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NEWS BRIEFS

Wardroup appointed to represent Kitchens

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

Larry Kitchens, who is charged with three counts of capital murder and pled not guilty at his arraignment last month, has requested a court appointed attorney.

District Judge Gordon Green has appointed Richard L. Wardroup of Lubbock to be the lead attorney. Green said he will appointed another attorney if Wardroup makes the request.

Kitchens is charged with the October 10 murder of his ex-wife, Rhonda Kitchens, Derwin Wyn Beauchamp and Vince Lee Simmacher at Simmacher's home South of Muleshoe.

Green told the *Journal* only a limited number of attorneys could be appointed to represent Kitchens because of the capital murder charge.

Filing date set for March primary election

Anyone who wishes to run for county office can file with the county clerk's office between December 3 and January 2.

The following offices are up for election: sheriff, county commissioners in districts 1, 3 and 4, county tax assessor, county attorney, district attorney and county constables in districts 1 and 3.

The sheriff's current salary is \$26,989 and the county tax assessor salary is \$24,299.20. All the county commissioners earn \$15,988.56, the constable in district 1 earns \$1,144.80 a year, and in District 3, the constable receives \$427.44.

The district attorney's salary is paid entirely by the state and the county attorney is paid \$24,289.20 by the county and \$25,425 by the state.

All elected office holders receive 100% of their health insurance paid, which is currently \$395 per month including a small life insurance policy.



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LOCAL WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 20s. Friday: Sunny. Highs in the high 40s and lows in the upper teens. Saturday: mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s, according to the National Weather Service's Tuesday forecast.

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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR DAY DECEMBER 7, 2003

By BEATRICE MORIN
and VANETA GREGORY

(Editor's note: Several Muleshoe residents were asked what they were doing when they found out about the attack on Pearl Harbor; how they felt about the news; what they did the next day; and how it affected their lives. The following are their stories.)



R. F. Castorena

She recalls hearing the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor over the radio. Her husband was an automobile service attendant at the time.

Clara Castorena was 22 years old when her husband, Refugio Flores (Polo) Castorena, then 23, was drafted into the Army. They had four children at the time and lived in Mason, Texas.

"There was much talk about what had happened. We were afraid, even though it didn't occur within the states, it still occurred in Hawaii," she said.

It wasn't until almost two years later that R.F. Castorena was notified to report for a physical in San Antonio. He was inducted into the service November 25, 1944 at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

C. Castorena said, "He didn't think he would pass the physical, so he wasn't worried about getting selected but didn't return home. I later received a phone call from him that he was on his way to boot camp in Killeen, Texas."

"I had to struggle with our children. I would do ironing at home and also received a check from the government. But it was a hard time for many," she continued.

He was stationed in Germany during WWII. He was honorably discharge December 25, 1945 and classified as a private with Troop B 116th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. He was a light mortar crewman and a light machine gun ex-

pert. He was decorated with the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. December 8, will be 19 years since his passing. He died in 1985.

Jacque Baker was 11 years old but says he doesn't recall the details of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He later served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War in 1950.

He was classified as an Airman 2nd Class in communications. He was married at the time he enlisted and served a couple of years.

His wife was expecting their first child prior to his enlistment. Because their daughter was born with toxemia, doctors asked his wife if she wanted her husband home. After a week, he was sent home. He was discharged January 1954.

Joe Embry, then 21, was getting a newspaper at the drug store. When he arrived at home, he learned about Japanese attacking Pearl Harbor. The next day he went

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SUV rams into sedan on American Boulevard

By BEATRICE MORIN
Journal writer

Emergency crews responded to an accident involving two vehicles, a blue Ford sedan and a gold Montero sport, early Monday morning near the 400 block of West American Blvd.

Occupants of the blue sedan were Jeremy Estraca, Thelma Castillo and a female child. Occupants of the Montero sport were Jeremiah Alfaro, Daniel Greenhouse and John Torres.

According to Lt. Otis Carpenter, the car driven



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

This Ford sedan pulled out in front of this SUV on American Boulevard Monday morning, resulting in a serious collision. Muleshoe Emergency Medical Service and Muleshoe Police are shown here working together to ensure that most of the people involved in the wreck are safely transported to the hospital. They were treated and later released.

by Estraca pulled out of the Allsup's parking lot as Alfaro, driving the SUV, approached them. Alfaro was traveling west on the passing lane and was unable to avoid hitting them because of oncoming traffic.

None of the occupants of the vehicles sustained any major injuries. All three occupants of the blue sedan were transferred to the hospital along with Alfaro. They were treated and released.

Alfaro told the *Journal* that he still has some pain in his arm and his chest.

Congressman Neugebauer discusses Iraq during meeting at Bailey County Coliseum

By MARSHALL STINNETT
Journal writer

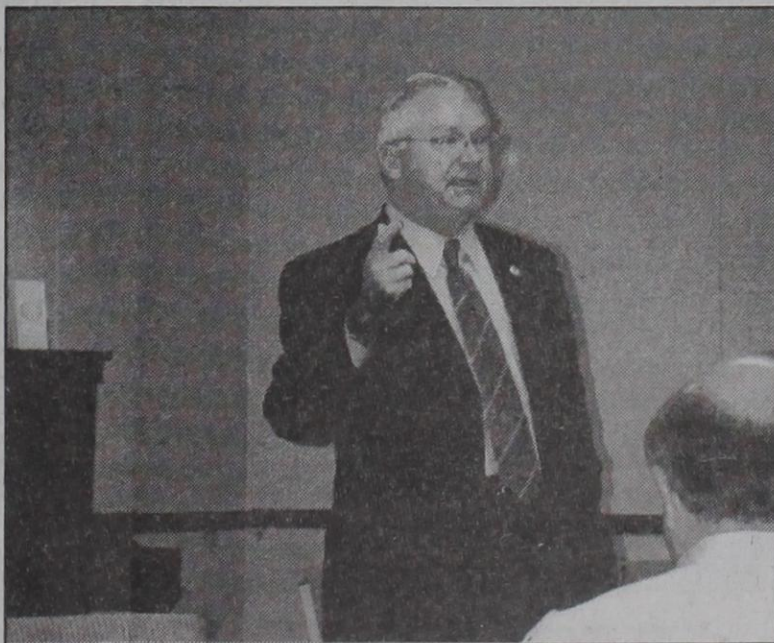
Congressman Randy Neugebauer made his third visit to Muleshoe since his election in June of this year in a Town Hall Meeting at the Bailey County Coliseum Tuesday morning.

He told the group progress is being made in Iraq. He said he agreed with President George Bush and said, "he is on the right track".

"It's better to fight terrorists in Iraq than in New York or Dallas," Neugebauer said.

He said there have been 75,000 Iraq security forces trained "and soon there will 120,000 which will almost be equal to the number of troop we have in Iraq."

He stressed there must be security for Iraq leaders who want to seek public office.



Journal photo: Marshall Stinnett

Congressman Randy Neugebauer talks to Bailey County citizens at Tuesday's Town Meeting. Subjects he discussed included the war in Iraq, Iraqi security and government, and the medicare bill.

Neugebauer said he was "very concerned about the Muslim influence on the new constitution for Iraq". He is worried because the Muslim church leaders only want freedom of the Muslim religion.

He also said the new medicare bill for prescription coverage was "only a beginning not a end."

The new bill contains 25 billion dollars for rural health care which will help bring equity between what small rural hospitals can pay for doctors compared with places like Dallas.

"You can't attract business to rural communities if you don't have good health care," he said.

Neugebauer told the group he voted for the re-importation of prescription drugs. He said he had a "hard time explaining to his constituents why the same drugs manufactured in the U. S. were 30 to 50 per cent cheaper in foreign counties." He said the bill was tied up in committee and didn't get in the medicare bill.



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Candlelight service set in Lariat

The community is invited to the "God Sent Us Salvation" candlelight service at St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat on December 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. The service will include Scripture, service and prayer.

Sorority collects clothing for kids

Alpha Zeta Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will be collecting socks (kids sizes small to large), sweat pants (sizes 6-8, 8-10, 10-12), and underwear (kids sizes small to large) for Dillman and DeShazo schools. Locations for drop offs are Body & More, City Hall and Family Hair Salon. The deadline is December 12.

Church to host candlelight service

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will host a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on December 24 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Benefit Christmas concert slated

Kenneth Richards and Reydon Stanford, the original members of the gospel group The Anchor Brothers will reunite for a concert entitled "Christmas In the Country," December 11, starting at 7 p.m. at Trinity Christian Center Church in Muleshoe.

The Anchor Brothers were a popular gospel-singing group and recording act through the 80s and 90s, touring much of the Western United States.

Other performers scheduled to appear in the concert are Betty Hutton, Summer Daniel, Blayne Shipman and the Trinity Christian Choir.

The concert will raise money for Muleshoe Meals On Wheels as well as Bailey County Hope Chest. The concert is free, but a free-will offering will be taken. For more information, call 272-3877.

Christmas parade scheduled

The annual Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be held December 13. For details, contact Jan Thompson at the chamber office, 272-4248.

Christmas Card Project begins

The Annual Christmas Card Project has begun! Proceeds will benefit the residents of Park View Nursing Home. Anyone can donate whatever amount he or she can afford. Names of contributors will be published in the paper in December. Checks should be made out to Christmas Card Project and they can be mailed to P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or 1100 W. Ave J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Donations can also be given directly to Joy Stancell, activity director of Park View, or to Joyline Costen, chairwoman of the project. Donations can also be given to any teller at the First Bank of Muleshoe or Muleshoe State Bank. Mrs. Costen will pick them up.

Club announces Christmas bazaar

The Moonlight Extension Education Club announces its Twenty Fifth Annual Christmas Bazaar to be held December 13 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum, Muleshoe. Applications for booth space are being accepted until December 8. To request an application contact Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8th, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Public Calendar

December 6—Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting it's 23rd annual **Festival of Arts and Crafts**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Only a limited number of booths are available with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, Texas 79045 or calling 806-364-0774.

December 7—The second annual Carolyn's Christmas Creations' **Tour Of Homes** benefiting Park View Nursing Home from 1 to 5 p.m. Sponsor Carolyn Johnson has tickets available this week at her store, located at 106 E. American Blvd. Ticket cost is \$6 per person. All money collected will be donated to the nursing home. Refreshments will be served at the nursing home.

December 11—Bailey County Courthouse **Open House** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will have refreshments, entertainment and fun! Everyone is welcome!

December 13—"Old Fashioned Christmas" at Muleshoe Heritage Center from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be at Janes Ranch House from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Pictures may be purchased. All evening, Jay & Sally Messenger, Curtis Shelburne and Joan Lewis will be entertaining with Christmas Carols. Hot drinks and cookies will be served at the Santa Fe Depot. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Muleshoe Food Pantry to be placed under the SCAC (Student Community Action Club) "Old Fashioned Christmas Tree" in the parlor of Janes House. A drawing will be held at 6:30 for the western picture. Buy a ticket for just \$1 from any board member or see Lonnie Adrian at Adrian photography to purchase a ticket.

Local Senior Citizens who wish to volunteer to ring the Salvation Army Christmas Bells can call Mary Nell Bleeker at 272-3696. Half of the proceeds benefit Muleshoe Salvation Army and half will be donated to the Muleshoe Senior Center.

Registration set for SPC classes offered at Plainview

Spring registration for South Plains College courses offered in Plainview will be January 6, 2004.

Registration is 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Technology Center, Houston School. Books will be sold during registration.

Classes will begin January 20.

Courses offered are Introduction to Computers (COSC 1401-379), meeting 6-9:50 p.m. Tuesdays; American Government, Organization (GOVT 2301-379), 6-8:50 p.m. Mondays; History of the U.S. to 1876 (HIST 1301-379), 6-8:50 p.m. Tuesdays, and College Algebra (MATH 1314-379), 6-8:50 p.m. Thursdays.

High school seniors can apply for early admission through their high school principal.

Other persons must have graduated from high school or possess the GED certificate.

Steps for admission include completing an application for admission and other appropriate forms (social security number is required), pro-

viding an official transcript from high school and colleges attended, and providing proof of Texas residency for the previous 12-month period (a copy of a Texas driver's license is usually sufficient).

Persons who have not attained three hours of college credit prior to September 1, 1989, must take the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) or Accuplacer test before enrolling.

They can contact SPC's Testing and Learning Center at 885-

3048, extension 4631, to arrange a test time and date.

In-state tuition is \$246 for three semester hours, \$316 for four semester hours, \$456 for six semester hours, \$526 for seven semester hours and \$666 for nine semester hours.

A minimum of 15 persons is required for a course to make.

For more information beginning Monday (Dec. 1), contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

Bob and Misti (Prater) Wilbur of Photo Makers will be at Carolyn's Christmas Creations Dec. 1-5 taking professional photos of your pets for Carolyn's annual Santa Paws Contest!
(You may also enter previously taken photos)

THE WILBURS WILL ALSO BE SCHEDULING FAMILY PORTRAITS TO BE TAKEN AT CAROLYN'S IN DEC.

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OBITUARIES

DENNIS GORDON WHITE Cowboy

A traditional cowboy service was held November 15, 2003 at Cartridge Cemetery near San Antonio, N.M. for Dennis Gordon White, 53, of San Antonio, N.M.

Arrangements were under the direction of Steadman-Hall Funeral Home of Socorro, N.M.

He was acknowledged with a celebration of life after the service by family and friends.

He was born November 2, 1950 to Herman and Eula Mae (Springer) White in Clovis, N.M. He passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2003.

Mr. White attended Muleshoe Schools, and the military academy at Clairmore, Okla. He was the only one to win grand

champion and grand champion reserve, 1st and 2nd place in the Muleshoe FFA with his two Hereford steers. After school, he worked in feed lots and drove trucks. For the past 30 years, he had been a cowboy and worked on the farm.

He is survived by a son, Trevor White and a brother, Bill White of Hereford.

CARL ELLINGTON

Services were held Monday, November 24, 2003 at Trinity Baptist Church for Carl Ellington, 76, of Muleshoe. Rev. Bennie Wright and Frank Parker officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Ellington was born June 27, 1927 in Gatesville, Texas. He mar-

ried Evelyn Alexander in Lubbock on January 17, 1947. He died Thursday, November 20 at his residence.

He moved to Muleshoe from Lubbock in 1954. He owned and operated Carl's Meat Market in Muleshoe for 20 years. He was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

He is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; a son, Ed Ellington of Portales; a daughter, Carla Kelley of Muleshoe; and three grandchildren, April and Kayla Kelley and Lanell Ellington.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jo and Francis Ellington.

The family suggests memorials be made to Vista Care Family Hospice, 4418 Olton Rd., Plainview, Texas 79072 or

Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

MURIEL LEWIS

Services were held November 28, 2003 at Trinity Baptist Church for Muriel Lewis, 88, of Muleshoe.

She was born October 20, 1915 in Davidson, Okla. She died Tuesday, November 25, 2003 in Park View Nursing Home.

She married Leon Howard Lewis in Frederick, Oklahoma on March 16, 1935. He preceded her in death, December 2, 1996.

Mrs. Lewis was a salutarian of the 1933 Graduating Class of Wilson High School. She moved to the Muleshoe Community in 1945 from Frederick, Oklahoma. From 1945 to 1972, she was a member of the YL

Methodist Church. She was a lifetime member of the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation, a lifetime member of the Progressive Home Club and a member of the AARP. She was also a homemaker and a member of the Trinity Baptist Church where she was the church treasurer for a number of years.

She is survived by two sons, Ronald Lewis of Guthrie and Kirk Lewis of Muleshoe; three daughters, Rita Brunton of Amarillo, Patricia Wilson of Muleshoe and Ellen Brink of Frederick, Okla.; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Morris in 1967; a daughter-in-law, Mona Lewis in 1977; a daughter, Lenita in 1955; two grandsons, Roby Wilson in 1984

and Casey Wilson in 1994; seven sisters, Lula Embry, Alice Willemon, Edith Gritz, Faye Kurz, Lucille Harper, Pearl Fondren and Vennel McKee; and three brothers, Harvey Wright, Buster Wright and J.B. Wright.

The family suggests memorials be made to Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J., Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or Trinity Baptist Church, P.O. Box 411, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

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back to school. He was attending a tech school in Dallas.

He enlisted nine months later with the Army Air Corp and went on to serve 42 months. He was stationed in the Mid Pacific.

He was classified as an airplane mechanic with a B-29 group. He did not see any combat. He was discharged in El Paso.

Clifton Finley was 29 years old when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He was working at Sinclair Department Store in Muleshoe when he heard the news.

He immediately became worried about his best friend, Edward Gummelt, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time. Gummelt was also from Muleshoe. Later, Finley found out that his friend had been wounded and that the doctors wanted to amputate his leg. Finley said Gummelt refused the amputation and he later recovered.

The next day, Finley went back to work as usual. Several months later he enlisted in the Navy reserves. "They were gonna get me anyway, so I just enlisted," he said.

The first invasion he participated in was the invasion of Guam. "As the ship pulled in, we were

being bombed—that was when I realized I was in a war."

Jim Kee was 18 when the tragedy occurred. He was working at a service station in Brownfield, where he also lived, when he heard the news.

"I didn't even know Pearl Harbor was in the world," he said. "We was country people and we didn't know nothing."

Kee was newly married at the time but he and his 15 year old wife didn't think he would have to serve in the war.

"We thought we could whoop 'em in six weeks," he said. "We learned a lot about the world during that time."

Kee was drafted in April of 1943 and he spent nine months overseas serving in the U. S. Army.

The news of the attack reached Aline Locke, then 28, as she and her family were getting ready to attend church in Levelland where they lived. She was married with two children at the time.

"We were all scared to death," she said. "We were afraid my husband would have to go but he didn't."

Locke's son had just started school that year and she sent him back to school the next day just like any other day.

In that time, many

people didn't even own radios, according to Locke. "I remember my husband would drive the car up close the house and turn on the radio," she said. "Friends and neighbors would gather around each night to hear the latest news about the war."

Marie Lane was also getting ready for church when the news came over the radio about the attack. At the time, she was 21 years old and living at home with her mother and younger sister.

"We were upset like everyone else of course," she said, "but it really didn't affect us. Life went on as usual."

Lane had three older brothers (Everett, Travis and Woody) who eventually signed up to serve in the military after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Everett was stationed in Europe and he drove an ambulance for the Red Cross. Travis was stationed in Texas and he never went overseas. He was later discharged because of a heart condition. Woody was stationed in Lubbock, where he trained pilots on airplane simulators.

Lane remembers a feeling of patriotism that spread throughout the country after Pearl Harbor, similar to what the nation experienced after September 11, 2001.

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This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of Esther, intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times.

EVIL HAMAN
HAMAN HAS GATHERED HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO TELL THEM HOW ALL HIS HONORS AND HIS RICHES MEAN NOTHING TO HIM AS LONG AS MORDECAI REMAINS ALIVE, NOW....

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STUDENT-COMMUNITY ACTION CLUB



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Selected as the November citizen of the month was Nancy Barrier (right) with daughter, Casey Barrier.

By Christy Morgan SCAC reporter

The Student-Community Action Club (SCAC) met November 17 in the home of Niclas Green. President Elida Diaz called the meeting to order and asked Reporter Christy Morgan to give the opening prayer. Club Secretary Megan Mason read the minutes and Treasurer Marlie Black gave the treasurer's report.

Club member Marlie Black then introduced the guest speaker, Nancy Barrier, who spoke to the club members about her work at the food pantry. According to Barrier, she enjoys "helping those less fortunate" and she encouraged SCAC to do community service with a joyful heart. Black presented the guest with a cor-

sage saying that she was the November citizen of the month.

Old business discussed included SCAC's participation in Fall Festival and with the food pantry.

New business included a discussion about fund-raising, decorating the Jane's Ranch House and making signs for the Heritage Foundation float.

A citizen of the month for January was chosen and will be the next guest speaker. Mason will contact the guest speaker.

SCAC will meet at 6:30 p.m. on December 8 at the Heritage House to decorate the Jane's Ranch House for Christmas. The next official meeting will be on January 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Tyrel Gear.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The Senior Citizens plan a busy and exciting month for December. The bake sale is set for Thursday, December 11, in conjunction with the Christmas Pot Luck Lunch. Anyone is welcome to support the Senior Center by bringing something to sell or by purchasing a casserole, cake or other goodies on December 11 at the center.

The Christmas Pot Luck will be a special feast. There will be entertainment, special recognitions and special guests. The local Home Health will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for screenings.

An entry into the Christmas parade is planned. The seniors plan to take part in community events—just as the community has shown support for the Senior Center. Everyone is invited to stop by and tour the center and visit.

On December 13, the center will host Music Makers from 6 to 9 p.m. Anyone who plays a musical instrument is invited to come out and join this first jam session. Visitors are welcome to come and listen. There will be no charge. The group plans to meet on the second Saturday of each month.

The Senior Citizens will again ring the bells for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles. One-half of the proceeds goes to the center

and the other half goes to the Salvation Army in Muleshoe for local use.

The seniors continue to make improvements to the center. Recently, they replaced the toilets with taller ones and added grab bars to make them handicapped accessible. Marshall Cook

also installed a wider door.

The used fixtures are at the center if anyone needs them. The center is looking for a used double kitchen sink which will help out until the kitchen is completed.

Anyone with Christmas decorations that are not go-

ing to be used—they would be appreciated at the center.

The center is open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 pm. Be sure to sign the register—this helps with funding for the center.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT NEWS

The Childbirth Education Class informs the soon-to-be mother about pregnancy, labor, delivery and recovery. Learning about the normal changes during pregnancy will lead to better coping with numerous physical and emotional symptoms an expectant mother may have. The class also helps the expectant mother develop an active partnership with her doctor for the birth of her child. To enroll in the upcoming Childbirth Education Class or for more information, call 806-272-4524, extension 146.

The classes are scheduled for Dec. 9-Jan. 13 — No class on December 23. 7:00 p.m.-9:15 p.m., Tuesday evenings only, hospital board room. Instructors: Gail Hargrove, PA-C, PhD. and Gina Baca, RN.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs., Dec. 4 — 9 a.m.-noon, Miracle Ear personnel, home health building.

Thurs., Dec. 4 — 1-5 p.m., Dr. AK, Orthopedics, Suite No. 3, hospital.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

November 20—Jennifer Cervantes, Harriet Cummings, Cicilia Cumpian, Elizabeth Hanks, Tamara Hanks, Juanita W. Jarman, Johnnie Kimbrough, Manuel G.

Lopez, Alva E. Moore, Letha L. Patterson, Jewell L. Perry, Myrtle Puckett, Maria Salinas, Maria G. Toscano and Joy Whitt.

November 21—Kevin Ariana, Jennifer Cervantes, Harriet Cummings, Elizabeth Hanks, Tamara Hanks, Johnnie Kimbrough, Manuel G. Lopez, Brandy M. Martinez, Alva E.

Moore, Letha L. Patterson, Jewell L. Perry, Maria Salinas, Maria G. Toscano, Floribel Vasquez and Joy Whitt.

November 22—none reported.

November 23—none reported.

November 24—Johnnie Kimbrough, Manuel G. Lopez, Horace W. Ring, Hardy Ruthardt, Maria Salinas, Francis Vargas, Margaret A. Williamson and Esther Zera.

November 25—none reported.

November 26—Gladys Fitz, Alva E. Moore, Rosa Rodriguez

November 27—Gladys Fitz, Alva E. Moore, Rosa Rodriguez, Martha Taylor, Elvira D. Trevino and Margaret A. Williamson.

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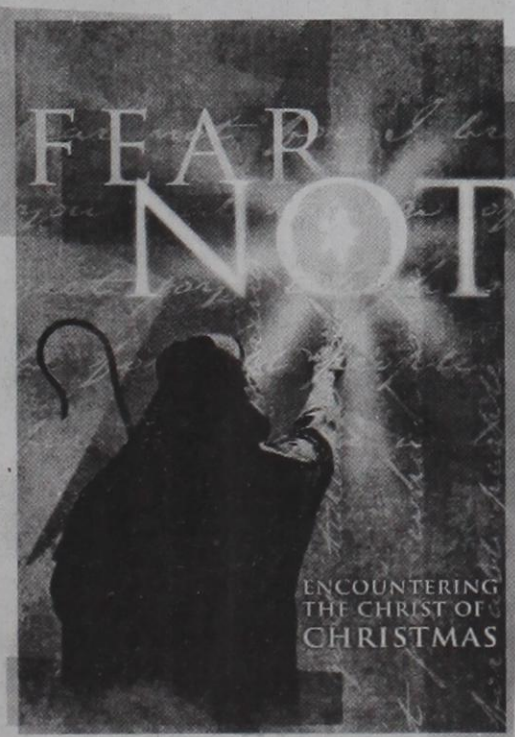
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NURSING HOME NEWS

Wednesday afternoon, Jackie Scoggin and Janis Morrison directed a sing-along.

Lisa Smith and her children baked and delivered cookies for the residents Thursday.

Nancy Lemons delivered ceramic pieces for the residents to paint in Ceramics Class Thursday morning. Residents participating were Delphine Gruda, Gladys Wilson,

Gladys Wright, Aline Locke, Aliene Lasiter, Jim Kee, Clydetta Mitchell, Diane Copley and Ruby Riely.

The residents, their families, volunteers and staff shared a Thanksgiving meal together Thursday afternoon. Dietary prepared the turkeys, dressing, potatoes and gravy. The families, staff and volunteers brought vegetables, salad and desserts.

The Border Town Band of Farwell provided entertainment.

Johnnie Kimbrough returned to Park View Monday from spending time in the local hospital. The staff and residents want to say "Welcome back Johnnie. We all really did miss you."

The Cowboy Church came Sunday afternoon for church services. Jeral James, Donnie Johnson and Janis Morrison directed the service.

The Retired Teachers Association hosted a party

for the residents Friday afternoon. Jack Stone entertained and the teachers provided refreshments of Blue Bell ice cream cups and small candy bars.

Gary and Judy Hubbard of Earth directed the music and praise time Tuesday morning. The Hubbards brought their grandchildren, Brandi and Brandon, who live in Lubbock, to participate in the singing.

The staff of Park View wish to recognize the following folks who helped make the family/resident

and friends Thanksgiving Dinner a great success: the residents, families, friends, Herman Morrison, the Dietary Department, Nursing, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Laundry, Administration, Gary Parker (who

smoked the turkeys) and Ruth Kitchens.

Beverly Wagon, Dolores Garrett, Eva Nell Dale, Ruby Henderson, Beckye Conklin and Mary Garcia shampooed and set the ladies' hair.

BIRTHS

OBENHAUS

Misti and Levi Obenhaus of Dayton, Texas announce the birth of their daughter, Alissa Kay, born at 4:13 p.m., November 11, 2003 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

She has a brother, Jordan, 1 year and 11 months old. Grandparents are Terry Obenhaus, Betty Poyner and Don and Anita Johnson, all of Muleshoe. Great-grandparents are Mollie and Carol Davis of Muleshoe, Pat and Bill Johnson of Breckenridge, Lorene Obenhaus of Muleshoe and Ruth Baker of Sudan. Great-great-grandmother is Mary Johnson of Muleshoe.

HANKS

Wes and Tammy Hanks

of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Nicole Hanks, born at 6:10 a.m., November 20, 2003 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

She has a brother, William, and a sister, Ruby.

Grandparents are Charlie and Kenneth Hanks and Maria and Herman Stevens.

CORTEZ

Miguel Cortez and Francis Vargas of Muleshoe announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriella Irene Cortez, born on November 24 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She has a sister, Daniella, and a brother, Cruz.

Grandparents are Joe Cortez of Muleshoe, Janie Manzano of Houston and Sally and Jesus Vargas.

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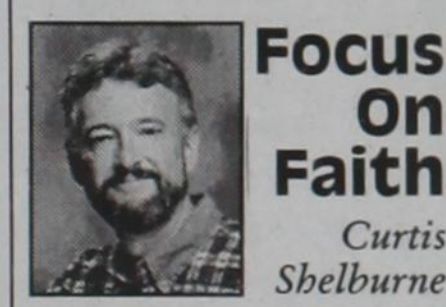
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I love Christmas! Now why does that feel like a confession? Yes, I know the holiday has been twisted. The busy-ness and commercialism can be oppressive. Yes, I know that sorrow, suffering, and tragedy, are particularly painfully poignant and that Satan easily scores as he particularly tries to rob us of hope at this time of year.

But I also know that—for



those whose every hope is focused on the risen Lord who made his entrance into this dark world at Bethlehem—beauty, joy, and hope are at the core of this season, and they are real. They will endure even when the tree wilts, the gift wears out, or, far worse, a chair at the Christmas table is empty, or with us at the table is the knowledge of some particularly difficult days lying ahead.

When Jesus tells us that we are to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, I think he is telling us that we are to out-love, out-think, and even out-feel the world. C. S. Lewis was right when he said that when Jesus tells us to love God more than even our own families, for most of us that means loving our families much more and much more wisely, not less, than we already do. And, it surely seems to me, that Christians who know the Source of real Beauty and Joy, should out-do the world in experiencing both, and perhaps especially at this time of year. For us, Christmas is lit up with real Light, not just what is plugged in and artificial and forgotten

when the last pine needle is swept out with the old dead tree.

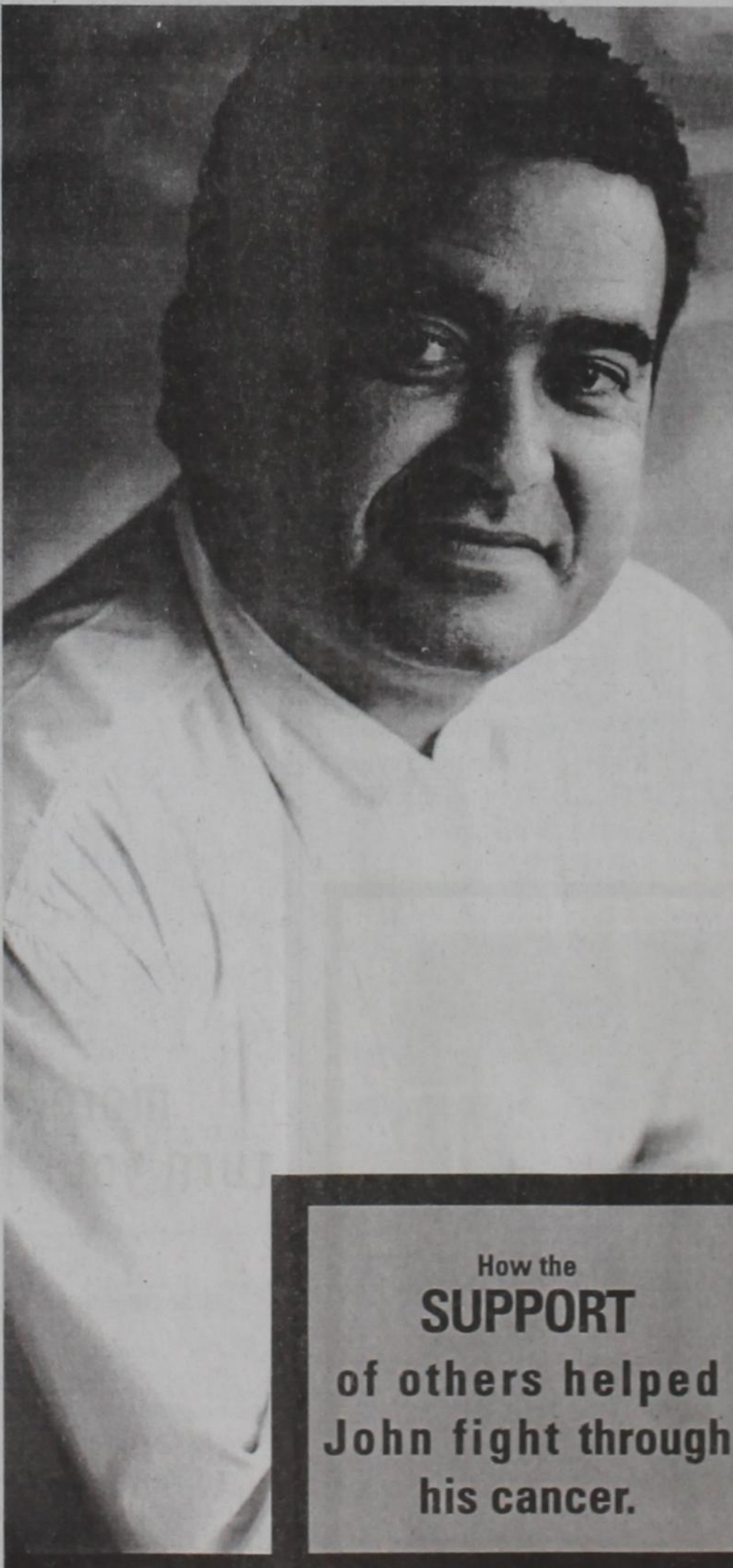
I think I love Christmas—and the way I get to celebrate it now—even more than lots of folks, because of my religious background in which some folks were pretty religious about *not* celebrating Christmas.

Please understand, I've tasted far more good fruit made possible by my religious roots than I've tasted bad, but still it is true, I think, that some seriously rotten and bitter fruit has come at times from what I think is one of our most serious and pervasive weaknesses. To make it short, though I don't think our founders would have made this mistake, some of their heirs decided that the New Testament was really sort of a legislative update to the Law in the Old Testament (even as they ignored the Old Testament). These folks were pretty sure that God must be approached very legally and that faith is largely about keeping the right laws. They also decided that anything not specifically permitted by "the law" was forbidden—which pretty well excludes, by the way, Christmas and a great many other very good and very beautiful things. When we center on law and not on the Savior, we shouldn't be surprised if our faith ends up cold and hard, and the warm, beautiful, living and life-giving heart of God's joy winds up excised from the Body and tossed on the garbage heap.

It's one kind of loss to be forced to live without an arm or an eye. It's another kind entirely to choose to cut one off or poke one out. Christians who choose, at this time of the year or at any other, to cut themselves off from God's joy, can. But, if they do, well, it's a very sad choice and a very bad and ill-advised one.

God's people, let's out-do each other in celebrating the coming of Christ with real joy!

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



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Eighth Grade Mules win close game against Wildcats; 28-23

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Colby Carpenter picked off a Littlefield pass and pushed the ball ahead to Dusty Clayton for a layup as the third period drew to a close. The Mules trailed the Wildcats 18-19 in the third period.

Carpenter nailed two free throws after being hammered on a base line shot to give the Mules the lead to start the final frame. The Mules went on

an 8-2 run in the final frame to outrun the Wildcats 28-23.

Clayton dropped in a 3-pointer to crank the Mules offensive surge in the final frame. The Mules used the pass as they zipped down the floor on the fast break. Elias Alvarado moved without the ball and got open to finish the break.

Carpenter added two for the Mules on an in-bound play and Clayton capped the Mule's scoring with a

free throw.

Clayton led the Mules in scoring with seven points and Carpenter dropped in six. Alvarado and Julio Bustillos had four points each. Adam Zamora, Patrick Precure and A.B. Flores each had two points and Robert Clark made one for the Mules.

The Mules hosted the Slaton Tigers December 1 and travel to Dimmitt to tangle with the Bobcats December 8.

Eighth grade Mules tame the Tigers

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules extracted a bit of revenge on the Slaton Tigers in front of a home crowd Monday night. The Mules had dropped a heart breaker to the Tigers in the Tiger tournament just prior to Thanksgiving.

The Mules were prepared and downed the Tigers 45-27. The Mules got off to a slow start as the Tigers jumped out to an 11-10 lead at the end of the first period. Colby Carpenter drove to draw the

defense and dished to Garrett Riley for a bucket to begin the second frame.

Slaton converted a free throw to tie the game at 11 before Riley drained a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Riley's trey ignited a 10-4 scoring run by the Mules to take a 25-16 margin at the half.

Patrick Precure dropped in three buckets during the third period that included a reverse layup. Riley scored on an inbound play and turned it into a 3-point play by converting the free-throw as the final pe-

riod began.

Amado Flores finished a fast break and Precure nailed a three from the corner to finish off the Tigers.

Riley led the Mules scoring with 19 points and Precure added 15. Flores added dropped in six, Ely Alvarado had three and Carpenter made two points for the Mules.

The Mules travel to Dimmitt December 8 and return home December 15 to tangle with the Brownfield Cubs. Games starts at 6:15 p.m.

JV Mules defeat Mustangs

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules got off to a very slow start and the Olton Mustangs charged to a 6-13 lead in the first period. The Mustangs added two buckets to their lead as the second frame began.

The Mules finally began to apply the brakes as Brad Henry scored in the lane. Trent Black then picked a Mustang's pocket and went all the way for a bucket. The Mustangs sandwiched in two free throws before Eric Newton nailed a 3-pointer from the corner.

Henry and Derek Purdy scored back-to-back put backs to cut the Olton advantage to three points. Jarad Flores pulled down a defensive rebound and found Newton on the break to make it a one-point game.

The Mustangs added a

bucket as the final minute began to tick away. Flores nailed a three from the top of the key to knot the game at 23. On defense Flores picked up a loose ball and beat the clock to give the Mules a 25-23 lead at intermission.

In the third period, the Mules exploited the inside game with Henry and Purdy. Together they scored 15 points in the period. Black added a 3-pointer as the Mules hammered Olton 22-9 in the third period.

Myles James and Barry Morris each broke into the

scoring column in the final frame. The Mules added 17 points to their lead and the Mustangs could only manage 14.

Purdy and Henry led the Mules with 15 points each and Black dropped in nine. Newton added six points and Cory Wallace and Flores had five each. James made four points, Morris three and Erwin Lewis had two for the Mules.

Mule coach Ron Welch said, "It took us a while to get our offense on track tonight but after that the kids played well."

Seventh grade Mules defeat Tigers

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules pushed their district record to 2-1 by dumping the Tigers of Slaton 36-31. The young Mules maybe a bit under-sized but they are full of fight and challenge every pass and make the opposition earn every point.

Austin Wright drew the double team and dumped the ball across the paint to Nathiel Chavez to give the Mules a 6-5 lead at the end of the first period.

The second period was a defensive struggle until the final two minutes when Wes Wood turned in the lane for the first points

of the period. Victor Vasquez picked off a Tiger pass and drove coast to coast for a layup.

Vasquez added a bucket with a drive down the lane to end the half with the Tigers trailing 12-5. Slaton went on a scoring rampage in the third period to regain the lead with only one minute left in the period.

Vasquez ended the period with five unanswered points for the Mules in the final 30 seconds of the third period to push the Mules ahead 22-19.

Marshal Head picked a Tigers pocket and passed to Vasquez to begin a Mule break. Vasquez found Dillion Gallman open to finish the break. W. Wood

converted four free throws to put distance between the Mules and the Tigers.

Lane Wood had to stay on the bench with foul trouble in the second half but put back a rebound to end all scoring.

Vasquez paced the Mules with 13 points and Wright and W. Wood added seven points each. L. Wood dropped in four points, Gallman made three and Chavez had two points for the Mules.

The Mules travel to Dimmitt December 8 to tangle with the Bobcats and return home December 15 to meet the Brownfield Cubs. Game time is 5:00 p.m.

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Compassionate Care Center of Muleshoe is planning a "Tea and Christmas Gala" fund-raiser on December 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Family Life Building at First Assembly of God (521 S. First Street). Cost for adults will be \$5 and cost for children will be \$3.

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Lady Mules teach Lady Bulldogs a stern lesson: 80-37

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs had chased the Lady Wildcats of Littlefield out of the gymnasium in their season opener. If they thought all 3-A teams were that easy they were barking up the wrong tree.

The Lady Mules lapped Tahoka 20-10 in the opening frame to set the tone for the night. After the next 24 minutes, the fur began to settle and the

Lady Mules had more than doubled Tahoka's offensive production 80-37.

Sara Benham skied for a rebound and hit Lindsey Wood with the outlet pass. L. Wood found Tori Barton running on the break and she laid the ball up and in to crank the Lady Mule's offense.

On the next trip down the floor, L. Wood drove the lane but the ball rolled off the front of the rim. Benham leaped into the

lane and scooped the ball back over the rim with a move that would have made an ESPN highlight film.

Tahoka was only allowed four points in the opening five minutes of the contest while the Lady Mules dropped in 10. A Tahoka 4-point play cut the Lady Mule lead to 16-10. Benham drove the baseline for a bucket and Amber Cowart cleaned up a backside offensive re-

bound and canned the put-back to end the first period.

When the buzzer sounded Tahoka trailed the Lady Mules 20-10. The Lady Bulldogs managed to make up a bit of ground in the second frame as the Lady Mules took a 36-22 lead to the dressing room at intermission.

But Lady Mule pressure defense took its toll on the Lady Bulldogs in the sec-

ond half as the Lady Mules out scored Tahoka 20-9 in the third quarter and 24-6 in the final frame.

Tahoka had no answer for Benham as the Lady Mules got her the ball when and where she needed it. Benham led all scoring with 35 points and Tori Barton added 11. L. Wood dropped in nine and Kelsi Friskup scored eight points. Tabatha Obenhaus had five points and Brandi Wood and Ashley

Gutierrez each added four. Amber Cowart and Jamie Carpenter had two points each for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules traveled to Hale Center to meet the Lady Owls December 2 and will defend their championship trophy in the Northwest Texas Sports Medicine Girls Invitational December 4-6 in Nazareth.

The Lady Mules open with Sunray at 3:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Mules cage Bulldogs; 53-40

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Playing their second game in a 24-hour span, the Mules caged the Tahoka Bulldogs 53-40 Tuesday night before the Thanksgiving break. The Mules again used the relay system to maintain fresh legs on the floor.

The Mules raced out to a 12-8 advantage in the first eight-minute period but hit a scoring snag in the second period. Tahoka made up ground fast to take a 25-21 lead to the dressing room at half time.

The Mules struggled from the free throw line and only converted 11 of 21 attempts. The 3-point line was not much kinder to the Mules as they only connected twice from behind the arc.

The Mules returned to the floor determined to keep

their season untarnished.

Kory Atwood put back a rebound for points and Tyler Sheets sank an 8-foot jumper to knot the game at 25.

Landon Sheets put back a shot before Tahoka sank a three to retake the lead.

Layne Sheets grabbed a long rebound and found Ln. Sheets running on the break to give the Mules a lead they would not relinquish.

Chris Kindle converted a free throw and Landon Wilson dropped in a trey from the corner before Tahoka managed a 4-point scoring surge. Wilson connected with Tatom Heathington on a fast break to end the third period with the Mules leading 37-35.

The wear and tear of full court pressure and the Mules scoring in transition took its toll on Tahoka in

the final frame. Brady Black scored eight of his 15 total points in the final eight minutes. Kindle knocked down back-to-back 8-foot jumpers and converted a charity toss in the final two minutes.

Ln. Sheets led the Mules with 17 points and Kindle dropped in seven. Atwood added four and Ty. Sheets and Wilson made three points each. Sterling Via and Heathington had two points each for the Mules.

The Mules traveled to Hale Center December 2 and will face Plainview in the Lions-Pioneer Classic in Plainview at 7:30 Thursday, December 4. On Friday the Mules will meet Dimmitt at 4:30 and take on Hereford Saturday at 4:30.

Tuesday night December 9th the Mules travel to Seagraves to face the Eagles.

JV Lady Mules lose season opener

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules lost their season opener to the Frenship Lady Tigers 48-38. The Lady Mules used the game as a learning experience and went to Nazareth and earned the consolation trophy.

Levelland sent the Lady Mules to the consolation bracket in a 39-29 contest. The Lady Mules played a double header on Saturday and defeated Abernathy 54-34 in the first game and downed Happy 45-16 in the consolation finals.

Lady Mule coach Carey Sudduth said, "The girls are working hard every day to get better. We are concentrating on teaching the girls to play defense like we want them to. They are getting better with each game."

Ashley Dickson fed Jenna Rasco on the blocks

for a turn-around jumper early in the game against Frenship. Kasey Wood dropped in a 3-pointer and after a defensive stop Wood drove through the middle for a layup.

Hillary Tipps hit a 12-foot jump shot to keep the game tied at 12 as the quarter came to a close. Monica Posadas passed Madison Smith the ball on the blocks for a short jumper before the first period ended with the Lady Mules leading 14-12.

The Lady Tigers went on a 12-2 scoring rampage in the second period to take a 24-12 lead at intermission.

Dickson and Chelsi Hawkins completed fast breaks as the third quarter began. Wood found Cecilia Reyna open in the lane for her first points of the night. Kate Leopard was fouled and dropped in both

charity tosses to tie the game at 26.

The Lady Tigers took a three-point advantage into the final frame. Frenship had a 13-4 scoring run in the final four minutes to defeat the Lady Mules.

Hawkins was perfect from the free throw line to lead the Lady Mules in scoring with eight points. Dickson added seven points, Reyna had six and Wood dropped in five. Rasco and Leopard each had four points, Tipps made three and Smith added two points for the Lady Mules.

JV Mules come back to nip Bulldogs

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Before taking a bite out of a Thanksgiving turkey the JV Mules nipped the Tahoka Bulldogs 65-48 in front of a home crowd. The Mules staggered out of the starting gate and quickly fell behind 8-2.

Arsenio Jeter hit a short baseline jumper to crank the Mule's offense. Derek Purdy turned in the lane and Myles James finished a fast break to knot the game at eight. Purdy pulled down a rebound

and found Trent Black with the out-let pass.

Black drove to draw the Bulldog defense and kicked the ball to Barry Morris outside the arc in the corner. Morris drained the 3-pointer with four minutes left in the opening period.

The Mule defense glued Tahoka to eight points for five minutes as the Mules built a 17-10 lead. Cory Wallace added a deuce and Purdy dropped in the Mules final bucket of the period.

The Mules never let up and owned every quarter as

all the Mules broke into the scoring column. Purdy paced the Mules with 14 points and Brad Henry added 12. Black made two 3's and dropped in 11 points.

Jarad Flores, Morris and Jeter each had six points and James made four. Erwin Lewis, Wallace and Eric Newton added two points apiece.

The Mules traveled to Hale Center to battle the Owls before competing in the Muleshoe JV tournament December 4-6.

Freshman Mules beat Slaton; maintain spotless record

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The freshman Mules kept their district record spotless at 3-0 by stripping the Slaton Tigers of their stripes 54-33. The Mules traveled to Lubbock Cooper to open the season with a 50-36 pillaging of the Pirates and defended their home floor against the Wildcats of Littlefield 65-31.

D.J. Robertson cranked the Mule offense with a breakaway layup. Dustin Barker ripped away a Tiger rebound and raced to the Mules end of the floor to complete the break.

Robertson picked a Tigers pocket at midcourt and added a layup to give the Mules a 6-2 advantage two minutes into the game. Timothy Conner

fed Barker on the blocks for an easy two points.

Eric Washington located T.J. Brantley in the lane for a deuce to give the Mules an 11-2 advantage with 30 seconds left in the opening frame. The Tigers sank a three and Brantley drove the lane to end the period with the Mules on top 13-5.

The Mules continued to tame the Tigers in the second period with a 15-8 scoring run and owned a 28-13 margin at intermission. The Tigers had their best offensive output in the third period with 12 points but the Mules added 13 to their side of the board.


The Mules owned the final frame with Barker and Cade Smith each dropping in 3-pointers.

Barker paced the Mules with 12 points and Robertson, Conner, Hamilton, Washington and Brantley each had seven points for the Mules.

Smith added three points and Francisco Ramirez and Tony Guzman each made two points for the Mules.

Against the Wildcats, Robertson had 15 points and Washington dropped in 12. Conner added nine and Barker, Hamilton and Guzman had eight points apiece. Smith nailed a three in the final frame for five points.

The Mules are back in action December 4-6 in the Muleshoe J.V. Tournament and travel to Dimmitt to meet the Bobcats December 8.



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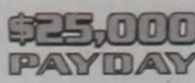
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COUNTY COURT NEWS

December 2, 2003

Martin Sigala pled guilty to criminal mischief and was sentenced to 210 days probated for two years. He was fined \$300 plus \$286 in costs.

Joseph Gonzales pled guilty to assault and was sentenced to 90 days probated for one year and fined \$500 plus \$261 in costs.

The state passed on Marco Antonio Vazquez who is charged with driving while intoxicated.

Moises Zaragoza Hernandez has his hearing continued until January 8 for a charge of driving while license suspended.

Jose Ramirez Tofolla had his hearing continue until January 8 for a charge of furnishing alco-

hol to a minor.

Lowell Lashaun Powell was given a notice to appear to answer a charge of driving while intoxicated.

A continuance until January 8 was grant to the state for Larry Dean Luna on a charge of assault.

Marcos Ramirez Reyes was appointed an attorney, "Trey" Poage III. Reyes is being charged for assault on a family member.

William Allen Whitley failed to appear to answer a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

Christopher Michael Lopez, charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense, had his hearing set for January 8.

Jose Sotero Holguin has a continuance granted until January 8 on his hear-

ing for a charge of driving while intoxicated-enhanced

Anselmo Regalado has a plea set on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Franzes M. Haskins has until January 8 to clear up a charge of theft by check.

Mario Estevan Diaz, Jr. has a plea set for a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Mario Estevan Diaz, Jr. has a plea set for a charge of motion to revoke probation.

Jonathan Carrillo has a continuance granted until January 8 to answer a charge of possession of marijuana.

Esteban Junior Torres, III has a plea hearing set for January 8 for a charge of driving while intoxi-

cated. He also had a charge of evading arrest dismissed. Torres also has a plea set for January 8 to a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Javier Davila Daniel was granted a continuance for evading arrest until January 8.

Rogelio Guajardo has a plea set for a unnamed charge.

Larry Brent Kitchens had a continuance granted on a charge of harassment.

Jose Hector Perez was fined \$500 plus \$225 in costs and sentenced to 120 days probated for two years for assault.

Michele Catano, who is charged with deadly conduct, had her hearing set for January 8.

JV Lady Mules blister Bulldogs

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules blazed off to a fast start and used a tenacious defense to blister the Lady Bulldogs of Tahoka 49-34. Kasey Wood charged up the Lady Mule offense in the first period with seven points.

The Lady Mules led 22-15 at the intermission and returned to put Tahoka away in the third quarter. Pressure defense held the Lady Bulldogs to only three points in the period. Chelsi Hawkins led the charge for the Lady Mules

with six points in the third period and Monica Posadas dropped in a 3-pointer to end the period.

Cecelia Renya stepped up in the final with a 3-pointer and three buckets as the Lady Mules held off a late charge by the Lady Bulldogs.

Reyna paced the Lady Mule offense with 15 points and Wood dropped in nine. Hawkins and Madison Smith each added eight points and Posadas made five. Jenna Rasco and Ashley Dickson made two points each for the Lady Mules.

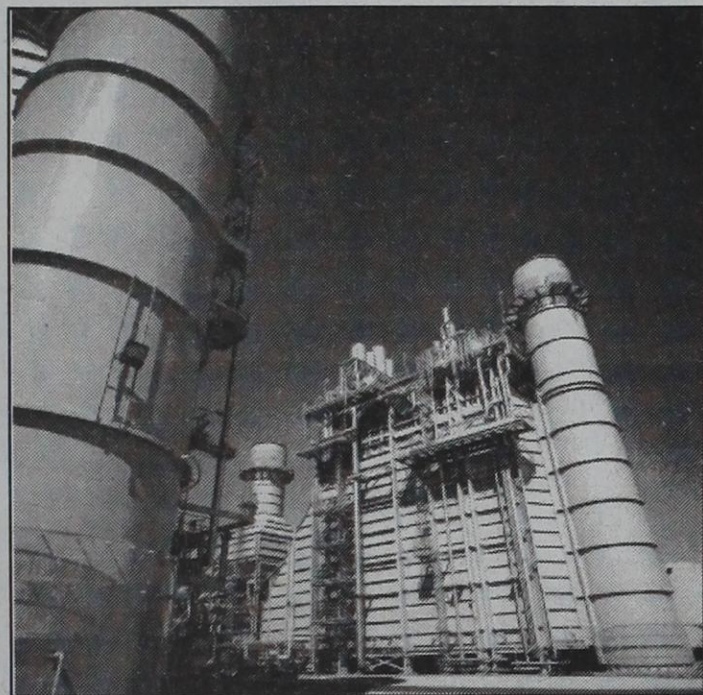
Golden Spread Electric cooperative expands

Five additional electric cooperatives have joined Amarillo-based Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, bringing member cooperatives in the system to 16 with loads exceeding 1,000 megawatts and annual revenues exceeding \$300 million.

New members of the alliance are Coleman County Electric Co-op, headquartered in Coleman; Concho Valley Electric Co-op, headquartered in San Angelo; Lyntegar Electric Co-op, headquartered in Tahoka; Southwest Texas Electric Co-op, headquartered in Eldorado; and Taylor Electric Co-op, headquartered in Merkel.

The new members will assign their existing wholesale power contracts to Golden Spread. As soon as all required contractual and regulatory approvals can be obtained, Golden Spread will become responsible for supplying electricity to these new members.

Golden Spread is a consumer-owned generation and transmission coopera-



Mustang Station, near Denver City, produces a combined output of 480 megawatts of power.

tive organized in 1984 to provide low cost, reliable electric service for 11 rural distribution cooperatives. The original member cooperatives are located in the Texas Panhandle, the Oklahoma Panhandle and the Texas South Plains, the new member co-ops serve counties in West Texas and the Edwards Plateau region.

Golden Spread and its 16 member systems will now

serve approximately 184,000 meters in 80 counties. Golden Spread and its members have a combined 68,400 miles of energized line.

Golden Spread generates a portion of its members' electricity needs and purchases the balance from other wholesalers. Golden Spread also sells energy to other utilities when its power supply resources are

not needed to serve member system loads.

Golden Spread owns 50 percent of Mustang Station, a state-of-the-art generating facility located near Denver City. Mustang Station burns natural gas in two large gas turbine-generators to produce 300 megawatts of power. Exhaust heat from the gas turbines is converted to steam to power a third generator with no additional fuel cost. The combined output of Mustang Station is 480 megawatts.

The original co-op members are Bailey County EC, based in Muleshoe; Big County EC, based in Roby; Deaf Smith EC, based in Hereford; Greenbelt EC, based in Wellington; Lamb County EC, based in Littlefield; Lighthouse EC, based in Floydada; North Plains EC, based in Perryton; Rita Blanca EC, based in Dalhart; South Plains EC, based in Lubbock; Swisher EC, based in Tulia and Tri-County EC, based in Hooker, Oklahoma.

Emergency Farm Loan applications accepted

Applications for Emergency Farm Loans for losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds and lightning which occurred June 3, 5, 13, 19 and 20, 2003 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located at 111 E. Ave. D in Muleshoe according to Farm Loan Manager Joyce M. Thompson.

On November 4, 2003, Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman declared Bailey County eligible for FSA Emergency (Em) loan assistance. Bailey County farmers are eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds and lightning.

Thompson said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75

percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Thompson said. Farmers participating in Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency des-

ignation will be accepted until June 23, 2004. Farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming seasons.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loan to recognized farmers who work at and

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Filing deadline nears for February 7, 2004 High Plains Water District election

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Persons interested in being a candidate for director or county committee member for Precincts 3 and 4 of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 need to complete an application for place on the ballot as soon as possible.

Incumbents and others wishing to have their names placed on the ballot for these positions need to turn in a completed application to the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District office in Lubbock by 5 p.m., on December 8, 2003. Anyone who intends to run as a write-in

candidate must register with the water district office by 5 p.m. on December 15, 2003. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and reside within the district director's precinct they wish to represent.

High Plains Water District directors oversee all operations, programs and activities of the water district. They also review and approve all financial expenditures.

In addition, a five-member county committee is elected in each of the 15 counties in the district.

County committees review water well permit applications and make recommendations to the board for approval or dis-

approval of these permits, make recommendations to directors concerning programs and activities they believe will be beneficial for the county they serve, and advise the board and district staff on water-related problems in their local communities requiring district attention.

Precinct Three consists of Bailey and Parmer Counties, and the portion of Castro County within the water district. The incumbent district director is Carroll Cook of Friona.

Current Bailey County Committee members are Rodger Buhrman, Lavon Hunt, Joe King, Jerry Nichols and Gerald Shanks, all of Muleshoe.

Current Castro County Committee members are Jim Black of Hart, Ronnie Hoelting of Nazareth; and Donny Carpenter, Cary Jackson and Vic Nelson, all of Dimmitt.

Current Parmer County Committee members are Ellen Gallman and Mitchell Wiseman of Friona; and Todd Christian, Pat Ware and Tommy Williams, all of Farwell.

Additional election information is available by contacting Carmon McCain at the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79411-2499 or by calling 806-762-0181. He may also be reached by e-mail at info@hpwd.com



Volunteer Marilyn Wilson carries some decorations through the halls of Park View. Last Monday many volunteers showed up to help decorate the nursing home for Christmas.



Park View resident Grace Plyer "babysits" these two dolls while the volunteers decorate the halls of Park View.



(From left) Volunteers Alice Liles and Anita Black put the lights on the Christmas tree in Park View's main foyer.

Deck the Halls

(At left) Danny and Jonathan May volunteered to "Deck the Halls" of Park View with huge garlands of pine last Monday. The facility is preparing for the open house which will be the closing attraction at the Annual Carolyn's Christmas Creations' Tour of Homes on Sunday, December 7.



Texans express concerns in survey

LUBBOCK — An undergraduate political science class at Texas Tech University has determined that education funding tops Texas' list of concerns.

A statewide survey of 504 adults done by students in Cherie Maestas' political science data analysis class reveals that, while divided on funding methods for public schools, 74 percent of Texans think education should be a top priority for state legislators and 60 percent favor the state chipping in more for public education.

The survey also shows that a corporate income tax, preferred by 39 percent of respondents, is the most popular prospective method for getting additional money for schools, while a personal income tax gets the least support, preferred by just five percent of Texans.

A majority of citizens also feel that teacher pay is an issue in the quality of education and that standardized tests are not a true measure of student achievement. A total of 52 percent of those responding said higher paid teachers perform better in the classroom while 51 percent of respondents see standardized tests as a poor measuring stick for a school's performance.

Students developed and conducted the survey, which asked Texans their opinions on public education, immigration, congressional redistricting and whether they believe

the state should institute provisions for the recall of elected officials similar to that used in California. They study was motivated by students' questions about how citizens felt about policy issues that have been in the news recently.

Survey results show that just over the half of Texans favor the option to recall elected officials. In addition, approximately the same number feel Democrats and minorities were not treated fairly in the recent redistricting squabble.

Texans are split, however, on whom they feel should handle redistricting in the future. According to the survey, 25 percent of Texans believe the legislature should continue to draw district boundaries while 27 percent would prefer the state Supreme Court redraw borders. The notion of an independent board handling future redistricting attracted 23 percent of survey respondents.

Immigration issues were also addressed by the survey. While 35 percent of Texans see undocumented workers as helping the state economy, 45 percent feel illegal aliens hurt the economy. Still, more than 30 percent of voters think undocumented aliens should be covered by workers' compensation, should be allowed to apply for a Texas driver license and should have the same rights as documented workers.

NET Test dates set for surgical technology

Upcoming exam dates for the NET test, a pre-admissions test used for South Plains College's surgical technology program, begin in February, 2004.

The test will be given noon-3 p.m. Feb. 26, March 4, March 11 and March 25, 2004 in the Testing Center in SPC's Student Services Building on the Levelland campus. Testing fee is \$25, required at least 24 hours in advance. Registration for the test begins Jan. 5.

The program, offered at the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock, trains surgical technologists to be part of a medical team providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings. Students can receive a certificate of proficiency or associate of applied science

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The program is approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs.

For more information, contact Stacey May, program coordinator and instructor in surgical technology, at 885-3048, ext. 4642, or send her an email at smay@southplainscollege.edu.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The school board recognized several students for their achievements during their regular meeting Nov. 24. Students recognized were the Lady Mules Cross-Country team, FFA students and ninth grade advanced choir.

FFA students participated in the district leadership contest Nov. 17 at Plainview. Students advancing to area competition at West Texas A&M are Brady Black, Senior Creed Speaking; Madison Myers, Greenhand Creed Speaking; D.J. Robertson, T.J. Brantley, Brant Hamilton, Bradley Branscum, Madison Myers, Steven Claybrook, Lynn McBan, Kaitlyn Geissler and Jeannalee Free, Greenhand Parliamentary Procedure Team; Kaleb

Baker, Dillon Meeves, Nicole Clark, Justin Sanders and Autumn Rainey, Junior Quiz Team. FFA advisor is Sid Morris.

The ninth grade advanced choir went to all region auditions on Oct. 25 at Lubbock. The following students earned all region choir honors. Callie Hancock, Jamie Hall, Elizabeth Symm, Castle Crawford, Gerardo Gomez and Kate Lepard. These student performed at the all region concert on Nov 15. Choir Director is Lorissa Moffett.

Superintendent Gene Sheets gave a report on his testimony before the Mexican American Legislative Caucus Thursday, Nov. 20, in Lubbock at Texas Tech University. He testified regarding the upcoming special session on school fi-

nance and his concerns about school finance.

Curtis Preston gave a report on the Bailey County Extension Office's efforts in organizing the Career Week at Dillman Elementary a few weeks ago. Several community members were invited to come and present information to the students about their jobs.

David Jenkins reported on changes in the high school class schedule. The tutorial period will be moved to the first period beginning at 8 a.m. The regular class schedule will begin at 8:30 a.m. This is for the high school only.

Trae McNeill, business manager, presented an overview of the state's new financial accountability rating system. Muleshoe received the highest rating possible: Superior Achievement.

The board approved the annual independent audit from their independent, au-

ditor, Randy Field.

The board appointed two trustees to the Bailey County Central Appraisal District board: Bruce Barrett and Rene Torres.

The board conducted a first reading of policies recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards.

The board began their

annual board self-evaluation process.

The board also accepted the resignation of Barbara Mutschler, effective at the end of the semester.

OBITUARIES

RUBY SHELBY

Services will be held for Ruby Shelby, 88, on Thursday, December 4, 2003 at First Baptist Church in Earth with Rev. Bobby Broyles of Ballinger, Texas officiating. Burial will be at Earth Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements will be handled by Parsons-Ellis funeral home.

Shelby was born March 28, 1915 in Gillham, Ariz. She married Arnold Shelby in Clovis on January 3, 1940. Arnold preceded her in death on September 19, 1990. She died December 1, 2003 in Lubbock.

Ruby worked as a beautician. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Earth.

She is survived by her brothers, Thurn Birge of Shallowater and Garner Birge of Jefferson City, Texas; and her sister, Grace McMullen of Tonto Basin, Ariz.

DESTINIE ELLIS

Destinie Ellis, 12, of Hereford, TX passed away Monday, November 24, 2003 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, TX.

Funeral services are under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford and will

be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2003 at Parkside Chapel with Rev-

erend Dan Kuykendall officiating. Interment will follow at West

Ellis Park

Cemetery in Hereford, TX.

Destinie was born Sept. 13, 1991 in Amarillo, TX, the daughter of Edward and Mechelle Ellis. She attended school in Hereford and was a member of the Genesis Church in Hereford.

Survivors include her parents, Edward and Mechelle Ellis of the home, 2 brothers: Zachary and Elijah Ellis of the home, grandparents: Ray and Molley Coronado of Hereford, TX, John and Josie Ellis of Muleshoe, TX, great-grandparents: Raquel Coronado of Hereford, TX, John and Aurora Beltran of Hereford, TX and Martha Mireles of Dimmitt, TX.

A memorial fund has been established for Destinie at the Firstbank Southwest-300 N. Main Street, Hereford, Texas 79045.



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