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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

No suds for groundhog

A charity that had been cleared to serve beer at a fund-raiser during Groundhog Day festivities in Punxsutawney, Pa., decided not to offer it after all.

Event coordinators say they want to "take baby steps to make sure it is a high-quality event."

In 1996, Groundhog Day organizers banned drinking on Gobbler's Knob, the spot where Punxsutawney Phil emerges each year in search of his shadow.

But in January, the Punxsutawney Borough Council voted 5-2 to allow the charity to sell beer.

Jell-O hits the road

The Traveling Jell-O Museum will first open in Salt Lake City and will stay on display through March 5.

Utah is the museum's first stop in part because of international attention directed at Salt Lake City because of the Olympics.

But the state also has the highest per capita consumption of the desert, which is the official state snack.

Utah households buy an average of 21 servings per year — twice as much as households across the country, according to the manufacturer.

The product has a long history: Pearle Bixby Wait, a carpenter who dabbled in patent medicine, added fruit flavor to gelatin in 1897. His wife christened it Jell-O.



Drawing date: Saturday, Feb. 2
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On this date in history

Jan. 29 — The Permanent School Fund is set up by the Fifth Texas Legislature (1854).

Also on Jan. 29 — Confederate gunboats capture Union warships near Sabine Pass, Texas (1863).

Jan. 30 — Gov. James Stephen Hogg is inaugurated — the first native Texan to be elected governor (1891).

Feb. 1 — Rutgersville College opens its doors near La Grange, Texas — the first "college" deserving of the name to be established in Texas (1840).

LOCAL WEATHER

The National Weather Service predicted Tuesday that the latest blast of winter would again be brief, with temperatures reaching about 60 degrees daily through Sunday, cooling only slightly (to about 55) Monday. Morning lows should be about 27 Thursday, then hover around 30 through Sunday. Moisture (but strictly rain) is expected Monday.

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Shallowater, Roosevelt falling to Class 2A

By **DELTON WILHITE** and **RONN SMITH**
Writers

Two potentially tough sports programs in Muleshoe's district will be somebody else's problem for at least the next two years.

Shallowater and Lubbock Roosevelt will be dropping to Class 2A beginning with next fall's football season.

Texas' University Interscholastic League revealed on Monday its two-year

realignment of Texas schools and the districts in which they will compete for the next two years.

By noon that day, Muleshoe athletic director and head football coach David Wood had the next two football seasons' opponents confirmed and posted in his office.

Brownfield and Slaton replace Shallowater and Roosevelt in District 2-3A, joining Muleshoe, Dimmitt, Littlefield

and Lubbock Cooper.

District 1-3A, which provides Muleshoe's bi-district opponents, also underwent a shakeup: Canyon High and Borger moved down from Class 4A to join the district, while Childress moved over to District 5-3A and Sanford-Fritch dropped a class to join District 6-2A.

"There were no real surprises for us in see **DISTRICTS** on page 2

Girls whomp Dimmitt for 8-1 district record

By **DELTON WILHITE**
Journal sportswriter

DIMITT — Friday night's Lady Mule game was never in doubt even though the Dimmitt Bobbies just would not go away. But in the final period, Muleshoe outscored Dimmitt 18-13 for a 57-47 win.

"Dimmitt is always a tough place to play because they just play special in this place," Muleshoe coach Shana Simms said. "We had to have this one tonight, but it was hard for us not to look ahead to the next one."

"Dimmitt may have had more incentive tonight than we did, as they are in a battle for that third-place spot and it was the last home game for their seniors. I told the kids during the week that I didn't care if we won by two or 50 — we just had to have the win, and we got that tonight."

In the opening minute of the game, Mindy Locker was fouled as she put back a rebound. Locker converted the free throw to complete a three-point play to give Muleshoe the lead for good.

Moving without the ball, Jessica Carpenter broke for the basket and Shani Rasco passed

to her perfectly as Carpenter broke through Dimmitt's back door.

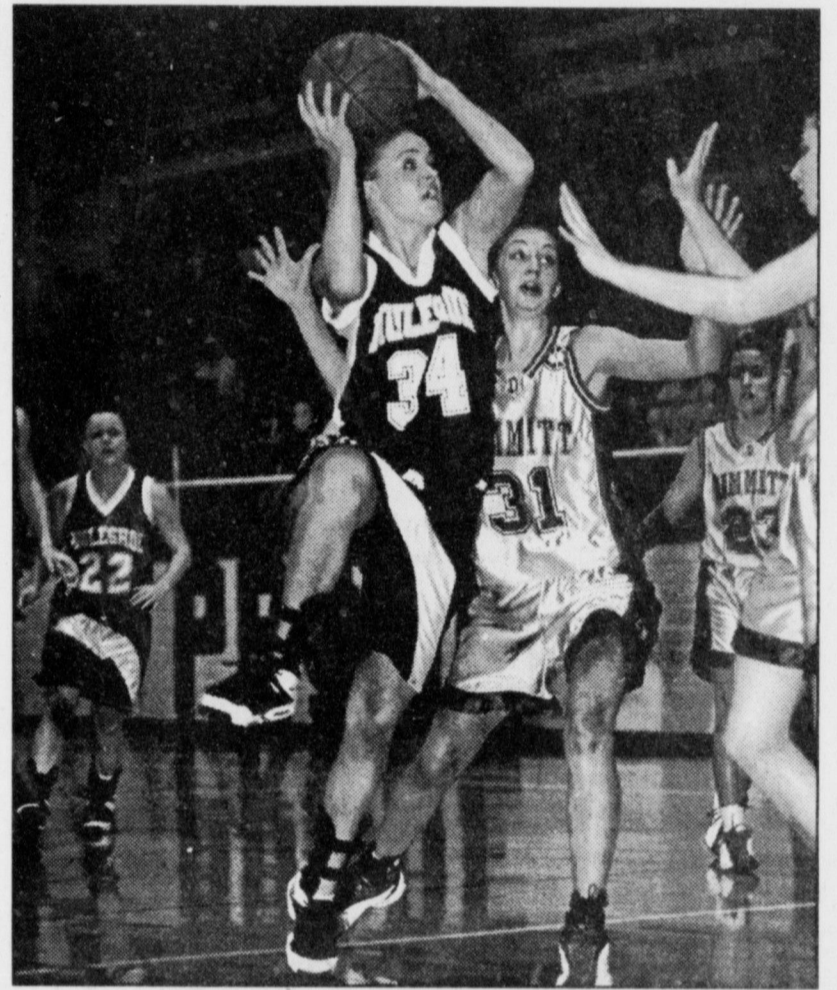
Carpenter returned the favor by getting Rasco the ball on the baseline for an eight-foot jumper to give Muleshoe a 7-0 cushion.

Sara Benham kicked the ball out past the arc to Kayla Glover, who nailed a three with just less than two minutes left in the first period. Annie Cox was fouled putting the ball back on the rack, and she nailed the freebie to give the Lady Mules a 15-8 lead after one period.

With just over three minutes left in the first half, the Bobbies made a run that cut the Lady Mule advantage to one point. Britni Gartin made her first of four three-pointers in the game to start a Lady Mule rally that pushed their lead to 10 by intermission.

The Bobbies fought back late in the third period with a 7-2 run to trail the Lady Mules only 39-34. Muleshoe then exploded in the final frame with a 12-1 run that sandwiched the Bobbies' only point between back-to-back threes by Gartin.

Tori Barton was fouled hard in each quarter after taking the ball from Dimmitt and going to



Journal photo: Mike Hahn
Britni Gartin leaves the ground during the Lady Mules' Friday victory over the Dimmitt Bobbies.

the hoop for a layup. She made both free throws in the fourth period to give Muleshoe its largest lead of the night, 53-38.

"I thought we played well tonight," Barton said. "There were times in the first half they out-hustled us, but I thought in the second half we came out strong and played our game. It was our team that showed up tonight."

Referring to the upcoming battle with Shallowater, Barton continued, "We have not been beaten in our gym since the first game of the season, and that is very important to us. Shallowater is going to be tough, but we can get them if we play our game."

Gartin led all scorers with see **GIRLS** on page 2

Nursing-home residents to move

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Residents of Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center finally get to see what their new home feels like Wednesday.

Jim Bone, administrator of Muleshoe Area Hospital District, said Tuesday that state inspectors finally gave the go-ahead for occupancy after Monday's re-inspection.

The district built the new facility,

Park View, with a voter-approved bond issue of more than \$3 million. Community donations brought in well over \$100,000 more to finish furnishing the facility.

Inspectors first visited the facility in October, then re-inspected on Jan. 2 but found new issues to be addressed.

The district has already made its first bond payment on the facility.

Three Way board to canvass votes

The Three Way School Board has scheduled a meeting for 8 a.m. Thursday to canvass the votes in Saturday's election on consolidating the district with Sudan.

Once the canvass is complete, the board will declare the proposition for consolidation either passed

or failed.

Voters in the Sudan district also voted on whether to accept the consolidation, and that district's board will have a meeting similar to that at Three Way.

The district also had considered joining either Muleshoe or Morton.

Muleshoe to be represented at World Ag Expo

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Two Muleshoe residents will attend the World Ag Expo in Tulare, Calif., on Feb. 12-14 trying to recruit more dairy interests to come to Bailey County.

Janet Claborn, the city's director of economic development, and Mark Beard of Bailey County Electric Cooperative will make the trip with other High Ground of Texas representatives.

The event is the largest of its kind in the world, and contacts made there

continue to further the recruitment of the dairy industry to the Panhandle and South Plains.

This year's expo is expected to draw more than 100,000 visitors and more than 1,400 exhibitors from all 50 states and 52 foreign countries.

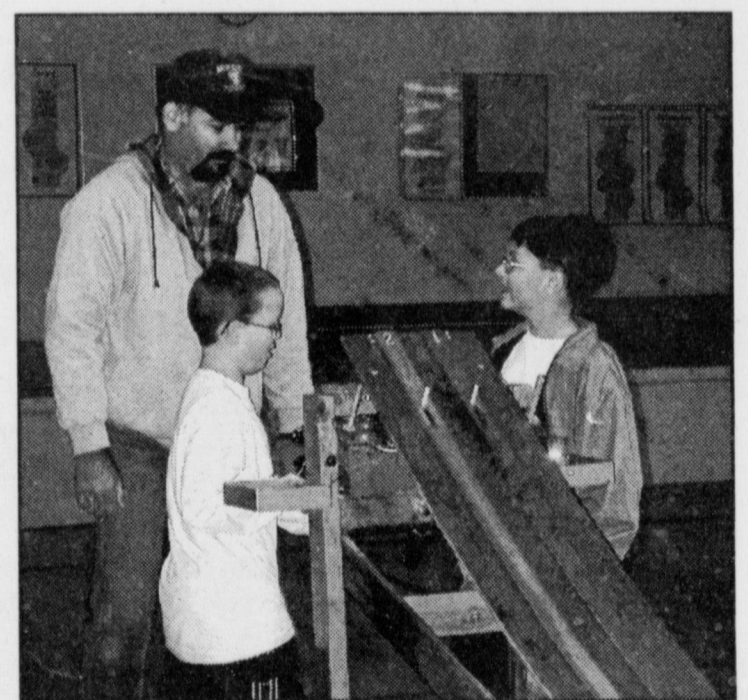
There will be more than 100 seminars and demonstrations on a variety of agriculture-related topics.

The High Ground of Texas is the regional economic development coalition for Texas' 54 northern counties.

Others representing the region will be from Brownfield, Perryton, Hereford, Shamrock, Lubbock and Amarillo.

The group will target heifer-replacement companies, dairy veterinary services, cheese-processing plants, companies manufacturing agricultural equipment, implement companies, livestock transportation companies and distribution centers.

The High Ground will have booth No. 151 in the Dairy Center.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Setting up the derby

Ramón Sánchez-Mora supervises as Craig Black (left) and Xavier Mora set up the course for last Saturday's local Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in the De Shazo Elementary School gymnasium.

AROUND MULESHOE

Life in Christ plans benefit dinner

Life in Christ Academy at Lariat has scheduled a Valentine benefit meal for 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Farwell Community Center.

The menu will feature brisket, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, dessert and drink.

Free-will donations will be taken at the door. Take-out will be available.

A silent auction will include donated merchandise as well as baked goods.

All proceeds will benefit the preschool, a ministry of St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat.

Valentine cookie orders being taken

Orders for the annual Calvary Baptist Church youth Valentine cookie sales are being taken.

The giant-size cookies are \$5 apiece and orders will be taken through Feb. 11.

More information is available by calling 272-4012 (afternoons only), 272-4071 or 272-3163.

Ballots available by mail

Voters wishing to vote by mail in the upcoming Democratic or Republican primaries can request an application by calling the Bailey County Clerk's Office at 272-3044.

The application must be signed and returned to the clerk's office in order for a ballot to be issued to the voter. The voter must offer a reason why they need to vote by mail — such as being out of town during the voting period or unable to travel to the courthouse.

The ballot itself must be returned by March 5, with the primaries scheduled for March 12.

Early voting in person begins Feb. 25 and runs for two weeks. County Clerk Sherri Harrison said early voting can be done any time during regular business hours at her office, and no reason need be given for voting early.

Public calendar

Feb. 7-8 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "First Responder/Industrial" class at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Feb. 9 — 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Valentine's Day Storytime at Muleshoe Area Public Library. Preceded by "Ready for Life" at 9:30 a.m.; followed by "Saturday Afternoon at the Library" at 1 p.m.

Feb. 11 — 7 p.m. Muleshoe School Board, in the board

room of the administration office, 514 W. Avenue G.

Feb. 14-16 — 8 p.m. (Mountain time). Stage production of Beth Henley's "The Miss Firecracker Contest," in the University Theatre Center at Eastern New Mexico University. General admission \$7, senior citizens \$6, pre-college \$5, ENMU students with ID, \$4. Tickets: (505) 562-2710.

Feb. 17 — 10:30 a.m. "Paul the Apostle" will be at First Assembly of God, 521 S. First. Information: Pastor Jack Stone, 272-3017.

Feb. 19 — Mammograms at South Plains Health Care Providers, 208 W. Second St. in Muleshoe. Financial assistance available. Appointment only: (800) 377-4673.

School news

Parents and others interested in activities in the Muleshoe Independent School District can learn about changes in the current week's activities by calling 272-7669. The information line is also updated for changes in the school schedule due to bad weather.

Ag Expo to highlight industry technology

PORTALES — The 10th annual New Mexico Agricultural Expo will showcase the latest technological advancement in agriculture Feb. 26-27.

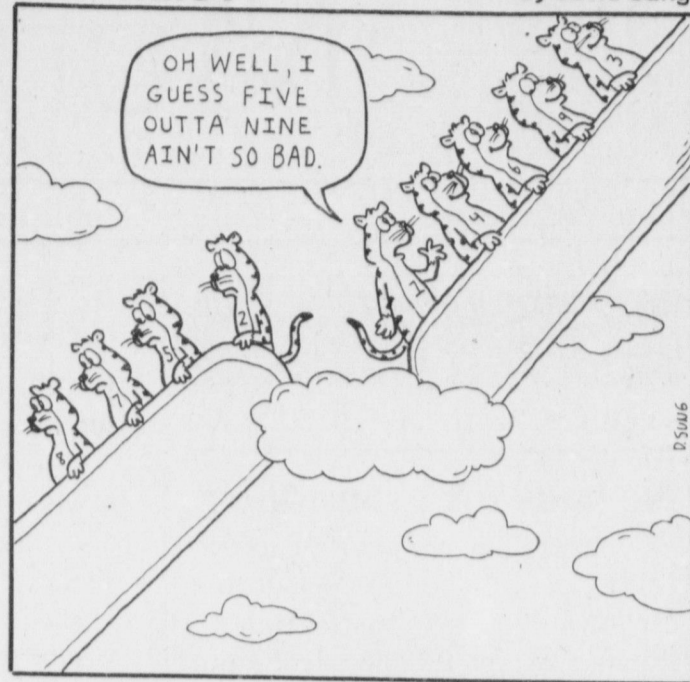
The event, at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds, draws visitors across a 100-mile radius. More than 8,000 are expected this year, with more than 400 vendors involved.

For the ninth consecutive year, Enviro-Ag will display its methods treating dairy lagoons and other bioremediation.

Expo information is available at (800) 635-8036.

Aminals

By David Sung



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the realignment, and the addition of Canyon and Borger was anticipated," Wood said. "The teams in our district will feel their presence because they will be the first game of the playoffs."

He added, "Our district will be very competitive but there are no perennial world-beaters in the group. We have put together a tough non-district schedule with an open date just before district opens in case we get bunged up a little — we will have a chance to heal."

Asked how the new scheme will affect other sports, Wood said, "Canyon dropping down into our classification has a definite impact on girls' basketball. It provides the teams some additional incentive to win district and grab the first-round bye and not face Canyon until the finals of the Region I Tournament."

The Mule football season will begin with scrimmages against New Deal and Idalou, scheduled for Aug. 17 and Aug. 23, respectively.

Muleshoe will visit Semi-

GIRLS

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20 points; Jenna Steinle paced the Bobbies with 14. Cox added eight for the Lady Mules, Benham, Rasco and Barton had six each, Glover five, Locker four and Carpenter two.

The showdown with Shallowater was set for Feb. 5 as the Lady Mules battled for a share of the District 2-3A championship.

nole on Aug. 30 and return home to tangle with Amarillo Caprock on Sept. 6.

The Mules visit Shallowater on Sept. 13 to renew a rivalry that has grown over time, then return home to face Friona on Sept. 20. Muleshoe ends its non-district schedule with a trip to Lubbock Roosevelt to face an improving program Sept. 27.

The Mules have the week of Oct. 4 to heal and get ready for home appearances

Oct. 11 against the Littlefield Wildcats and Oct. 18 against Brownfield.

Dimmitt will host the Mules Oct. 25 and Lubbock Cooper visits Muleshoe on Nov. 1 for the Mules' final home appearance of the 2002 season.

The Mules travel to Slaton on Nov. 8 for their final regular-season game.

The basketball, baseball and track seasons will be set after the current seasons are completed.

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Muleshoe drops contests to Dimmitt and Littlefield

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

DIMMITT — Mule Coach Ralph Mason shook up the lineup Friday night, and at first it seemed to work against the Mules as Dimmitt raced to a 14-1 lead in the first five minutes. The Mules staged a run of their own to cut that lead to five, but the action was mostly Dimmitt as the Bobcats won 70-53.

Brennan Broyles found Lincoln Riley open on the blocks to initiate the brief Mule recovery in the first period. Chance Turney chased down a long defensive rebound and Landon Sheets spotted up outside the arc for his first of two threes in the quarter, which ended with the Mules trailing 16-9.

Kyle Atwood hit a three from the top of the key and Riley put moves on two defenders as the Mules inched closer to Dimmitt. Broyles hit from the "Land of Plenty" and Sheets made two charity tosses in the fi-

nal minute of the half. Atwood saw Shelburne crashing through the Bobcats' back door to cut Dimmitt's halftime advantage to 34-29.

As the second half began, Stephan Shelburne nailed a three from the corner and cut the Bobcat advantage to two. Dimmitt point guard Austin Sherman then torched the Mules dreams with back-to-back-to-back treys to ignite a Dimmitt offensive explosion.

Despite Shelburne's three to open the second half, the Mules could muster only seven points in the third frame while the Bobcats posted 21.

The Mules closed the gap by only two in the final period.

Riley and Sheets set the pace for the Mules with 17 points each, Broyles added nine, Shelburne five, Atwood three and D.J. Domínguez two.

The Mules connected on seven of 10 free throws but

turned the ball over 23 times, 10 in the third period.

The Mules were scheduled to defend their home court against district co-leader Shallowater on Feb. 5. On Friday, the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles visit the Mules and the final regular-season game is Feb. 12 when Lubbock Cooper's Pirates sail into Muleshoe.

Littlefield 51 Muleshoe 47

The Muleshoe Mules dropped their fifth district game in a row Jan. 29 by the largest margin yet in regulation — four points — to the Littlefield Wildcats, 51-47.

Littlefield used an 18-point third period to overtake the Mules for the only lead change of the game, winning only their second district game.

The Mules grabbed an early lead as Kyle Atwood connected on a half-court pass with D.J. Domínguez. Brennan Broyles scored on an in-bound play as Muleshoe claimed the first period 12-8.

Muleshoe maintained its high-intensity game into the second period until Atwood was called for his second offense of the night and had to spend the balance of the first half on the sideline.

Without their point guard, the Mules lost intensity and the Wildcats took advantage to deadlock the game at 23 by the break. Atwood had stuck back his own rebound to give the Mules a 19-10 advantage before being relegated to the bench.

As the second period began, the Mules stopped the Wildcats first run and Atwood sent a pass three-quarters of the length of the court to Domínguez to break the tie. Stephan Shelburne pounded the ball inside to Lincoln Riley as the Mules opened a four-point lead one minute into the third period.

Littlefield hit back-to-back three-pointers and Atwood picked up his fourth foul attempting to block the second Wildcat shot. Littlefield connected on the free

throw to chalk up a four-point play and claim its first lead of the night.

Littlefield outpaced the Mules 8-2 in the final three minutes of the third quarter to outscore Muleshoe 18-10 for the quarter and take a 41-33 advantage after three periods.

Landon Sheets was fouled driving the lane and converted both charity tosses. Domínguez nailed his second three of the night as the

Mules trimmed five points from the Wildcats lead. Broyles tipped in a Riley miss midway through the final frame.

Atwood connected with Riley to knot the game at 45 with a little more than a minute left. Nathan McKinnon, the Wildcats' 6-5 post, muscled his way to the bucket to return the lead to Littlefield.

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JV Lady Mules put away Littlefield, Dimmitt

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The junior varsity Lady Mules continued their winning ways Jan. 29 by dumping the Littlefield Lady Cats 55-31 before a home crowd, then traveled to Dimmitt on Feb. 1 and trounced the Bobbies 51-39.

Muleshoe jumped on the Lady Cats early with an 8-0 lead. Lindsey Wood stepped in front of a Littlefield pass at midcourt and drove for a layup to end the first period with Muleshoe in front 14-5.

Intense Muleshoe defense nailed the Lady Cats to five points for seven minutes of the second period. Graciee Adrian dropped in a free throw to crank the Lady Mule scoring machine.

Wood grabbed a Littlefield pass and found Tabatha Obenhaus open to complete a fast break. After a second

Littlefield turnover, Wood hit a three from the corner on an inbound play as the Lady Mules continued to increase their advantage.

The frustrated Lady Cats fouled frequently in the second period, and Adrian and Megan Mason made Littlefield pay for their fouls. The Lady Mules outpaced Littlefield 16-2 in the quarter.

Obenhaus set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules against Littlefield with 15 points; Wood followed with 14. Adrian and Jami Carpenter made nine each, Mason and Amber Cowart three apiece and Jessica Hall made two for Muleshoe.

Against the Bobbies, Wood led the first-quarter attack with 10 of her game-high 23 points. The Lady Mules raced to a 17-7 first-period lead and never looked back.

After being down 27-16 at intermission, the Bobbies

trimmed six from the Muleshoe lead in the third period to begin the final frame trailing 37-32.

The Lady Mule defense had caused the Bobbies problems all night and then as the final frame began, Muleshoe spread the floor on offense.

With a four-corners offense, Muleshoe took the air out of the ball for Dimmitt and gave the Lady Mules layup opportunities. Even though the Lady Mules were trying to slow the game, they were always ready to cash in on a fast break.

Muleshoe had 21 steals against the Bobbies, grabbed 24 rebounds and shot 63 percent from the floor. Obenhaus had 11 points, Cowart 10, Carpenter four, Mason two and Chelsi Hawkins one.

The Lady Mules' final regular-season game was

scheduled for Tuesday night when Shallowater was due to visit for a showdown between the district's top two teams.

Shallowater won the first contest between the two teams, and the Lady Mules needed a win to split the district title with the Fillies.

JV Mules fall to Littlefield, Cooper

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules began the second round of district play Jan. 29 at home against the Littlefield Wildcats.

Earlier in the season, the Wildcats had pounded the Mules 61-30. This time, Littlefield managed to outlast the Mules 47-32 despite an early scoring run in the third period that added six points to the Mules' side of the board before Littlefield managed to scratch.

Pride in defending the home court may have provided some of the fervor the Mules displayed on defense, but they could mount little offense in the first half as the Wildcats lapped the Mules 26-13 by halftime.

Sheets in-bounded the ball to Victor Jaramillo as he muscled his way into the lane to cut Littlefield's advantage to

35-24 with a minute remaining in the third period.

The Wildcats hit from behind the arc just prior to the horn to stretch their lead to 12.

Sheets answered a Wildcat three with a three of his own as Littlefield began to rebuild its lead in the final frame. Sheets led the Mules with nine points, Jaramillo and Heathington had five each, King and Colunga four apiece, Alex Agundis three and Daniel Campolla made two for Muleshoe.

Lubbock Cooper 48 Muleshoe 38

The junior varsity Mules hung close to the Lubbock Cooper Pirates for two periods in Woodrow on Jan. 25. The Pirates used barrage of third-quarter three-pointers to top the Mules 48-38.

Eric Villa and Tatom

Heathington each dropped in a three in the first period, which ended with the Mules trailing by only one, 11-10. Heathington repeated his first period with a second three-pointer and Layne Sheets hit twice from behind the arc, but the Mules lost ground to trail at the break 27-23.

The Mules left their offense in the dressing room after the break and only scratched out five points in the third frame.

Bryan King posted three points and Valentín Colunga drove for a bucket as the Pirates rolled up 15 points to lead 42-28.

The Mules stepped it up in the final period, holding the Pirates to six points while adding 10 of their own.

The Mules were scheduled to face the Shallowater Mustangs on Feb. 5.

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By **RONN SMITH**
Editor

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Very seldom would it have anything to do with Clovis, N.M.

Recently, though, I was skimming some issues of the magazine from last year and saw exactly that. Dan True of Clovis was advertising his "Hummingbird House" in one of the world's premier magazines.

A few years ago, he had told me he had the gadget just about ready to go into production, and I often wondered about it but haven't been in touch with him for awhile.

True, of course, is the former Amarillo and Albuquerque TV weatherman who has written an authoritative book on hummingbirds, among other nature topics.

His gadget is a simple little bracket that can be mounted easily — for example, under the eave of a house



where, by peering out a window, you can watch the nest-building, incubation and raising of chicks.

The houses come in packages of two for \$29.95 plus \$5 shipping, and can be ordered by mail from Hummingbird House, 1332 Stratford Lane, Clovis 88101.

True also has a website at www.3lefties.com/dantrue, and his telephone number is (505) 769-1638.

It's a chance to support a unique local project and give the kids or grandkids (of any age) something fun to watch.

...
If you braved the weather to plant your peas on the last day of January, you're harder than I am, but any time now will be good for planting your first crop.

With such a generally mild winter, I'm sure spin-

ach and beets also can be planted.

But by March, the vegetable gardening can really get into high gear. Carrots, potatoes and Swiss chard are all good when started that early.

I can hear the groans about digging a potato bed, but my advice on that is: Don't.

The simplest way to grow potatoes is on top of the ground — though of course it can't be on clay hardpan.

You can just place the seed potatoes on soft soil, cover them with 6 or 8 inches of straw, scotch that down to keep the wind from whipping it away, and keep things moist.

When I'm separating bales of hay into mulch for a sizable area like this, I just peel the hay off in sheets a couple of inches thick. That helps keep the wind from blowing it, but believe me — there will be days when the wind will flip even those chunks. It's a good idea to use boards or something else every few inches to hold things in place.

Hog fencing laid across the straw is an excellent

anchor, though if the fencing has smaller openings toward the bottom, you'll need to be very vigilant about removing it before the potato sprouts get any size.

By that time, repeated waterings should have begun to rot the straw a little bit, and once it starts breaking down it will stay in place much better.

When it comes time to harvest the potatoes, you can pretty well scoop them out of the straw with a spading fork. Just don't get too rowdy with it and stab all your potatoes. If you can align the tines with the original soil line and sort of scout the tines along the ground, it will be the simplest potato

harvest imaginable.

Growing potatoes this way, if you keep the soil moist (which is much easier with the thick mulch), also produces the tenderest potatoes imaginable.

Happy planting!
Questions and comments can be directed to Garden Writer, 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to ronnsmith@hotmail.com.

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Roses Are Red... Violets Are Blue... No One Hugs As Good As My Honey Do!
Love, John Doe

(Poems may be edited for objectionable content)

HONORS

SECRET

Leonard Archie Secrest of Muleshoe was among the 3,391 students awarded diplomas during midyear commencement ceremonies at Texas A&M University.

Secrest earned a master of agriculture degree in animal science.

McMURRY UNIVERSITY

Kendra Benham of Muleshoe and Elisabeth Thomas of Lazbuddie have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester at McMurry University in Abilene.

Benham is a senior multidisciplinary studies major, while Thomas is a

sophomore majoring in biology.

HOOTEN

Hollye Hooten of Muleshoe was one of 111 graduates during winter commencement exercises at Lubbock Christian University.

Hooten was awarded in master's degree in secondary education.

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Winners for Lazbuddie

Lazbuddie High School students who placed at the Red Raider UIL Invitational Meet on Jan. 26 in Lubbock are (back row, left to right) Stephen Thomas, first in computer science; Brady Mimms, third in computer applications; Robby Martin, fifth in accounting; (front row, from left) Bethenie Sánchez, fourth in computer science; Savannah Black, third in accounting; and Shawndee Nichols, first in accounting.

Panhandle Poison Center promotes hotline

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Texas Panhandle Poison Center has joined with 64 other poison centers in a campaign to raise awareness about (800) 222-1222, a new national hotline for emergency treatment and advice.

"This new national hotline is an invaluable new resource for Texas families," said Dr. Shu Shum, medical/managing director. "It will help ensure that no matter where they are, they will always know the number for the experts at the closest local poison center."

"In an emergency when every second counts this information is vitally important and could save a life," Shum said. "It is our hope that everyone will soon know to call (800) 222-1222 for poison treatment and prevention," said Mary Lou Nester, clinical manager.

Texas callers will automatically be connected to specially trained nurses, pharmacists, paramedics

and doctors at the closest local poison facility.

In the Texas Panhandle and South Plains area, calls will go to the Texas Panhandle Poison Center. Experts there will immediately respond to poison emergencies and answer poison-related questions about medications, household products and other potentially dangerous substances.

The Texas Poison Center Network's current toll-free number, (800) 764-7661 also will continue to operate as it did prior to the new hotline.

When calling from outside the region, Texas residents will be connected to the nearest poison center.

By connecting callers to the closest site, the hotline helps ensure that callers always reach the specialists most familiar with local concerns and the local health-care community.

"We strongly encourage everyone to learn this new

'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information on making beauty products at home, food safety and the European Pattern Making System will be featured on "Creative Living" at 1 p.m. Feb. 12 and 3 p.m. Feb. 16. (All times are Central.)

"Creative Living" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Gretchen Frederick, a spokesperson for the National Honey Board in Longmont, Colo., will share some beauty secrets using honey, as well as discuss folklore surrounding honey in uses such as sore throat remedies.

Christine Palumbo, representing the American Plastics Council in Washington, D.C., will provide tips on shopping to avoid food contamination.

Evelyn Langston of Ozark

Crafts in Branson, Mo., will demonstrate the European Pattern Making System, which guarantees a perfect fit every time.

Information on pecans and building self-esteem will be featured at 10:30 p.m. Feb. 12 and at 1 p.m. Feb. 14.

Ann Cox, a food communications specialist with the Western Pecan Growers Association, will demonstrate recipes and talk about the nutritional attributes of pecans as she prepares several vegetable and salad recipes.

Judi Moreo, a motivational speaker from Las Vegas, Nev., will talk about ways parents can help build their child's self-esteem. She will address listening skills, rule setting, how to build on the child's strengths, and talk about how parents should not force a child

to be something he or she doesn't want to be.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico and is distributed by Westlink of Albuquerque.

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 99130.

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number so they can easily access it, anytime and anywhere in the United States," said Ronica Farrar, specialist in community outreach at the center.

A new website, www.1-800-222-1222.info also has been developed to provide poison-prevention information. The Texas Poison Center Network Web site is www.poisoncontrol.org.

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MULES

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The Mules were able to pick up only two points in the final 45 seconds, as the Wildcats were perfect on four free-throw attempts.

McKinnon led all scorers with 18 points and Broyles set the pace for the Mules with 17.

Domínguez had 14 points; Riley 10, Atwood four and Sheets two for Muleshoe.

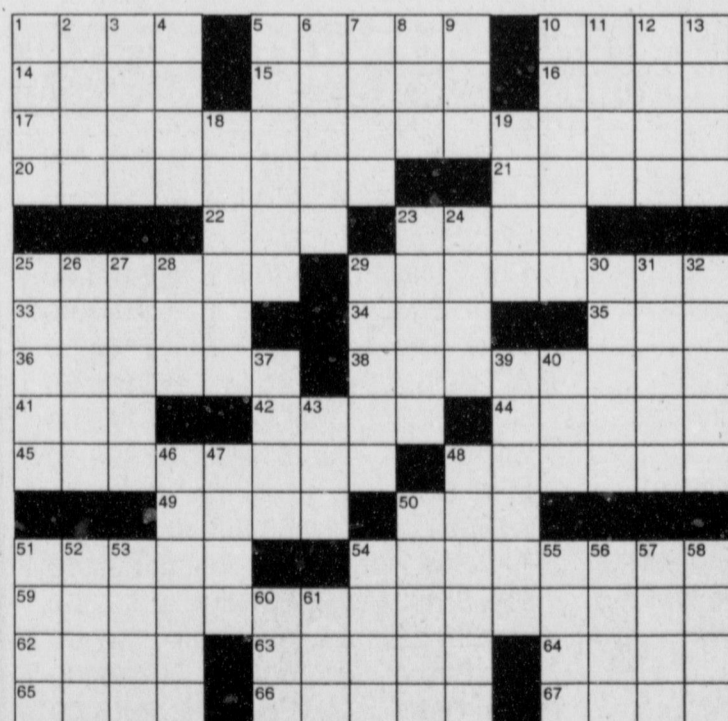
The Mules were scheduled to take on the top two teams in the district in a

Poison Center will distribute promotional materials to local citizens who call the new hotline.

In addition, the local poison center is available for professional and community presentations to promote the new hotline to area residents. Anyone who would like to schedule a presentation may call the new hotline or (806) 354-1633 and speak with Farrar.

four-day span — Dimmitt on Feb. 1 and Shallowater on Feb. 5 — to try to avenge back-to-back overtime losses in the first round of district.

JUST FOR FUN



12. Bevel
13. Tennis units
18. Progresses
19. This (Spanish)
23. Infections
24. An Asian river between China and Russia
25. Fencing swords
26. Beat
27. Bidding
28. After B
29. A hapless, unlucky guy
30. Fatuous
31. Supernatural
32. Discharge
37. Monetary unit of Western Samoa
39. Reflexive form of it
40. Make a request for
43. Headress
46. Discrimination
47. Dravidian people
48. ___ and Costello
50. Talks
51. Scholem ___, Yiddish author
52. A crane
53. Reward
54. Czar
55. Safety law
56. Notes
57. Salvador ___, Spanish artist
58. Structure
60. Yap
61. Change of position

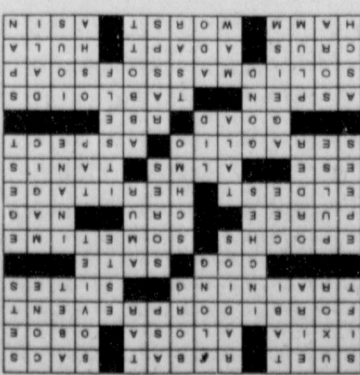
Clues ACROSS

1. Edible fat
5. Capital of Morocco
10. Bodily cavities
14. Plant genus of iris
15. Fish genus of shad
16. Double-reed instrument
17. Bar
20. Activity leading to skilled behavior
21. Positions
22. Sprocket
23. Replete
25. Eras
29. Erstwhile
33. Thin down
34. Grand ___, vintage
35. Equus caballus
36. Offspring
38. Transferred possession
41. Compass point between east and southeast
42. Charity
44. Ancient city of Egypt
45. Living quarters
48. Visual percept

Clues DOWN

1. Divide into components
2. Married woman, legal
3. Mammal genus of otters
4. Sock
5. Communication systems
6. Forward moving
7. Bjorn ___, tennis player
8. Viper
9. Coat
10. An elected governmental council in a Communist country
11. Assist

Crossword Answers



Muleshoe Journal's 8th Annual CUTEST BABY CONTEST

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+++ ENTRY DEADLINE +++ Fri., March 15, 2002 at 5 pm

This year's contestant will appear in the March 31 edition of the Bailey County Journal. A panel of unbiased judges will pick the most attractive picture to be the 2001 Cutest Baby. All baby pictures will be printed in this Easter edition of the paper. Babies need not be born in this area.

Bring your favorite photo along with \$12 to the Muleshoe Journal office at 304 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail the coupon below along with your child's photo and \$12 to Cutest Baby Contest, c/o Muleshoe Journal, P.O. Box 449, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. You may pick up your baby's picture during office hours after Monday, April 1, 2002. Arrangements must be made to return photos by mail.

Please provide phone number or address (it will not be published) so that we may contact you if we need additional information.

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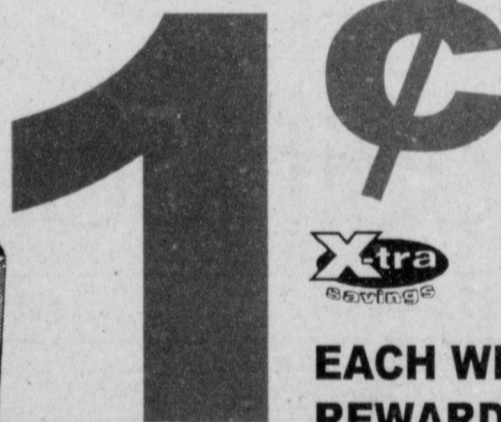
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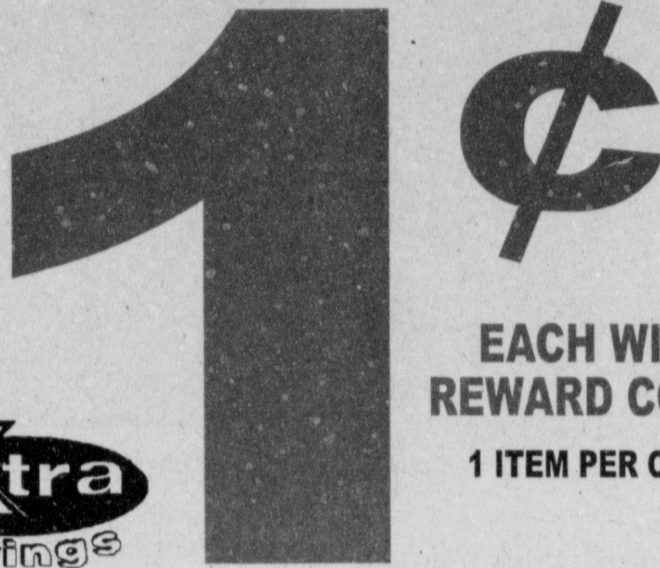
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