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Graves finds charity work fulfilling

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For many, indeed for most people a diagnosis of cancer would mean a change of lifestyle - slowing down - taking it easier, especially after surgery and throughout chemotherapy.

Not for Kay Graves. Instead, she counts her blessings every day and keeps on going.

And going is the key word as Graves is involved, or was instrumental, in the forming of four local charities.

"Basically the things I've been involved with in this community are crisis situations, among them - food," Graves said. "But we see an outpouring from this community, especially during the holiday season."

One charity near and dear to Graves' heart is the food pantry, which was formed through the Ministerial Alliance.

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"In the big sense, this community totally believes in what the food pantry does and they don't hesitate to support in hundreds of ways," Graves said. "These pastors have been incredible as far as their willingness to participate. Their backing made it that easier because once you've got the churches behind you, it's a big help."

"People help in many ways - with time, donations, you name it. People just show up and say I'd like to do this and sometimes you don't know you're going to need that service, but God knows you're going to need it."

Graves had surgery on June 4 for colon cancer.

The cancer had spread to her liver, lungs and above the lungs.

"But God has never, ever failed me," Graves said. "Why would I not trust him now?"

After her initial diagnosis, Graves said God gave her a peace that others found hard to understand.

"My doctor and his nurse were upset, but I need everything would be OK," she said. "I have chemo every three weeks, still have my wild silver hair and am going full tilt."

"I just consider everything that I've been able to be a part of as a blessing from God."

Graves said the community has helped in many endeavors.

"This community is wonderful," she said. "They are faithful, once you get them on your side of the ropes."

Although Graves still has a big interest in the Bailey County Food Pantry, she has turned the day-to-day activities over to others. She's still active in Hope Chest, Rainbow Room and Compassionate Care.

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Commission recommends \$100,000 loan for new dairy

By Davie Ann Browder
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The Economic Development Corporation will recommend to the Muleshoe City Council that it approve a \$100,000 forgivable loan to 3-H Progress Dairy.

"We're thrilled that the Hettinga's have chosen Bailey County for their dairy operation," said Janet Glaborn, Director for Economic Development for Muleshoe. "I think the family will be a real asset to our community. They're wonderful people."

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The best of the best

Muleshoe's annual Christmas parade kicked off bright and early Saturday morning with floats, bands and lots of onlookers. The theme was "Christmas Around the World." At right, is the first-place float, built by the Jennyslippers.

Journal photos by Leah Bell



This youngster rode in the parade, while a pacifier kept him occupied.

Above, left is the Sonic float, which took second place and at left is the Five Area float which captured third place.

Post Office offers advice for holidays

By Davie Ann Browder
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Muleshoe Postmaster Patty Alaman said she and her helpers "want Santa to make it to his destination this year, especially if he's mailing packages."

To that end, Alaman offers a few hints for getting your gifts to their destination in tact.

"What they want to think of first is, if it's fragile, make sure to pack it with at least two inches of packing around it," she said. "We are very alert on the boxes people use now. We have to make sure there are no hazardous materials in boxes, so make sure the markings on the boxes you use pertain to what is inside."

And, of course, mail early - the sooner the better.

"Because of the high volume, you might want to send it with a confirmation or with insurance on the packages," Alaman said. "Because that way, you know when it's been delivered."

With the computer age, there are many ways to access Post Office services.

"Through the Website, usps.com they can get their label, if they have a scale, they can weight and the site will tell them what their charge is," she said. "And if they have the postage, or a credit card, they can mail it from their home."

"This is what we call our 'Click and Ship' program, and if you use it, you get a free confirmation of its delivery."

Also through the electronic program, insurance and return receipt are available.

In addition, the Post Office has two brand-new boxes out with priority mail. It's called the flat-rate. People who send heavier items pay one price \$7.70.

"If you're mailing closer to home, it's not that economical," Alaman said. "But you

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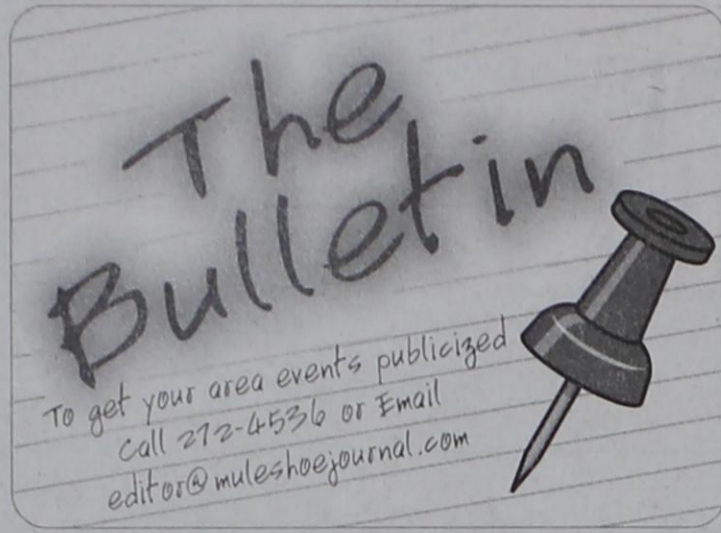
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Bailey County Court House Christmas Open House

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"Scouting for Food" pick-up

Muleshoe Cub Master Noemi Mora wishes to remind all that the bags for project "Scouting for Food" delivered Sat., Dec. 4 will be picked up Dec. 11. Any non-perishable canned goods may be donated. All food collected will go to fill the shelves at the Muleshoe Food Pantry.

"Shattered Dreams" meeting set

Muleshoe High School (MHS) is preparing for the "Shattered Dreams" program once again and needs help from parents and community members in planning the event. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. This is the second planning session in preparation for the "Shattered Dreams" program to be held on the MHS campus March 14-16, 2005.

"Shattered Dreams" is a comprehensive three-day program that involves several activities that educate youth by dramatizing the problems associated with drinking and driving. It's co-sponsored by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).

The first day of the event, students representing those who die in alcohol-related crashes will leave their classrooms to become members of the "living dead." A staged auto crash will take place in front of the high school. Later, a mock memorial will be held by members of the community, parents and others to show students the community cares about them and to discuss how to keep drunk drivers off the streets. Call Michelle Barton at Muleshoe High School at 272-7309 for more details.

Judge's scholarship established

The Texas Justice Court Judges Association (TJCJA) has created a scholarship in the name of Judge Herman Morrison who passed away unexpectedly. His memory is being honored with this educational subsidy. He had been a charter member of the organization and served as the regional director of TJCJA.

To be eligible for the Judge Herman Morrison Memorial Scholarship, students must be related to a member of the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.

For more information, contact Gayla Gear at Muleshoe High School 272-7304 or call the office of the Justice of the Peace at 272-4300.

4-H to sell extra meat and cookies

The Bailey County 4-H has extra meat and cookie dough for sale from recent fund-raisers. For more information, call the Bailey County Extension office at (806) 272-4583.

Food Pantry sets distribution date for Christmas

The Food Pantry Christmas distribution benefited by the Boy Scout Food Drive (on Dec. 4) is set for Dec. 11 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. A new system for distribution has been set up this year. The new "drive-thru" service will allow those receiving foods this year to drive through the parking lot to allow volunteers to bring bags to the car. This will help with the flow of and cut down on the time of standing in line. There will be signs for directions of entering and exiting the parking area. Bags will contain vegetables, staples, dessert, candy and each family will receive a voucher for fresh meat from a local grocery store. People need to bring their regular cards for service. If you do not have a card, please sign up for services at the

Food Pantry prior to this event.

The Food Pantry will not be open any other Saturday in December. Everyone normally receiving food supplies will be able to get them on Dec. 11 in their Christmas bags.

Anyone wishing to volunteer time to distribute or make contributions may contact Donna Kirk, Kay Mardis or Kay Graves. The Food Pantry is located on American Blvd. in Muleshoe next to Farm Bureau. It services Bailey County residents only. Those wishing to receive food benefits must bring a current bill or check stub with a current Bailey County address.

Hospice of Lubbock "Light Up A Life"

Hospice of Lubbock's "Light Up A Life" trees have been lit atop the Plains Capital Bank building (corner of 50th and University in Lubbock) and will be lit the whole month of Dec. The lights represent the lives of individuals who are being memorialized or honored this holiday season.

Individuals may contribute toward Hospice of Lubbock's "Light Up A Life" project in honor or memory of their loved ones throughout the month. For \$10, a light can be lit for that loved one. Every dollar donated will be used to provide hospice care for people with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. To make a donation or for more information, call Hospice of Lubbock at 806-795-2751 to request a form or provide a credit card number.

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Estate Planning Seminar to be held

The Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring four two-day Estate Planning Seminars Jan. 25-26, 2005 in Robstown, Jan. 31- Feb. 1, 2005 in San Antonio, Feb. 3-4 in Amarillo, and Feb. 14-15 in Denton. This seminar is designed to help families reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions will be offered. They are scheduled from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. There is a registration fee. For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226 or e-mail her at s-wehring@tam.u.edu.

A Christmas Carol performing in Lubbock

The Lubbock Community Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley* Fridays and Saturday, Dec. 10-11 and 17-18 at 8 p.m. and matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. on Dec. 11-12 and 18-19. The production is directed by John A. Packard and stars Rob Holton and Elysse Lenore West. All performances are at the LCT Boston Avenue Playhouse, 4230 Boston Ave., in Lubbock. For tickets and reservation information, call (806) 7492416 or e-mail lct@amaonline.com.

'Wild at Heart' offering free oil changes to the elderly

"Wild at Heart" men's ministry of New Covenant

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The Muleshoe Journal incorrectly identified in a headline a freshman Lady Mules game as a seventh-grade game in last week's paper. The Journal apologizes for the mistake.

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Obituaries

JOHNNY WAYNE JENNINGS

Services for Johnny Wayne Jennings, 51, of Lubbock, were at 2 p.m., Wednesday, at Lazbuddie United Methodist Church with the Revs. Jerry Don Cheshire and Randy Thomas officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.



JENNINGS

Mr. Jennings died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at his home in Lubbock. He was born Nov. 28, 1953 in Fort Worth.

He was a 1972 graduate of Olton High School and graduated from Amarillo College with an associates degree in hotel/motel restaurant management. He owned restaurants in Olton,

Crosbyton and Abernathy, operating Grandmother's Kitchen in Abernathy for the last six years. He earned a Realtor's license and sold real estate for some time in Lubbock. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his parents, Al and Virginia Jennings of Lazbuddie; a son, Brian Batenhorst of Shamrock; a sister, Linda Johnson and husband Jimmie of Levelland; a brother, Rex Jennings and wife Beth of Amarillo; four nieces, Brittany Weaver and her husband Matt, Shawnee Finck, Brandi Thompson and Bree Ann Jennings; two nephews, Justin Johnson and Cody Jennings; and one great-niece, Chloe Thompson.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock, TX 79490; American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd,

Lubbock, TX 79430; Lazbuddie United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 12, Lazbuddie, TX 79053; or First United Methodist Church, 1011 Houston St., Levelland, TX 79336.

M.M. 'BILL' LANCE

Graveside services for M.M. "Bill" Lance, 79, of Lubbock and formerly of Sudan, were at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Sudan Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Roecker and Jeff Procter officiating. Mr. Lance died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at his home. He was born March 3, 1925, in White City. He married Joyce Davis in Olton on Jan. 9, 1945.

He was a 1942 graduate of Sudan High School. He had been a crop insurance adjuster and co-founder of Lance Insurance Agency in Sudan, a lifetime farmer and a 32nd degree Mason of the Sudan lodge. He was a veter-

eran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army and was a member of First Baptist Church of Sudan.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; son, Greg and wife Ruth of Sudan; two daughters, Elayne Farrar and husband Royce of Brownfield and Carol Lance Kimbler of Lubbock; a sister, Rene Cole of Sudan; a brother, Pete Lance of Sudan; and five grandchildren, Jennifer and Stacey Farrar, Kayla Kimbler, Maegan and Logan Lance.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock, TX. 79490.

IDA E. KELLAR

Services for Ida E. Kellar, 89, of Earth were at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at First Baptist Church, Earth, with the Rev. Jeff Huckeby of Earth officiating. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Kellar died Dec. 1, 2004, in Muleshoe. She was born Jan. 8, 1915, in Castro County. She married M.G. Keilar on March 27, 1932; he preceded her in death on March 11, 1992.

She was a life-long member of the Earth community. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church, Earth. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Hazel Kellar in 1941; a sister, Cassie Stephens; and two brothers, John Edd and Billy B. Waide.

Survivors include a daughter, Frances Watson of Springlake; three sisters, Mary Belle Sims of Sanger, Mac Davis of Grants, N.M. and Jo Nell Layman of Littlefield; two brothers, Tom Waide of Hotchkiss, Colo., and Charlie Waide of Halfway, TX.; and two grandchildren, Monty Watson of Springlake and Marty Watson of Austin.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Earth, 101 NE 1st St., Earth, TX. 79031 or the Earth Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 523, Earth, TX. 79031.

Births



TOSCANO



GUERRERO



HERNANDEZ

MARIA DELROSARIO TOSCANO

Fernando and Rosa Toscano announce the birth of their daughter, Maria Delrosario Toscano, born at 9:40 a.m., Nov. 18, 2004, at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She weighed 7-pounds and 7-ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Fernando and Rosalinda Toscano of Muleshoe and Nicolas and Estila Aguilar of Sudan.

CESAR IMANOL GUERRERO

Gerardo and Hermelinda Guerrero of Muleshoe announce the birth of their son, Cesar Imanol Guerrero, on Nov. 28, 2004, at Muleshoe Area Medical Center at 8:25 p.m. He weighed 7-pounds, 8-ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long.

Grandparents are Leopoldo Solis, Rufina Mendoza, Amado Guerrero and Delfina Gonzales, all of Mexico

DELILAH HERNANDEZ

Silvia and Alberto Hernandez announce the birth of their daughter, Delilah Hernandez, on Nov. 29, 2004, at Muleshoe Area Medical Center at 12:29 p.m. She weighed 7-pounds, 6-ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She has one brother, Carlos.

Grandparents are Jacinto and Maria de La Paz Hernandez and Antonio and Carmen Ramirez, all of Mexico.

Hospital Report

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patients:

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Sports

Portales edges Mules, 49-44

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules dropped a heart breaker to the Portales Rams 44-49 on Tuesday but had a strong showing in the Shallowater Shootout over the weekend. The Mules took second in the tournament after falling victim to Lubbock Trinity Christian, 66-43, in the finals.

Brady Black was the only Mule to score in the opening period against Portales. The Rams owned an 8-2 lead after one period. The Mules used the free throw line and the 3-point arc in the second period to gain ground on the Rams.

The Mules made eight of 13 charity tosses in the second period and Tyler Sheets dropped in a pair of 3-pointers to cut the Ram lead to 20-22 at the intermission. The Rams continued to hold off the Mules in the final half.

B. Black led the Mules with eight points; Trent Black, Trevor Turnbow and Arsenio Geter made six each. Brant Hamilton, Chris Kindle and Landon Wilson added three points apiece. Kory Atwood and Myles James each chipped in one point.

The Mules opened the Shallowater Shootout by plucking the Hale Center Owls 65-44. The Mules led 29-19 at the intermission. Turnbow paced the Mules with three treys and 16 points and Sheets added two 3-pointers and 10 points.

T. Black and Wilson had nine each and Geter dropped in six. Kindle, B. Black and Atwood made four points apiece, Derek Purdy dropped in two and James chipped in one.

The Mules had opened the tournament at 8 a.m. Thursday and came back that night at eight to drop the

host Shallowater Mustangs 46-44. The Mules led 17-11 after the first eight minutes and clung to a 22-20 lead at the intermission.

After the Mules lost one point of their lead in the third period the Mustangs visited the charity line 12 times in the final eight minutes but only converted six times. The Mules converted five of eight free throws in the final period and collected 3-pointers by Turnbow and Sheets.

Turnbow had four treys in the nightcap and led the Mules with 16 points and Sheets had a pair of 3-pointers and 10 points. B. Black dropped in eight points and Geter added six. T. Black, Wilson and Atwood made two points each.

The Mules dropped the Lorenzo Hornets in the Friday session 49-38. The Mules climbed on top early and held a 10-5 lead at the end of the first period.

Lorenzo battled back in the second period and cut the Mule lead to 19-18 at the intermission.

Geter put on a clinic in the lane in the third period and scored 10 of his 12 points in the period. Kindle and James each finished fast breaks just before the third period ended. The Mules had opened a 37-30 lead to begin the final period.

Geter kicked the ball out to Turnbow in the corner after drawing the double team. Turnbow popped the three. Sheets added his second trey of the night and T. Black converted a free throw to cap the scoring for the Mules.

Geter and B. Black led the Mules with 12 points each and Sheets had 10.

Turnbow added six points, James five and Kindle and T. Black made two each.



Above the fray — Tyler Turnbow, No. 15, goes up for a rebound against Portales on Tuesday. At left is No. 55, Tyler Sheets.

In the championship game the Mules jumped in front of Trinity early but the Lions gained a 10-9 advantage by the end of the first period. Hamilton and Sheets each dropped in 3-pointers late in the half and the Mules trailed 21-25 at the half.

Black and Geter owned the lane in the third period and Kindle found James with a half-court pin-point pass on a fast break to cut the Lion lead to 34-37. The Lions hit a trey and Turnbow converted both ends of a one-and-one. The Mules trailed by four as the final period opened. Trinity rained threes on the Mules in the final period making five in a row in the final five minutes to out score the Mules 26-7.

Sheets led the Mules with four treys and 14 points and B. Black added eight.

Hamilton and Geter had seven each. James, T. Black and Turnbow made two each and Kindle chipped in

one. The Mules traveled to Tullia on Tuesday night and play Idalou at 1:30 on Thursday in the Abernathy Shootout. A win would put the Mules back in action at 7:30 against Morton.

Ninth-grade Mules take second place at Denver City

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The Mules had traveled to Brownfield on Monday and did not have a good game. The Cubs dropped the Mules 31-47. The Denver City Mustang's Tournament proved to be a better venue for the young Mules.

The Mules reached the finals by downing the host 55-36 and handed the Cubs a 39-34 surprise in a rematch. In the finals on Saturday the Mules fell to Midland Christian 37-55.

Colby Carpenter led the Mules in Monday's game with 13 points and Elias Alvarado added eight. Patrick Precure and Dusty Clayton had three points each. Adam Zamora and Angel Regalado each made two points for the Mules.

Alvarado was on fire in opening game of the tournament against Denver City.

He scored 12 points in the first quarter as the Mules raced out to a 17-10 lead. The Mule defense held the

Mustangs scoreless in the second period to take a 21-10 lead at intermission.

Alvarado led the Mules with 25 points and Precure had 12. Clayton added five points and Zamora and Regalado dropped in four each. Precure made three points and Carpenter had two.

The Mules led the Cubs 11-9 after one period and increased their advantage to 25-18 by the half. The Mule's scoring machine slowed in the third to five points but their defense held Brownfield to four. The Cubs made a run at the Mules with a 12 point final period while the Mules made seven.

Alvarado led the charge with 15 points and Regalado made 11. Zamora and Carpenter added five apiece and Precure had three.

Midland Christian was more than the Mules could

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Students of the Week — These six students from Watson Junior High were named Students of the Week for Dec. 6-10. They are, front row, left to right: Caleb Conner, Justin Strawn, Yvette Mejia. Back row, left to right, Yvonne Gardea, Lisa Soto and Danny Montejano.

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Sports

Lady Mules win Nazareth tourney

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The week of Nov. 30 and the first week of December 2004 was a very good stretch for the Lady Mules. They played host to a tall Portales Lady Ram team and smothered them in defense.

The Lady Mules dropped Portales 55-35 with a 26-6 final period. Thursday they opened the Northwest Texas Sports Medicine Invitational Girls Basketball Tournament with the Dalhart Golden Lady Wolves.

The Lady Mules waded through the competition to reach the finals in a rematch with Nazareth. The Lady Mules won the championship game 46-43 on a last second shot by Kasey Wood.

"This really has been a good week for us," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "Ashley's 3-pointer and drive in the final period against Portales really got our offense going. All of our young players really stepped up their scoring in that final quarter."

"At times in the tournament we seemed out of step on offense but when it got to be crunch time the girls pulled through and found a way to win. It is always big to beat Nazareth, especially in Nazareth."

Dalhart matched the Lady Mules point for point in the last two periods but could not make up the difference. The Lady Mules defeated Dalhart 51-31.

Brandi Wood led the offense with 16 points and Kelsey Friskup had 15. K. Wood added eight points, Lindsey Wood six, Monica Posadas two and Kate Leopard two.

Against Portales Friskup led in scoring with 17 points and B. Wood had 10.

Leopard hit two 3-pointers in the final period for eight points, K. Wood drained two treys for six and Ashley Dickson had five. Posadas added a trey for three points and L. Wood dropped in two.

Dickson, Posadas and Lepards treys all came in the final frame against Portales and rallied the Lady Mule offense.

The Krum Lady Cats began to cut into the 24-16 Lady Mule half time lead in the third period. Krum out scored the Lady Mules 17-10 in the period to cut the lead to 34-33 to start the final quarter.

The Lady Cats went on a 6-2 run in the first three minutes to take their largest lead of the day 36-39. K. Wood drove through the heart of the Krum defense for a layup and B. Wood was fouled on a put back attempt after a Lady Mule stop on defense.

B. Wood was perfect from the charity line to give the Lady Mules the lead for good. In the final three minutes and forty seconds the Lady Mules out scored Krum 18-4 to drop the Lady Cats 54-43.

In the championship game Friskup posted six points in the first period and L. Wood



Driving for the basket: Muleshoe's No. 22 Kelsey Friskup goes past a Portales defender in Tuesday's game.

drained a trey as the Lady Mules jumped out to an 11-9 lead over Nazareth. The Swiftettes stormed back in the second period to take a 23-28 advantage to the dressing room at the half.

The two defenses stifled the offenses, as the two teams played to a 9-9 dead heat in the third period. Nazareth dropped in a trey to push their margin to eight with just over four minutes left in the game.

Dickson made one of two free throws after being fouled on a put back attempt and Friskup hit an eight-foot jumper to chip away at the lead. L. Wood added a pair of charity tosses before Friskup dropped in a 3-pointer to make it a one point game win a minute to play.

K. Wood was shoved from behind as Nazareth ran an inbound play and made both ends of the one and one to give the Lady Mules their first lead since the second period. B. Wood was fouled on a defensive

rebound and connected on both free throws.

Nazareth was not finished and drained a trey to tie score at 43-43 with just 12 seconds left. The Lady Mules brought the ball down the floor and Nazareth deflected a pass out of play.

B. Wood tried to inbound the ball to L. Wood cutting to the basket but Nazareth got a hand on the ball again knocked it out of play with less than three seconds showing.

Using the same in-bounds play B. Wood looked for an open cutter.

No one was open and she passed the ball outside the arc to K. Wood. K. Wood stepped up the line and drilled a trey to beat the clock and the Swiftettes.

The Lady Mules traveled to Tulia Tuesday night and are back in tournament play in Abernathy this weekend. They will meet Lamesa at 10:30 Thursday morning in Gym B and return to action at 4:30 against the Wall Lady Hawks.

Eighth-grade Lady Mules win Consolation at Slaton

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The eighth grade Lady Mules competed in the Slaton Lady Tiger Basketball Tournament over the weekend and came home with the consolation trophy.

The Lady Mules dropped their opening round game to the Lockney Lady Longhorns 40-19. They bounced back to drop the Snyder Lady Tigers 54-18 in the second round. The Lady Mules shattered the New Deal Lady Lions 30-13 for the trophy.

The Lady Mules jumped out to a 24-6 lead by the intermission and continued to pour it on in the third period. The Lady Mules out scored the Lady Tigers 18-5 in the third and 12-7 in the final quarter.

Amy Withrow led the scoring with 12 points and Janae Pyle and Kathryn Owens poured in 10 points each. Gabby Agundis added eight points, Cassie Steinbock and Morgan Smith made six points apiece and Gizell Vasquez chipped in two.

The Lady Mule defense shut out the Lady Lions in the opening period and held them to only three points in the first half. Smith and Agundis teamed up for 13 points in the opening frame for the Lady Mules. Withrow got in the act in the second period with eight points as the Lady Mules jumped out to a 23-3 lead.

The second half was more of a defensive struggle for both teams.

Withrow and Agundis led the Lady Mules with 10 points each and Smith had seven. Owens had two points and Pyle dropped in one.

The Lady Mules traveled to Levelland on Monday and return home to meet the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates Dec. 13.

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handle.

The Mules fell behind 20-32 at the half. The Mule defense held Midland to 23 points in the second half but could only put 17 points on the board.

Clayton paced the Mules with 11 points in the finals and Regalado had nine.

Precure, Carpenter and Amado Flores each had four points and Zamora made three.

The Mules hosted Levelland on Monday night and

travel to Lubbock Cooper December 13.

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This Week's Job Description: SPOUSE

I'm writing this column this week from a hotel in Austin, Texas. It's Monday, and I'm scared to death that I'm gonna wake up in about ten minutes (I've been taking regular naps already and we just got here yesterday evening) and it will be Friday and this wonderful week will be over! I know it's not rational, but I fully believe that during vacation you go not into Daylight Saving Time but into some sort of Vacation Hypertime where the

laws here. I know this is blue-bonnet country. I'm looking forward to seeing the state capitol building for the first time in a lot of years and visiting a great museum or two, etc.

But Paradise to me this week has little to do with location. It has everything to do with "not all that much to have to do." You see, my main job title this week is simply "SPOUSE." My wife and I have gone to a bunch of conventions and conferences where I was the board member, meeting attendee, public-servant getting-in-required-hours-type person. Her job was to be the spouse—the sleeping late, doing what she wanted to do, see-ya-at-dinner person. I've long thought it looked like a great job description, and for almost a whole week, I get to try it! I think I'll be very good at it.

Her Honor (this is a Municipal Judge's training conference) just went to a meeting. I just went to a nap.

I brought a little work. Some things still have to be done—like a column or two and planning worship for a week or so away and putting together an issue of a devotional magazine. Don't tell anybody, but unless I get really inspired I'm probably preaching a sermon of the "old but (I hope) good" variety this Sunday. But whatever work I do I'll be doing in slippers, warm fuzzy sweat pants, and a t-shirt while I'm occasionally drinking coffee, nibbling on chocolate, and taking frequent naps.

It's overcast and drizzly outside and the freeway is teeming with poor tired souls commuting from work. Her Excellency (I mean, Her Honor) is at a meeting learning how to be a better public servant. I think such training is a good thing. I'm pulling for more of it. I know this week that it's a blessing to one preacher's soul and he is most thankful for it!

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

Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

sand in the hourglass turns into water squirting through under such pressure that the time-glass almost lifts itself off the desk. It's like you're holding a beautiful white precious ball of snow in your hand and trying to save it for just the right moment and just the right target. You were building a snowman a few moments ago, but you blink your eyes and find that you've suddenly been transported to a tropical island and the temperature is 95 and the snowball is melting and slipping right through your fingers at an alarming rate. In 10 seconds, it's gone and you blink your eyes again and you're back where the windchill is 20 and now your hands are wet but the snow all around you is melted and you're standing ankle-deep in cold mud wondering what happened to Paradise.

Well, I'm not exactly in Paradise this week, but I think I'm close. That's no comment on Austin. I'm enough of a Texan to think deep down that Texas is indeed close to Paradise, but I've not been in Austin all that often. I know they often make silly

Sports

JV Mules take tourney title

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Mules dropped a close one Tuesday night to the Portales Rams. The Mules fell 32-35 but came back strong over the week end to win their own tournament.

The Mules singled the Owls of Hale Center 59-29 in the opening round and dropped the Sudan Hornets 52-33 on Friday. The Mules battled the Dimmitt Bobcats for the championship. The game was back and forth in the final period before the Mules pulled out the win 62-60.

Gonzales broke the ice for the Mules with a shot from near the top of the key. The Rams took an 8-2 lead into the second period. Cory Wallace found Eric Washington open in the lane for an easy bucket.

Gonzales dropped in a 10-foot base line jumper as the Mules chipped away at the lead. Garrett Riley was fouled on a defensive rebound and converted both ends of the one and one.

Eddie Alvarado made a free throw and Kirby Kimbrough nailed a trey before the half ended with the Mules trailing 12-13. Wallace added a pair of threes in the third period as the Mules took a 25-24 advantage into the final quarter.

Portales out scored the Mules 7-15 to stop the Mules. Wallace led the Mules with 12 points and Gonzales made six. Washington added four points, Riley and Kimbrough made three each, TJ Brantley two, and Jarad Flores and Eddie Alvarado chipped in one each.

The Mules turned up the heat early on the Owls and led 30-7 at the half. Alvarado drained a 3-pointer with three minutes left in the third and then stole a pass as the Owls moved down court.

Alvarado drove the floor and was fouled shooting. He made both charity tosses. Cade Smith hit a three from the corner before the period ended with the Mules leading 44-17. The Mules out scored the Owls 15-12 in the final frame.

Riley set the scoring pace with 12 points and Alvarado added nine. Brantley and Gonzales each made seven, Wallace six and Dustin Barker five. Flores and Smith made four points each, Washington three and Kimbrough chipped in two.

The Mules owned a 25-17 advantage over Sudan at the half and continued to run away from Hornets in the third period. The Hornets made a small charge in the final frame.

Gonzales led the Mules with 14 points and Smith added nine. Riley had a pair of treys in the first period and eight points, Flores made seven freebies for seven points, and Alvarado dropped in five.

Washington made four points, Wallace three and Barker two.

The Mules raced out to a 30-24 lead over Dimmitt at the half with Gonzales making 11 of those points. The Bobcats poured in 26 points in the third quarter to take a 44-50 advantage into the final frame.

Washington made two of four free throws to begin the final quarter. Wallace tipped and offensive rebound to Gonzales and he canned the easy bucket.

Washington ripped a rebound out of the hands of a Bobcat and stuck it back to tie the game at 50-50.

No team had more than a three-point lead in the final five minutes of the game. Washington found Brantley open across the lane to put the Mules up by one with 30 seconds left.

Wallace recovered a loose ball and was fouled. He made the front end of the two shot foul and Dimmitt missed a last second shot for the tie.

Washington paced the Mules with 15 points; Gonzales had 13 and Riley 12.

Flores made nine points, Wallace eight; Alvarado three and Kimbrough chipped in two.

The Mules traveled to Tulia on Tuesday and go to Sundown for the Roughnecks tourney Dec. 9-11.

JV Lady Mules play for title in tournament

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The JV Lady Mules got past a much taller Portales Lady Ram team 31-26 on Tuesday night and used the momentum to carry them to the finals of the Lady Mules Girls Basketball Tournament.

The Hale Center Owlettes fell victim to the Lady Mules 31-23 in the opening round. The Lady Mules breezed past the Lady Blue of Farwell 37-17. Plainview finally subdued the feisty Lady Mules in the finals 42-35.

Portales had the size advantage over the Lady Mules but were not ready for the tenacity of their defense. The Lady Mules held the Lady Rams to a single point in the opening period and led 15-9 at the half.

Irma Torres converted two free throws to open the third period. Chelsi Hawkins picked off a Portales pass and drove the floor for a layup. The Lady Rams had cut two off the Lady Mule lead.

In the final period Hawkins drained a three and Kyra Kimbrough and Madison Myers each added charity tosses. The Lady Rams had cut the Lady Mule lead to 25-23 near the four-minute mark of the final frame.

Kimbrough flashed into a passing lane to pick off the ball and flew down the court for an easy bucket. Torres and Kimbrough drove the final nails in the Lady Rams coffin by dropping in two free throws each in the final minute.

Amberlee Steinbock had two 3-pointers in the first half and Hawkins had one trey as they led the Lady Mules with eight points each. Cholor Hernandez got hot on the inside in the second period for her six points and Kimbrough made all five of her points in the final period. Torres and Myers had two points each.

The Owlettes led the Lady Mules 10-11 at the half and continued to apply the pressure in the third period to increase their margin to 16-19. Shayla Hall pulled down a defensive rebound to open the final frame.

Hall made the outlet pass to Hawkins and she drove the floor. Hawkins drew the defense and dished to Kimbrough to complete the break. Hawkins drained a three from the corner to give the Lady Mules the lead for good.

Kimbrough completed her second fast break of the period before the Owlettes hit a trey to stay close. Gini Sheets answered with a three of her own to push the Lady Mule lead to 26-22.

The Lady Mule defense held the Owlettes to just one point in the final two minutes. Hall added a charity toss and Hawkins drove down the lane for a scoop shot. Steinbock set a trap along the sideline and Kimbrough swooped in for the take away and drove for the final basket.

Kimbrough led the offense with 12 points and Hawkins and Sheets added five. Hernandez dropped in four points, Hall three and Myers had two.

Farwell had no answer for the Lady Mules stingy defense and the Lady Mules opened a 15-10 advantage by intermission. The defensive domination carried over to the second half as the Lady Mules held the Lady Blue to nine points. Hernandez set the scoring pace with 11 points and Hall added eight. Kimbrough dropped in six points, Sheets five, Hawkins four, Grumbles added two and Myers chipped in one. The Lady Bulldogs knew they were in a fight as the Lady Mules held the much bigger opponent to six points in the opening period. The Lady Mules scrambled for 10 with Torres sticking back a rebound and getting fouled. She made the charity toss to complete the old fashion three-point play.

Hawkins crashed the boards and put back a rebound as the Lady Mules dominated the boards. Kimbrough

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Muleshoe ISD sets choir, band concert for December 12

The Muleshoe ISD Choir and Band programs will be presenting Christmas concerts on Sunday, Dec. 12.

The choir concert will start at 2 p.m. at the Kerry Moore Auditorium at Muleshoe High School. The beginning, junior high and high school choirs will present Christmas selections.

At 4 p.m. the bands will have their Christmas concert featuring the beginning bands, the J.H. band and the HS band.

They will also perform at the Kerry Moore Auditorium. The band and choir ask that you bring a can of food to donate to the food bank when you attend the concerts. You will be allowed to come at no cost even if you don't donate a canned item. The Fine Arts Boosters will make sure the donated items are delivered and put to good use. The directors, Lorissa Moffett, Steve Ballenger and Becky Jones, as well as accompanist Fran Hamilton, invite you to come and support the band and choir students and catch a little of that holiday spirit.

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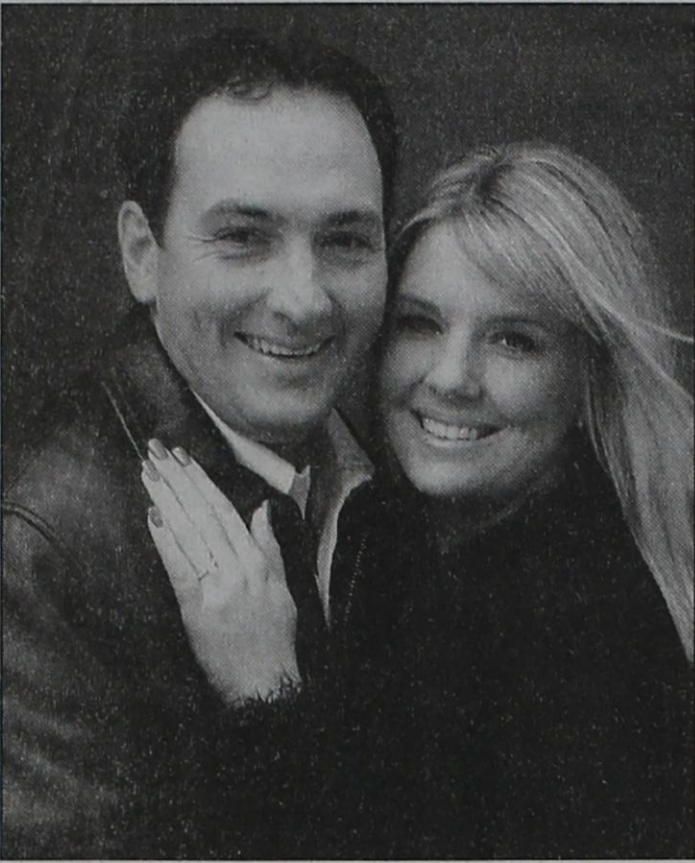
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Engagement



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Bill and Jan Hewitt of Odessa and Mike and Pamela Miller of Lazbuddie announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Christie Hewitt of Odessa to Scott Miller of Lazbuddie.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Permian High School in Odessa and Texas Tech University. She works for Children's Protective Services in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School and West Texas A&M University. He is engaged in farming in the Pleasant Valley and Lazbuddie areas.

The couple will wed at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 12, 2005 at the Historic Baker Building in Lubbock. The couple will reside in Lazbuddie.

Sports

Freshman Lady Mules overpower Brownfield

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The freshman Lady Mules thumped the Brownfield Lady Cubs Monday night 45-29.

The two teams met in a rematch to open the Denver City Tournament on Thursday.

The Lady Mules battled back to drop the Lady Cubs 46-43.

The Lady Mules defeated the Midland Greenwood Lady Rangers 48-44 in a tough match.

The Seagraves Lady Eagles proved to be too much for the Lady Mules in the finals. The Lady Mules were defeated 54-20.

The Lady Mules jumped out to a 21-3 lead Monday night against the Lady Cubs.

Brownfield cut the Lady Mule lead to 26-15 at the half. Defense was the key in the third period as the Lady Cubs could only score two points while the Lady Mules put in 14.

Ashley Grumbles led the charge for the Lady Mules with 13 points and Heather Barker scored 12 on the inside. Gini Sheets added four points, Jacy Lawrence and Ashley Scolley made two each and Holly Hunt and Caitlin Willis added one each.

It was tougher sledding in the first half against the Lady Cubs in the opening game of the tournament. The Lady Mules trailed 16-19 at the intermission.

DezRae Contreras caught fire in the second half with nine points in the third period and 10 in the final quarter.

The Lady Mules out scored the Lady Cubs 30-24 in the second half. Contreras led the Lady Mules with 26 points and Kelsy Tipps added eight. Scolley dropped in six points, Barker had four and Lawrence made two.

Greenwood led the Lady Mules 27-31 at the half. The Lady Mule defense shut down the Lady Rangers in the third period while making eight points to take a four-point lead into the final frame.

Tipps led the charge with 14 points and Scolley added eight. Barker made seven points and Lawrence and Natasia Daniel each added four points.

Seagraves cruised to a 14-3 lead in the first period and out scored the Lady Mules 12-10 in the second. The Lady Mules could not get their offense cranked in the second half.

Contreras led the Lady Mules with 10 points. Scolley, Tipps, Barker, Daniel and Wills chipped in two points each. The Lady Mules traveled to Levelland Monday and return home Dec. 13 to host the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates.

Seventh-grade Lady Mules down Brownfield, 33-18

By Delton Wilhite
Sports Writer

The seventh grade Lady Mules won their first basketball game last Monday in front of a home crowd. The Lady Mules downed the Brownfield Lady Cubs 33-18.

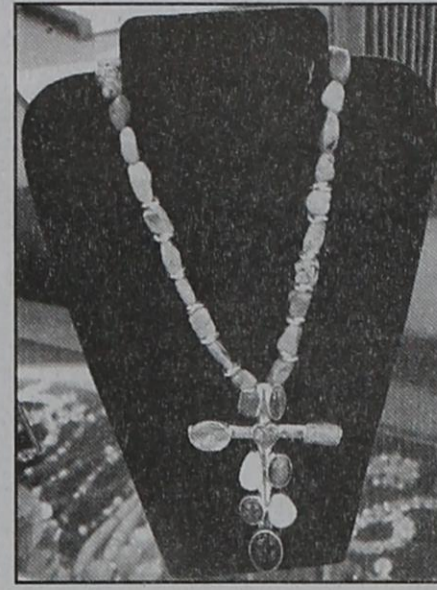
The opening period was a defensive battle and Sarah Johnson scored the only points of the period for the Lady Mules. The Lady Mules got their offense rolling in the second frame and out ran the Lady Cubs 13-7 to take a 15-8 advantage at the half.

The two teams battled to a 4-4 tie in the third period. The Lady Mules had a big final quarter with 14 points

too only six by the Lady Cubs.

Johnson set the scoring pace with 15 points and Ashley Cisneros made six. Marisela Casanova and Ali Eagle dropped in four points each. Jessica Howard and Melissa Mendoza each added two points.

The Lady Mules traveled to Levelland on Monday and return home Dec. 13 to meet the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates.



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Senior Citizen News

Twenty seven Senior Citizens gathered to make Christmas decorations at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on Friday afternoon, Dec. 3.

Over 30 10-inch Christmas trees were decorated by the talented group, although many admitted they'd never tried it before.

Laughter and kidding were heard and some was directed toward Roland, Doug and Marshall who bravely joined the ladies in decorating the trees, and had some close encounters with hot glue guns and spray snow.

A very special guest, Lee Collum of Walmart (Plainview) presented a \$1,000 check to the Senior Citizens and told of Walmart's desire to help with many useful projects in the area.

Lee even joined the Seniors and tried his hand at decorating also.

All enjoyed hot spiced tea after the decorating and expressed their appreciation for the gift which was designated for the use and enjoyment of the seniors.

Next Week's Menu

Monday, Dec. 13, baked chicken with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad/dressing, bran muffin and lemon cake.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, chicken spaghetti, Italian vegetables, tossed salad w/dressing, garlic bread, banana pudding.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, baked ham, potatoes, greens, tossed salad w/dressing, roll, frosted cake.

Thursday, Dec. 16, Chili w/beans, rice, squash, wheat roll, golden congealed salad.

Friday, Dec. 17, brisket, au gratin potatoes, fried okra, pickles, wheat roll, apricot cobbler.

JV Lady Mules from pg. 8

drove across the lane for a reverse layup and Sheets stuck back a rebound as the period ended.

Grumbles got a put back after the Lady Bulldogs had tied the game at 10-10.

Hawkins picked off Plainview's inbound pass after the bucket and dumped in a six-foot jumper. The Lady Mules clung to a 16-15 lead at the half.

Plainview out scored the Lady Mules 8-13 in the third quarter to take a 24-28 lead into the final period.

Hernandez scored in the paint to open the final frame. Myers had a put back attempt blocked, recovered the ball for a second attempt and was fouled shooting. She dropped in both free throws.

Torres made two free throws to cut the Plainview advantage to a single point. The Lady Bulldogs out

scored the Lady Mules 9-3 in the final minutes.

Hawkins led the Lady Mules with eight points and Kimbrough had six. Torres dropped in five, Hernandez, Hall and Sheets made four

each and Myers and Grumbles chipped in two apiece.

The Lady Mules traveled to Tulia Tuesday night and are in the Sundown Tournament on Dec. 9-11.

Golden Anniversary Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Conner of Springlake will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Springlake.

The couple married Dec. 9, 1954, in Clovis, N.M. She is the former Topsy Sue Offield of Littlefield.

They have four children: a daughter, Xacola and John Furr of Dimmitt; three sons, Ardis and Teri Conner, Jody and Lesa Conner and Gaylon and Rhonda Conner, all of Springlake. They also have 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Navidad En Mi Pueblo is Dec. 19

Navidad En Mi Pueblo (Christmas in My Town) is focused on all the children from Muleshoe and surrounding areas. The organization is celebrating its eighth Christmas this year. The event is organized by KMUL Radio AM-1380 which is celebrating its 48th anniversary as an all Spanish radio station. Throughout the years, KMUL has had various events and fundraisers, Navidad en Mi Pueblo being the most popular in the last eight years.

During preparation for this event, radio personalities ask for help through from customers and listeners who respond very well with toys and cash donations. Musical bands are also recruited and not only do they entertain with their music, they give very generous donations.

This year, the event will be from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 19. The giveawar is of



Santa's inspection — At last year's Navidad en Mi Pueblo a number of bikes were given away. Above, Santa takes a look at a few before the lucky winners took them home.

no cost to the public.

It will start with live music and later go on to the pinatas and bike give-a-ways, 20 of which will be distributed this year.

There will be refreshments for everyone - candy for the children - and toys for as long as they last.

This year, KMUL through Hamilton Big Country Ford, is announces a car giveaway. Tickets will be given away to

all adults 18 years and older at no cost.

The winner will be drawn the same day.

Bands playing this year are: Fantasia Nortena, Viento Musical Duranguense and Reveldes Del Norte.

The public is invited to come see the Ballet Folklorico at the Immaculate Conception Church at 3 p.m.

All donations of toys, clothes, cash, etc. for the event are welcome.

Christmas in Muleshoe needs contributions

According to event spokesperson Pastor David Symm, "Christmas in Muleshoe" needs community help! "The gifts collected to date do not meet the tremendous needs of the children in the community. We are needing gifts and/or cash contributions for approximately 70 children ages 0-18," said Symm.

Distribution of gifts begins Monday, Dec. 13.

Cash can be given to any area minister and checks should be made out to Bailey County Ministerial Alliance (BCMA). Several area businesses have boxes available for gifts.

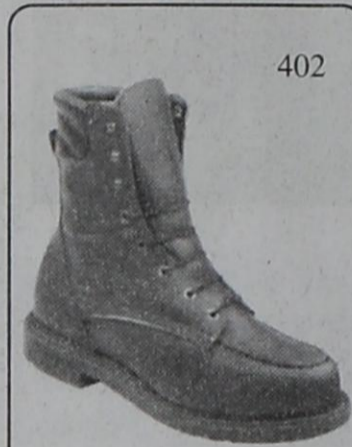
Cash contributions can also be taken and deposited in the BCMA account at Muleshoe State Bank.

"Thank you in advance for generously giving to the children of Bailey County and helping make 'Christmas in Muleshoe' a success once again," said Symm.

Reminder of deadlines for the Muleshoe Journal

Classifieds: Friday at 5 p.m.; Display advertising: Tuesday at noon; Editorial: Monday at 5 p.m.

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Nursing Home News

Friday morning Carolyn Johnson from Carolyn's Christmas Creations created Christmas "magic" in the day room of Park View.

Rebecca Reynolds from Decorators Floral dressed the sun room on hall #3 in beautiful Christmas attire.

Celia Parham from the Art Loft and Trés Chic trimmed the tree in a "glitz and glimmer" of unbelievable Christmas beauty and all around the room in the lobby or front room, Monday.

Buck and Lynn Campbell, Marlene Martin and Charles Flowers delivered Christmas decorations to Park View and took the empty boxes back to storage as well as the fall/Thanksgiving decorations. UPS serves takes a back seat to the volunteer ser-

vice. The volunteers did all this on Monday and Tuesday.

As mentioned before, but worth mentioning again, Marilyn Young from Antiques and Fine Things decorated the conference room before Thanksgiving.

Helen Hunter from Lasting Impressions decorated the main entry.

We have much praise and appreciation for and to our many dedicated and loving volunteers. You do make a difference, a wonderful difference!

Sunday morning the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the communion service.

Harold Burge and Buster Kittrell taught the bible study, Sunday morning.

Steve Friskup, Jearl James and Janis Morrison

from the Cowboy Church directed the church service Sunday afternoon.

W.T. and Pat Watson gave musical entertainment to the residents Friday afternoon.

Liz Howard from Hobbs, N.M. entertained the residents "karoke style" Monday afternoon.

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy goes to the family and friends of Ken Angeley.

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Remember When... We Cooked?

Connie Moyers, former SPS Home Economist & presenter of the "Festive Foods" programs, will be presenting a collection of recipes

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Winners of the raffles were: 3 Mo. membership to Body & More - Jimmie Kay Moore; coat from Joe's Boot Shop - Joe Pierson; blanket by Bella Fiore - Leah Bell; quilt - George Martinez; vest from Muleshoe Country Club - Missy Caddell; Walmart \$100 gift card - Luis Sigala; and United Supermarket \$100 gas card - Ruth Kitchens

Celebrating 90 Years

Lavonne Hinkson will be receiving guests at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 11, 2004

from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

She would love for her friends and neighbors to come by and have a piece of birthday cake with her and help celebrate her 90th birthday.

A card she would enjoy, but no gifts, please.

Nursing Home News from pg. 10

Rick Hunter celebrated his birthday at Leal's with his mother Joyce Hunter and friends during the week end. Wilma Hughes has returned to Park View after a stay in a Lubbock hospital. Peggy Dent visited the residents and staff at Park View Monday.

Nell Dale and Beverly Wagnon shampooed and set the ladies hair. Angela B. gave the men and women manicures. Wednesday morning coffee, juice and donuts were served to the residents at coffee time. Mr. Sinclair, Loyce Killingsworth and Buster Kittrell directed the devotional/singspiration time Wednesday morning. Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon. Remember, Open House at Park View is Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Please come see our home all "dressed up" for Christmas. Refreshments will be served. Dorothy Bowers also has a birthday Dec. 23.

Engagement

THOMPSON — DOMINGUEZ

Stacy Thompson and Gary Cain and David and Sylvia Dominguez, all of Muleshoe, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Tamara JoAnn Thompson to David "DJ" Dominguez, Jr.

The bride-to-be is a newly graduated student of Muleshoe High School. Dominguez is employed at Thompson Insurance Agency, is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and attended college

The nuptials will take place at New Covenant Church on January 1, 2005.

The couple plans to make their home in Muleshoe.



Founding members - Pictured above is the first Guadalupeña Society organized in Muleshoe in 1958.

Guadalupeña Society fund-raiser set for Dec. 12

The Guadalupeña Society was established in 1958 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Cochran.

The first Guadalupeña Society consisted of President, Mrs. Maestas; Treasurer, Eva Maestas and Clara Custorena. A year later there were several more members, including Maria Camera, Lucy Lucero, Esther Ibarra and Aurora Mata and several more. To this day, these ladies are still active in the Guadalupeña Society. Every two years a new president is elected.

This is a group of ladies who work for the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

and the community, participating in such endeavors as fund-raisers, selling coffee, cokes, cookies, and lots of goodies on Sunday mornings. They also get the ladies together for funerals and afterward set up a buffet of food for the family.

They also sell tamales for the church. All proceeds go to the church. Their main fund-raiser will take place Dec. 12, the Virgin de Guadalupe.

Two girls are chosen to run for queen. The girls' parents and the Guadalupeña ladies work together for two months. The work starts in October and ends at the end of November.

The money they bring in comes from raffles, tamales and some take-out orders for dinner. The money is used for the church and the Catholic Center, for such things as repairs, carpet, benches, painting the CCD classrooms, and pavement work around the church.

The queen will be crowned on Dec. 12 during mass.

There will be several children dancing to honor La Virgin de Guadalupe. This year's queen is Brianna Azua, daughter of Lidice and Israil Azua. The ICCC Choir will sing at 6 a.m. There will be a rosary at 7:30 a.m. and mass at 8 a.m. on Dec. 12.

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Bridal Showers



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FOSTER — ST. CLAIR

Staci Foster, bride-elect of Adam St.Clair was honored with a bridal shower Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004 in the home of Marca Morris of Lazbuddie.

Staci Foster is the daughter Lyndon and Stephani Foster, and Adam St.Clair is the son of Tommy and Jana St.Clair, all of Lazbuddie.

Special guests were Stephani Foster, mother of the bride-to-be; Shana Vinson, sister of bride-to-be; Bobbie Benham, friend of bride-to-be; Kelly Sanders and Bri Barner, cousins of bride-to-be. Jana St.Clair, mother of the prospective groom; Betty Bruns, grandmother of prospective groom; Brenda Black and Janise Woodall, aunts of the prospective groom; Leah Spears, Lysie Black, Katie Bynum and Marlie Black, all cousins of the prospective groom.

The hostesses were Rayniel Bamert, Sarah Black, Janice Bradshaw, Claire Brown, Judy Brockman, Vickie Burch, Kathy Embry, Louise Engelking, Sheryl Engelking, Paulette Foster, Terri Hahn, Debbi Hutto, Donna Locker, Ruth Locker, Debbie Magby, Linda Martin, Marca Morris, Vicki Morris, Tonya Pool, Marilyn Riley, Diane Saylor, Mandi Seaton, Susan Sudduth, Terry Thomas, Jan Via and Christie Whitt.

The hostesses gift was a Visa gift card to purchase a piece of their bedroom suites.



ROBINSON

THOMPSON — ROBINSON

Whitney Thompson Robinson, bride of Drew Robinson of Muleshoe, was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004 in the home of Linda Wood of Muleshoe.

Whitney Thompson Robinson is the daughter of Lonnie and Kim Neinaast of Earth, and Drew Robinson is the son of Phil and Patti Kent and Jimmy and Cissy Robinson, all of Muleshoe.

Special guests were Patti Kent, mother of the groom; Shelbi Robinson, sister of the groom; Haili Gardner, niece of the groom; Faye Poyner, grandmother of the groom; Lucy Kent, grandmother of the groom; Perri Lee, aunt of the groom; and Kaitlin Lee, cousin of the groom; Kim Neinaast, mother of the bride; and Melinda Riley, aunt of the bride.

The hostesses were Lori Bales, Sue Bessire, Kim Birkenfeld, Tammy Black, Tisha Boehning, Annette Bonds, Jacque Boutell, Dianne Brown, Kathy Embry, Paulette Foster, Wanda Hooten, Ruth Locker, Linda Lutz, Pamela Miller, Eileen Morton, Ann Mount, Kristi Parker, Tonya Pool, Betty Poyner, Jana St.Clair, Diane Saylor, Juana Shelburne, Jackie Scoggins, Susan Sudduth, Melody Sheets, Christie Whitt and Linda Wood.

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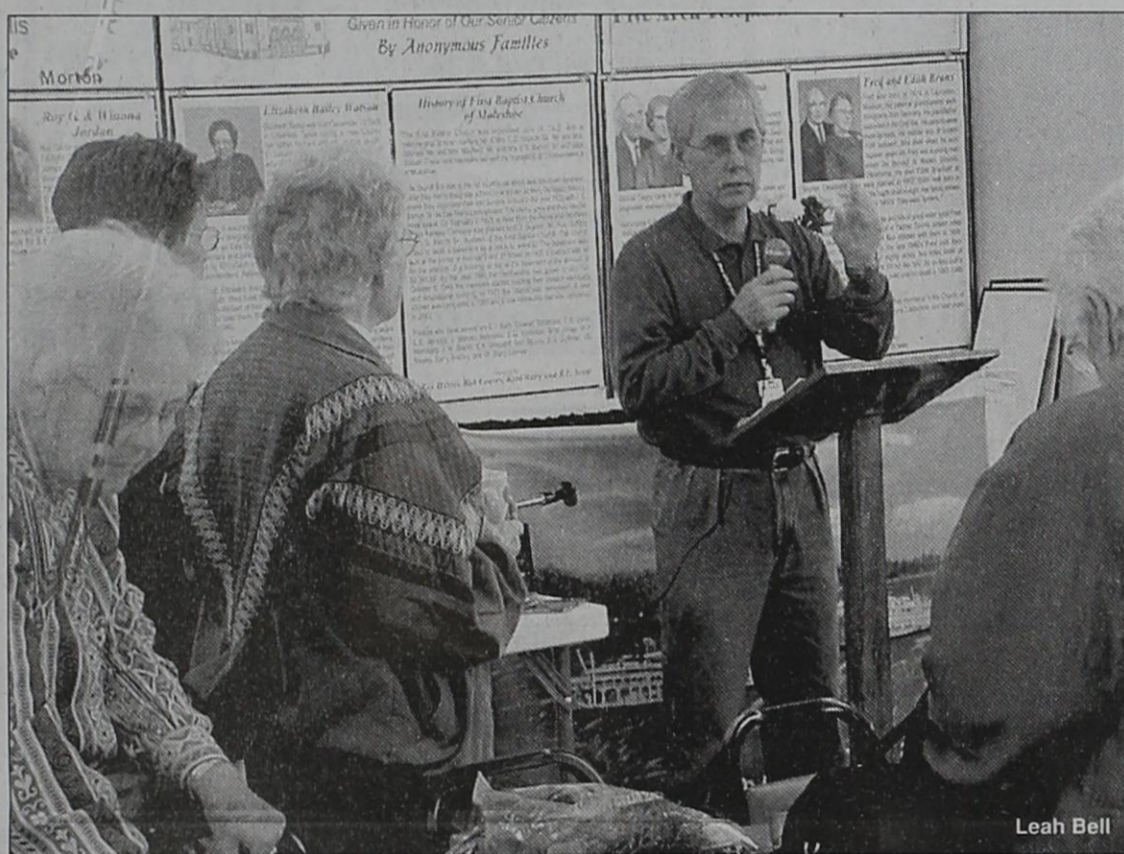
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Commentary

Border security cannot be ignored

By Bobby Eberle

Although the heated political debate from the presidential campaign is now over, the business of governance and protecting the homeland remains. One of the issues being addressed by the lame duck Congress is that of reforming the way national intelligence information is gathered, shared, and organized. Reforming the intelligence community is a vital element in waging an effective war on terror, and through this debate an equally important element has resurfaced. Legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives is now stalled, and this is partly due to the fact that important border security measures were excluded from consideration.

President George W. Bush says fighting the war on terror is of the utmost importance, and he is right. However, to be serious about fighting the war, America must be focused on winning the war. America must not just have better intelligence to track terrorists and disrupt their plans to cause harm to our citizens on American soil, but America must also stop the terrorists before they enter the country. Thus, the time has come to have an open and honest debate on border security.

Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said that one of the key elements missing from the intelli-

gence reform legislation was that of immigration reform. In particular, Sensenbrenner said that it is far too easy for those who are in America illegally to get driver's licenses.

Sensenbrenner told Fox News that the nineteen hijackers involved in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks had been issued a total of 63 valid driver's licenses.

Sensenbrenner is right, and the White House should put politics aside and realize that any homeland security effort is incomplete unless it addresses border security. According to a report by the Center for Immigration Studies, among the 4.3 million new immigrants to America since 2000, approximately 2 million are illegal. These illegal aliens don't just include migrant workers but certainly have in their midst potential terrorists and their allies.

The report states that there has been "no major change in policy" regarding illegal immigration since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

According to Steven Camarota, the author of the report, while visa applicants from some parts of the world may have to wait a little longer for approval and a tiny number of illegal aliens from selected countries may have been detained, this does not constitute a major change in policy and has no meaningful impact on the number of people settling in the United

States.

In a Time Magazine feature story from Sept. 20, the authors, Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele, contrast the typical airline flight experience where shoes, belts, pockets, and laptops are examined with the fact that in a single day, "4,000 illegal aliens will walk across the busiest unlawful gateway into the U.S., the 375-mile border between Arizona and Mexico. No searches for weapons. No shoe removal. No photo-ID checks. Before long, many will obtain phony identification papers, including bogus Social Security numbers, to conceal their true identities and mask their unlawful presence."

The Time Magazine authors also make the staggering claim, based on their investigation, that the U.S. borders, "rather than becoming more secure since 9/11, have grown even more porous."

Barlett and Steele estimate that three million illegal aliens will enter into the United States in 2004. In addition, while the vast majority are from Mexico, "a small but sharply growing number come from other countries, including those with large populations hostile to the U.S."

There are two primary debates involving illegal immigration, and unfortunately, many times they are treated as a single debate which is "off limits" due to political correctness and the desire of elected officials to not be labeled as racist or prejudiced.

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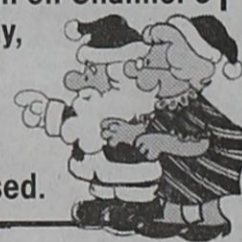
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Graves, continued from front page

"I am one of those God seems to use and then send on to the next project," she said. "Leaving the food pantry killed me, but with a broken foot you don't carry groceries out too good."

Her volunteer work hasn't been a one-way street.

"I was blessed by the people that we served and the community," Graves said of her work at the Food Pantry. "It was just one of those places that you always felt good when you walked out of there. You knew God had been present that day and supplied the needs of his people. It might have been our hands that gave them the food, but it is the community that always, always provides."

The Food Pantry receives no government funds; it's funded strictly through donations. The building was donated by Victor Leal.

"That allows us to use the old building that the old restaurant used to be in, so we have no rent," Graves said. "God has provided from Day 1. Even the shelving units were donated."

Her work in the various charities has been almost a full-time occupation, and she acknowledges that she's been fortunate in that respect.

"God has blessed me because I haven't had to work outside the home," Graves said. "Since we've moved to Muleshoe I've been a community volunteer. Because my husband John has been so very supportive, I've been so blessed."

Graves has been able to keep up her regular activities, despite her chemo and this week, in fact, has something special planned.

"We're getting our 10-month granddaughter Madeline and keeping her for a few days," she said.

Here are the four charities Graves has worked with.

FOOD PANTRY

Who: Under the BCMA umbrella, governed by Board of Directors. Started in 1998 and staffed by volunteers
What: group organized to

fill the "food" needs of the residents of Bailey County.

When: Sat. mornings from 9 to 10:30 a.m., with emergency needs referral by pastors as needed!

Where: Food Pantry, 1614 Am. Blvd. West, between Farm Bureau and Laurie Winchell Ins.

How: screening process based on Tex-cap guidelines of resource/income proof of residence in Bailey County.

Funding: donations, no government money taken

Contacts: pastors, Donna Kirk, Kay Mardis, Nancy Barrier, Kay Graves

HOPE CHEST

Who: governed by Board also under the umbrella of BCMA; staffed with volunteers

What: group to provide assistance with utility and unexpected expenses for families in crisis. Subject to referral by pastors. Limit for help per family \$250 per calendar year. Proof of need to those who will refer, i.e., bill from utility, etc.

When: 24-7

Where: local churches

Why: Needs that we could see that were exceeding the need for more than just food through the Food Pantry.

Funds: donations, FEMA dollars were available last year, but not available this year.

Contacts: pastors, Kay Mardis, Kay Graves

RAINBOW ROOM

Who: Resource to aid local children placed in the care of the state. Also a place where our local children and their families receive counsel on reunification of the family unit, and help in discerning the needs of each family unit. Volunteer staffing

What: Building and Resources; clothing, toys, health and beauty products. Works in close conjunction with the Bailey County Child Welfare Board.

When: 24-7 for use by the social worker for Bailey County, not open to public.

This is strictly for the use of the CPS office.

Where: 1620 W. American Blvd.

Funds: donations
Contacts: Kay Graves

COMPASSIONATE CARE

Who: Governed by a Board of Directors; staffed with volunteers

What: A group that will give information and aid to those seeking help in time of pregnancy; counseling for parenting, participation in the birthing process, and aid of loving care for mom, dad and

child through the pregnancy.

When: Right now we are still in the "set-up" and will be "hopefully" training volunteers to staff the facility in all areas, reception, counseling, outreach, etc.

Where: Located behind Rainbow Room, the address is Odessa street.

Why: We see many needs especially in our younger population to learn parenting skills from the inception of

life, plus many needs of the emotional nature due to unplanned or unsupported pregnancy. To give options

to mom besides abortion, i.e. adoption and keeping the child.

How: Through loving support on a Christian-based foundation of helping those in need, whatever the circumstances. Showing HIS love through the outstretched hand of fellowman.

Funding: Donations, one funding raising winter & summer (Christmas Gala and Giant Garage Sale July)

Contacts: Cheryl Lewis, Kay Graves, Debbie Shurbet, Tracie Claybrook, Berna Bradley

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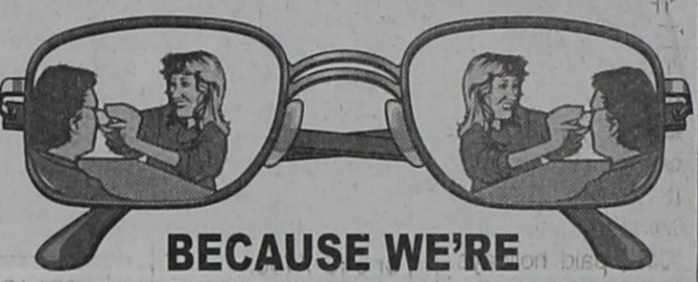
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Earth - 3 bedroom stucco house, 2 bath, double garage, shop/storage building. Very affordable.

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Bailey County - 361 acres on pavement. 2 circles, 4 wells, 235 allotted acres, 64 acres of C.R.P. Good set of working pens. A GOOD LIVESTOCK FARM! \$450 per acre.

Bailey County - 195 Acres on Pavement. 2 wells, make 700 g.p.m. sold Parmer County line.

Parmer County - 152 Acres Northwest of Lazbuddie. 1 well, 1 sprinkler. Very good soil.

Muleshoe - Large 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home. 2 fireplaces, basement, garage. Lots of extras.

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- VERY NICE 4-3-2 Home (2-story), 4,000' + lv. area, built-ins, 2 fireplaces, 2 lv. areas, study, Cent. A&H, separate bldg. with C.A.H. & 1/2 bath for studio, office, etc., auto splkr. with well, nicely landscaped & well maintained!! Numerous amenities!! SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT!! \$185,000!! L-3
- 2-1-2 carport Home, floor furn, heat, win. evap. air, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE !! \$33.5K !! L-1
- 3-2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, 1848' Lv. area, hardwood, vinyl, & carpet, fenced yd., stor. bldg.!! PRICE REDUCED \$37,000 L-4

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- GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 19,360' building, paved parking, 3.44 acres, Hwy. 84/70!!! LET'S LOOK TODAY!!!
- Texaco Travel & Convenience Center - Bldg., land, furniture, & fixtures!! Appraised @ \$375K !! Price \$350K !!

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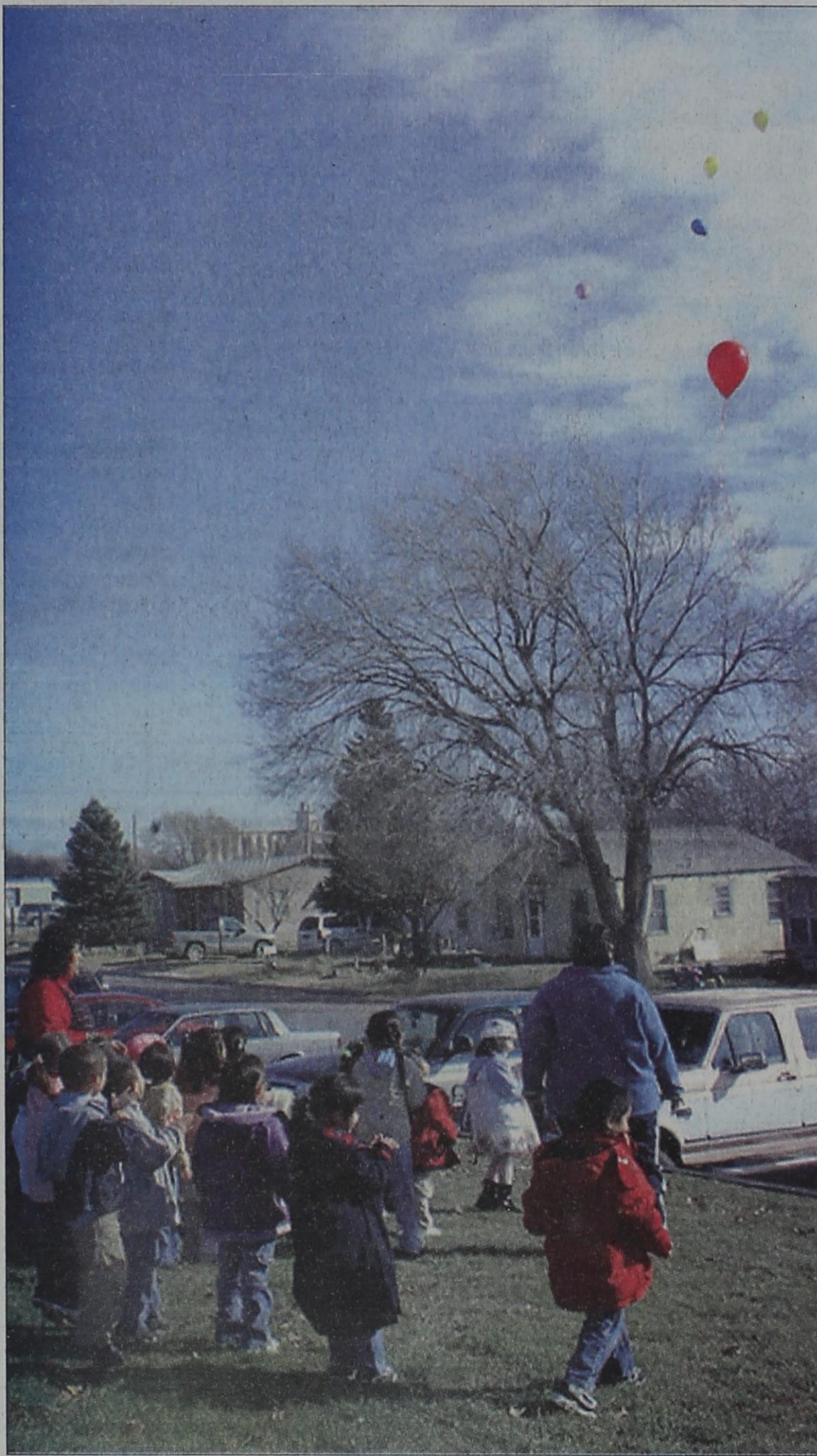
- 4-3-4 car garage, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 4190' lv. area, many amenities, nice trees and shrubs, 2 acre tract on Hwy. 70 !! \$195,000!! SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT!!
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- Earth - 2-1-1 Home, cent. heat, stove, DW, fenced yd., cm lot! PRICE REDUCED \$29,440 !!
- S. OF FARWELL - 4-3-2 Brick Home, 69.6 acre tract, cent. A&H, built - ins, 4560' lv. area, 350' basement w/ vault, 2940' garage/workshop, 2000' loft over garage, 6' well, barns, & corral !! MORE !! \$339K !!

Up, Up and Away



Leah Bell

Students at Kinder Steps/Head Start launched balloons last week with messages in them to whoever finds them, asking that they write them back. The release was part of December's "domain" for the pre-school set up by Head Start - which is science.



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The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

Muleshoe Cattle Market

SAT., DEC. 4, 2004 FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE, CALL (806) 272-4201

Seller, City	# Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Bill Bradley, Amherst	Yell. str	285 lbs.	at \$132.50
Gerald Boehning, Muleshoe	BWF bull	350 lbs.	at \$140.00
Sam Bruton, Monument, NM	9 Mxd. str	362 lbs.	at \$138.00
Sam Bruton, Monument, NM	5 Char. str	514 lbs.	at \$120.00
TOM Cattle, Andrews	10 Blk. str	490 lbs.	at \$126.00
TOM Cattle, Andrews	26 Blk. str	587 lbs.	at \$115.50
TOM Cattle, Andrews	19 Mxd. str	700 lbs.	at \$104.50
Preston Cargile, Farwell	3 Blk. str	510 lbs.	at \$115.00
Walt Eads, Denver City	4 Mxd. str	568 lbs.	at \$115.50
Ernesto Bustillos, Jr., Muleshoe	5 Red bulls	674 lbs.	at \$94.50
Owen Young, Levelland	4 Blk. str	678 lbs.	at \$106.00
Donna Weems, Portales, NM	7 Char. str	689 lbs.	at \$108.50
Shafer Farms, Inc., Muleshoe	6 Mxd. str	763 lbs.	at \$102.00
Hilario Arambula, Hereford	2 Char. hfrs	225 lbs.	at \$147.50
Bill Bradley, Amherst	2 Blk. hfrs	303 lbs.	at \$132.50
Gerald Boehning, Earth	3 Blk. hfrs	413 lbs.	at \$116.00
Curtis Drager, Friona	2 Yell. hfrs	405 lbs.	at \$117.00
Sam Bruton, Monument, NM	3 Char. hfrs	428 lbs.	at \$120.00
TOM Cattle, Andrews	22 Blk. hfrs	450 lbs.	at \$120.00
TOM Cattle, Andrews	29 Blk. hfrs	548 lbs.	at \$110.50
TOM Cattle, Andrews	15 Blk. hfrs	632 lbs.	at \$101.75
Preston Cargile, Farwell	8 Blk. hfrs	584 lbs.	at \$102.00
Owen Young, Levelland	6 Mxd. hfrs	638 lbs.	at \$99.00
Steve Carr, Littlefield	Blk. hfr	685 lbs.	at \$97.00
Wesley Hawkins, Muleshoe	3 Blk. hfrs	727 lbs.	at \$95.00
W.C. Cattle, Sudan	4 Mxd. hfrs	735 lbs.	at \$96.25
Donna Weems, Portales, NM	3 Yell. hfrs	753 lbs.	at \$99.00
Shafer Farms, Inc., Muleshoe	6 Red hfrs	769 lbs.	at \$98.25
Birdwell Cattle, Hereford	Brin. cow P8	\$1395 lbs.	at \$800.00
Enrique Arambula, Dawn	2 Blk. cows P6		\$730.00
Robert McCurry, Springlake	RMF cow	1375 lbs.	at \$55.00
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	Blk. cow	1245 lbs.	at \$54.25
Neima Avitia, Levelland	Blk. cow	1110 lbs.	at \$54.75
B.T. Livestock, Morton	Blk. cow	1890 lbs.	at \$54.00
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At left, Danny May goes up on a ladder to put some finishing touches on the decorations.