

NEWS BRIEFS

Filing deadline for county offices is approaching

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

Time is running out for persons wishing to run for county offices. The final day to file is January 2.

Thus far, the following candidates have filed with the county clerk:

COUNTY COMMISSION

PRECINCT 1

- Jack Dunham
Republican
- Rodney Baker
Democrat
- Butch Vandiver
Republican

PRECINCT 3

- Joey Kindle
Democrat

PRECINCT 4

- Ginger Damron
Democrat
- Juan Chavez
Democrat

SHERIFF

- Otis Carpenter
Republican
- Richard Wills
Republican

As of Monday afternoon, no one had filed for two constable positions or county tax assessor.

This day on the calendar

December 31 — First Night; Canada: First Nights; Orange Bowl parade; World Peace Meditation; New Year's designate a Driver Campaign; First bank opened in U.S., 1781.

January 1 — Diet Resolution Week (1-7); National Lose Weight/Feel Great Week (1-7); National Environmental Policy Act anniversary, 1970; Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl and Sugar Bowl games.

January 3 — U.S. Congress assemblies.

January 5 — Twelfth night.

January 6 — Three Kings Day; Organize Your Home Day; Epiphany; Intimate Apparel Week (6-9); National Thank-Your-Customers Week (6-10).



Drawing date: Saturday, December 27
Winning numbers: 09-13-15-37-39
Bonus Ball: 31
Estimated jackpot: \$32 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, December 31
Estimated jackpot: \$35 million

LOCAL WEATHER

Wednesday will bring sun and clouds with highs reaching the low 60s and lows dripping into the lower 30s. Thursday, look for highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s. Friday will be mostly sunny with lows in the lower 30s and highs reaching the lower 60s. Look for mostly sunny to sunny conditions through Jan. 6. Highs will be in the upper 50s to lower 60s while lows vary from the middle 20s to lower 30s.

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Special election slated to fill city council position

By MARSHALL STINNETT
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The Muleshoe City Council met in special session Monday to call a special election to fill the vacant seat on the council caused by the resignation of longtime District 1 Councilman Juan Chavez.

Chavez said he resigned to run for Precinct 4 on the county commission.

The election will be held February 7. People wishing to file for the position can file now until January 23 at Muleshoe City Hall.

Because Chavez is in the final year of his term, the person who wins the election will have to run again for the full term in May.

Chavez will face Ginger Damron in the county election. Damron was appointed to the commission seat after the sudden death of her husband, Jerry.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Beginners belt out a tune

Soloists (at left) Alyssa Martinez and Jessica Howard sing "A New Year Carol" at the Watson Junior High Sixth Grade Beginning Choir concert held December 14 at Kerry Moore Auditorium. Also performing at the concert were the junior high boy's and girl's choirs, mixed choirs and the MHS "A Cappella" choir.

Review 2003: A look at the top stories

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

As is customary this time of year, the *Journal* is taking a look back at some of the top stories to hit the front page in 2003.

January — A fatal wreck involving Trista Nicole Green, 17, which occurred Dec. 23 was still being investigated by the police. According to reports, Green's vehicle skid out of control into the path of an oncoming Freightliner truck driven by Calvin Lee Rodgers, 41. Green remained in ICU until her death on January 1, 2003.

Virginia Bowers retired from M.I.S.D. after serving over 32 years in the school system.

Jerry Morris was hired by Sheriff Richard Wills as chief deputy sheriff. Morris replaced Lacie Kirk, who returned to his D.P.S. position.

The first baby of the year reported at MAMC was Jonathan Octavio Mora, son of Lourdes and Cesar Octavio Mora of Farwell.

County commissioners approved the construction of a new jail facility to be built by Corplan. Bailey County will lease the jail for 20 years. At the end of the lease, Bailey County will own the jail.

Grand champions at the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show 2003 were: J.R. Young, swine; Colt Ellis, lamb; Cydni Vandiver, goat; and Brady Black, steer.

February — The Lady Mules won the district championship with an overall season record of 26-5 and a 10-0 district record. The gym sported a

sign that read "We're no angels when it comes to basketball."

City employees worked to lower water lines and move fire hydrants before TxDOT was to begin work rebuilding Highway 214. Construction was to begin in March.

Ismael "Smiley" Reyes was being sought in the beating of Laura Flores-Orozco. The beating took place at a local hotel where Reyes and Orozco were living. At the time of print, Reyes had not been apprehended.



Victor Leal announced his intent to seek a second term as mayor. The location of the new jail was announced - on the half block of the 400 block of West Second Street. The expected cost of building the jail was estimated to be \$3 million.

Pieces of the space shuttle Columbia were found in Lamb County near Littlefield. Bailey County was named as a potential site of debris material.

District 2-3A coaches selected All-District players. Those players from Muleshoe were: MVP Sara Benham; Defensive MVP Mindy Locker; and Newcomer of the Year, Kelsi Friskup. Also making the team were Shani Rasco and Tori Barton. Tiffany Flores received an Honorable Mention nod.

"Smiley" Reyes was apprehended Feb. 26 in the back yard of a residence on West 11th Street. His bail was set at

\$30,000 by JP Herman Morrison.

March — Creator of the mule memorial "Old Pete," Mildred Rorie, died in Alpine at the age of 83. She and her husband, Jim, were owners of Fiberglass Menagerie. "Old Pete" was their first special order. He was unveiled July 4, 1965.

Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce was preparing for their annual banquet. They had secured Syd Masters and the Swing Riders as entertainment for the event.

Tom Purcell of Roanoke, Texas was found guilty of "desexing" a pheasant (cutting both legs off) and was fined the maximum fine of \$500. Purcell

April 3, 2003. Chad's mother, Ginger Metcalf, lives in Coahoma, Texas, where a formal service was held. Chad was buried with full military honors in the National Cemetery in Dallas. As a result of his death, Muleshoe turned out in droves



Bales presented U.S. flag

to honor Pfc. Bales at a memorial in Benny Douglas Stadium. The event was capped off with a 21-gun salute.

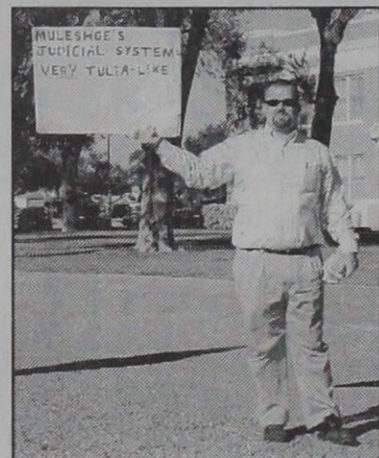
Officer Rodney Stevens made headlines by arresting his own wife for running a stop sign and failing to stop for a patrol car. Stevens and fellow officer Bermea followed Jennifer Stevens to her home where officer Stevens proceeded to handcuff his wife. Officer Bermea issued Mrs. Stevens a citation for the stop sign violation and she was released.

Honorees at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet were: Billy Gore family, farm family of the year; Lynn Campbell, woman of the year; Tim "Buck" Campbell, man of the year; Muleshoe Livestock Auction, business of the year; and Freddie Santos, employee of the year.

May — Frances Stegall, 91, released her autobiography entitled "Grass Roots: 80 years in Bailey County." While writing her book, Stegall wore out two old typewriters with her "hunt and peck" style of typing.

The junior high beginning band brought home the sweep-

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Purcell pickets

appealed the decision. Cleavinger served as prosecutor and Purcell defended himself.

April — OSHA fined Reliant Processing Group \$70,000 as a result of the Sept. 2002 explosion that caused the death of a man at the CO₂ plant located on Kakawate Road. The company was cited for one alleged willful violation for exposing employees to a struck-by hazard associated with the sudden and catastrophic failure of carbon dioxide storage tanks.

Chad Bales, 20-year-old son of Kem and Lori Bales of Muleshoe, lost his life in a non-combat accident in Iraq. Bales' truck collided with another convoy truck in a sandstorm on

Your pictures are here!

Over the year, the *Journal* collects what seems to be a thousand pictures.

As the new year is rung in, the *Journal* would like to remind everyone that photos can be picked up at the office, 304 W. 2nd Street, or arrangements

can be made to have them put in the mail.

If there's a question about whether or not a photo has already been picked up, call the office during business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30-5:00 p.m.



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Senior Center to close for holidays

Oneita Wagon Senior Center will be open Dec. 30-31 but will be closed New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2004.

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.

Learning Center closed for holidays

The Muleshoe Adult Learning Center will be closed through January 5, 2004. The Center will reopen January 6 and will be enrolling for the spring semester at that time. For information contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 5766. Just a reminder: The center offers GED classes for both English speaking and Spanish speaking candidates.

REVIEW

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stakes trophy.

An FM 746 rollover took the life of Mario Melendez, 24. He left behind a wife, Amy, and two daughters, Marilyn and Madison; along with a large extended family. The suspected cause of the rollover was a blown tire.

Susan Kerby was named the *Muleshoe Journal* "Mother of the Year" for 2003.

Carolyn's Christmas Creations announced their anticipated move to the old Joe's Boot Shop location on Main Street.

Lady Mule tracksters made a good showing at state, finishing in eighth place. Jessica Withrow brought home the gold in the high jump.

City Councilman Juan Chavez blasted the police department for "profiling." According to the *Journal* story, he said, "You get searched on one side of town, but not on the other." He added, "The police don't watch the country club. They watch the VFW." He made these charges in his "who is allowed to break the law" topic he had placed on the council's agenda.

Cecil Dykes, 75, received his diploma thanks to House Bill 387 which allows WWII veterans who dropped out to fight the war a chance to get their high school diploma. Also receiving his diploma (later on) was Walter Sain.

June — Police busted a methamphetamine lab east of Muleshoe on property owned by Shane Burris. Arrested were Burris, Nicole Chillous and Gary Hodges.

Muleshoe Pea & Bean was hurriedly preparing to ship 3.4 million pounds of grade-2 peas to Iraq in June.

Citizens were urged to help restore the West Camp Cemetery by *Journal* writer Vaneta Gregory in June. The community response



Cemetery needs repair

was good according to Gregory. The cemetery, once overgrown with weeds and full of broken and overturned tombstones, was restored to good shape in a

short while.

County officials broke ground for the new jail in June.

Texas Tech Head Basketball Coach Bob Knight spoke at the annual **R e d R a i d e r C l u b** event in Muleshoe held at the Heritage Center.

July — Rains flooded roads northeast of Muleshoe early in July.

Carmen Espinoza-Rodriguez got the chance to act in the cast of "Texas Legacies." She played spicy, comedic Maria Hinojosa.

Muleshoe's police dog, Sandor, died in the high heat of July while left un-



"Sandor" dies

attended in officer Rodney Stevens' patrol car. Police sources determined that the car's air conditioning unit quit while Stevens was out of the car. The death made news all across Texas and officer Stevens caught "heat" from local citizens for the incident.

Longtime Lowe's manager Bill Gilbert resigned to take position at M.I.S.D. Lowe's employees welcomed new manager, Stephen Davidson, shortly after Gilbert's resignation.

August — A police plan was presented by Chief Don Carter to help create a better understanding between citizens and the police department.

The West Nile Virus became a serious concern locally in August. At the time of the first story printed in the *Journal*, three cases were confirmed by a local medical clinic. Confirmed cases continued to increase as the month passed.

September — Williams Office Supply was sold by



Business changes hands

Addresses listed for charities

- 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

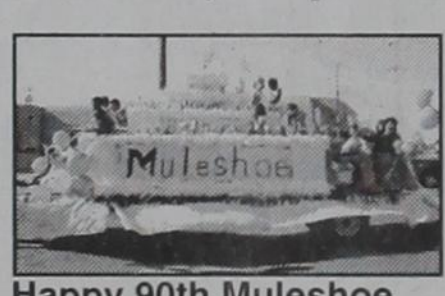
Jan. 1-5, 2004 — The Muleshoe Driver's License Office will be closed for the holidays. Regular business hours will resume January 6, 2004.

Roger and Dawn Williams to Terral and Amy King of The Connection Warehouse.

Gloria Guillen-Rowand became the first local casualty of the West Nile Virus. Rowand, 29, died Sept. 9 of complications of West Nile, including meningitis and encephalitis. She left behind her husband, Michael, and son, Brandon, along with lots of extended family members and friends.

Luis Daniel lodged a "police brutality" complaint against officers Stevens and Bermea.

Muleshoe celebrated its 90th birthday in September



Happy 90th Muleshoe

with a town-wide "shindig."

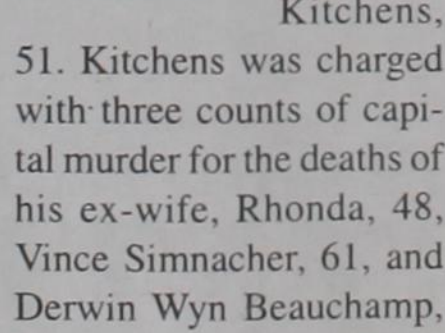
Tom Purcell, previously tried twice for desexing a pheasant, went to trial for a third time and struck out again. The public got a taste of his "foul" mouth as the *Journal* published some of his relentless Emails degrading local officials, citizens and the town in general.

An internal investigation by Chief Don Carter found Luis Daniel's claim of police brutality to be unfounded and without merit.

October — Eliodoro "Shorty" Orozco became seriously ill from the West Nile Virus. He remains in the hospital as of today.

Texas Ranger Dusty McCord found Muleshoe police officers Stevens and Bermea not guilty of brutality, which set off discussions around town.

Muleshoe was rocked by a triple homicide committed by **L a r r y K i t c h e n s**, 51. Kitchens was charged with three counts of capital murder for the deaths of his ex-wife, Rhonda, 48, Vince Sinnacher, 61, and Derwin Wyn Beauchamp, 43. Police were called to



L. Kitchens

the Sinnacher home south of town where they found all three victims. L. Kitchens was apprehended, without incident, at his home. According to reports, R.

Kitchens and Sinnacher died instantly while Beauchamp was wounded and died shortly thereafter.

Migrant Service Coordinator Janie Balderas retired in September after 35 consecutive years with M.I.S.D.

A small group of citizens expressed a negative view about Muleshoe's police department at a city council meeting in September.

November — As a result of this group's dissatisfaction with local police, the Community Relations Committee was formed to "watch" the police department and make sure they follow standard procedure and treat everyone fairly in each case.

Victor Leal announced his resignation as mayor effective January 2004. He and his wife, Debbie, have planned to open a new restaurant in Amarillo. They and their sons will be moving to the Amarillo area.

Larry Kitchens was indicted for capital murder.

The city council voted to deny the local police department an extra policeman, showing their "lack of confidence" in the department.

Preparations were underway for the opening of a crisis pregnancy center in Muleshoe.

The flu hit Muleshoe, and especially its schools, hard this month.

Samuel Alvarado, 61, of Muleshoe died of suffocation in an accident at AGP Grain Marketing in Farwell.

Officer Rodney Stevens resigned from the local force to take a job in Plainview.

December — City Councilman Juan Chavez resigned from the council to run for county commissioner, Precinct 4.

Construction of the new jail was in full swing in December. Completion of the new facility has been projected to be July 2004.



R. Kitchens

A Thank You From Christmas Card Project Volunteers.....

Many, many thanks to those who donated to the Christmas Card Project. Your generosity is so appreciated. Because of your willingness to help, a lot of projects will get done for a lot of wonderful residents at Park View. It is our hope that the coming year blesses you in a big way.

Joyeline Costen & Joy Stancell

As 2004 Dawns, We Face Joys, Sorrows, and a Real Choice

A mother sits in the bed holding her sleeping newborn infant. She looks down at him in love and wonder, and in awe at such an amazing miracle of God. And she wonders. She wonders who he will be and what he will become. She wonders about his joys and his sorrows. She wonders about the shape of this little one's life journey.

Mary sits holding her sleep-

our hands, and the reality dawns on us that, though now we see the little one whose coming we had longed for, this little sleeping answer to our prayers brings more questions than answers. We thank God for what is, that the great I AM has called into being one more little human being, one more wonder. But we wonder what will come.

And what is true of our little ones, and what was true even of Mary's little One, is true of this new year, this new moment in time on whose verge we stand right now. It's true of 2004.

2004 will be an adventure for each of us. It's an adventure because life itself is an adventure. We don't know what it may hold.

2004 will hold for each of us some wonderful and surprising joys. It will also hold some deep sorrows. Such is the patchwork of life. But I hope we face it all with a faith-born depth of peace and joy than only comes from knowing and trusting the Author of life and living in his presence.

Writer Kenneth Wilson tells of living as a small boy in a big, old, dark, multi-story, creaking and rattling house in Pittsburgh. At night the old dwelling could be a scary place. One evening his father read him a bedtime story and then asked, "Would you rather I leave the light on and go downstairs, or turn the light out and stay with you for awhile?" Wilson says, "I chose presence with darkness, over absence with light."

It was a good choice. In the face of an unknown future which sometimes seems dark because we see with weak and human eyes, choose to trust God and live in his presence.

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



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

ing newborn infant. She looks down at him in love and wonder, and in awe at such an amazing miracle of God. He is the most amazing child ever born and his is the most amazing birth. The angel has told her who he is and has given her his name, but Mary still wonders at all the angel has not said. She wonders who this little miracle called the Son of God will be and what in God's miraculous power he will become. She wonders about his joys and his sorrows. She wonders about the shape of this little one's life journey. This little One who flung the stars across the canvas of the universe. This little One, this Almighty One, who has chosen to become small and weak to make us strong.

And so even Mary, the mother of God, once joins mothers in all times and in all places, and the rest of us as well, as we gaze at the known and we wonder about the unknown. As new parents, we hold the little answers to a nine-month-long question in

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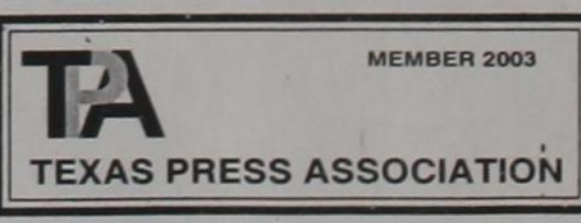
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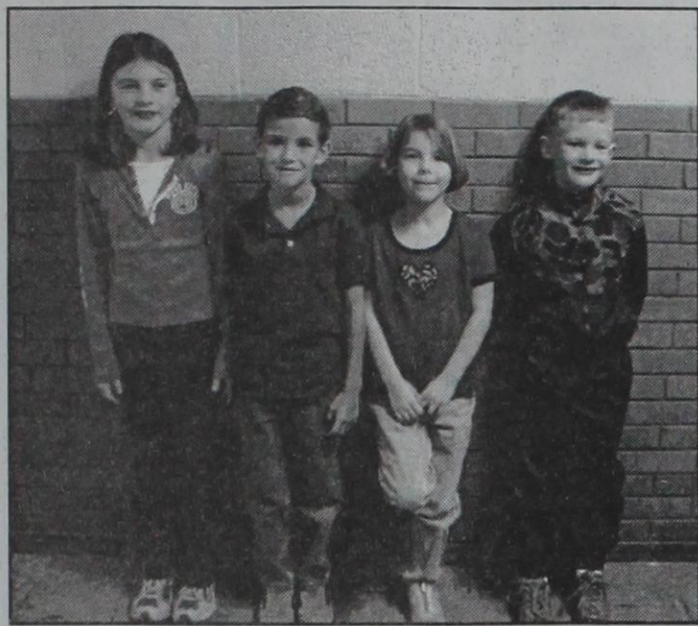


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Lazbuddie Elementary and Junior High 2003 UIL winners



Courtesy photos
Second grade winners are (from left) Ashton Mason, second in creative writing; Austin Mason, fourth in oral reading; Haley Beasley, sixth in creative writing; and John Ryan Isaacson, first in oral reading. Participants were Luis Godinez, Cutter Glover, Katlyn Hicks and Allison Weaver.



Fourth grade winners were (back row, from left) Kylie McGehee, third with art smart team; Todd Nichols, first in calculator, number sense, dictionary team (on 5th grade team), calculator team and number sense team; sixth in oral reading, third in spelling and second with spelling team; Paola Estrada, second in music memory and first with music memory team; Luis Tafoya, third with art smart team and first with music memory team; Jordan Mason, third with art smart team; (front row, from left) Jarrod Jesko, second in calculator, with spelling team and oral reading, first with calculator team and number sense team, third in number sense and fourth in spelling; Emily Agee, third in calculator, first with calculator team and number sense team, fifth in number sense and oral reading, sixth in ready writing and second with spelling team; Tony Suderman, third with art smart team, sixth in music memory and first with music memory team; Justin Schacher, third with art smart team, fourth in music memory, first with music memory team and second in oral reading.



Fifth grade winners are (back row, from left) Olivia Aguillon, fifth in music memory; Helen Harder, fourth with art smart team; Colton Weaver, first in calculator, number sense and with calculator team, diction team and number sense team, fourth in dictionary and sixth in maps, graphs and charts; Lakota Goe, third in calculator and first with calculator team; Tina Suderman, fourth with art smart team; (front row, from left) Tori Pollard, fourth with art smart team and fifth in oral reading; Rodrigo Mata, first with number sense team; Jordan Hernandez, third in number sense and first with number sense team; and Joseline Garcia, fifth in calculator, first with calculator team, second in dictionary, first with dictionary team and sixth in spelling. Participants were Arthur Gomez, Tanner Beasley and Jose Mireles; (front row, from left) Helen Harder, Lacy Russell and Tasha Barnes.

Girl Scouts to kick-off cookie sale

Girl Scouts from eighteen surrounding communities will gather at JC Penney's in the South Plains Mall from 6:30 to 8 p.m., January 9, 2004 to kick off the annual cookie

program. Girl Scouts are excited to announce two new cookies this year, the Lemon Cooler and Double Dutch. Also offered will be Thin Mints, Somoas, All Abouts, Tag-



Third grade winners at left were (back row, from left) Keena Diaz, sixth in music memory and third with music memory team; Jessica Estrada, third in music memory and with music memory team; Colten Ingram, sixth in storytelling; Shea Scott, sixth in oral reading and second with spelling team; Alfredo Chavira, second in ready writing; (front row, from left) Seth Russell, fifth in storytelling; Kolten Morris, third in creative writing, fourth in spelling; and second with spelling team; Chandler Barnes, first in oral reading and second with spelling team; and (not pictured) Matthew Olivarez, third with music memory team. Participants were Jared Timms, Karina Galaviz and Denise Sanchez.



Sixth grade winners are (from left) Kinzi Schacher, first in calculator and with calculator team and dictionary team and sixth in dictionary; Dylan Haney, second with number sense team; Kyler Steinbock, fourth in calculator and first with calculator team; Kayle Jesko, second in calculator and with number sense team, first in dictionary and number sense, first with calculator and dictionary teams, and fourth in listening; and Katie Chavez, first with dictionary team and second with number sense team. Participants were Frankie Rodriguez, Logan Mason, Riley Smith, Darin Ivy, Filiberto Derma; (front row, from left) Monica Vera and Lydia Campos.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load.

Dec. 18 — Juanita Garcia, Casimiro Muñiz, Katherine Rogers, Vivian M. White and Sherlon Morris.

Dec. 19 — Kaylyne S. Koehn, Rebecca A. Koehn, Sherlon Morris and Casimiro Muñiz.

Dec. 20 — None reported.

Dec. 21 — None reported.

Dec. 22 — Baby Arvizo, Bethania Arvizo, Virginia Drager, Dustin Dyck, Margarita Dyck, James Edwards, Loyce Killingsworth, Sherlon Morris and Casimiro Muñiz.

Dec. 23 — Paul O Arvizo, Bethania Arvizo, Virginia Drager, Dustin Dyck, Margarita Dyck, James Edwards, Albert L. Field, Gladys M. Hardage, Helen Horne, Casimiro Muñiz and Walter Stephens.

Dec. 24 — Virginia Drager, James Edwards, Albert L. Field, Gladys M. Hardage, Helen Horne, Elizabeth S. Mudgett, Casimiro Muñiz, Donald Phelps, Walter Stephens and Thomas Willingham.

Dec. 25 — Albert L. Field, Gladys M. Hardage, Lawson C. Herington, Helen Horne, Elizabeth S. Mudgett, Casimiro Muñiz, Miracle F. Samarron and Thomas Willingham.

Dec. 26 — Albert L. Field, Gladys M. Hardage, Lawson C. Herington, Helen Horne, Elizabeth S.

Mudgett, Casimiro Muñiz, Miracle F. Samarron and Thomas Willingham.

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The students of the month for November have been named at Lazbuddie Elementary School. These students have displayed outstanding qualities of character, citizenship and leadership. They are (back row, from left) fifth-grader Lacy Russell, daughter of Clinton and Holly Russell; fourth-grader Tony Suderman, son of Peter and Aganetha Suderman; third-graders Jared Timms, son of Chris and Jill Timms, and Jessica Estrada, daughter of Guillermo and Maria Vallejo; (front row, from left) pre-kindergartner Miguel Mireles, son of Fred and Estella Mireles; kindergartner Alonzo Soto, son of Luz Andrade; first-grader Lacey Jesko, daughter of Terry and Janene Jesko; and second-grader Katlyn Hicks, daughter of Scott and Tiffany Hicks.



Seventh grade Lazbuddie UIL winners were (from left) Jacob Schacher, third in calculator and maps, graphs and charts team, mathematics team and number sense, second with calculator team, fifth in mathematics and first in science team; Cassie Steinbock, sixth in calculator and oral reading and second with calculator team; Ryan Mason, second in science and with calculator team, third in maps, graphs and charts team, mathematics team and number sense team, fourth in ready writing, second in science, and first with science team; Bart Guillen, sixth in listening; Leticia Mendoza, fifth in modern oratory and sixth in spelling; and Chase Timms, fourth in dictionary and oral reading, third in maps, graphs and charts team, mathematics team and number sense team, second in science and first with science team. Participants were Tiffany Estraca, Helena Suderman, Haley Sexton, Trevor Coker and Peter Harder.



Lazbuddie 2003 UIL eighth grade winners were (back row, from left) Brianna Sanchez, third in calculator and maps, graphs and charts team, first with calculator team, sixth in modern oratory; Rochelle Smith, fifth in impromptu; Robert Marrufo, sixth in listening and second with listening team; Jason Davis, third with dictionary team, sixth in mathematics, second with mathematics team and number sense team, and fourth in number sense; Joaquin Campos, sixth in listening and second with listening team; (front row, from left) Mari Beliz, third in listening and second with listening team; Brittney Schacher, fifth in maps, graphs and charts, third with maps, graphs and charts team, fourth in mathematics, second with mathematics and number sense teams, and sixth in number sense; Chelsea Nichols, first in calculator and calculator team, fifth in dictionary, editorial writing and number sense, third with dictionary team and mathematics, second with mathematics team, modern oratory and number sense team; Regina Mata, fifth in calculator and modern oratory, first with calculator team and third with dictionary team; and Megan McGuire, third in impromptu and maps, graphs and charts team. Participant was George Alvarez.

NURSING HOME NEWS

In our group meeting Monday morning, the residents present rewrote the lyrics to the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

On the first day of Christmas Park View gave to me, one bed to sleep upon.

On the second day of Christmas Park View gave to me, two Christmas trees.

On the third day of Christmas Park View gave to me, three solid meals.

On the fourth day of Christmas Park View gave to me, four snacks to munch on.

On the fifth day of Christmas Park View gave to me, five residents bathing.

On the sixth day of Christmas Park View gave to me, six residents sleeping.

On the seventh day of Christmas Park View gave to me, seven walkers walking.

On the eighth day of Christmas Park View gave to me, eight groups of carolers.

On the ninth day of Christmas Park View gave to me, nine volunteers for beauty shop.

On the tenth day of Christmas Park View gave to me, ten chair aerobics.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, Park View gave to me, eleven songs a singing.

On the twelfth day of Christmas Park View gave to me, twelve loads of laundry.

Anita Johnson directed the craft class Thursday morning.

Park View appreciates everyone for helping make the Christmas party a great success Thursday evening. Jennifer Brown from Texico did a great job entertaining. Dietary, the residents family and volunteers made all the food. Santa Claus made a

great appearance and gave gifts and brought smiles to many faces. The Christmas Card Project and Volunteers Plus gave each resident a gift.

Friday afternoon, Janet Denton came and entertained the residents. Janet's mother, Sharon Rector, and her daughter, Jody, also visited Park View.

Sunday morning, the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the Communion service. Buster Kittrell or Harold Burge taught the Bible study.

The Calvary Baptist Church came for church services Sunday afternoon. Calvary Church also gave a donation to Park View.

Polly Ottwell and Rose Sain visited Nan Gatlin Monday afternoon.

Gerald and Lula Maye Shanks are regular visitors of J.C. Shanks.

Aubrey Heathington and Dimples are regular visitors of Hattie Heathington.

Gladys Wilson was visited by her son, Stanley Wilson, and daughter-in-law, Marilyn Wilson, Tuesday.

Joe Embry and Jearl James visited the residents at Park View recently.

Park View has certainly been blessed this Christmas season by all the visits, carolers and gifts. The staff and residents appreciate everything very much.

The Christmas Card was a great success. Park View appreciates Joe and Joyline Costen for their great efforts and to each one

that supported the project.

Tuesday morning, Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard from Earth directed a very special candle-light service. There were also some visitors that gave and sang special music.

Tuesday afternoon, LaCretia Roland, Jearl James, Kaci Morris and Steve Friskup visited the residents at Park View.

Pat Watson, Pat Clark, Beckye Conklin, Dolores Garrett, Mary Jo Burge, Dianne Brown and Linda Nowlin shampooed, set and combed out the residents hair Tuesday afternoon.

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The holidays are approaching, Capricorn, but something's been on your mind that's causing you to dread the upcoming get-together. Call your relatives and talk it out.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

All you want to do is go home this week, Aquarius, but a host of social obligations prevent you from doing so. Try to enjoy yourself anyway.

PISCES - Feb 19/March 20

This is a good time for networking, Pisces. Get out there and meet people. It's a big world out there, and you never know who's looking for you, too.

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Although you may have your suspicions, it would be wise not to voice them. Old friends stop by to say hello, and bring a new business opportunity.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Everyone knows you're a hard worker, Taurus. You have nothing to prove this week. Take some time to kick back and relax with friends or family later in the week; you certainly deserve it.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

You've always known what you want, Gemini. Others may try to stop you this week, but don't let them. The world is full of opportunities this week — just pick one and go for it with all of your might.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Don't be scared, Cancer. Risk is a good thing, and this week is a good time for you take some. Opportunities abound if you look.

LEO - July 23/August 23

Others will notice, and appreciate your courage this week, so you'll finally get the chance to show off your leadership chops. Do so judiciously, avoid showing off.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

There will be a lot of talk going on around you this week. Try not to let it distract you from your main objectives. It's only gossip, anyway.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

It's one thing to have negative thoughts, but it's quite another to let everyone know what they are. Such negativity can only harm you in the end. Think positively.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Be patient just a while longer, Scorpio. After Wednesday, others will be more interested in hearing your ideas. Don't take this as an insult, they've just been busy. You'll get your turn in the spotlight.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Have fun this week, Sagittarius. Cutting loose will lead to some important romantic, and perhaps even business opportunities. Carpe diem!

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JV Lady Mules lose to Levelland; tame River Road Lady Cats 57-11

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules came out on the short end of the score in their second meeting of the year with the Levelland Loboettes. The Loboettes used a strong second half to down the Lady Mules 46-34.

In their final outing before the Christmas break, the Lady Mules pounded the Lady Cats of River Road 57-11. This also was a second meeting as the two teams had met in the Muleshoe JV Tournament first round.

Monica Posadas nailed a three as the first period came to a close in Levelland with the Lady Mules trailing 9-8. Kasey Wood hit a trey in the second frame as the Loboettes again outscored the Lady Mules 9-8 to take an 18-16 margin by the intermission.

Levelland hit twice from behind the arc in the third period to take a 32-24 advantage into the final period. Madison Smith hit from the elbow as the Lady Mules mounted a comeback attempt.

Ashley Dickson dropped in two from the line and muscled into the lane to score on an in-bound play. Chelsi Hawkins hit a trey to cut the Levelland lead to 38-33. The Loboettes went on an 8-1 scoring run in the final two minutes.

Wood led the Lady Mules with nine points, Dickson added eight, and Hawkins and Hillary Tipps each dropped in five points. Posadas had three points and Smith and Kate Leopard each chipped in two points.

The Lady Mules

clamped on a full court press in the opening frame and scored 15 points in transition while the Lady Cats only managed a single point. Wood stole the ball and found Hawkins with a cross-court pass for a layup to start the game.

Dickson broke to the basket without the ball and Smith passed across the paint for a Dickson layup. Wood added two freebies and finished a break as the Lady Mules blew through the Lady Cats.

The Lady Mules kept up the pressure in the second frame and Smith deflected a River Road pass to Wood. Wood drove the court for the layup. Tipps hit a short jumper from the center of the lane and Cecelia Reyna dropped in 18-footer.

Posadas hit back-to-back buckets as the Lady Mules opened a 25-1 margin with three minutes left in the first half. River Road hit two buckets before the Lady Mules added five more to take a 30-5 lead at the half.

The Lady Mules outran the Lady Cats 14-2 and 13-4 in the final two stanzas. Hawkins ran wild and scored 15 points and Wood and Reyna added 10 points apiece. Smith dropped in eight points, Posadas five, Tipps and Dickson had four each and Leopard chipped in one for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules return to action January 2 at 11 a.m. when the Denver City Fillies visit. The Lady Mules travel to Friona, January 6 for a 4 p.m. game and then begin district play January 9 when the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates come to town.

Myers, Parham wed at Northeast Wedding Chapel

Lauryn Lenay Myers became the bride of Landon Wayne Parham of Bedford September 26, 2003 in Hurst, Texas at Northeast Wedding Chapel in Hurst.

Lauryn was given in marriage by her father, Danny Myers.

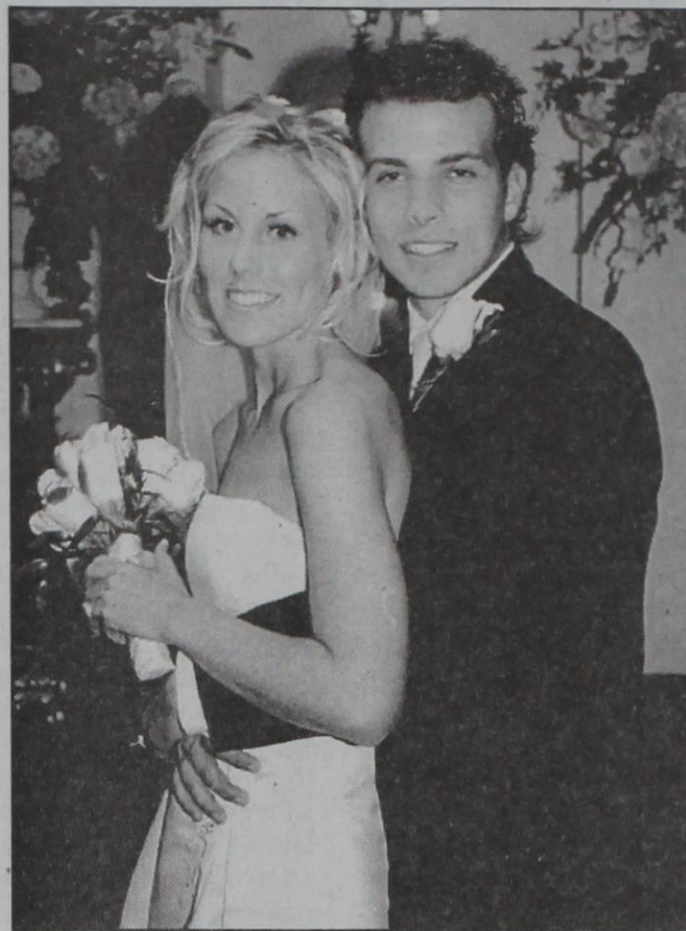
The Reverend Jeff McCreight, brother-in-law of the groom and pastor of New Life Family Center of Lubbock, performed the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Danny and Stephanie Myers of Colleyville, Texas. Her grandparents are Joe and Gloria Garner of Shreveport, La. and Sidney and Mary Myers of Castor, La. Landon is the son of Terry and Celie Parham of Lazbuddie. His grandparents are Harold and Kathleen Merrifield of Brownfield and Eulan Parham of Lazbuddie.

The bride wore a strapless formal length gown of ivory bridal satin. The left side of the bodice was embellished with gold embroidery and rhinestones. She wore a mid-length veil of illusion and flowers of stephanotis with pearls in her hair. Lauryn carried a bouquet of white and ivory roses and stephanotis.

Landon wore a black tuxedo with an ivory vest and tie. Inside his coat was pinned his maternal grandfather's Distinguished Flying Cross metal from WWII.

Lauryn's friends, Abby Babbit and Shelby Stanley, sang "When You Lie Next To Me" as the parents and grandparents were seated. Jeff McCreight sang "My Best Friend" and "Keeper of the Stars." As the newly wed couple left the chapel, Jeff sang "My Girl," accompanied on guitar by Mark Lira.



Mr. and Mrs. Landon Wayne Parham

Dana DeLeon of San Antonio was maid of honor. She wore a strapless formal length gown of black bridal satin. She carried a bouquet of Calla lilies and roses. The attendants ascended the aisle to the music of "Pacabel."

Junior bridesmaids were Linsay Garner, cousin of the bride, and Mallory and Madison McCreight, nieces of the groom. They wore black and ivory bridal satin formal length gowns and princess crowns in their hair. The girls carried kissing balls of white and ivory roses.

Flower girls were Megan Dull and Katlyn Gentry and Avery Hicks, all nieces of the groom.

and carried ivory baskets of rose petals.

Gabe Anderson IV of Amarillo, a childhood friend of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were Judd Myers of Colleyville, brother of the bride, Scott Hicks of Lazbuddie, brother-in-law of the groom, Matt Ballard of Eules, and Matt Kalush of Colleyville.

The reception was held in the reception hall at the chapel. The bride danced with her father to "Butterfly Kisses." The bride and groom danced the traditional first dance to "At Last."

A rehearsal dinner was held at the Classic Café in Southlake by the groom's parents.

After a honeymoon trip to the Fiji Islands, the couple has made their home in Grapevine, where both are employed by Myers Services.

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Junior varsity crushed by Levelland; outrun River Road

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The JV Mules bumped into a buzz saw when they visited the Levelland Lobos December 16. The Lobos shot 100 percent from the floor in the first six minutes of the contest. In fact they opened with three treys in less than 60 seconds.

The Mules could only manage two free throws in the opening period while the Lobos jumped out to a 27-2 lead in the initial eight minutes and out ran the Mules 85-51. On December 19 the Mules bounced back in their final outing of 2003 to drop River Road 77-55.

Rudy Gonzales paced the Mules against the Lobos with 11 points and Arsenio Jeter dropped in 10. Trent Black added eight; Cory Wallace and Brad Henry made five points each. Myles James scored three points, Eddie Alvarado, Eric Newton, Derek Purdy and Jarad Flores made two each and Erwin Lewis

chipped in a point for the Mules.

Flores and Barry Morris both hit from behind the arc to get the Mules scoring cranked against River Road. The Mules raced out to a 19-7 lead in the first period. The Wildcats responded in the second period by holding the Mules to only eight points and poured in 12 to trail the Mules 27-19 at the half.

James broke into the lane and scored and when Black brought the ball down court on the Mules next possession. The Wildcat defense did not stop Black and he continued down the lane for a layup.

Henry added an eight-foot baseline jumper to give the Mules a 33-22 lead two minutes into the second half. Morris hit from behind the arc for the second time in the game and Purdy put six points on the boards for the Mules.

Purdy's final bucket of the period came on a fast break with Flores dishing to Purdy to extend the

Mules advantage to 50-35. The Mules went on a 6-2 run in the first two minutes of the final frame with James finding Henry and Black open for easy buckets inside the paint.

Jeter scored six points in less than a minute in the final frame. The Wildcats sank a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left in the game. Newton raced to the other end on a fast break to claim two of those points back for the Mules.

All the Mules broke into the scoring column with Black leading the way with 14 points. Jeter added 13; Purdy 10 and Morris had nine. Henry made eight, Alvarado six, and James four. Flores, Wallace, and Gonzales had three points each and Newton and Lewis made two apiece.

The Mules take a short break and return to action January 2 when the Denver City Mustangs visit and then travel to Friona on Friday. The Mules will host the Portales Rams January 9. Game starts at 6:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
The people of Muleshoe are to be commended for their generosity in helping many local children have a Merry Christmas. The response to the Ministerial Alliance's "Christmas in Muleshoe" program was tremendous. In all, 123 children from thirty-six families received gifts from the toy and clothing drive. As a representative of the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance I am grateful for the spirit of love and goodwill exhibited by the

many who gave of themselves for this effort. These folks also received a benefit from participating, an intangible but very real blessing! At the risk of overlooking someone I'd like to say "Thanks!" to everyone who donated gifts, the school nurses, the businesses which served as collection points, the various churches and many from the schools who made cash contributions for purchasing gifts for the children for whom no gifts had been collected during the

drive, the folks from the Student-Community Action Committee and others who assisted in the distribution and wrapping of gifts, the First Baptist Church for providing space for the gift storage and distribution, the community helper class who assisted with designing the application forms, a middle school computer class that produced labels for the gift depositories, and the youth group and others who contributed gift wrap, ribbon, and gift tags!

real meaning of Christmas — Christ came to save us! May His love continue to transform lives one day at a time, so that in projects such as "Christmas in Muleshoe," His love may shine brightly through us into the lives of others.

PASTOR DAVE SYMM
BCMA President

Dear Editor

This was the first year Muleshoe participated in the annual KLLL Country Christmas blood drive. United Supermarket allowed United Blood Services to park its mobile collection unit in front of their store.

United Blood Services collected 42 successful units of blood on December 22. This will help as many as 168 needy patients.

What a wonderful gift to give at Christmas and all through the year, the gift of life.

DIANE EDWARDS
Community Relations

OBITUARY

DORA MAY MISNER

Memorial services for Dora May Misner, 89, of Homestead, Fla., will be January 2, 2004 in Englands Chapel under the direction of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.

Mrs. Misner died December 2, 2003.

She was born on December 7, 1913. On August 26,

1946, she married Hoard Misner at Clovis. They moved to Slaton in 1987 from Muleshoe.

She is survived by a son, Donald Reid of Fla., and one step-daughter, Treva Paulson of Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, and one son, Alvin D. Reid.

What a wonderful outpouring of Christian love! The One to whom the highest praise is due is our gracious God who melts hearts and enables us to love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." God teaches us to love by loving us. He gave His Son, the greatest Gift. That's the

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Ladies lose fourth game of season against Levelland; pound River Road

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Levelland Loboettes handed the Lady Mules their fourth loss of the season in the cavernous Gano Tubb Gymnasium. The Loboettes used a 1-3-1 zone to deny the Lady Mules second opportunities in the low scoring 37-34 loss.

The Lady Mules returned home December 19 and took their frustrations out on the River Road Lady Cats 83-39. The Lady Cats had no answer for Sara Benham in the first three periods. They seemed to figure Benham out in the final eight minutes but turned Tori Barton loose for a 16-point scoring rampage.

Benham blocked the first two shooting attempts by the Loboettes before Lindsey Wood found Kelsi Friskup open for an 8-foot jumper. Levelland went on a 9-2 scoring run to lead the Lady Mules 11-4 to start the second period.

The Lady Mules regrouped in the second period after the Loboettes scored on the inbound play to begin the period. The Lady Mules got into their transition game and Benham finished a fast break and Friskup hit from the baseline.

Barton drained a 3-pointer at the four-minute mark as the Lady Mules trailed 17-11. Friskup banked in an eight-footer before Brandi Wood picked a Loboettes pocket. B. Wood found Benham with

the out-let pass and Benham drove the floor on the fast break.

Benham laid the ball up and in and was hacked on the way up. Benham completed the 3-point play by adding the charity toss to send the teams in at intermission with the Lady Mules trailing 19-16.

Both teams returned to the floor with defense as a priority and neither team scored in the first four minutes of the third period. B. Wood broke the scoring drought by sinking the back-end of a two-shot foul.

Levelland garnered the next five points before the triple teamed Benham passed across the paint to a wide-open B. Wood. Amber Cowart struck from behind the arc just before Ashley Gutierrez got a steal in the backcourt and drove to the other end for a layup to tie the game at 24-24.

Friskup hit from just inside the arc to give the Lady Mules a two-point lead for a few seconds. Levelland answered with a bucket to knot the game at 26 with eight minutes left to play.

Levelland quickly broke the tie with a trey. The Lady Mules looked to Benham in the final frame and she responded with all eight of the Lady Mules points in the period. Benham scored on the inside with 3:26 on the clock to cut the Loboette lead to 33-32.

Levelland seemed willing to sit on the one-point lead and ran two minutes off the clock. The Lady

Mules were called for fouls as they attempted to steal the ball. Levelland made four of five from the charity stripe to hold off the Lady Mules.

Benham led the Lady Mules in scoring with 15 points and Friskup added eight. B. Wood, Cowart and Barton each had three points and Gutierrez chipped in two for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules presented their coaches with an early Christmas present by playing all four periods against the Lady Cats of River Road. They also sank 23 of 29 free throws in the process.

The Lady Mules raced out to a 15-10 lead in the first period and then clamped on a press that turned the Lady Cats into a very philanthropic team. Cowart called "glass" and banked in a 3-pointer to start the second frame.

Benham was four of four from the stripe in the second frame as River Road searched for a way to stop the high-flying post. Benham had 14 points in the first 16 minutes and the Lady Cats had 17. The Lady Mules led 34-17 at intermission.

In the third frame, the Lady Mules wore out the net from the charity stripe and made all 13-charity tosses in the period to go ahead 57-27 with eight minutes remaining. Gutierrez had a foot on the arc as the final frame began to keep the Lady Mule scoring machine oiled.

With just over four minutes left in the game, Barton drained her first of three 3-pointers in the frame.

"We did things tonight that we had been working on in practice," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "We are getting better as the season goes along and we are still learning. It was good to see everyone scoring tonight."

Benham led all scorers with 27 points and Barton dropped in 24. Friskup added 16 points, B. Wood five, L. Wood four, Cowart three, and Jamie Carpenter two.

The Lady Mules are now on Christmas break and return to the gym for a work-

out before the 31-team Carrock Holiday Tournament. The Lady Mules meet the Pampa Lady Harvesters at 1:30 p.m., December 29 in the Monterey New Box.

The Lady Mules return to their home floor to meet the

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OBITUARY

Services will be held Wednesday, December 31, 2003 at First Missionary Baptist Church for Curtis Sealy, 75, of Morton. Rev. James Pope will officiate. Burial will be in Morton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Morton.

Mr. Sealy was born October 7, 1928 in Shallowater. He married Donna Fred in Morton on October 10, 1953. She preceded him in death August 3, 2003. He died Sunday,

December 28, 2003 at his residence.

Mr. Sealy moved to Morton in 1942 from Sundown. He was a farmer and had been the custodian of Cochran County Activity Building in Morton from Sept. 1986 to June 2001. He had been a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Morton since 1948.

He is survived by two sons, Ronnie Lee Sealy of Bridgeport and Jimmy Sealy and his wife, Doris

of Morton; a daughter, Carla Sealy of Morton; three sisters, Edith Linder of Morton, Nelda Lynch of Morton and Joyce Wickson of Seminole; nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Curtis Lynn Sealy in March 1955, three sisters and six brothers.

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