits of the City of Muleshoe effective October 16, 2003.

The City of Muleshoe, by resolution, extended the effective date for 90 days until January 14, 2004 to cooperate with other similarly situated cities to study the appropriateness and reasonableness of the Atmos request.

City manager David Brunson proposed that the council adopt the resolution to deny the rate increase and council agreed.

Local Weather

Look for mostly sunny skies Wed. with highs hovering around 63° and lows around 30°. Thurs.: Chance of showers, 56%/31°; Fri.: Showers, 57%/30°; Sat.: Mostly cloudy, 49%/21°; Sun.: Sunny, 57%/25°; Mon.: Mostly sunny, 61%/26°; Tues.: Partly cloudy, 59%/27°

Missed your paper?

Call Yolanda Martinez at 272-4536 during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



(Left) Sterling Via (10) tries to get past some Ram defenders while (Right) Amber Cowart drives for the basket against Portales.



Journal photo: Norm Brantley

Muleshoe sales tax increases

By JEFF WEST
Managing Editor

Sales tax figures from the Texas Comptrollers Office shows Muleshoe doing better than last year, but some neighboring towns are showing bigger gains.

January sales tax figures, which reflect November sales, grew 3.81 percent over January 2003 taking in \$27,625, up from the \$26,609 that was added to city coffers last year.

While Dimmitt has a smaller tax base, pulling in only \$19,710, that was a 15.2 percent increase from the same period last year. Also in Castro County, Nazareth's sales tax income grew by just over 22 percent to \$1,170. Sudan also showed positive numbers, although much smaller. Sales tax revenue grew 1.27 percent to \$2,318.

Heading the other direction, Farwell increased its sales tax revenue by nearly 38 percent to \$5,584.

One of the largest percentages of increase in the area was in Amherst in Lamb County. The state said sales tax revenue grew 67.3 percent over 2003 figures but the resulting total was only \$756, still an improvement over the \$451 it received last year.

Earth was the only city in the immediate area that showed a loss, although a tiny one, from last year. Official figures show a decline of .07 which resulted in a loss of less than \$2 from the year before to \$2,400.

The state's share of sales tax revenue was \$1.25 billion for the same sales period.

"That is a remarkably robust 8.7 percent increase compared to December 2002," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said.

Court updated on new state regulations

By JEFF WEST
Managing Editor

Bailey County Commissioners got some details about new state accounting procedures and heard a request to buy some property at a special session of the court last Friday.

The special session was called so that a representative from the Texas Comptrollers Office could explain some new accounting procedures local governments are going to have to use.

One of the most confusing and controversial parts

of the new rules involves showing a value and depreciation of almost everything the county owns, especially roads, bridges and dams.

Paul Lyon told the court that the rule "wasn't as bad as some of the rumors made it out to be."

He said a county doesn't have to include current roads at all in the inventory and can use broad estimates if it does. He also told the commissioners many current roads would be completely depreciated if county officials adopted certain standards that were allowed.

The commissioners had a lot of questions about when work on roads was maintenance, which doesn't have to be reported and what are improvements, which do. Some of those choices depend on how the court sets up procedures, within guidelines from the state.

Also during the special

session members of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe came to the court to present a proposal about buying some property that lies between the church and the new jail.

Barry Cowart told commissioners that a homeowner that owned property behind the First Baptist Church building, between their parking lots was interested in selling. The owners of the other house on that block of 2nd Street also told the church he might be interested in selling the property.

Cowart suggested that the county might buy the property to convert to parking for the new jail. The church and the county could then agree that both entities share the entire block of parking.

Cowart suggested that since the church's main use would be on Sundays and

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Buddy Embry and Leslie Kerby were just two of many volunteers who help set up the Bailey County Coliseum for the Stock Show starting Thursday in Muleshoe.

Pair of local lawmen seek sheriff's office

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

Muleshoe Police Lt. Otis Carpenter has thrown his hat into Bailey County's sheriff's race, opposing Sheriff Richard Wills.

"I feel it's the right time to make a move forward in law enforcement," he said. "I'm ready for the challenge."

Carpenter became a police officer in 1978 and is a 17-year veteran but took several years off to pursue other interests. He has been with the Muleshoe PD for six years.

"I've enjoyed every minute of my time with the guys I work with, but I'm ready to be number one, the boss," said Carpenter.

Carpenter's main goal, if elected, would be to make sure the sheriff's department takes care of county issues, more than city issues.

"I have experience, a lot to offer the people of Bailey County. I have supervisory experience and knowledge of

how to work people productively," said Carpenter.

Although Carpenter said he and Wills are good friends, he does see some things he would like to see changed.

He said, "I have nothing but respect for the job he [Wills] has done, but I can bring a new perspective to the office. I'll work to find the most effective way to run the department."

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

Incumbent Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills has filed for re-election to retain his position for another term.

"I've enjoyed being of service to the people and consider it an honor to be Bailey County's sheriff. "I've done it once and had some success," he said.

Wills is no rookie when it comes to politics. He has been active with the Republican party over the years.

Wills has served as Bailey County's delegate at the Republican Convention in the past.

Wills commented the

new jail has been the "pleasure" of his current term. He hopes to be re-elected to see the new facility finished.

"I've established important contacts for the Bailey County facility," said Wills.

Over the past two years, Wills has completed a new policies and procedures manual for his office, a process which took over a year-and-a-half to complete. He is currently working on a similar plan for patrol officers.

Wills said he hopes the community appreciates what he has been trying to do and the direction he has taken the department.

"I look forward to the opportunity to serve for a complete four-year term."



Carpenter



Wills



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Athletic Booster Club to meet

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club will meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the M.H.S. science room until basketball season is over.

Lazbuddie seniors do lunch

Lazbuddie Senior Class will sponsor a senior luncheon Sunday, January 18, 2004 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The menu includes homemade chicken fried steak, green beans, mashed potatoes with cream gravy, tossed green salad, biscuits and homemade dessert at \$6.50 per plate. Take outs and deliveries will be available by calling 965-2130. Proceeds will go towards the senior trip. Also, Senior 2004 Calenders are available for \$6.00.

UMW to host guest speaker

Sunday, January 18, 2004 is United Methodist Women Day and members of the local UMW are conducting the 11:00 a.m. church service at Muleshoe First United Methodist Church. The guest speaker for this service will be Beth Pratt, religious editor of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*. A special invitation is extended to anyone interested in our community to come and hear Beth Pratt on this special Sunday.

Cotton Conference called

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference - West will be held January 27, 2004 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. Registration begins at 8 a.m. There is a \$15.00 fee, which includes lunch at the seminar. Five continuing education units are available. For more information, call Curtis Preston at the Bailey County Extension Office, 806-272-4583.

First Assembly to conduct revival

A revival service will be held Sunday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on Monday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m., at the First Assembly of God Church, 521 South First, Muleshoe. Special guest will be Renee Moore, pro-

viding special music and preaching. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the church at 272-3017.

Adult Learning Center moves

The Muleshoe Adult Learning Center has moved to its new location inside the SPCAA/Texas Workforce Center (Tradewinds Plaza), 804 West American Blvd. The center is currently enrolling for the spring semester. For information, contact Sharon Grant via the Texas Workforce Commission at 272-7537 (calls will be forwarded) or at home, 272-5766.

MISC announces monthly meetings

The Muleshoe Investment Strategist Club (MISC) would like to announce that it meets every third Thursday of each month in the Muleshoe Public Library at 7 p.m. If interested in investment discussion and education, call 272-4332.

Addresses listed for charities

- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe 79347.
- Hope Chest, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347;
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary Gift Fund, c/o Janice Bradshaw, 669 CR 21, Muleshoe 79347 or call 965-2619 or drop by Muleshoe State Bank and talk to Janice.
- Bailey County Food Pantry, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe 79347
- Rainbow Room, 902 W. Avenue J, Muleshoe 79347.
- Lazbuddie EMS and volunteer fire department, Box 125, Lazbuddie 79053.

Or call the Muleshoe Community Foundation - Gary Sirkel at 272-4710 or Kay Mardis at 272-3349.

Public Calendar

Jan. 23, 2004 — Deadline to file for candidacy in the special election to fill the city council seat of Juan Chavez who resigned. Election will be Feb. 7, 2004.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Muleshoe Journal has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office:

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Rodney Baker (D)
Jack Dunham (R)
Butch Vandiver (R)

PRECINCT 3

Alfredo Anzaldua (D)

PRECINCT 4

Joye Kindle (D)
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Ginger Damron (D)
Lewis W. Shafer (R)

SHERIFF

Otis Carpenter (R)
Richard Wills (R)



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Wednesdays there would be little conflict in use.

Commissioner Joey Kindle questioned whether the jail would require any additional parking. He said that visiting days had not been a problem in the past and that many of the new prisoners would be detain-

ees for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, whose families would often not be local residents and would not visit as often.

Commissioner Jack Dunham said he might be interested in the project if the costs were not high. One property was valued at \$25,000 and the other at

\$15,000 by their owners.

Cowart said that without the extra parking he believed there was not enough parking for the new jail.

"The church wants to be community minded and have tried to be," he said.

While the church has considered purchasing the property itself, it was "not real anxious to do that," he said

Other options available were for the church to buy the land and fence it off or to do nothing Cowart said.

The item was not up for a vote and all the commissioners expressed doubt that they would be in favor of buying the land if such a proposal was formally introduced.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

The senior center saw a large crowd last Thursday for its monthly pot luck. Musical entertainment was provided by Salomon Madrid and his Caliente Jalapeños. Everyone enjoyed their peppy tunes. The seniors appreciate the talented groups who play for the pot luck luncheons.

January 15, Thursday at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Community-wide Stew and Combread meal, which includes condiments, dessert and drink for \$6.00. Come enjoy a noon meal with the seniors and see what they're

doing at the center.

On Thursday, January 22, the center will hold a health fair for seniors interested in a checkup.

February's calender will feature a big noon Valentine Banquet on February 12, with lots of fun, surprises and prizes.

The seniors are delighted that many bridge clubs are now meeting at the center. The Muleshoe Art Association met at the senior center with Nelda Merriott, member, hosting the meeting. An art video by Jerry Yarnell was viewed and refresh-

ments were enjoyed by the eight members present. They complemented the center.

About 18 walkers come every morning about 9:00 a.m. to walk since the coliseum is closed to walkers due to the stock show. Some also use the exercise equipment. Everyone interested in walking is cordially invited — and the coffee pot will be on!

All seniors, sixty and over, are reminded to come by the center and sign the register on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as this helps with funding.

HONOR ROLLS

SPRINGLAKE-EARTH

Third Six Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade — Laurie Davis, James McCurry and Jose Vega.

Tenth Grade — Zeth Collom and Shelley York.

Eleventh Grade — Bonnie Bagwell, Jordan Loucks and Erik Olvera.

Twelfth Grade — Hannah Barton, Curt Bills, Alyssa Davis, Dustin Graham, Russell Miller, Heather Moore, Jessica Vaughan and Krista West.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade — Andrew Lancaster, Haley Lunsford, Kristi Miller and Erica Proctor.

Tenth Grade — Brook Bottelman and Michael Miller.

Eleventh Grade — Victoria Longoria.

Twelfth Grade — Tisha Marquez, Rosemary Salazar,

Tyler Roland and Chasity Spencer.

WATSON JUNIOR HIGH

Third Six Week

Sixth Grade — Daniela Aburto, Austin Bamert, Jessica Behrends, Craig Black, Miranda Camarillo, Adrian Chacón, Jose Cuevas, Caitlyn Durben, Alexandria Eagle, Jonathon Garcia, Justin Griswold, Dustin Hawkins, Eddie Herrera, Jessica Howard, Sarah Johnson, Alma Marrufo, Melissa Mendoza, Xavier Mora, Adrian Muñiz, Brittany Railsback, Brenda Rodriguez, Victor Rodriguez, Angel Salcido, Julia Silva, Jared Skipworth, Tiffany Standard, Jasmine Toscano and Andrew Villarreal.

Seventh Grade — Maria Alexander Ballenger, Karen Campos, Adriana Gonzalez, Liliana Guerrero, Brandi Hamilton, William Hanks, Kasey Hearn, Ashley

Johnson, Jessica Lopez, Clara McBane, Chelsea Moore, Jackson Myers, Tabitah Orr, Kathryn Owens, Janae Pyle, Lourdes Ramirez, Hilda Rascón, Mayra Rodriguez, John Michael Salinas, Morgan Smith, Sunny Snider, Adriana Toscano, Gizell Vasquez, Victor Vasquez, Amy Withrow, Lane Wood, Wesley Wood.

Eighth Grade — Tanner Bales, Heather Barker, Corie Ann Black, colby Carpenter, Leticia Castorena, Dusty Clayton, Crescent Crawford, Angel Daniel, Natasia Daniel, Brooke DeLaGarza, Colt Ellis, Ashley Grmbles, Colton heinrich, Jacy Lawrence, Ceasar Lopez, Courtney Mardis, Gilberto Mojica, Belen Nuñez, Franklin Piland, Garrett Riley, Juan Salcido, Ana Sanchez, Virginia Sheets, Eli Symm, Kelsey Tipps, Caitlin Wills and Joshua Zamora.

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Mayer Foundation awards senior citizens

The James and Eva Mayer Foundation of Plainview has awarded the Bailey County Senior Citizens (Oneita Wagnon Center) a \$35,000 grant to build a commercial kitchen and install kitchen equipment.

BCSC Board President Buster Kittrell said, "This grant comes at a perfect time. We received money a few months ago from the South Plains Association of Governments to buy the kitchen equipment but we had no idea how we would pay for building the kitchen or installing the equipment. The Mayer Foundation's gift is a dream come true."

The center has solicited bids from several contractors and expects to enter into a contract with the chosen bidder within 30 days. Construction will take several months and the project must be completed within 180 days according to requirements of the grant.

The seniors continue to make steady progress in



Courtesy photo

Pictured are (from left) Ann McElroy, volunteer, Buster Kittrell, BCSC President and Nelda Merriott, BCSC Coordinating Director.

renovating the former Beall's Department Store building. The roof was replaced in September. New electrical wiring was installed in the fall and handicapped-accessible restrooms were built with grant funds from the Lubbock Area Foundation.

The James and Eva Mayer Foundation was established in 1987 in Plainview by Mrs. Eva Mayer. The foundation, which focuses its giving in West Texas, is administered

by three trustees in Plainview. Recent grant recipients include: YMCA in Plainview, High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo, Wayland Baptist University, and the "Happy Feet" project and the "Share a Warm Hug" project in Plainview.

This is the first grant the Mayer Foundation has awarded to a Muleshoe organization.

A trustee for the foundation said, "We are very happy to award this grant to

one of our neighboring communities to show our support for rural communities and for senior citizens. The Foundation is proud to see new projects like this started by the community and for the community. We like to be a part of such efforts."

A note of thanks to all my friends and family who were able to share my 80th birthday celebration with me in December. Your kindness means more to me than any words can express. You made a very special day even better with your attendance. The many beautiful cards I received are a reminder of how blessed I am to live in our community. Thanks again for your love and memories.
EMMA LUE WILHITE

You snooze, you lose. Read the news!

NURSING HOME NEWS

The residents painted ceramics provided by Nancy Lemons Thursday morning.

Zona Gatewood and Janis Morrison directed the music and song session Thursday morning in the day room as well as the special care unit.

Friday morning, Lynn Campbell, Ann McElroy, Patricia Wilson, Dianne Brown, Lula Maye Shanks, Alice Liles, Anita Black, Ruby Henderson, Danny May, Gilbert Recio and Neva Calvert all volunteered their time and hard work to take down Christmas decorations at Park View.

Herman Morrison, Danny May and Gilbert hauled the decorations to the storage room. Trés Chic/Art Loft took down

their decorations in the dining room and day room. Decorators Floral also took down their decorations in sun room three as well as Carolyn's Christmas Creations in the sun room on hall one.

Harold and Avis Carpenter directed a music and "Remember When" program Friday afternoon. Special guest and entertainer was Lauren Carpenter, granddaughter of the Carpenters.

Trinity Baptist Church came for church services Sunday afternoon.

Jack and Debbie Stone came to sing and play for the residents Monday.

Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard of Earth Methodist Church directed a memorial service for Eloisa Anguiano Tuesday morn-

ing.

Josie Ovalle, Eva Nell Dale, Dolores Garrett, Pat Clark, Mary Jo Burge, Beckye Conklin and Pat Watson came to shampoo and set the ladies hair Tuesday afternoon. Pat Clark gave some haircuts.

Billie Powell and Marilyn Wilson came to visit the residents in Park View Tuesday afternoon.

Cody Favor, Buster Kittrell and Eva Nell Dale directed our devotional/singspiration time Wednesday morning following coffee time. Buster and Wanda Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts to the residents during coffee time.

Letha Patterson was visited by Mary Nell Bleeker Wednesday morning.

BIRTH

WINCHELL

Darin and Laurie Winchell of Muleshoe announce the birth of a daughter, Ashlyn Brynne Winchell, born at 8:00 a.m., December 15, 2003 at Plains Regional



Winchell

Medical Center in Clovis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 13.9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She has two sisters, Shaylee, 7, and Taylor, 5.

Grandparents are Chris and Buck Winchell of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Richard and Jeanne Belvin of Muleshoe. Great-grandmother is Mary Love of Seminole, Fla.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor of the *Muleshoe Journal*,

On December 23 with our car full of Christmas presents and luggage, we were off to our son's home in Albuquerque, N.M. for Christmas. My husband thought we could make it to Muleshoe for gas. Wrong! The car stalled and stopped about a mile east of the Lubbock water facility. We tried calling the number on the window of our car for help to no avail. My husband finally called 911.

The operator said she would call a deputy to bring us some gas. In about fifteen minutes, to our won-

dering eyes did appear — not a deputy, not Santa, but the sheriff of Bailey County. He offered us a ride to go get gas because he was afraid we were cold. It was 30° outside, but we had coats so we chose to stay in our packed car.

We want to publicly say many "thanks" to your sheriff who went to his house to get a gas can, filled it and brought it to us. He would only accept money for the gas. You have a sheriff of the people and for the people. He is to be commended!

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OBITUARIES

LEOLA STROUD

Services were held Thursday, January 8, 2003 at Trinity Baptist Church for Leola Stroud, 93, of Muleshoe. Rev. Bennie Wright and Frank Parker officiated. Burial was in Lawn Haven Cemetery in Cloyis.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Stroud was born May 23, 1910 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. She died Tuesday, January 6, 2004.

She married Ernest C. Stroud in Saltillo, Texas on November 27, 1928. He preceded her in death in 1970.

Mrs. Stroud moved to Bailey County near the Needmore community in 1948 from Dallas. She was a graduate of Sulphur Springs High School. She was a charter member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe and a member of the Muleshoe Senior Citizens. She worked as a nurse aid.

She is survived by two sons, Truman and Ray Stroud of Muleshoe; a daughter, Juanice Bridgeman of Muleshoe; a sister, Crystal Watson of Emory; a brother, Paul C. Wynn of Weaver; sixteen grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

EDWARD PRUITT

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 10, 2004 at the Eastside Church of Christ for Edward Pruitt, 63, of Morton. Joey Pierce of Morton officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Pruitt was born Nov. 6, 1940 in Reed, Okla. He died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004 in the Cochran Memorial Hospital, Morton.

He married Carol Carter in Morton on May 26, 1962.

He was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ in Morton. He was a charter member of the Morton Jaycees and a Boy Scout Leader and Cub Master in the Morton area. He worked for Cochran Electric Servicing Supply Co. from 1962 until 1976 when he purchased the company, operating it until 1991. He was retired at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Mark Pruitt of Whiteface and Eric Pruitt of Morton; a daughter, Gay Stewart of Altus,

Okla.; two sisters, Jo Ann Miller of Stamford; Thelma Haney of Altus, Okla.; three brothers, Jasper Pruitt of Altus, Okla., George Pruitt of Picayune, Miss., and Johnny Pruitt of South Charleston, Ohio; six grandchildren, Jared, Wade and Ashley Stewart and Zachary, Lauren and Ethan Pruitt, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorials be sent to Alcove Care, Inc., P.O. Box 882, Morton, Texas 79346 or the Eastside Church of Christ, 708 E. Taylor St., Morton, Texas 79346.

RAFAEL GONZALES JR.

Church services were held Monday, January 12, 2004 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth for Rafael Gonzales, Jr., 62, of Lazbuddie. Rev. Tim Judd of Petersburg officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mr. Gonzales was born August 20, 1941 in Beeville. He died Thursday, January 8, 2004 in BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

He married Antonia Gonzales in Lubbock on September 9, 1961. They moved to Lazbuddie from Lubbock in 1965. He was a farmer and a member of the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Joe Angel, Rafael III and Joe Frank Gonzales, all of Amarillo, and Joe Luis Gonzales of Arlington; two daughters, Linda Wilson and Connie Gonzales, both of Amarillo; four sisters, Rosa Gaytan of Pleasanton, Pauline Castillo and Patsy Beltran, both of Beeville, and Mary Lopez of Houston; three brothers, Ovidio and Ernest Gonzales of Beeville and Joe Gonzales of Houston; and four grandchildren.

W.O. "STEVE" STEPHENS

A memorial service was held Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at the Church of Christ in Sudan for W.O. "Steve" Stephens, 95, of Sudan. Jeff Proctor of Sudan officiated. A private burial was held in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home

of Sudan.

Mr. Stephens was born April 28, 1908 in Hamilton County. He died Sunday, January 11, 2004 in Park View Nursing Home of Muleshoe.

He married Mickey Reeve in Las Vegas, Nev., on September 2, 1945. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Sudan. He was a graduate of Roswell, N.M. High School. He had lived in the Sudan area since 1946, moving from Los Angeles, Calif. He worked a farmer.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Bette Withrow of Sudan; a sister, Evelyn Fisher of Sudan; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Francine Cooper in 1994 and Georgia Bailey in 1995.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 or the Church of Christ, Shiprock Fund, P.O. Box 98, Sudan, Texas 79371.

INEZ V. GALLEGOS

Services were held Wednesday, January 14,

2004 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dumas for Inez V. Gallegos, 90, of Dumas. Rev. Hugo Ruiz officiated, assisted by Deacon Joe Schwertner. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mrs. Gallegos was born April 15, 1913 in Grand Falls. She died Saturday, January 10, 2004 in Dumas.

She married Martin Gallegos in October 1940 in Chihuahua, Mexico. He preceded her in death in 2001. She was a homemaker and a resident of Dumas since 1973, moving from Muleshoe. She was also a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Maria Vasquez of Dumas; three sons, Freddie, Robert and Armando Gallegos, all of Dumas; three sisters, Dominga Galvan and Ramona Grajeda, both of Chihuahua, Mexico, and Juana Alarcon of Muleshoe; also, 15 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by Francisca Sanchez in 1971 and Louisa Rodriguez in 2003.

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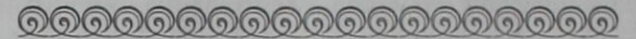
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The Muleshoe Heritage Foundation board met at 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2004 at the Santa Fe Depot. Board members present were Dustin Wilhite, president; Joe Bollinger, vice president; Jenne McVicker, secretary; and Gary Hooten, treasurer. Members present were Gene Rogers, Sammie Simpson, Lonnie Adrian, LaVonne McKillip, Ladene Spears, Dan Throckmorton and Vivian White.

The business meeting

began with a prayer by Wilhite. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Hooten presented the treasurer's report. Dolores Harvey, center hostess, reported that the 2003 West Texas Association Year Book has been received. It was reported that the Heritage Christmas float won first place and was presented \$75 in Mule Bucks. Discussions were held about the upkeep urgently needed on the Heritage buildings and the grounds. Plans are

being made to place a new split-rail fence along the recently purchased land where the Figure 4 Ranch House has been placed. Hooten gave a report on the trees the Heritage Center is obtaining from the Soil Conservation District.

Simpson reported that the old Virginia City Hotel located south of Muleshoe can now be moved. The collection committee will soon meet to decide on the feasibility of moving this old hotel. Meeting adjourned.

HONORS

WEAVER

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Rickey L. Weaver, a 1993 graduate of Sudan High School, and his fellow Sailors welcomed Maj. Gen. Graham Lamb aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise in the Arabian Gulf November 27.

Lamb, 3rd United Kingdom Division Commander and head of coalition forces in southeast Iraq, visited Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va., to discuss cooperations between U.S. and coalition forces and to get a firsthand look at carrier operations.

Lamb commended Weaver along with the 5,000 other Sailors aboard Enterprise for providing much needed support to ground troops in Iraq.

Recently, Weaver and his fellow crewmembers also hosted actor Ben Affleck aboard USS Enterprise.

Affleck delivered a morale-boosting message to Weaver and 5,300 other Sailors and Marines as they prepared to spend the holiday season defending the country.

"Thank you for your dedication, your service to the Navy and to this country," said Affleck from the ship's bridge. "You are loved and missed back home and we await your safe return."

Affleck later posed for photographs and signed autographs for the crew, which was treated to a special showing of Affleck's new film "Paycheck."

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ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

The following students were named to the dean's honor roll at Abilene Christian University for the spring 2003 semester:

Heather Sheets of Muleshoe is working toward a bachelor of science degree in communication disorders, interdisciplinary.

Sara Sheets of Muleshoe

is working toward a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

To make the dean's honor roll at ACU, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

Students from the Muleshoe area have been named to the president and dean's honor lists for the fall 2003 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the president's honor list must maintain a straight A or 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Students named to the dean's honor list must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

Named to the president's honor list from Muleshoe were Jessica Carpenter, John Cowart and Summer Daniel.

Named to the dean's honor list were Ernesto Navarro from Maple and Denisse Lopez, Toby Martinez and Jennifer Rempe from Muleshoe.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

The dean's list for the 2003 fall semester has been announced at Abilene Christian University.

Sara Jo and Heather Sheets of Muleshoe are among those students being named to the distinguished students list.

To make the dean's honor roll at ACU, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

The dean's list for the 2003 fall semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San

Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Muleshoe area:

Elizabeth L. Castorena, mathematics/secondary certification; Gary Judd Glover, psychology; Eric J. Posadas, business-management information systems option; and Laura Marie Wood, undeclared. photo attached

MCDANIEL

Kyle McDaniel, son of Darrell and Becky McDaniel of Muleshoe, graduated Oct. 31, 2003 from Airborne Paratrooper School B1 507th Airborne Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga. He is stationed at 82nd Airborne Ft. Bragg, N.C. He was recently deployed to Iraq on Jan. 8.



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LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Jodi Hawkins, Mitchell Mason and Holli Sheets, all of Muleshoe, have been named to the dean's list at Lubbock Christian University for the 2003 fall semester.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Joshua Williams of Muleshoe has been named to the president's list at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2003.

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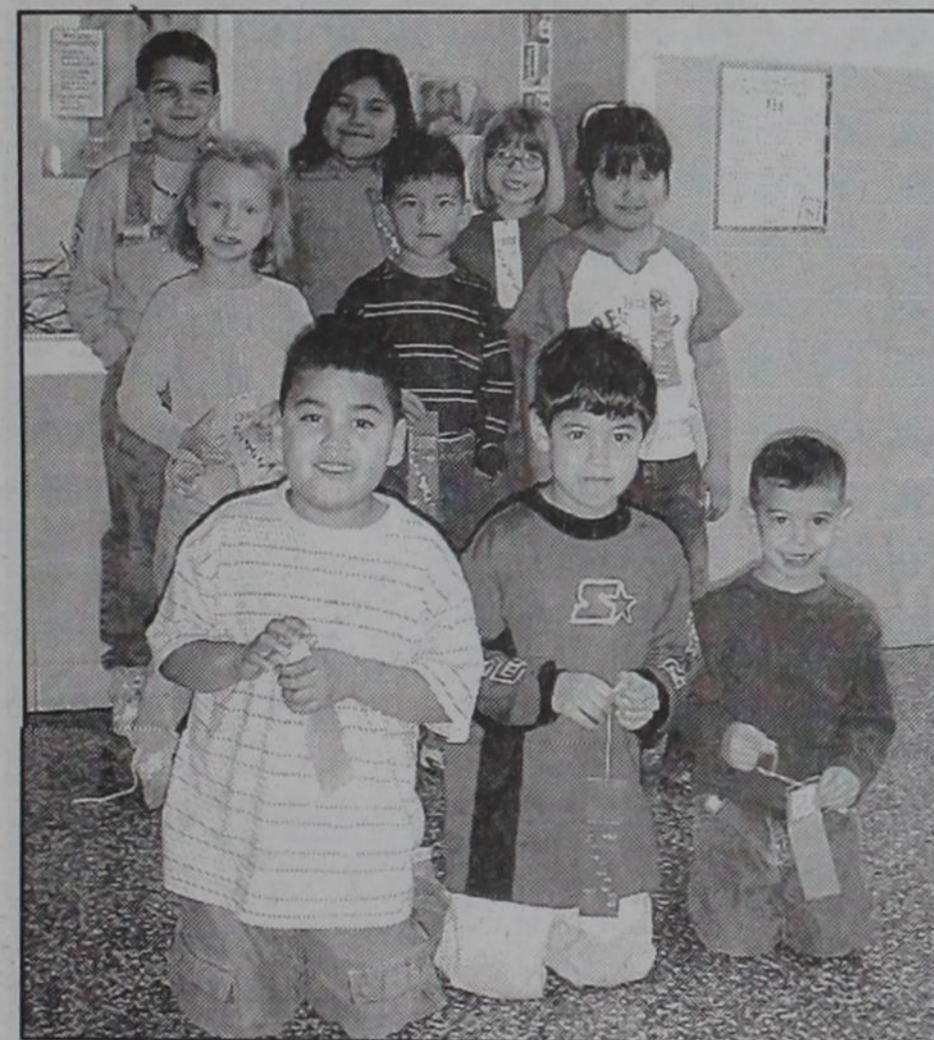


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S.H.A.P.E.S. Headstart's children are learning that it is better to give than to receive. Over the Christmas holidays, the Headstart students took products that will be useful to the Park View residents. Those participating were: Valerie Ambriz, Darius Armijo, Michael Camarena, Natalie Camarena, Draven Devenport, Yasmine Devenport, Mario Flores, Ashton Garcia, Micaela Garcia, Ezra Herrera, Leticia Loya, Marilyn Melendez, Tyler Mendoza, Kennedy Orozco, Noa Rojas, Kala Rubalcava, Enrique Saenz, Alexandria Salas and Brianna Velasquez. They sang Christmas songs with the residents. "Pancho Claus" also made a surprise visit while they visited with residents.



PTA poster winners from De Shazo Elementary for the 2003 October Fall Festival pictured above are (back row, from left) Skyler Smith, second place; Josh Stanford, first; Cassie Torres, third; (front row, from left) Sarah Whitworth, third; Cassidy Lowe, third; Jaime Ramos, second and Morgan Burris, first. Not pictured was fourth-grader Jodee Hall. Dillman Elementary winners pictured below are (back row, from left) Nathan Stanford, first; Mercedes Morin, second, and Bailey Bales, third; (middle row, from left) Rachele Whitworth, third; Noah DelToro, second; and Christian Reyna, third; (front row, from left) Sergio Salas, first; and Brannon Chavez, second; and Tre Villa, first. Not pictured were Michelle Chavez, first place and Libby Marrufo, second place.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Troop 620 and Pack 620 of the Muleshoe Boy Scouts spent last Saturday morning collecting food bags donated by local residents. The troop and pack collected a total of 2,200 pounds of food for the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. The scouts and family members also helped sort out the items and were later treated to a meal at McDonald's courtesy of the food bank.

So, Tell Me, What's Really in a Name?

So, what's in a name?

My own parents named me Curtis Kline. (No jibes, now. It wears just as well as Milton Scott or William Jehoshaphat or Delton Eli or Richard Milhouse or Clive Staples or John Luke or . . .) Presumably, Mom and Dad liked the sound of it, but more than that, they liked the two gents whose names they bor-

parents must've bought one of those baby name books, flipped it open in some haste, popped their finger over to an entry in the L's, and landed upon "Lambert," pretty much guaranteeing that their son would never find his name etched into a cornerstone as CEO of a Fortune 500 company. Which is probably way overrated anyway.

William Frederick Halsey. It was the right name for an admiral a long time before Halsey won flag rank.

John Hancock. Johann Sebastian Bach. Oliver Wendell Holmes. William Henry Harrison.

Lambert Stromp. Not the same.

Then there was the fictional uncle who Garrison Keillor writes about in some of his "News from Lake Wobegon" stories. The gentle, unassuming little man was Senator K. Torvaldsen, and, no, he was not a senator. He had, in fact, never been elected to any public office at all, much less the United States Senate. But his parents liked the ring of "Senator," didn't care a fig for the names in baby name books, and cared even less about the fact that nobody else ever named a kid "Senator." They were proud Norwegian Minnesotans perfectly willing to pioneer a new naming trend, and they thought "Senator" would do just fine as a first name, which, for him, it was. And I suppose they were right.

Whatever our names, if we've committed our lives to God, we wear His name. Wear it well.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

rowed, Curtis Humphries and Kline Nall. Uncle Kline, longtime English professor at Texas Tech who passed away just a few weeks ago, wrote a letter to me (I was still in the crib at the time) explaining that my names meant "courteous little one," and I hope the description is still at least halfway accurate.

Names are interesting things. Some prestige seems to be attached to having either fewer—or more—than old Billy Bob Smith who has just the usual three.

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Madonna.
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The prophet Hosea got into all manner of trouble after he married a woman named Gomer. Well, what did he expect?

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Seventh Mules maim Lubbock Cooper Pirates second time around

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules scuttled the Lubbock Cooper Pirates' ship for the second time this season. The Mules fired a 15-2 scoring salvo in the first period that knock a large hole in the Pirates hull.

The Mules held off the Pirates in the last three periods for a 32-25 win. Dillon Gallman converted a free throw and Victor Vasquez picked a Pirate's pocket in the backcourt and drove for a layup to put the Mules on top to stay.

The Mules used full court pressure to keep the Pirates off balance and Gallman grabbed a Pirate pass and scored. Lane Wood drove the baseline and was fouled. L. Wood converted the charity toss for an old fashion three-point play.

Vasquez picked off a Cooper pass and drove to draw the defense. Vasquez dished to L. Wood for an eight-foot baseline jumper to put the Mules on top 10-2. Wes Wood committed the felony and found L. Wood open for the easy deuce.

Vasquez drained a three to

complete the scoring in the opening frame. The Pirates converted four free throws in the second period to slow down the Mules. The Pirates trailed 22-8 at the intermission.

Vasquez stripped a Pirate of the ball as the second half began and drove the floor for a basket. Gallman made a move in the paint to score on a Mule inbound play. The Mules' defensive pressure kept the Pirates bottled up in the backcourt for a 10-second call.

Gallman stepped out to the top of the key and found

W. Wood running the baseline open in the lane for a short jumper. The Pirates broke their scoring drought at the three-minute mark in the third period.

Gallman turned in the lane and scored with a baby hook shot before Cooper strung together a seven-point run to end the third quarter trailing 30-17. In the fourth period the Mules went to a four-corner offense to grind the time off the clock.

L. Wood paced the Mules with 11 points, Vasquez added 10 and Gallman

dropped in nine. W. Wood seemed to be all over the court on defense and chipped in two points for the Mules.

The Mules travel to Littlefield January 19 and

to Slaton on the 26th. The Mules are in the Littlefield tournament January 29-31 and return home to take on the Dimmitt Bobcats for their final home appearance of the season.

Eighth Mules exterminate Lubbock Cooper

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules reversed the charges on the Lubbock Cooper Pirates and revenged an opening game loss to the Pirates. The Mules used long range shooting and ball control to blast the Pirates 25-17.

Garrett Riley fired the Mules first long range shot from the top of the key. Colby Carpenter nailed the Mules second 3-pointer to

put the Mules on top to stay with two minutes left in the first period.

Carpenter added a short jumper to extend the Mule lead to 8-5 as the first period ended. Dusty Clayton drove the baseline and was fouled shooting in the 'Land of the Giants'. Clayton made both charity tosses as the second period began.

Clayton again drove the baseline and avoided the

giants to end all scoring before the half. A very stingy Mule defense held the Pirates to only two points in the second frame and trailed the Mules 12-7 at the half.

The Pirates had their second two-point quarter in the third and Carpenter hit nothing but net from the top of the key for a trey. Riley was fouled on a drive and made both charity tosses to extend the Mule lead to 17-

9.

The Pirates played the Mules even in the final period as both teams put eight points on the board. Riley dropped in his second trey of the night. The Mules slashed through the Pirate press and Patrick Precure finished the fast break with a layup.

Carpenter and Riley made three final charity tosses as the clock ticked away. Riley paced the Mules with 10 points and Carpenter added nine. Clayton dropped in four points and Precure made two for the Mules.

The Mules travel to Littlefield January 19 to battle the Wildcats and go to Slaton the 26th to meet the Tigers. The Mules return home February 2 to tangle with the Dimmitt Bobcats in the Mules' final home game of the season.

Freshmen dissolve Lubbock Cooper

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The freshman Mules sunk the Lubbock Cooper Pirates for the second time this season 51-37. Timothy Conner put the Mules up by four by knocking down a 3-pointer from the corner.

Cade Smith broke down the back door and T.J. Brantley hit him with a perfect pass. Tony Guzman hit back-to-back buckets and Dustin Barker dropped in a charity toss to push the

Mule lead to 11-1 before the Pirates could score a bucket in the final minute of the first period.

Barker used a screen out front and drove the weak side for a layup to begin the second frame. Brant Hamilton drained a three from the corner on an in bound play to extend the Mule lead to 18-7.

Smith dropped in a three from the corner as the clock ran down to end the first half with the Mules leading 23-11. The Pirates came back firing in the third period with an 8-1 scoring run.

Barker and Smith accounted for all four of the Mules third period points by making four free throws while the Pirates put up 11 points to cut the Mule lead to 27-22. Eric Washington grabbed an offensive re-

bound and put it back for the Mules.

James Coffman's 3-pointer from the corner seemed to reignite the Mule's offense. The Mules mounted a 9-3 run that ended with less than three minutes left in the game.

Washington and Hamilton led the Mules with nine points each and Guzman added eight. Barker and Smith dropped in seven apiece, Conner had four, Coffman three and Brantley and D.J. Robertson made two each for the Mules.

The Mules travel to Littlefield to meet the Wildcats January 19 and are in the Dimmitt tournament January 22-24. The Mules return to their home floor February 2 to tangle with Dimmitt in their final home appearance.

PUBLIC RECORD

- MULESHOE POLICE**
- Nov. 21**
Jacob Brian Russell, 28, Lubbock County warrant.
 - Nov. 25**
Bobby Kenneth Thompson, 45, theft by check in Garza County.
 - Nov. 26**
Roney Ray Hayes, 48, unlawful possession of weapon.
 - Nov. 28**
Marcos Reyes, 27, violation of a protective order.
 - Benito Hidrogo Olvera, 64, public intoxication.
 - Nov. 30**
Jorge Mireles A. Dominguez, 20, driving under the influence and immigration hold.
 - Dec. 5**
Charles Ray Howard, 21, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 - Dec. 16**
Michael Kent Bradley, 38, false report.
 - Sherry Leann Eagle, 30, Dawson County warrant.
 - Dec. 17**
Jose Luis Gutierrez, 31, DWI, second; unlawful carrying of a weapon and failure to register as sex offender.
 - Dec. 20**
Mark Randle Gililand, 41, DWI.
 - Dec. 21**
Rogelio Noe Anzaldua, 47, DWI.
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Mules trample Friona Chieftains; lose to Portales Rams

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules stampeded through the Friona Chieftains 62-37 January 6. But, the Mules could not keep pace with the defending state champion Portales Rams on Friday night. The Mules fell to the Rams 60-51 in a seesaw battle.

Friona scored first and led the first three minutes of the contest. After that, it was all Mules as they race out to a 16-9 lead at the end of the first period. Tatom Heathington found Brady Black open on the blocks four minutes into the contest.

Black was fouled on the shot and completed an old fashion three-point play to put the Mules on top to stay. Trevor Turnbow dropped in a trey from the corner to cap the Mules scoring in the opening frame.

Landon Sheets had struggled during the holidays but got his game back on track against the Chieftains. He scored six points in the first two periods by putting back rebounds and a short jumper.

In the third period, Ln. Sheets racked up a pair of treys and 10 of his game high 16 points. The Mules owned a 31-19 advantage at the intermission and continued to pound Friona with a 20-6 third period.

Ln. Sheets led the Mules with 16 points and Black added 15. Tyler Sheets and Turnbow each dropped in nine points and Sterling Via had eight. Heathington and Kory Atwood each chipped in two points and Chris Kindle made one for the Mules.

Via scooped in a shot in the lane to briefly put the Mules on top of the Rams.

The Rams went on an 11-3 scoring run during the next three minutes. Ln. Sheets interrupted the run with a 3-pointer and Via ended the run with a trey from the top of the key.

Ln. Sheets had an opportunity for an old fashion three-point play but missed the charity toss. Heathington cleared the glass and put the ball back in to give the Mules a 12-11 advantage.

The Rams sandwiched a Heathington 10-foot baseline jumper between a pair of treys to end the first period with a 19-14 lead. Ty. Sheets was four-for-four from the charity stripe to cut the Rams' lead to a single point as the second period began.

Via got open for a 3-pointer as the Mules zipped the ball around the perimeter. Heathington and Black added free throws as the first half ended with the Mules trailing 28-27.

Ln. Sheets went on a seven-point scoring spree in the third frame to keep the Mules close. The Rams used a 6-2 run to take a 43-38 advantaged into the final period.

Black picked off a Ram pass and found Heathington open outside the arc to cut the Portales lead to 43-41. The Rams added six to their total before Heathington popped the net from the top of the key.

Via briefly interrupted a six-point scoring run with two charity tosses and put a stop to the run with a six-foot jumper. Landon Wilson nailed a trey from the corner as the Mules tried to mount a final come back.

The Rams finished the Mules by making three of four charity tosses in the final 26 seconds.

Via and Ln. Sheets made 12 points apiece and Heathington had 11. Kindle, Black and Ty.

Sheets added four points each, Wilson three, and Turnbow chipped in two for the Mules.

The Mules traveled to Denver City for their final non-district tilt January 13 and goes to Slaton to tangle

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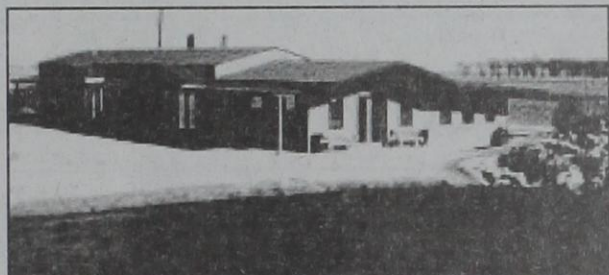
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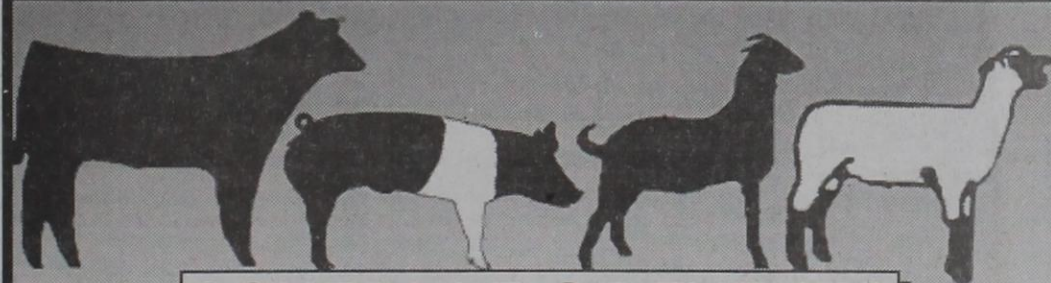
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Ladies eliminate Friona, blast Lubbock Cooper

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Lady Mules wrapped up the pre-district portion of their season with a 17-5 record. In the final warm-up before district the Lady Mules out lasted the Friona Squaws 40-39 in an overtime battle in Friona.

The Lady Mules hosted the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates in the two teams' district opener. The Lady Mule defense scuttled Cooper's offense and blasted the Lady Pirates 58-23.

The Lady Mules quickly ran away from the Squaws in the opening frame to take a 14-8 advantage into the second period. Friona began the second period with an eight-point scoring run to briefly take a two-point advantage.

Lindsey Wood drove the weak side and was fouled on the layup. L. Wood knocked down both charity tosses to knot the game at 16-16. The Squaws seemed to lull the Lady Mule defense into a much slower pace as the game progressed.

The slow play is not the style that best suits the Lady Mules and the two teams went in at the half dead locked at 20-20. Only 11 points were scored in the third quarter as the Lady Mules pulled in front 27-24.

Sara Benham blocked a shot as the final period began and Kelsy Friskup finished the fast break that ensued. After a defensive stop,

Benham cleared the offensive glass and put the ball back up and in to push the Lady Mule lead to seven.

Friona quickly struck back with a 3-pointer that began a 9-2 scoring run for the Squaws to tie the game at 33-33. Benham beat a triple team in the lane but the Squaws answered with a bucket of their own.

Friona was content to play keep away in the final minute and take the game to overtime. The two teams only managed a single free throw apiece in the first three minutes of the over-time period.

Friskup lobbed a pass over the defense to Benham in the lane to give the Lady Mules a two-point advantage with 45 seconds left. The Squaws struck back with a trey to re-take the lead at the 30-second mark.

Friona cleared a Muleshoe miss and the Lady Mules fouled the Squaws. Friona could not convert the front end of a one-and-one and Benham cleaned the glass. Lady Mule coach Shana Simms called time out with 7.5 seconds left in over time.

L. Wood took the in-bound pass and raced across the time line. Benham had run the floor and claimed the inside position in the lane. L. Wood lased a pass down the center of the lane to the double-teamed Benham.

Benham kissed the ball off the glass for the winning shot and the buzzer sounded as her

feet touched the floor. "That was definitely a wake up call for us tonight," said Simms. "We did not play well tonight and we let Friona dictate the pace of the game. But our kids listened and executed the final play we drew up in the time out. They really stayed focused."

Benham paced the Lady Mules with 21 points and Friskup dropped in eight. Tori Barton added five points, L. Wood, Jamie Carpenter and Brandi Wood chipped in two points each.

The Lady Pirates of Cooper are picked by both teams and the Lady Mules for supremacy of the district. Cooper showed to be a good shooting team in the opening period but could not handle the Lady Mule defensive pressure. Muleshoe jumped in front 14-9.

The second period was a defensive struggle by both teams and the Lady Mules out scored Cooper 4-2 to take an 18-11 lead into the third period.

The Lady Mule pressure cooker defense paid dividends in the third frame as the Lady Mules out ran Cooper 19-5 to take a 37-16 margin into the final eight minutes.

Friskup heated up in the final period to score 12 of her game high 20 points and Benham finished with 17. Barton reached double digits with 10 points that included back-to-back 3-pointers in the third quarter.

"We did not get off to a very fast start tonight and did not play well in the first half," said Kelsy Friskup. "We did a much better job on defense in the last half and that helped our offense to get on track."

L. Wood added seven points and B. Wood and Cowart each dropped in two points for the Lady Mules. The Lady Mules forced Cooper to commit 30 turnovers the Lady Mules converted to 27 points.

Theft was rampant in the game as the Lady Mules had 21 steals and shot 47% from the floor. The Lady Mules only committed 11 turnovers during the contest.


"We dictated the pace of the game tonight with our defense," said Coach Simms. "Our offense is a direct result of the defense we play. Our defense will take us a long way as this season plays out."

The Lady Mules traveled to Littlefield January 13 and then go to Slaton on Friday to meet the feisty young Lady Tigers. The Lady Mules return home January 20 to host the Bobbies of Dimmit.

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To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of RHEBA BARRETT, Deceased, No. 2339 in the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, Probate Matter: The undersigned having been duly appointed Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of RHEBA BARRETT, Deceased, by the Judge of the County Court of Bailey County, Texas, on the 17th day of December, 2003, hereby notifies all persons indebted to this Estate to come forward and to make settlement, and those having claims against the Estate to present them to the Co-Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

LYNNE ROZELLE BOX
618 West 18th Muleshoe, Texas 79347

Signed by: LYNNE ROZELLE BOX, Co-Executor of the Estate of RHEBA BARRETT, Deceased

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HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- 3-1 Brick, cent. heat, evap. air, corner lot, fenced yd., stor. bldg., MORE!! \$35K!! HS-1
- 3-2-1/2 Brick Home, wall furn. & cent. heat, 2 evap. air units, built-ins, fireplace, 2100' lv. area, storm shelter!! MORE!! \$55,900!! HS-9

- 3-2 Home, corner lot, fl. furn. heat, fenced yd. \$25K!! HS-10
- 2-1-1 Home, wall furnace heat, win. evap. air, stove, corner lot!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$28K!! HS-3
- 3-2-1 Carport Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, storm win. & doors!! \$40K!! HS-7
- NICE 3-2-2 carport Brick Home, built-ins, wall & floor furnace heat, cent. evap. air, cov. patio, fenced yd!! \$59K!! HS-6

COMMERCIAL

- MAIN STREET - NICE 4060' Bldg. with furniture, fixtures, & bus depot (formerly Dameron Drug)!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$39,5K!!
- PRICED REDUCED!! HWY. 84 EXCELLENT BUSINESS LOCATION-125'x140' tract!!
- NICE six unit office complex, Cent. A&H, restroom facilities, and also has a nice one bedroom and two bedroom rental units. \$39.5K!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY - approx. 3490' bldg., paved parking, good net lease!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- VERY NICE 2300' bldg., Cent. A&H, 175' frontage on Hwy 84 & 70!! MUCH MORE!!
- Approximately 2,000' shop plus 450' office, cent. heat, evap. air, 250' x 100' tract on Hwy 84!! \$35K!!

RURAL

- 3-2 Home, edge of town on FM 1760, stove, DW, refrig., FP, wall furn. heat, cent. evap. air, cov. patio, fenced yd., det. garage/shop, horse barn/ tack rm., 8 acre!! \$65K!!
- 3-1 Home on 59 acre, edge of town, wall furn. heat!! \$35K!!
- PRICE REDUCED - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' commercial bldg. w/loading dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!



Journal photo: Jeff West

Brick by brick

Workers helping finish this new home located at 1512 W. Ave. J took advantage of the mild temperatures last week to get some serious brickwork done. Pictured bricking the future new home of Boyd Magby are: Rudy Rivera, Greg Sena and Andy Lucero. This home is one of several going up on the "curvy" roads. The workers are from Portales, N.M.

JV Lady Mules suffer losses

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The J.V. Lady Mules dropped their final game of non-district to the Friona Squaws 47-35. The Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates put back a rebound to beat the buzzer at the end of regulation to take the two team's first district contest to overtime. Cooper out lasted the Lady Mules 37-36 in double overtime.

The two teams were deadlocked at 26-26 after the first 32 minutes. Cooper controlled the tip in overtime and scored first. Ashley Dickson got past her defender and was fouled shooting in the lane. Dickson connected on both charity tosses to retie the game.

The Lady Pirates were fouled on a defensive rebound and made the front end of a one-and-one to go in front 29-28 with almost two and half minutes left. The Lady Mules grabbed the rebound and ran almost two minutes off the clock before Hillary Tipps drained a 3-pointer from the corner.

The Lady Mules picked off a pass and Dickson was fouled out front to stop the clock with six seconds showing. Dickson converted one

charity toss to extend the Lady Mule advantage to 32-29.

Cooper struggled to inbound the ball and put up a prayer from behind the arc. Their prayer was answered and the game was extended three more minutes. Kasey Wood stole the tip from a Squaw and raced toward the bucket.

Wood was fouled but failed to connect from the charity line. Madison Smith soared for the long rebound and put the ball up and in. Chelsi Hawkins committed a felony and stole the ball and drove for an easy layup to put the Lady Mules on top 36-32.

Cooper hit an eight-foot jumper and converted three-of-four free throws in the final 32 seconds to hand the Lady Mules their

first district loss.

Dickson led the balanced Lady Mule scoring with nine points and Smith added eight. Hawkins dropped in six points and Tipps had five. Wood made four points, Jenna Rasco three and Cecelia Reyna chipped in one for the Lady Mules.

Against Friona, Wood and Dickson led the Lady Mules with eight points each. Monica Posadas, Smith and Kate Lepard dropped in four points apiece and Reyna chipped in two.

The Lady Mules traveled to Littlefield January 13 and go to Slaton on Friday the 16th to meet the Lady Tigers. The Lady Mules return to Muleshoe January 20 to battle the Dimmit Bobbies.

Grand Jury indicts 14

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Bailey County Grand Jury handed down twenty-one indictments last week.

Ricky Lee Vaughn was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

Eleazar Contreras was indicted for DWI subsequent.

Alicia Padilla Rios was indicted for DWI subsequent.

Jose Luis Gutierrez was indicted for failure to register as a sex offender.

Saul Sigala Sanchez was indicted for DWI subsequent.

Curtis Lee Jett was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

Dennis Ray Howard was indicted for unauthorized use of motor vehicle. Howard was appointed Jerry Matthews as his attorney.

George Michael Garcia was indicted for burglary of a building.

Kevin Clyde Fried was indicted for sexual assault.

Sylvia Maria Olivarez was indicted for forgery.

Bradford Dwight Glenn was indicted for forgery.

Yolanda Hernandez Sigala was indicted for tampering with government records.

Bernadino L. Ornelas was indicted for taking wildlife resources without consent of owner.

Jesus Martinez Ornelas was indicted for taking wildlife resources without consent of owner.

Michael Dwyane Gaydos was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

John Aaron Mendoza was indicted for assault on a family member.

Rachel Villegas was in-

dicted for assault on a family member.

Ronnie Ray Hayes was indicted for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Charlene Morris Reyes

was indicted for indecency with a child.

Shawna Jean Dale was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and credit card abuse.

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