

NEWS BRIEFS

Commissioners Court approves draw, grant

The Bailey County Commissioners Court voted Monday to give the contractor on the new jail a draw of \$236,220 for work that has been completed. This draw brings the total paid to the contractor to \$939,000.

County Judge Marilyn Cox told the Court the contractor had informed her he expected the new jail to be completed by June 21, 2004, at which time it would be ready for inspection.

The new 92 bed jail complex is costing the county \$3,548,159 including \$75,000 to remodel the current jail complex for storage and office use.

In further business, the Court authorized Judge Cox to sign a \$35,000 grant for the EMS in Muleshoe.

Gov. Perry announces January Special Election

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Governor Rick Perry announced Tuesday, January 20 as the special election date to fill the vacancy for Senate District 31. The seat is being left vacant with the announced resignation of Senator Teel Bivins. In a letter to Perry last week, Bivins declared his intention to leave office January 12.

Candidates for this election must file applications with the Secretary of State no later than Monday, December 22.

The early voting period for this special election runs from Monday, January 5 through Friday, January 16.

Senate District 31 consists of Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Crane, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Howard, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Martin, Midland, Moore, Ochiltrie, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Yoakum counties.

The state senator elected in this special election will serve out the remainder of Bivins' term which runs through January 2005.



Drawing date: Saturday, December 6
Winning numbers: 13-17-19-20-44
Bonus Ball: 05
Estimated jackpot: \$17 million
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LOCAL WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 20s.
Friday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 20s.
Saturday: Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 20s.

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Incumbents file early

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

Three county commissioner candidates have already filed for re-election and stopped by the *Journal* to announce their intentions to run in next year's local commissioners race. State law requires candidates file by January 2, 2004.

Jack Dunham announced Monday his bid for re-election to the Precinct 1 commissioner's position he has held for the past three years.

Dunham stated that he wants to be re-elected because he would like to see the new Bailey County jail "up and running" and paying for itself since it's a project he has supported during his current term as commissioner.

He said, "I also act as road commissioner for northeast Bailey County and

would like to see several roads improved and calched before I'm out of office." He added that without rain (moisture), road improvement has been difficult to accomplish.

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was appointed to after the death of her husband, Jerry Damron, who had just been elected to the position at the time of his death Sept. 15, 2002.

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Ginger Damron also informed the *Journal* this week that she is seeking election as Precinct 4 commissioner, a position she

was appointed to after the death of her husband, Jerry Damron, who had just been elected to the position at the time of his death Sept. 15, 2002.

Damron commented that she has

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Charitable events backed by area citizens

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

'Tis the season to share with neighbors and friends and several recent and upcoming events around town have taken that thought to heart.

Christmas In Muleshoe, sponsored by the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance (BCMA), has been collecting presents for local children ages 0-18 since November 15.

According to Minister David Symm, BCMA member and Christmas In Muleshoe chairperson, the collection has gone "fairly well."

"We urgently need items for girls 6-10, 11-14 and 15 and over and boys' gifts for ages 11-14 and 15 and over," he said. Symm said that there have been plenty of donations for younger children. "We're well covered for infants through six-year-olds," he said.

Symm "guessimates" that an additional \$500 to 750 would cover the cost of getting all 111 children (30 families) on the list a gift.

"We'll be distributing the presents on Sunday, so at this point, anyone who hasn't donated a gift item can do so by taking it to First Baptist Church, 220 W. Ave. E, by Sunday, Dec. 14."

Christmas In Muleshoe has taken the place of the Angel Tree, started by Muleshoe's EMS and then taken over by Leal's Restaurant until this Christmas season.

In its second year, Carolyn's Christmas Creations' Annual Tour of Homes garnered \$1,068 for Park View Nursing Home Sunday, Dec. 7.

According to store owner and sponsor of the event Carolyn Johnson, this year's tour was "fabulous."

"Every home was decorated so lovely and every home owner went all-out to make the event a success."

Johnson added, "In addition to selling

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FM 1760 wreck injures three



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

By BEATRICE MORIN
Journal writer

Three occupants of a white Pontiac Bonneville — one male, one female and one child — were all transported to the local hospital Monday morning after the driver of the vehicle lost control, causing it to roll. It was not determined at the time of the accident as to how many times it rolled or whether the occupants were all wearing their seatbelts. When officers arrived at the scene, all occupants were outside the vehicle.

According to Bailey County Deputy Billy Williams, the family was traveling east on west Hwy. 1760, coming from El Paso. Williams said they were tired from the trip and assumes the driver may have fallen asleep at the wheel.

As of press time, Texas DPS Officer Brent Collins of Lamb County, investigator of the accident, had not returned a call to the *Journal* as to the details of the accident. According to unconfirmed reports, the occupants were just passing through Muleshoe.

JV and 9th grade Mules enjoy success

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mule basketball coaches had to be smiling last Friday night when it became apparent both the JV and freshmen Mules would be playing in the championship game of the Muleshoe JV Tournament. The JV Mules took the championship trophy by defeating the freshmen 52-31.

The opening period was a defensive battle between the two Mule teams. The JV Mules led 8-7 at the end of the first eight minutes. Barry Morris had buried a 3-pointer and Rudy Gonzales and Derek Purdy each added a bucket for the JV.

The difference in the score was Brad Henry's charity toss. Dustin Barker had paced the freshmen Mules with a trey and two charity tosses and Brant Hamilton had added a

bucket.

In the second period, the JV Mules began to take control and took a 22-14 margin to the dressing room at the half. Purdy hit two buckets and made two free throws and Eric Newton nailed a 3-pointer during the second frame.

Barker continued to have the hot hand for the freshman Mules with a bucket and two charity tosses. Eric Washington began to heat up on the inside with a basket.

The JV Mules continue to add to their lead after the half by recording 16 points to the freshmen eight. Gonzales hit two baskets and Myles James also added a pair. Hamilton stepped up his pace in the second half with two baskets, Washington added two points and T.J. Brantley dropped in a pair of free throws for the freshmen.

In the final frame, Eddie

Alvarado and Cory Wallace each nailed a trey and Arsenio Jeter added a bucket. Washington carried the offensive load for the freshmen with two buckets and two free throws. Hamilton dropped in a 3-pointer for the freshmen.

Gonzales led the JV Mules in scoring with 10 points and Purdy had eight. James made six, Henry and Newton dropped in five apiece and Morris and Jeter added four point each. Alvarado and Wallace finished with three points each and Trent Black and Jarad Flores added two each for the Mules.

Washington paced the freshmen Mules in scoring with 10 points and Barker and Hamilton each added nine. Brantley dropped in two and Timothy Conner recorded one point.

The JV Mules reached the finals by clipping the wings of

the Hale Center Owls for the second time in three days. The JV had dominated the Owls in Hale Center Tuesday night 74-13 and almost repeated the feat by plucking the Owls 72-30 Thursday.

Wallace set the scoring pace for the Mules with 15 points and Henry added 14. Purdy and Black each dropped in 13 and Jeter made eight. Flores made five and James scored four points for the Mules.

The Farwell Steers fell victim to the JV Mules 79-36 in the second round of the tourney. The Mules put the Steers away in the second half by outscoring Farwell 42-8. Purdy led the Mules with 12 points and Barry Morris and James each recorded 10.

Rudy Gonzales and Henry added nine points apiece and Jeter made eight. Erwin Lewis

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AROUND MULESHOE

EMS shotgun auction announced

Bailey County EMS organization and Sharp Shooters Knife and Gun Exchange will auction a Browning PBI 12 gauge shotgun. Drawing to held on December 13, 2003 in conjunction with its annual Pheasant Hunt Breakfast.

Mutschler retirement party set

The faculty and staff of Watson Junior High are hosting a retirement reception honoring Barbara Mutschler. It will be held at Watson Junior High Library on December 17 from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Please come visit, reminisce and enjoy refreshments.

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.

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.

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.

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. For more information, contact Linda Huckaby.

Public Calendar

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.

Also, Dec. 13 — 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Lazbuddie Junior Class Pheasant Hunt Luncheon at Lazbuddie ISD cafeteria. The menu includes hamburger stew, pinto beans, cornbread, relish and hot sauce, and desserts at \$6 per plate.

Also, Dec. 13 — 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Santa will be visiting United Supermarket. Bring the kids down and let them talk to Santa. Candy will be handed out.

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learned a lot and enjoys being commissioner.

"I enjoy serving the people of my precinct," she said.

Damron's main interest is seeing the jail finished, a project her deceased husband helped put in motion.

Damron filed as a Democrat.

Joey Kindle is seeking a sixth term as Precinct 3 county commissioner.

Kindle began his political career in 1985 and told the *Journal* that he enjoys serving his constituents.

"I'm ready to continue my service to Precinct 3, and I'm asking for your vote and continued support," said Kindle.

His main interest is also seeing the completion of the new jail.

Kindle filed as a Democrat.

Neugebauer launches website; encourages District 19 to visit

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

This new site allows constituents of the 19th District to regularly contact the congressman via e-mail. It also provides several services, including grant application information, press releases, town hall meeting notices, and research through the Library of Congress on exact bills being debated in Congress.

"It's important to offer a place where people of the 19th District can learn what's going on in Congress that affects them directly," said Neugebauer. "If you're planning on visiting Washington, DC or you just want to learn more about issues before Congress, you should

visit this site. I consider this your site, not mine."

It is also important to the congressman that the site be bilingual. He hopes to have translation completed soon.

"This is a great site for people of all ages and backgrounds. Farmers can learn how I'm paying close attention to what's going on in agriculture,

while students can do legislative research and learn how to apply to military academies," said Neugebauer.

Neugebauer encourages constituents to sign up for monthly e-newsletters on the website to keep informed. His website may be accessed at: <http://www.house.gov/neugebauer>.

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 All evening: Jay & Sally Messenger, Curtis Shelburne and Joan Lewis will be entertaining with beautiful Christmas Carols at the Janes Ranch House.
 A drawing to win a western picture will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center on Dec. 13. Buy a ticket for \$1 from Lonnie Adrian at Adrian Photography.

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Mules defeated in Plainview Tournament

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules got their basketball season into full swing this past week by dropping the Hale Center Owls 73-59 Tuesday night and then heading to Plainview for the Lions Pioneer Classic. The Classic was a round-robin affair with the Mules opening against the Plainview Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs used a flurry of treys in the opening period to outrun the Mules 89-56. On Friday night, the Mules met the Dimmitt Bobcats. The Mules stayed close until the final four minutes of the third period when Dimmitt went on a 19-0 scoring run to defeat the Mules 80-63.

The Mules missed 10 layups in Saturday's game with the Hereford Whitefaces. The Mules had tied the game at 33 as the third period began but Hereford pulled away to outlast the Mules 68-58.

The Mules jumped in front of the Owls early. Trevor Turnbow nailed a trey and Landon Wilson dumped a pass across the paint to Tyler Sheets for an easy bucket to put the Mules up 10-3.

Kory Atwood put back his own shot and Brady Black powered his way to the rim to extend the Mules' lead to 14-5. The Owls held the Mules scoreless in the final minute of the first period and scored six points to end the period trailing 14-11.

The Mules halted the Owls scoring run in the second period and used full-court pressure and transition offense to claim a 39-23 advantage by intermission. The Owls trimmed three points from the Mules' lead in the third frame.

Landon Sheets and Chris Kindle hit back-to-back 3-pointers as the final frame began. The Mules outscored the Owls 18-17 in the final eight minutes. Ln. Sheets led all scorers with 21 points.

Black made 12 of his 17 points in the first half while Kindle, Turnbow and Ty. Sheets added seven points apiece. Glen Scot had five, Atwood four, Tatom Heathington three and Sterling Via had two points for the Mules.

Plainview had the range from behind the arc in the opening period. The Bulldogs dropped in five treys to claim a 25-12 advantage. The Mules stopped the

bleeding in the second quarter to trail 40-26 at intermission.

The Bulldogs used a 17-2 scoring run in the final three minutes of the third period to take a 68-37 advantage into the final eight minutes. Ln. Sheets paced the Mules with 19 points and Black added eight.

Turnbow and Atwood each had seven, Via six, Kindle five and Layne Sheets made four points for the Mules.

In a preview of district matches to come, Charley Saenz sank five treys against the Mules to lead Dimmitt with 19 points while Nicky Guana added 17.

Ty. Sheets made back-to-back buckets to cut the Dimmitt lead to 24-19 after the first eight minutes. Dimmitt stretched their lead to 10 points in the second period before Ly. Sheets nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

Wilson dropped in a trey from the corner and finished a fast break in the final 50 seconds to cut the Bobcat lead to 38-34 at the half.

The Mules hung tough in the first four minutes of the third quarter. Dimmitt exploded for 19 unanswered points in the fi-

nal four minutes to put the Mules away.

Black led the Mules with 18 points and Ln. Sheets had 14. Kindle added eight points and Ty. Sheets and Turnbow each made six. Ly. Sheets and Wilson made five points apiece and Via dropped in one for the Mules.

Ln. Sheets paced the Mules with 21 points against Hereford and Black had 11.

Turnbow dropped in 10, Via had nine and Ty. Sheets made seven.

The Mules traveled to Seagraves December 9 and will then meet Tahoka in the Abernathy Shootout at 10:30 a.m. December 11. The Mules return to their home court December 19 to tangle with the River Road Wildcats.

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Thursday, December 11, will be a big day at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center on Main Street. The Senior Center looks like Christmas — so come and see and feel the excitement!

The Big Christmas Pot Luck Lunch will be held at 12:00 noon on December 11. All seniors 60 and plus are invited to attend. Just bring a favorite dish if possible. There will be no charge for the lunch. Entertainment will be by Dorothy and Grady Sorley, gospel singers. The local home health will be available for screenings from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The South Plains Association of Governments will be well represented and give good news for the seniors. There's special guests, and an exciting surprise.

The Big Bake Sale will be going on December 11, also. A variety of casseroles, cakes, candies, cookies and other goodies will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the senior center.

Come by and shop.

On Saturday, December 13, the Senior Citizens will be riding on their entry for the Christmas Parade at 10:00 a.m. which begins at the south end of Main Street.

Also on Saturday, December 13, the Music Makers will hold their first jam session at the Senior Center from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Everyone, of any age, who plays any kind of instrument (or used to) is encouraged to come and help get this fun venture going. Visitors are invited to come sing along or just pat your foot! The coffee pot will be on and the welcome mat out. The senior center will resound with the tunes of the Music Makers every second Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

The senior citizens are ringing the Salvation and manning the kettle at Lowe's Supermarket on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and are at United Supermarket on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The proceeds are split between the senior

center and the local Salvation Army Service located in the Office of Aging in the courthouse. Donations are appreciated.

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Park View is looking a lot like Christmas thanks to the efforts and hard work of many. Carolyn's Christmas Creations decorated the sun room on hall one as well as the hall. Decorator's Floral decorated the sun room on hall three and Art Loft decorated the day room and the dining room. Lynn Campbell, chairperson for the decorating committee, Neva Calvert, Marilyn Wilson, Dianne Brown, Sandy Bone, Maxine Rogers, Danny and Jonathan May, Darlene Henry, Marlene Martin and Terry Young decorated the nursing home Monday. Also included were Art Loft/Tres Chic.

Pat Clark, Pat Watson, Beverly Wagnon, Mary Jo Clark, Beckye Conklin and Josie Ovalle came Tuesday to shampoo and set the residents' hair.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Muriel Lewis.

Gary and Judy Hubbard came Tuesday morning to direct the music and song, and praise and devotional.

Marie Lane celebrated her birthday Monday. Her family treated her to supper from Leal's.

Wednesday morning, Buster and Wanda Kittrell, and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice and doughnuts during coffee time. Cody Favor, Buster Kittrell and Pat Watson directed our devotional/singspiration time.

Glenda Jennings, Jackie Scoggin and Joyce Briscoe presented a music and sing-along program Wednesday afternoon in the day room and special care.

"Happy Birthday" to all our residents having birthdays in December: Marie Lane (Dec. 1), Alta Gore (Dec. 8), Hazel Ball (Dec. 11), John Hadley (Dec. 12), Vada Alexander (Dec. 17) and Tomasa Garcia (Dec. 29).

The December birthday

party is scheduled for Thursday, December 18 at 3 p.m.

The residents' Christmas party and a visit from dear old St. Nick is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

James Wedel visited Park View, went shopping and ran errands for the activities department.

Larry Gonzales and family visited with Eloisa Anguiano, their grandmother, along with two great-grandchildren, Lauren and Katherine Gonzales, all from Borger, Texas. Mrs. Anguiano spent Thanksgiving with her daughters, Hilma Rojas and Amelia Gonzales.

Brenda and Craig Parker visited their grandmother, Dett Parker, during the Thanksgiving holidays. The grandchildren are from Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Diane Copley was visited by Andy, Jamie, Connor and Cameron

Copley from Dumas.

Mary Lou and Gene Vandergrift from Cheyenne, Wyo., visited Bill Lambert and Marie Lane during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Grace Plyer had a visitor Friday.

George and Clydetta Mitchell were visited by Grant, Abbey and Kelly Head.

Taylor Beene, Clem Long and Charlene Moore visited Ardith Long.

Thanksgiving Day, Pam Tamora and Amber, grandchildren of Bill Lambert, visited with him and Marie Lane.

Jan Pierce came to see Jim Kee.

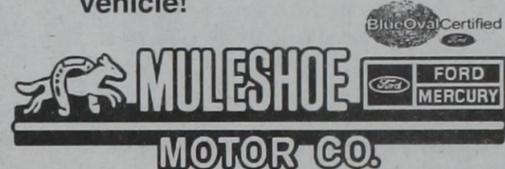
Vada Alexander spent Thanksgiving visiting with her family in the home of her daughter, Sharon Dale.

Geneva and Jo Huckleberry spent the weekend with her mother and grandmother, Aline Locke. Mrs. Locke was also visited by Marquita Adamson.



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A. Williamson.
Dec. 2 — Doug Atchley, Baby Chavez, Julia Chavez, Winnie Chintala, Virginia V. Estrada, Ean E. Hasley, Alva E. Moore, Tyler Roland, Anna Smith, Baby B. Smith, Erma D. Templar, Maurice Wilkomn and James B.

Wingo.
Dec. 3 — Martha Cano, Baby Chavez, Julia Chavez, Winnie Chintala, Virginia V. Estrada, Leonard K. Kerr, Alva E. Moore, Tyler Roland, Anna Smith, Colton B. Smith, Erma D. Templar, Maurice Wilkomn and James B. Wingo.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

December 9, 2003
Enique Estrada, Jr., was issued a notice to appear, to answer a charge of driving while license suspended.

Jerria Ladon Beasley Free, charged with a terrorist threat, was appointed Jerry Mathews as his attorney and the case was set for the February 26 docket.

John Drew Witt was mailed a notice to appear on January 6, to answer a charge of driving while license was suspended.

Marcos Ramirez Reyes

was issued a notice to appear, to answer a charge of violation of a protective order on January 8.

William Allen Whitley, who is charged with possessing a dangerous drug, was arrested for failure to appear on December 2.

Jose Luis Linares, Jr., had his probation revoked and was order to serve 120 days and fined a total of \$947.

December 3, 2003

Marco Piaz Jr., pled guilty to a second offence of driving while intoxicated

and driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 120 days to serve, and fined a total of \$1,700 plus \$203 in costs.

Jose Hector Perez pled guilty to probation violation. He was given 120 to serve, a \$500 fine, ordered to make restitution of \$489 and pay \$200 in court costs.

Frank Maestas Sr., was fined \$400 plus \$201 in costs and sentence to 30 days to serve for breaking probation.

BIRTH

RASCO

Bryan and Katherine Rasco of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Cason Bryce, born October 19, 2003 in Lubbock.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches

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Burns, Rennels unite in double ring ceremony

Alicia Ann Burns of Wimberley ascended an isle carpeted in cedar clippings embedded with fresh flowers of white and yellow daisies to become the bride of Thomas Payton Rennels of Muleshoe Saturday afternoon, November 22, at 4 o'clock in an outdoor wedding at the Highpoint Manor Inn in Wimberley, Texas.

Her brother, Chris Burns of Tampa, Florida, escorted Alicia under a giant live oak tree flanked by massive arrangements of fresh flowers in wrought iron urns. The Rev. Carl W. Clark, pastor of the Driftwood United Methodist Church, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride's mother and stepfather are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vickers of Apollo Beach, Florida. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Regnald Rennels of Muleshoe. Alicia is the granddaughter of Mrs. Marnice Burns of Brooksville, Florida and the late Winston Boyette Burns. Payton's grandparents are the late Gilbert Payton and Olabelle Lamb of Muleshoe and the late Robert Regnald and Troy Rennels of Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Alicia wore a formal length gown of antique ivory Chantilly lace over peau d'ange which the bridegroom's mother wore in her wedding. The molded bodice was designed with scalloped portrait neckline and long sleeves that tapered to petal points over the hands. A peau d'ange bias band and rose with long streamers marked the empire lines. A panel of peau d'ange fell from the large bow at the waistline to form the train. She wore an imported Chantilly lace mantilla and carried a nosegay of black magic roses and deep plum cilia lillies with a handkerchief which was a gift to the bridegroom at birth from his godfather, John Blackwell and family.

Payton carried in his pocket a seal point lace handkerchief belonging to his great-grandmother, Mag Wurtsbaugh Singleton, that she carried in her wedding in 1905 and his mother carried in her wedding in 1967.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Payton Rennels

The bride's aunt, Vicki Nolan of East Hampton, New York, sang "In My Life" accompanied on the guitar by Ray Sirro of Wimberley. Reagan McElroy of Austin read the scripture lesson.

Laura Childs of Raleigh, North Carolina, maid of honor, was attired in a formal sage gown of organza accented with plum colored shawl and rosettes and carried sunset colored cilia lillies.

Junior bridesmaid was Kaitil Mae Burns of Brandon, Florida, niece of the bride. Her ivory satin dress with a sash of plum and sage ribbon was designed and made by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Burns. Kaitil carried a kissing ball of flowers matching the headband of flowers in her hair also created by Mrs. Burns who is a master gardener.

Flower girl was Little Miss Brea Brown of Amarillo who wore an ivory satin dress made in 1946 by the bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. Lamb, for her daughter, Magann.

The best men were the

bridegroom's brothers, Gilrobert Rennels of Muleshoe and Greyson Rennels of Tempe, Arizona. Groomsman was Jeff Lewis of Austin. Ushers were Rhett Green of Muleshoe, Julian von Bothmer of Hamburg, Germany and Sebastian Mastika of Fintel, Germany.

Ring bearer was Master Brennen Montoya of Phoenix, Arizona. Payton's great-aunt, Mariet Lamb made the ring bearer's pillow for the wedding of the bridegroom's parents.

Greeter was John Embry of Muleshoe. At the guest register

was Judy Lambert of Muleshoe, the bridegroom's godmother, and Morgan Priddy of Austin, Payton's cousin, handed out programs.

At the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Rennels danced their first dance as husband and wife to "Georgia" which was appropriate as the couple met in Atlanta, Georgia. After dinner, the bride's ivory cake topped with fresh red roses and the groom's chocolate cake were served by Daisie Robertson of Granbury, Pam Singleton Wallace of Clovis, cousins of the bridegroom, and Jenne McVicker of Muleshoe.

A rehearsal dinner at the patio of the San Marcos River Pub and Grill was hosted by the bridegroom's parents. White pumpkins, intertwined with ivy, were used as table decorations. Jack and Gil Rennels produced and showed a slide program of the honorees lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Rennels are at home at 111 Days End Road in Wimberley where they both are employed at Wimberley Ace Hardware.

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We all know the story of "Footprints In The Sand," and our family has truly experienced the impact of God carrying us.

Thanks to all our family and friends for your prayers, concerns, calls, cards and visits. I think all ten of Calvin's doctors and all the nurses made comments about the large amount of cards he received. Every one of you made the eight weeks we were away from home seem a little shorter. In that length of time, there were only three days that we did not have someone stop by to see us.

Thank you all again — Calvin and I know that this is a big part of helping him get well and back home where he is recovering and gaining strength every day. And I'm glad to be back at home in, as they say, my own comfort zone.

*Calvin & Lona
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Lady Mules lose finals to Nazareth

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The first week of December was a very busy one for the Lady Mules. They plucked and singed the Owlettes of Hale Center 83-24 Tuesday night and then dominated the first three rounds of the Northwest Texas Sports Medicine Girls Invitational Tournament, losing the finals to the host Nazareth Swiftettes 51-44.

The Hale Center game was a breakout game for Kelsi Friskup as the Owlettes double and triple teamed Sara Benham. Friskup began to warm-up in the second period and canned 10 points. She added 10 more of her 27-point total in the final frame.

Benham and Brandi Wood joined Friskup in double figures with 16 and 14 respectively. Tori Barton and Amber Cowart each had seven points and Jami Carpenter dropped in six. Lindsey Wood made five and Ashley Gutierrez had one point for the Lady

Seventh grade Lady Mules cage Dimmitt

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The seventh grade Lady Mules continues to roll in the district race by dropping the Bobbies of Dimmitt 37-20. The Bobbies jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Morgan Smith grabbed a long rebound and drove the court for a layup.

Janae Pyle went straight up to block a Dimmitt shot and Amy Withrow grabbed the loose ball and found Tabitha Orr open on the fast break to move the Lady Mules in front. Pyle added a bucket with a baseline shot on an in-bound play.

Gabby Agundis scored her first of five buckets to push the Lady Mule lead to 8-3. Withrow scored an old fashion three-point play by driving the lane and then sank the free throw. Kathryn Owens put back an offensive rebound in the lane to end the first

JV Lady Mules lose championship to Friona in Muleshoe tournament

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules blew through the River Road Lady Wildcats 73-15 in the opening round of the Muleshoe JV Tournament. The Farwell Lady Blue fell to the Lady Mules 69-54 in the second round.

The Friona Squaws made up the three-point difference in the second period to tie the Lady Mules at 19 by intermission of the championship game. The Squaws made 13-of-16 free throws in the final period to out last the Lady Mules 53-48 for the championship trophy.

Kasey Wood led the Lady Mules scoring with 14 points in the finals.

Mules.

The Lady Mules tamed the Lady Cats of Sunray 64-19 in the opening round of the Nazareth tourney. Barton converted 10-of-12 free throws on her way to a game high 20 points.

Friskup had 14 points, L. Wood 12 and Benham added 10. B. Wood dropped in six points and Gutierrez had two for the Lady Mules. They used a swarming defense to hold Sunray to only two points in the opening period.

The Lady Mules played a double header on Thursday and broke the Lady Mustangs of Claude 72-24 in the morning session and returned in the evening to drop the Lockney Lady Longhorns 73-42.

All the Lady Mules broke into the scoring column against Claude with Benham leading all scorers at 16. Barton added 13 and L. Wood and Friskup each had 12. B. Wood had six points and Cowart and Gutierrez made five each. Carpenter had three.

Benham recorded a period with the Lady Mules on top 15-5. Dimmitt stepped up their defensive pressure to hold the Lady Mules to eight in the second period but could only make six points to trail at intermission 23-11.

The Lady Mules returned after the break to hold the Bobbies scoreless in the third period while adding 10 points to their side of the board. Dimmitt bounced back in the final period, but it was too little too late for the Bobbies. Agundis led the Lady Mules with 10 points and Smith added eight. Withrow picked up seven; Pyle and Orr score four points apiece. Gizell Vasquez and Owens made two points each for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules travel to Brownfield to take on the Lady Cubs and return home January 19 with the Littlefield Lady Cats.

Chelsi Hawkins added 11 for the Lady Mules and Ashley Dickson made nine. Kate Lepard chipped in seven, Madison Smith and Cecelia Reyna had four points apiece and Jenna Rasco made one for the Lady Mules.

Renya and Wood set the scoring pace against River Road with 14 points each. Dickson added 13, Hillary Tipps made eight and Hawkins contributed seven points. Lepard scored six, Monica Posadas five; Smith four and Rasco chipped in two for Muleshoe.

The Lady Mules recorded 28 points in the opening frame against the Lady Blue of Farwell.

game high 21 points against Lockney and Friskup and B. Wood each had 12. Barton dropped in 10, Gutierrez and Carpenter made seven each and Cowart and L. Wood each added two points.

Playing in their fourth game in three days, the Lady Mules may have been a little leg weary while the Swiftettes only had to win two games to get to the finals.

The Lady Mules jumped out to a 10-2 lead when Carpenter drained a 3-pointer on a delayed break three minutes into the game. Nazareth went on a 10 point run in the final three and a half minutes to take a 14-12 lead at the quarter break.

Barton drove the baseline like it was the road home to knot the game at 14 as the second period began. Friskup was fouled shooting and dropped in her first of two charity tosses. The second banged off the front of the rim and L. Wood was there to put it in. Friskup scored on the blocks to push the Lady Mule lead to five points.

Barton broke a six point Nazareth scoring run with a trey from the corner.

The Swiftettes canned back-to-back buckets to tie the game at 24 with two minutes left in the half. B. Wood hit from eight and 18 feet in the final minute to give the Lady Mules a 26-24 advantage at intermission.

Fatigue became a part of the game in the third period as the Swiftettes pushed, shoved and ran their way to a 37-35 lead at the end of the third frame. Nazareth converted 10-of-11 free throws in the final period to outscore the Lady Mules 14-9.

The Lady Mules schedule didn't get any easier the second week of December. They traveled to Seagraves to meet the Lady Eagles December 9 and will then enter the Abernathy Shootout on Thursday at noon against Wall.

The Lady Mules could face Seagraves on Friday and possibly Perryton in the finals.

Dickson led the charge with nine of her 15 total points. Wood paced the Lady Mules with 17 points in the contest and Renya dropped in 11.

Lepard added nine; Smith seven and Rasco put in five points for the Lady Mules. Hawkins and Posadas each made four points and Tipps scored two points to send the Lady Mules to the championship game.

The Lady Mules traveled to Seagraves December 9 and then to Levelland December 16. The Lady Mules return to their home floor December 19 for a rematch with the Lady Wildcats of River Road.



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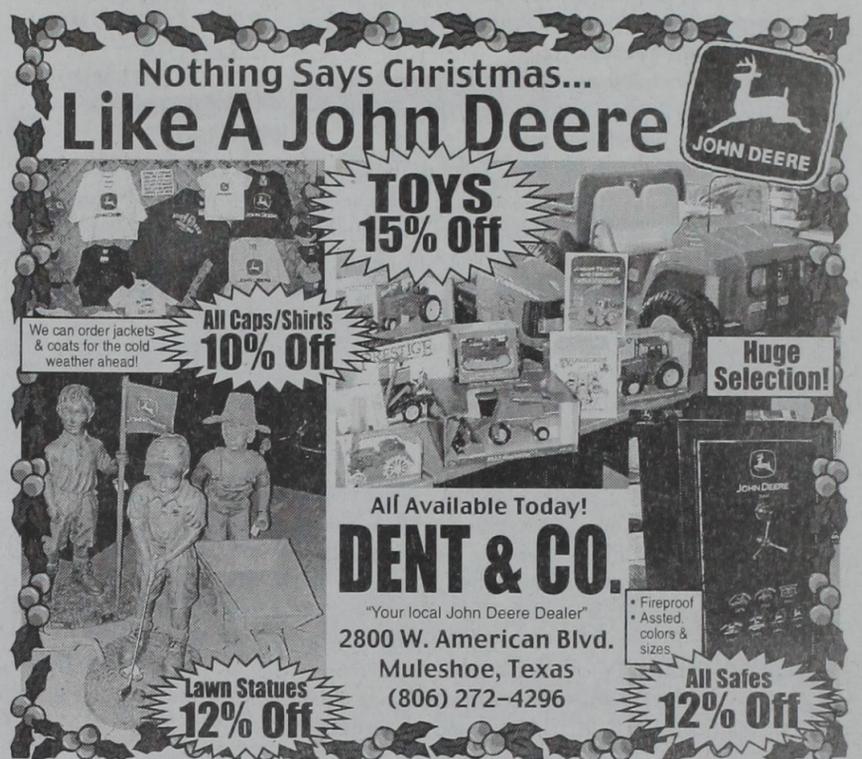
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OBITUARIES

CLEVE BLAND

Services were held Friday, Decemb 5 at First Baptist Church for Cleve Bland, 68, of Muleshoe. Dr. Stacy Conner officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Bland was born September 9, 1935 in Muleshoe. He married Frances Totten in Muleshoe on December 18, 1952 in Clovis. He died Tuesday, December 2, 2003 in Lubbock.

He lived in Muleshoe most of his life. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe. He was employed by Muleshoe Motor for 20 years and retired as Director of Public Works for the City of Muleshoe.

He is survived by his wife of the home; a son, Michael Bland of Katy, Texas; two daughters, Rhonda Eagle of Muleshoe and Wendi Woods of Houston; a sister, Dot Lamon of Mangum, Okla.; and three grandchildren, Ryan and Rendi Hodge and Christin Bland.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 220 W. Ave. E, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

KENSEY D. CHANCEY

A memorial service was held Tuesday, December 2 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel for Kensey D. Chancey, 64, of Ozark, Ark. Carroll Squires, clergyman, officiated. Cremation took place under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

Mr. Chancey was born to J.C. Chancey and Elizabeth Gates on November 29, 1938. He died Friday, November 28, 2003 at a hospi-

tal in Little Rock, Ark.

He was an Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his companion, Shirley Erp; a sister, Dovie Abney of Ozark; two brothers, Lindy Lee "Red" Chancey of Muleshoe and Shelby Chancey of Ozark; and two grandchildren, Stevie and Nicholas Chancey.

E.C. RODDY

Services were held Saturday, December 6 at First Missionary Baptist Church for E.C. Roddy, 87, of Morton. Rev. James Pope officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mr. Roddy was born January 17, 1916 in Ada, Oklahoma. He married Joyce Ward in Morton on August 8, 1939. He died Thursday, December 4, 2003 at home.

He moved to the Morton Community in 1933 from Hale Center. He owned the Massey-Harris Dealership in Morton. He began custom harvesting in 1945. The division of the Massey-Harris Combine Corporation furnished him 10 combines to form the self-propelled harvest brigade for advertising. This harvest brigade started in Texas and moved through the summer to North Dakota. He was known to have taken the first self-propelled combine into Kansas.

He is survived by his wife of the home; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Donna Roddy of Morton; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Kenneth Williams of Morton; a sister, Val Philbert of Tucson, Ariz.; six

grandchildren, Richard and his wife, Cristy Williams, Roddy Loy and his wife, Cammie Williams, Jason Roddy, Shaina Roddy, Kenley Williams and Danny Alvarez; and six great-grandchildren, Kyle and Cristyn Williams, Sara and Seth Williams, and Alee and Madee Alvarez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters and a granddaughter, Kacy Roddy Alvarez in 2001.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 981, Morton, Texas 79346.

DENNIS "DENNY" GORDON WHITE Cowboy

A traditional cowboy service was held November 15, 2003 at Cartridge Cemetery near San Antonio, N.M. for Dennis "Denny" 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 fellow cowboys and friends.

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

He attended Muleshoe schools and the military academy at Clairmore, Okla. While in high school, Mr. White had the distinction of being the only individual to win grand champion and reserve grand champion, 1st and 2nd place, in Muleshoe's FFA stock show with his two Hereford steers. He also won first place at a

major Texas stock show during his high school years. After school, he worked in feed lots and drove trucks. He married and moved to New Mexico where, for the past 30 years, he worked full time with stock and horses as a cowboy.

ELOISA ANGUIANO

Services were held Tuesday, December 9 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Eloisa Anguiano, 83, of Muleshoe. Rev. Joe Augustine officiated. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Anguiano was born August 20, 1920 in Zapata, Texas. She married Leopoldo Anguiano. He preceded her in death February

1947. She died Sunday, December 7, 2003 in Park View Nursing Home.

She moved to Muleshoe in 1957 from Alice, Texas. She was a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe.

She is survived by a son, Leopoldo Anguiano, Jr. of Houston; two daughters, Amelia Gonzales and Hilma Rojas, both of Muleshoe; a sister, Salome Buentello of Alice; a brother, Jose Buentello of Conroe; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

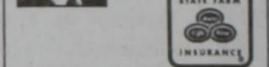
She was preceded in death by a daughter, Esther Anguiano in 1963, and a son, Gilbert Anguiano, in 2003.



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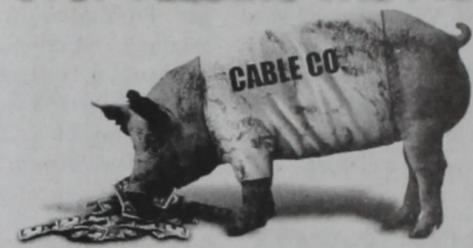
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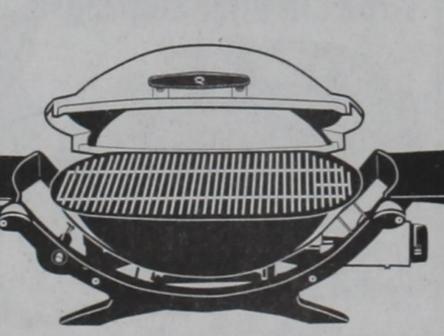
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OBITUARIES

RENE ROBLES

Services were held Wednesday, December 10 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Rene Robles, 58, of Muleshoe. Rev. Joe Augustine officiated. Burial was in the Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Robles was born January 12, 1945 in San Juan, Texas. He married Ramona Astorga in Mexico on January 13, 1968. He died Sunday, December 7, 2003 in his residence.

He had been a resident of the Muleshoe area for the past 27 years moving from Earth. He attended the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Muleshoe. He had worked as a tractor driver for the farming industry in the area.

He is survived by his wife of Muleshoe; two sons, Rene Astorga Robles, Jr. and Juan Jose Robles, both of Muleshoe; a daughter, Marisol Astorga Robles of Muleshoe; his mother, Aurora Robles of Muleshoe; three sisters, Blanca Arellano of Littlefield, Albesa Gardea of Muleshoe and Gloria Robles of Lubbock; two brothers, Jesse Robles of Littlefield and Danile Robles of Sudan; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jesus Robles.

JERRY McCRAY

Services for Jerry McCray, 66, of Crosbyton were held Tuesday, December 9 at Crosbyton First Baptist Church with the Rev. Stacy Conner and Rev. Les Griffin officiating.

Burial was in the Crosbyton Cemetery under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton.

He was born January 16, 1937 in Smyer, Texas to Ardis G. and Minnie Altman McCray. He married Janelle Mayes on April 16, 1955 in Crosbyton. He died Sunday, December 7, 2003 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was a member of the Crosbyton First Baptist Church, a truck driver and a farmer. He moved to Crosbyton four years ago from Kansas, where he had farmed near Johnson, Kan-

sas for 35 years.

Survivors include: his wife of Crosbyton; a son, Jimmy McCray of Crosbyton; two daughters, Joy Loader and her husband, Charles, of Smithville, Tennessee, and Jana McCray of Johnson, Kansas; a brother, Gary "Butch" McCray and his wife, Jo, of Muleshoe; three sisters, Glenda King and her husband, Henry, of Ransom Canyon, Laura Hand and her husband, Bill, of Spearman, Texas, and Alice Reed and her husband, Ronnie, of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Shane Loader, Brandon Loader, Jeremy Loader and Crystal McCray; a great granddaughter, Llexia Loader; and several nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers were John Weakley, Rickey White, Lloyd McCray, Billy Altman, Ronnie Reed and Jimmy Don McCray.

The family suggests memorials to Special Olympics of Kansas in honor of his grandson, Shane Loader.

JOHN CECIL "JAY" CLABORN

Funeral services for John Cecil "Jay" Claborn, 83, longtime resident of Friona were held Tuesday, December 9 at Friona United



Claborn

Methodist Church with Reverend Steve Patterson officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery west of Friona.

Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford handled arrangements.

Mr. Claborn was born in Post, Texas July 16, 1920 to John and Cordie Claborn. He died Sunday, December 7, 2003 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

After graduating high school, he joined the Army during WWII. He was a Staff Sergeant Medic with the 328th Infantry Combat Team attached to the 26th Infantry Division. Mr. Claborn fought in five major battles, including the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes forest, the Inva-

sion of Normandy, the Northern France Campaign, the Rhineland Campaign and the Central Europe Campaign. He was awarded four Bronze Stars, one Silver Star, the "Croix Deguirre" Medal of Honor from France, the Belgium Medal of Honor and the American Defense Service Medal.

After being discharged from the Army September 30, 1945, he enrolled in the Landig Collage of Mortuary Science School in Houston. He graduated from Mortuary School in 1947. He owned/operated Claborn Funeral Home in Friona for over 30 years and was a funeral director for over 50 years.

In 1957, Mr. Claborn served as the president of the Friona Chamber of Commerce. He also served as the president of the Friona Evening Lions Club, past president of the Friona Boosters Club, served as the mayor of Friona and in 1953 was elected as the Justice of the Peace for Parmer, County.

In 1966, Mr. Claborn was voted "Man of the Year" of Friona. He was a past president of the Panhandle Funeral Directors Association and a past director of the Texas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association. Mr. Claborn was a life member of Friona V.F.W. Post #1413 and Friona American Legion Post #209.

In 1997, Mr. Claborn married Jonell Clark in Friona and was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dr. Jobey Claborn and wife, Janet, of Muleshoe; two stepdaughters, Diana Russell and Teresa Carter, both of Clovis, N.M.; two sisters, Faye Strickland of Plano, TX and Lois Staley of Searcy, Arkansas; and three grandchildren, Jackie Claborn of Dallas, Jason Claborn of Lubbock and Amy Claborn of Arvada, CO.

He was preceded in death by two sons and 10 brothers and sisters.

The family requests memorials to American Heart Association-Panhandle Region, 2404 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106 or to Friona United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 301 E. 8th, Friona, TX 79035.

ERNEST BARKLEY

A memorial service was held Thursday, December 1, 2003 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Morton for Ernest Barkley, 54, of Levelland. Rev. James Pope officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mr. Barkley was born September 30, 1949 in Phoenix, Arizona. He died Monday, December 8, 2003 at his residence in Levelland.

He moved to Levelland in 1971 from Morton. He worked in the oil field as a consultant and driller. He

was an Air Born Ranger in Vietnam serving in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Morton.

He is survived by two daughters, Kristen Barkley and Kelly Watson, both of Levelland; his mother, Frances Duke of Morton; a sister, Gail Hobbs of Andrews; three grandchildren, Nye, Harley and Matthew.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 981, Morton, Texas 79346 or to a favorite charity.

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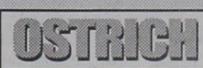
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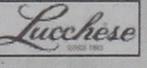
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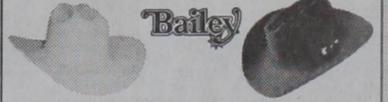
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\$4,224.83 was collected by the EMS. However Murray explained there was and additional \$4000 that was deposited in December that should have been deposited November.

Of the 59 people treated by EMS the total billing for November was \$28,491.05 for an average of \$482.90.

EMS wrote off \$1,465.54 for the month of November.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The Bailey County Justice of the Peace office continues to increase revenue as a result of traffic tickets.

In November the court handled 421 traffic tickets. Of these 136 resulted in fines and 40 were dismissed after driver safety course, 35 were dismissed because of deferred disposition and 20 were dismissed after proof of financial responsibility.

The total revenue was \$30,018.00 of which the county usually gets 60%

Judge Herman Morrison issue 2 search warrants and 75 arrest warrants.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's note: Mayor Victor E. Leal passed this letter on to the *Journal* which the City of Muleshoe received in response to the donations from the citizens of Muleshoe.)

To: City of Muleshoe
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JOANN JACKSON
Executive Director

Eighth grade ladies outwit Dimmitt

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules lapped the Dimmitt Bobbies 34-15. Gini Sheets got the Lady Mule scoring cranked with a steal at midcourt and drove for a layup. Crescent Crawford hit a bucket from the elbow before the Bobbies could get underway.

Cholov Hernandez converted two free throws and Ashley Grumbles dropped in a long two-pointer as the Lady Mules raced out to a 12-4 lead in

the first period. The Bobbies held their ground in the second frame and trailed the Lady Mules 18-10 at the half. Grumbles pilfered a Bobbie pass as the third quarter began and pushed the ball down court to Sheets.

Sheets found Kelsy Tipps open to finish the break. The play seemed to set the tone for the quarter as the Lady Mules continued to run and out scored Dimmitt 13-2. Heather Barker led the Lady Mules in scoring in

the period with all six of her points.

The Lady Mules passed the scoring around with Sheets setting the pace with nine points. Barker followed with six, Grumbles five, DezRae Contreras four and Hernandez made three points. Crawford, Tipps and Jacy Lawrence made two points each for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules travel to Brownfield December 15 and return home January 19 to meet the Littlefield Lady Cats.

Dimmitt crushes freshman ladies

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The freshman Lady Mules dropped a heart breaker to the Dimmitt Bobbies 42-37. Brittini Torres hit two from the elbow and added a free throw to put the Lady Mules in front 3-2.

Kelly Dale dropped in a 10-footer before the Bobbies tied the game with a trey. Madison Myers put back an offensive rebound to keep the game tied with a minute and a half remaining in the first period.

Trailing 10-7 as the second frame began, B. Torres scored on a give-and-go and Myers cleaned up a backside rebound to knot the game at 11. April Ochoa put back a rebound before the Bobbies put together an eight-point scoring run to take a 19-15 lead at intermission.

Dimmitt added four points to their lead in the

third frame. The Lady Mules stormed back in the final period with 14 points but fell short of stopping the Bobbies.

Myers led the Lady Mules in scoring with 11 points and B. Torres had nine. Ochoa recorded six, Irene Torres four and

Lawrence made three points. Dale and Kindra Pruitt made two points each for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules travel to Brownfield to battle the Lady Cubs December 15 and return home January 19 against the Lady Cats of Littlefield.

SPCAA announces food program

South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA), announced its policy for free and reduced priced meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Each facility and SPCAA have a copy of the policy, which anyone may review. Day care facilities are Kinder Steps Head Start Center, P.O. Box 312, 224 W. Avenue H, Muleshoe, Texas 79347

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When Christ Was Born, The Situation Was Normal

In some ways, the world just a few moments before the birth of Jesus in that Bethlehem stable was almost exactly the same as the world just a few moments after his birth.

The state of the stable, and the inn out in front of it, and Bethlehem, and Judea, and Rome, and the whole wide world, was pretty much the same. As they

angel. Yes, that was a wonderful thing, a marvelous comfort, an amazing experience. But if you think seeing an angel, even one with good news, isn't incredibly unsettling, it's obviously been a day or two since you've seen one.

Then the tired carpenter gets to make the trip to Bethlehem with his very pregnant wife who is simply exhausted—not to mention enormous and well along toward D-day, by the time they get there. No cheap tickets left on Mideast Airlines. No tickets at all. So they get to go by donkey (which hospitals' O.B. departments ought to keep tied out by their parking lots; they're cheaper than I.V.s and Pitossin and are pretty much guaranteed to get things going).

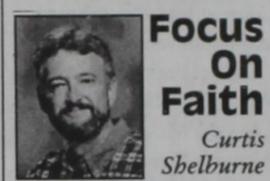
Mary's just about had it (literally), but they get to the Bethlehem Inn, and the place is overbooked. They end up stuck out in the stable, stomping around in the straw (which Joseph knows will have his allergies in full bloom before you can say *Gesundheit!*).

And then Mary's birth pains are becoming very regular. Even First Century folks don't need the *New England Journal of Medicine* to tell them what that means. This baby is coming! And he's coming right here, right now, "ready or not, Joseph!" in barn straw that was the real thing, not sanitized stuff for a manger scene.

The situation in the world and in that Bethlehem stable that night was normal, the same as usual in many ways—fouled up with lots going wrong.

But with the Baby's first cry, the world would never be the same. And God was making sure that one day, all that is wrong with this world could be made right.

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



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

say in the military (well, sort of as they say), it was one big SNAFU. The Situation was absolutely Normal. It was All Fouled Up.

The government was pretty much like governments have always been—happiest when people are standing in long lines getting crunched by bureaucracy and about to be burdened by one more tax to keep the crunching wheels crunching.

Joseph's probably been working his fingers to the bone trying to make a living, and now he gets to take days and weeks and maybe even months off—all of which is death to productivity and income—so the bureaucrats can fill out one more form with his and Mary's name on it. Now he'll have more taxes to pay and less money to pay them with.

Actually, all of this stuff with Mary had pretty well sapped him lately of much ability to concentrate and work very effectively anyway. First, he was so shocked and perplexed that he didn't know how to feel. Then he was worried sick. And then he got the visit from the

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MULES

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dropped in six points; Black five and Flores made four points. Eric Newton and Alvarado each had three points for the Mules.

The freshmen Mules dispatched Friona in their opening round 42-32. Conner hit three treys on his way to 14 points and Barker and Washington each added eight.

Robertson scored three points, Francisco Ramirez and Tony Guzman made two points each and Brantley added one point for the Mules.

The freshmen Mules dropped the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles 44-33 in the second round. Conner and Washington led the Mules scoring with 13 points each and Barker

added 12. Hamilton scored five points and Guzman converted a free throw for the Mules.

The JV Mules traveled to Seagraves to meet the Eagles December 9 and enter the Sundown JV Tournament Dec 11. The JV Mules return home December 19 to tangle with the River Road Wildcats.

The freshmen Mules

traveled to Dimmitt December 8 and return home to face the Brownfield Cubs December 15.

The young Mules return to action after the Christmas break in the Levelland JV Tournament January 8-10.

They start their second round of district when Lubbock Cooper comes to visit January 12.

EVENTS

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more tickets, this year's tour was different from the first in that more people from out of town - Clovis, Portales, Friona - participated. It was just wonderful."

All proceeds from the tour have already been donated to the nursing home.

Johnson and nursing home volunteer Joan Lewis began work on securing homes for the tour in late October.

According to Johnson, she's already looking forward to next year.

The Holiday Coat Drive sponsored by 16th & D Church of Christ netted more than 425 coats which were distributed to local residents Saturday, Nov. 22.

Church minister Curtis Shelburne said, "It went great. I was amazed at the response, both of those who gave and those who received coats."

According to Shelburne, Sparkle Cleaners cleaned many of the used donated coats at no charge and Joe Rhodes from Joe's Boot Shop pitched in over 30 coats and loaned the church clothing racks in support of the drive.

"The businesses who acted as drop-off points are so appreciated," he said. "I can't say enough about the generosity of this community."

Shelburne also commented that he was glad

that the coats were distributed when they were because it turned cold just the day after the event.

This was the first such drive for the church and Shelburne anticipates making it an annual event.

Upcoming events benefiting local citizens are:

Children's Clothing Drive - Alpha Zeta Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will be collecting socks, sweat pants and underwear for Dillman and DeShazo students through Friday, Dec. 12.

According to event chairperson Tisha Boehning, she was approached by parents and individuals about the need for these items at the school because not all parents can provide extra clothing for their child.

"We're focusing on the younger children at Dillman who are more likely to have accidents," said Boehning.

This is the first such event for the sorority.

"Christmas In The Country" Benefit Concert - Trinity Christian Center Church is hosting its third annual Christmas concert benefiting Muleshoe Meals On Wheels and Bailey County Hope Chest at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the church, 1723 W. American Blvd.

This year's concert is entitled "Christmas in the Country" and will feature

Kenneth Richards and Reydon Stanford, original members of the Anchor Brothers gospel group, Betty Hutton, Summer Daniel, Blayne Shipman and the Trinity Christian choir.

The concert is free, but free-will offerings will be taken.

Trinity's concert last year raised \$1,116 according to local Meals On Wheels Program Director Rita Morris

Pastor Stanford said, "We've been practicing and are sounding better than ever. I hope everyone will come out and support two worthy organizations. I promise it'll be good!"

La Navidad En Mi Pueblo Toy Drive - KMUL-AM radio is again hosting its annual toy drive benefiting local children ages 10 and under.

The event is celebrating its sixth year and KMUL-AM personnel Noe Anzaldua and Martha Alvarado are expecting the drive to be even bigger and better than in previous years.

According to Alvarado, the radio station will be "recruiting" gifts via the airways through Sunday, Dec. 21 when they will be distributed at the civic center. KMUL will also provide live music and piñatas free of charge to those who attend.

Donated toys should be new or gently used.

Salvation Army Christmas Bells - Local senior citizens will be ringing Salvation Army Christmas Bells locally to help raise funds for the Oneita Wagon Senior Center.

According to Mary Bleeker, senior volunteers are needed at this time. Those who are interested in volunteering can call her at 272-3696.

Half the money raised by ringing the bells will be donated by the Salvation Army to the senior center.

Park View Nursing Home Christmas Card Project - The annual Christmas Card Project benefiting Park View Nursing Home residents is in full swing.

Project coordinator Joyeline Costen reminds everyone that "any donated amount is appreciated" and that all contributors will be recognized in the *Journal* in a Christmas card from Park View residents, staff and volunteers.

The donation deadline is Friday, Dec. 19 and checks should be mailed to Christmas Card Project, c/o Joyeline Costen, P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or to Park View Nursing Home, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Donations may also be given directly to Costen, Joy Stancell (Park View activities director), or any First Bank or Muleshoe State Bank teller.

Thank you to the people of Muleshoe and surrounding communities for making our 2nd Annual Christmas Tour of Homes such a grand success! A special thank you to the homeowners who opened their homes to the public. Your generosity is appreciated and your homes were a big hit! Thanks to you all, over one thousand dollars was raised for Park View.

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