

NEWS BRIEFS

Bailey County stock show to be held January 15-17

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for January 15-17, 2004. All animals must be at the Bailey County Coliseum between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15. The show starts Friday, Jan. 16 at 8:30 a.m. with barrows, then sheep and goats beginning at 1:00 p.m. The cattle with take center stage on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Jimmy Dale Black Award. A buyer's luncheon will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The Premium Sale and Auction will begin Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Judging the sheep and goats will be Richard Long, with an estimated 16 goats and 16 sheep; County Extension Agent Cody Hill, judging the swine with an estimated 145 head; and County Extension Agent Ismano Cardenas, judging the cattle with an estimated 30 steers and 15 heifers. Classifying judge will be Alan Bean, ag teacher at Springlake-Earth.

Grand champion winners of the 2003 Bailey County Junior Livestock Show were: J.R. Young, swine; Colt Ellis, lambs; Cydni Vandiver, goats; and Brady Black, steers.

Everyone is invited to come out in support of the youth of Bailey County and the hard work put into their show animals of 2004.

This day on the calendar

January 7 — All States Picnic (for senior citizens); First U.S. Commercial Bank, 1782.

January 10 — National Western Stock Show & Rodeo (10-25); League of Nations founded, 1920.

January 11 — International Printing Week (11-17).

January 12 — National Clean-Off-Your-Desk Day; Farmer's Convention (12-15); Intimate Apparel Market Week (12-16).



Drawing date: Saturday, January 3
Winning numbers: 05-07-22-24-32
Bonus Ball: 35
Estimated jackpot: \$39 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Wednesday, January 7
Estimated jackpot: \$43 million

LOCAL WEATHER

Wednesday will be mostly sunny and windy with highs in the upper 50s and lows near 30°. **Thursday:** Mostly sunny, 62°/27°; **Friday:** Partly cloudy, 65°/27°; **Saturday:** Partly cloudy, 60°/29°; **Sunday:** Partly cloudy, 58°/26°; **Monday:** Sunny, 56°/25°; **Tuesday:** Sunny, 62°/28°. Chances of precipitation throughout the period are slim with Saturday being the best chance for any moisture (20%).

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Floral shop sold to Reynolds; Wuerflein plans busy retirement



Journal photo: Leah Bell

Business changes hands
Decorators Floral & Gifts has new owner as of 2004. Pictured above are new owner (left) Rebecca Reynolds and Betty Wuerflein, previous owner of the thriving floral shop.

By LEAH BELL

Journal writer

The new year has brought with it some big changes at Decorators Floral & Gifts. Betty Wuerflein, owner of the cottage-like business on First Street, has sold the business to employee Rebecca Reynolds.

The change of hands was official January 1.

Wuerflein finally gave in to her husband, Frank, who has been "pushing" her to retire for several years.

"I finally realized that there's someone who can take over the business and run it well. At my age, I want to do some things before I lose my health," said Wuerflein. "Rebecca has basi-

cally been running the place since I became West Texas Association's (WTNMFA) president and now, past president." She's a natural. She picked up where I left off," she added.

Wuerflein has owned the business for 12 and a half years, buying it from Dianne and Winston Allison. She worked for the Allisons for three years before the opportunity to buy the thriving floral shop presented itself.

"I learned as I went at first. Oh, I'd done banquets and such, but I'd never worked with fresh flowers," she said.

Wuerflein became a Texas

master florist in 1997, was the WTNMFA "Florist of the Year" in 1999 and is currently a member of the North Plains Professional Florists Association (SPPFA).

She plans to take her retirement very seriously.

"The first thing I'm going to do is help my youngest grandson, Caleb, celebrate his birthday. Then, I'm going to get to work at home, finding my house after 12 years away from home. I'm going to sort, cull, rearrange and redecorate! I also want to get back to sewing and quilting," she said. "Frank and I also plan to travel."

But she also plans to be around to help Reynolds during holidays.

"I won't be completely out of the picture, but I don't have any problem handing the reins over to Rebecca. She reads and studies and works on design techniques all the time. She will do well," said Wuerflein.

Her farewell thoughts are of her customers, as was her main focus over the years.

"I appreciate every person who did business with me. I always tried to keep up with trends, current flowers and designs for my customers' enjoyment," she said.

As the new owner of a busy floral shop, Reynolds is excited to get started, although she's not sure how much things will

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Journal gets new owners

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

CJB Publications Inc., wholly owned by Chris and Joye Bradford of Dimmitt, on Monday announced the acquisition of the *Muleshoe Journal*.

"We felt that buying the Muleshoe paper will enable us to better serve this region," C. Bradford said.

The Bradfords own both the *Castro County News* (Dimmitt) and the *Olton Enterprise*.

They took ownership of the Muleshoe paper on Monday.

"One of the best moves Joye and I ever made was moving to the Panhandle region," Bradford

said. "We plan to continue to invest in this region and its people."

The Bradfords obtained the *Castro County News* in September 2001. And the purchase of the *Olton Enterprise* came in September 2002.

"We love the area and the people," Bradford said. "We believe the addition of the *Muleshoe Journal* will help us attain regional coverage second to none as far as weekly papers go. We think this will enable us to get more news for all our readers."

With this addition, the Bradfords now own papers in three counties — Castro, Lamb and Bailey.

Combs announces candidacy

By LEAH BELL

Journal writer

Just beating the filing deadline, County Tax Assessor/Collector Berta Combs filed for reelection on Friday, January 2. The process was delayed while she gathered 50 signatures on a petition to waive her \$750 filing fee.

Combs is currently serving the last year of her first term as tax assessor.

She said, "It has been very challenging and I've learned a lot. But I also have a lot to learn."

She "enjoys serving the people of Bailey County" and

has never felt like a politician.

According to Combs, her job is to follow the rules, laws and

mandates governing her office, while at the same time affording each person who steps through the door the respect all people deserve.

"I give the best I have to my job and hope that when people leave my office, they feel as though they have been treated in a cordial, respectful manner," she said.



Combs

She ended by saying she would again appreciate the support of the community.

Three have filed for vacated seat

By BEATRICE MORIN
Journal writer

As of Tuesday, candidates filing in the city council Special Election were Daniel Guzman, Richard Orozco and David Dominguez. A special election will be held February 7 to the fill the council seat vacated by Juan Chavez. Candidates have until January 23 to file.

Holiday business awakens economy

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

Although national analysts forecasted a weak holiday economy, many of Muleshoe's retail stores seemed to "buck" the trend this Christmas.

In phone interviews conducted last week with several retail merchants, the consensus seemed to be an overall positive attitude about holiday sales as compared to last year.

Ed Cox of Fry & Cox True Value said, "It was a good season. Our sales were within the ball park of last year."

According to Terral King, owner of The Connection Warehouse-RadioShack, business was up over last year. He said, "Overall, we had very decent sales."

Jackie Buckner, an employee of Carolyn's Christmas Creations, said, "It was overwhelming. I enjoyed every minute of it." Store owner Carolyn Johnson added, "It was just a fabulous season. I was thrilled." She also said, "I had no idea what to expect since it was our first Christmas season in the new store. It far exceeded my expectations."

Becky Spriggs at Antiques and Fine Things com-

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Candidate roster for county elections complete

The filing deadline for county offices passed Friday, January 2.

The following people will be on the ballot in March's primary election:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

- Jack Dunham (R)
- Rodney Baker (D)
- Butch Vandiver (R)

PRECINCT 3

- Joey Kindle (D)
- Alfredo Anzaldúa (D)

PRECINCT 4

- Ginger Damron (D)
- Juan Chavez (D)
- Lewis W. Shafer (R)

SHERIFF

- Otis Carpenter (R)
- Richard Wills (R)

CONSTABLE #1

- Gary Don Gartin (R)

TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR

- Berta Combs (D)

Why not start the new year in a new car from Muleshoe Motor Co.? Great deals going on now.

AROUND MULESHOE

Adult Learning Center moves

The Muleshoe Adult Learning Center has moved to its new location inside the SPCAA/Texas Workforce Center (Tradewinds Plaza), 804 West American Blvd. The center is currently enrolling for the spring semester. For information, contact Sharon Grant via the Texas Workforce Commission at 272-7537 (calls will be forwarded) or at home, 272-5766.

Boys basketball sign-ups slated

Third through sixth grade boys from the Muleshoe area are invited to participate in the youth basketball program. Sign-up for all boys will be at DeShazo Elementary Gym Thursday, January 8 from 5-8 p.m. The fee for playing is \$35. Please do not bring any basketballs. For more information, call Don Carter, 272-4569; Michael Precure, 272-7568; Adena Johnson, 272-5335; or Shelly Turnbow, 272-5762.

High school seniors plan cook out

The Muleshoe High School senior class will host a hamburger cookout Friday, January 9 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. (during the high school basketball games) at the Jr. High gym. The menu will include the "brown bag special" — hamburger, chips, dessert and a drink for \$5.50. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation.

MISC announces monthly meetings

The Muleshoe Investment Strategist Club (MISC) would like to announce that it meets every third Thursday of each month in the Muleshoe Public Library at 7 p.m. If interested in investment discussion and education, call 272-4332.

Grant writing seminar upcoming

RCS Grant Writing Systems will be holding a six-hour seminar entitled "The Joy of Writing Grants" in Clovis, N.M. at 10 a.m. (CT) at La Quinta Inn and Suites, 4521 N. Prince, on Monday, January 12, 2004.

The seminar is open to municipal/county workers, as well as school teachers/administrators and nonprofit employees.

There is a registration fee for those attending which can be significantly reduced by mentioning seeing this notice in the *Muleshoe Journal*. Group rates are available. Call toll free 1-888-829-0837 to reserve a seat or to get further information.

Addresses listed for charities

- Oneita Wagon Senior Center, P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe 79347.
- Hope Chest, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347;
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary Gift Fund, c/o Janice Bradshaw, 669 CR 21, Muleshoe 79347 or call 965-2619 or drop by Muleshoe State Bank and talk to Janice.
- Bailey County Food Pantry, Box 175, Muleshoe 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe 79347
- Rainbow Room, 902 W. Avenue J, Muleshoe 79347.
- Lazbuddie EMS and volunteer fire department, Box 125, Lazbuddie 79053.

Or call the Muleshoe Community Foundation — Gary Sirkel at 272-4710 or Kay Mardis at 272-3349.

Public Calendar

Jan. 23, 2004 — Deadline to file for candidacy in the special election to fill the city council seat of Juan Chavez who resigned. Election will be Feb. 7, 2004.

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actually change after the papers are signed.

"Paying bills is about the only aspect of the business I haven't been deeply involved in," she said.

Adding to the excitement of becoming an entrepreneur, she and husband, Rodney, are expecting their second child in February. Their daughter, Reagan, is four years old.

Reynolds started out by working part-time at the shop during high school and has

worked full-time for eight years.

She doesn't have any major changes in mind for the store's operation. However, she'll be adding additional staff and updating the billing system.

"I plan to give my customers the same quality of service and design Betty did and accommodate customer's needs in any way I can," said Reynolds.

She said right now, she's experiencing both excitement and fear when she

thinks about the new endeavor.

"I look forward to continuing to build on relationships Betty has developed over the years," Reynolds said.

Both Wuerflein and Reynolds are graduates of Trim International Floral School LTD. in Denver, Co.

Reynolds currently serves on the board of directors of WTNMFA and as secretary for SPPFA.

She is the daughter of Richard and Rickie Warren of Muleshoe.

HOLIDAY

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mented that although holiday sales were down slightly from last year, the overall season was "good," which contrasted predicted economic downturns in spending by the experts.

Debbie Walters of Sheree's Attic said the boutique "did well" considering "the shape the economy is in." She added, "It was nice to see people shopping in

town and supporting their local businesses."

Celie Parham, owner of Trés Chic, said, "I think the economy is making a change for the good. Business was steady."

Williams General Store also saw a strong Christmas season. According to owner Dawn Williams, shoppers hadn't started their buying in early December, but came on strong in the end. "I think folks got a late start this year.

The real lifesaver for small retail businesses in Muleshoe are the Mule Bucks the school hands out to employees. They really help keep the money at home," she said.

Judy Wilbanks at Something Special Gifts hadn't tallied her seasonal sales, but did think business was at least as good as last year. "I don't think we did much better, but we didn't do any worse."

Candidate Sparks stops by Leal's

By LEAH BELL
Journal writer

Don Sparks, Republican candidate for Texas Senate District 31, was in Muleshoe last week campaigning for the January 20 special election to fill Sen. Teel Bivins' unexpired term.



Don and Gwyn Sparks

According to Sparks, he is a businessman, not a politician, and his main focus if elected would be to help West Texas' economy.

"This area basically has four economic industries — farming, ranching, oil/gas and small business. I have extensive knowledge in three of those areas," said Sparks.

He owns Discovery Operating, Inc., an oil and gas ex-

ploration company which operates over 250 wells. He also owns an energy consulting firm and operates the business end of a farm in Sherman County, north of Amarillo.

Sparks grew up in Amarillo and now lives in Midland with his wife, Gwyn.

His platform is simple — he wants to maintain the quality of life he grew up with in West Texas. According to Sparks, he believes in traditional family, marriage, Christian values and faith, family and free enterprise.

"I want my grandkids, your kids, everyone to have the best quality of life West Texas has to offer," he said. "Like it was when I was a kid. Young people today need to be enticed back to the area by a strong economy and good moral character."

In addition to strengthening the economy, Sparks will work to encourage economic development in the area, something he hopes to

accomplish without government micro-management.

"The less intrusive the government is, the better off we are," he said.

Sparks also plans to make West Texas' groundwater an issue if elected.

"I'm a petroleum engineer and have lots of experience with water issues. None of my opponents can say that of themselves," he concluded.

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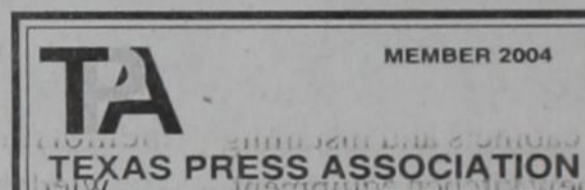
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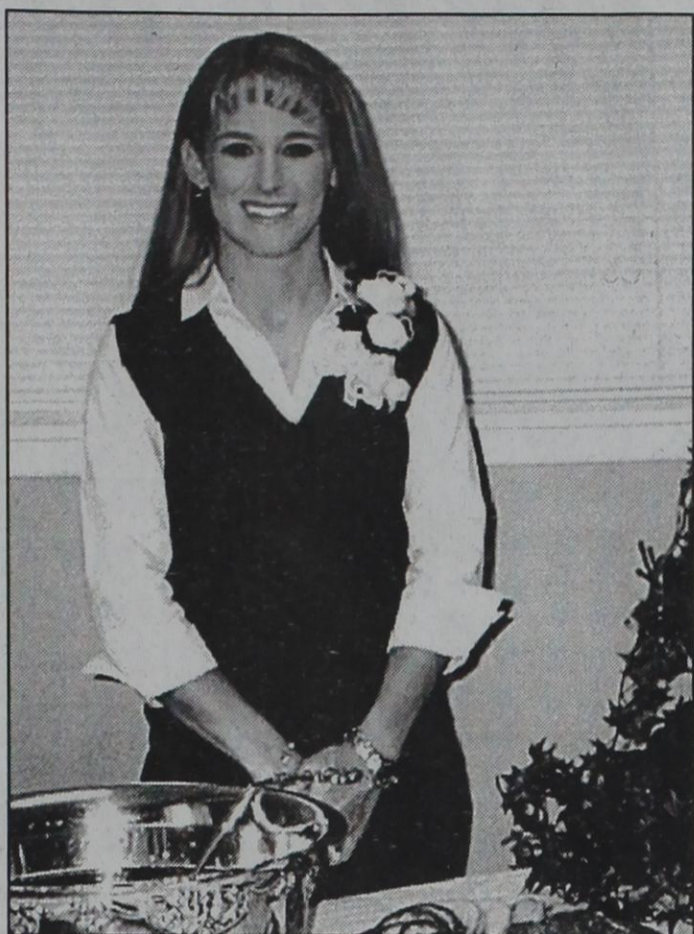
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Brakebill feted with bridal shower

Desirae Brakebill, bride-elect of Deon Gallman, was honored with a bridal shower November 15, 2003 in the fellowship hall of Lazbuddie Methodist Church. Guests were greeted by the prospective bride and her mother, Dayna Hoadley, and the groom's mother, Ellen Gallman.

Special guests included Brittany Brakebill, sister of the bride-elect, and Joanna Martinez and Kendra Gallman, sisters of the groom. Also in attendance were grandmothers of the bride elect, Gwen Messer, Carol Jones and Cristy Brakebill, and Gloria Herington, the groom's grandmother. Aunts in attendance included Renee Brakebill and Joni Brakebill, Kitty Gallman, Leann Gallman, Debbie Gallman, Twyla Albertson and Ginger Lucas.

The serving table was adorned with a silver candleabra and silver and crystal appointments. Refreshments of a variety of breakfast breads, punch and coffee were served.



Desirae Brakebill

The hostess' gift was a comforter set chosen by the bride-elect.

Hostesses included: Sarah Black, Judy Brockman, Vickie Burch, Judy Dennis, Stephanie Foster, Paulette Foster, Debbie Gallman, Tonya Gartin, Sandra Gregory, Glenda Jennings,

Joyce Johnson, Barbara Lust, Janice Moore, Marca Morris, Vicki Morris, Debbie Nickels, Mandi Seaton, Jana St. Clair, Terry Thomas and Debbie Weir.

Deon and Desirae will be married January 10, 2004 and will make their home in the Lazbuddie community.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The senior citizens are looking forward to an exciting new year. The new grant by the Mayer Foundation will enable the center to begin construction on the kitchen area, which will include electrical, plumbing, cabinets and installing the new kitchen equipment.

January's calendar includes the following:

Thurs., Jan. 8 — The Big Pot Luck Lunch — home cookin' at it's best! Muleshoe home health will be at the center for screenings, etc.

Sat., Jan. 10 — 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Music Makers will be tuning up again, call Larry Martin at 925-6612. Bring a musical instrument and join the jam session. Visitors welcome.

Thurs., Jan. 15 — Community-wide stew and chile with all the trimmings — including homemade desserts. Come dine and see the center.

Thurs., Jan 22 — Health Fair. Come for a check-up.

December was a good month at the senior center with over 400 attending the

various events and activities. A bake sale fund-raiser was held and the seniors rang the bells for the Salvation Army kettles, receiving half of the proceeds.

Donations made to the center as honorariums or memorials will be acknowledged. Some chose to give a gift to the center in lieu of Christmas gifts and those so honored received a special letter from the center. This can be utilized in lieu of a gift for any occasion — wedding, anniversary, Valentine's Day, birthday or any occasion that one chooses and can be mailed to: Bailey County

Senior Citizens, Inc., P.O. Box 292, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. A letter of appreciation from the center will be sent to those making a donation.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell will be host and hostess for January's game time beginning Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Of course, games are available also on Wednesday and Thursday, plus exercise equipment, the library, quilting, handwork and just visiting. The coffee pot is always on. Wednesdays and Thursday's hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ladies' group to sponsor seminar

The JennySlippers will be sponsoring the Annual Financial Aid Seminar Monday, January 26, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Representatives from local universities, colleges, financial institutions, state educational agencies, and the military will be in attendance. The evening will begin with a discussion of the financial aid process followed by short presentations by each school/agency. After that, parents and students can visit individually with the representatives at their tables.

The financial aid application forms, applications for school enrollment, a handout on the application process, scholarship information and a list of resources including books and Internet sites for financial aid will be available.

The seminar is targeted to juniors, seniors, and their parents and anyone interested in pursuing a college education.

These Resolutions Are Worth Making

I confessed to my congregation last Sunday that I am terribly poor at keeping New Year's resolutions. Hmm. They didn't seem surprised.

New Year's resolutions may be okay, but they are more or less connected to people, and people are human, and human resolve is a very weak and fickle thing.

But God is not weak or

IV. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will live life in color and with joy.*

Jesus endured the cross because of the "joy set before him." His joy can be ours!

Read Hebrews 12:2-3.

V. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, whenever in my relationships I face a choice between cold-hearted law and warm-hearted grace, I will always choose grace.*

Don't worry that folks will get out of hand without your criticism. Alas, the world will always have more than enough law folks to go around. Be a grace person!

Read Matthew 9:13.

VI. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will be consumed with love for people and not sidetracked by love of things.*

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

VII. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will learn to be a more faithful steward of God's gifts and God's blessings.*

Read James 1:17-18.

VIII. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will focus on what I do have and don't deserve and not on what I don't have and think I do deserve.*

Read Hebrews 13:5.

IX. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will laugh more, smile more, and enjoy more.*

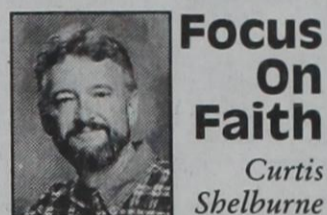
Read Philippians 4:4.

X. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will with every breath thank God for the gift of life.*

Read John 10:10.

With God as your helper, have a great 2004!

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



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

fickle, and I'd like to point you to some resolutions that God himself would be pleased to empower in our lives if we really want them to become the reality of our lives.

Here goes:

I. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will focus on God as my helper. This is the key!*

Read Philippians 2:13.

II. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will focus on relationship and not on religion. That's what Jesus did, you know. (And it will make God, God's people, and a good church more a part of your life and not less.)*

Read Mark 2:27-28.

III. *With God as my helper, I resolve that in 2004, I will work smarter, not longer.*

Thank God for your job, but don't think that more hours at work means a higher quality of work. Rest some!

Read Colossians 3:23-24.

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BIRTH

HERNANDEZ

Angel Hernandez, Jr. and Tisha Marquez of Earth announce the birth of a son, Angelino Diezel Hernandez, III, born at 2:40 p.m., December 29, 2003 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Angel and Maria Hernandez of Olton and Pat Marquez of Minnesota and Steve Haberer of Michigan. Great-grandfather is John Haberer of Earth. Great-great-grandparents are Irene Free and Juanita Ortiz of Earth.

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Mules suffer defeat in Caprock Tournament

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules opened the 32-team Caprock Holiday Tournament against the 5-A Lubbock Monterey Plainsmen. The Plainsmen outlasted the Mules 46-41 in the opening round game.

The Lubbock Cooper Pirates knocked the Mules out of the consolation bracket. The Mules may have had their worst shooting performance of the season against the Pirates and the Pirates cashed in and blew past the Mules 54-35.

The Frenship Tigers did not treat the Mules much better in a guaranteed game as the Mules shooting woes continued. Frenship pounded the Mules 74-53 in the final game for both teams.

"We missed a couple of layups and some costly free throws against Monterey," said Mule coach Ralph Mason. "The kids played well today, we just missed

some shots at bad times. The Mules played Monterey to a 7-7 dead heat in the first period but fell behind 25-18 at intermission. The Mules cut the Plainsmen lead to only three points in the third period as Landon Sheets drained a pair of 3-pointers and Tatom Heathington dropped in a trey from the corner.

Ln. Sheets set the scoring pace for the Mules with 17 points and Brady Black added eight. Sterling Via dropped in six points, Heathington three and Chris Kindle, Trevor Turnbow and Tyler Sheets made tow points a piece and Kory Atwood chipped in one.

District opponent Cooper Pirates took advantage of the Mules shooting woes and quickly jumped out to a 15-8 lead in the first eight minutes. Black kept the Mules hopes alive by scoring 10 of his game high 12

points in the first two periods.

The Pirates hit three times from behind the arc to increase their advantage to 28-19 at the intermission. The third period was all Cooper as they outscored the Mules 16-4. The Mules chipped two off the Pirate's lead in the final frame with Turnbow and Layne Sheets each dropping in 3-pointers.

Black led the Mules with 12 points, Via added eight and Turnbow dropped in seven. Kindle and Ly. Sheets each had three points and Ln. Sheets chipped in two for the Mules.

The Frenship Tigers seemed to live on the free throw line in the guaranteed third game. The Mules stayed close to the Tigers in the first period with thievery. Ly. Sheets and Kindle both picked the Tiger's pocket and drove for layups to keep the Mules close at 9-7.

The Tigers exploded for 26 points in the second quarter with 13 of the points coming from the charity stripe. The Mules trailed 35-18 at intermission. Black and Kindle fueled the Mules offense as they chipped three off the Tiger's lead in the third period.

The Tigers went to the line 15 times in the final eight minutes, while the Mules only had five trips. Frenship outscored the Mules 24-17 in the final period.

Ln. Sheets paced the Mules with 15 points, Kindle had 12 and Black added 11. Via dropped in six points, Ty. Sheets, Atwood and Daniel Campolla each had two points. Heathington, Ly. Sheets and Turnbow each chipped in a point for the Mules.

The Mules returned to their home floor January 2 and dropped their opening game of the New Year to the Denver City Mustangs 73-65. Ln. Sheets led the mules against the Mustang with 18 points and Black scored 16 in the paint.

Via added eight, Campolla six and Ty. Sheets and Turnbow dropped in five points each. Atwood had four points; Heathington, two and Kindle chipped in one for the Mules. The Mules traveled to Friona January 6 and return home Friday for their final non-district game with the Portales Rams.

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NURSING HOME NEWS

Everyone at Park View had the merriest of Christmases and trust everyone else did too. May God's best blessings continue in 2004!

Saturday morning, Buster Kittrell came to cut the men's hair.

Iris Clements and Delphine Gruda directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon.

Each Sunday morning, the Muleshoe Church of Christ directs a Communion service. Buster Kittrell or Harold Burge teach the Bible study each Sunday morning.

Jearl James, Michael Dean, Donnie Johnson, and Herman and Janis Morrison directed the Cowboy Church service Sunday afternoon.

Grace Plyler's daughter, Wanda Kittrell, and Grace's granddaughters visited her Monday.

Clifton Finley's children, Nelda and Neil, gave him a surprise Christmas dinner at his house over the weekend. Mr. Finley's friends as well as his family attended the holiday event.

Dakota Pitcock and her little dog friend, Topper, came to visit the residents Monday afternoon. After Topper visited up and down the halls, he performed his tricks for the residents in the day room. Dakota and Topper plan to come back and visit Saturday afternoon.

Herb Ramage delivered quarters for bingo Saturday.

Sharon Dale visited her mother, Vada Alexander, Monday evening.

Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a praise and music devotional for the residents Tuesday morning.

Pat Clark, Beverly Wagon, Dolores Garrett, Mary Jo Burge, Beckye Conklin and Dianne Brown shampooed and set the ladies hair Tuesday afternoon.

Happy January Birthday to George Mitchell (Dec. 21); Howard Awbrey (Dec.

23); Iva Littlefield and Hubert Elliott (Dec. 29).

The January birthday party is scheduled for Thursday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Harold and Mary Jo Burge, and Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and doughnuts to the residents. Harold read words of wisdom to the group. Bill Saxton, Eva Nell Dale and Buster directed the devotional and "singspiration" time.

The residents and staff celebrated the countdown to the new year in the dining room Wednesday afternoon. Party horns and confetti filled the room as the balloon fell at 12:00 a.m. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served to all the residents and staff.

Lora and Chris Smith, Tim Smith and Lida Onica visited Iva Littlefield Christmas Eve. Kimberly and Guy Nickels also visited her.

Lucille Harp visited Mary Johnson.

Dorothy Turner visited Alta Gore.

Rose and Walt Sain ate dinner with Nan Gatlin Christmas day.

Laticia Cunningham visited her grandmother, Kathrine Rogers, recently.

Sandi Chitwood, Pamela Miller and Donna Green brought children Christmas caroling during the holidays.

Summer Lowe, Brianna Long, Skyler Smith and Cassidy Lowe visited the residents, especially Jewel Perry, Monday afternoon.

Christmas day, Nacho and Susie Perez, Gerry and Jan Pierce, Samantha and Callie Sterling, Nachito Perez and Gig and Amanda Pierce visited Jim Kee.

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Lady Mules defeated by Coronado in finals

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

Thirty-one teams entered the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock Monday December 29 and by Wednesday evening only the Lady Mules and the Lubbock Coronado Lady Mustangs remained.

The Lady Mustangs had to many fresh legs for the Lady Mules to try to keep corralled. Coronado outran the Lady Mules 67-45 in the finals. Sara Benham shared MVP honors with Kim Lloyd and Tiffany Hardwell of Coronado and Tori Barton was named as one of eight All-Tournament players.

The Lady Mules disposed of the Pampa Lady Harvesters in the opening round 43-34 and arrested the Perryton Rangerettes 60-31 in an early Tuesday morning affair. The Lubbock Monterey Lady Plainsmen fell to the Lady Mules Tuesday evening 41-35.

The semifinals matched the lady Mules and the Lady Eagles of Seagraves for the third time this season. The Lady Mules advanced to the finals with a 60-55 win in overtime.

Both Pampa and the Lady Mules appeared to be weighed down by too much Christmas turkey in the opening half. Pampa led the Lady Mules 18-17 at the intermission. The Lady Harvesters opened the second half with back-to-back 3-pointers.

With less than two minutes left in the third period, the Lady Mules changed to a 1-2-2 trapping half court press. The added pressure quickly paid dividends for the Lady Mules as they finished the period by converting five charity tosses.

The Lady Mules continued to turn up the heat in the final frame and outscored the Lady Harvesters 14-9. Benham led the Lady Mules with 17 points and Barton added nine. Kelsi Friskup and Lindsey Wood each added six points, Brandi Wood had four and Carpenter made a one for the Lady Mules.

The Perryton Rangerettes may have thought their two previous playoff victories would hold the Lady Mules in check. The Lady Mules brought their game to the gym and outscored the Rangerettes 9-4 in the opening period.

Ashley Gutierrez set the defensive tone in the second frame by staying close to the ball handler for a five count and forces a Perryton turnover.

Gutierrez, Barton and Carpenter each hit from behind the arc as the Lady Mules opened a 28-8 half-time lead.

The Rangerettes trimmed three points from the Lady Mules lead in the third frame but the Lady Mules revved up their scoring in the final period to outrace Perryton 21-9. Barton set the scoring pace with 17 points, Friskup added 11 and L. Wood dropped in 10.

Benham and Gutierrez each had six points, B. Wood had four and Amber Cowart and Carpenter made three points each.

"We played really well in an early morning game and hopefully got rid of that Perryton mystique in the process," said Lady Mule coach Shana Simms. "The kids really brought their whole game this morning and everybody got in on the fun."

Monterey knocked the Lady Mules out of the winner's bracket in 2002 Caprock Tournament but could not repeat last years feat. L. Wood nailed two treys and Cowart and Barton each drained 3-pointers in the opening frame as the Lady Mules took a 16-10 advantage into the second period.

The Lady Mules defense locked up the Monterey's offense and only allowed them 14 points in the first half while putting 26 on the board. The Lady Plainsmen chipped away six points in the second half but could not climb out of the hole the Lady Mules had put them in during the first half.

Benham led the Lady Mules with 14 points and Barton and L. Wood each added eight. Cowart dropped in five and Gutierrez, Friskup and Carpenter each added two points.

The Lady Mules and Seagraves had split in their first two meetings and played the rubber match in the semifinals at nine in the morning. It almost seemed as if every shot the Griffin girls put up went in during the first half.

The Lady Mules trailed by 10 after the first eight minutes and grew to a 12-point deficit by the intermission. Carpenter dove on the floor for a loose ball with just under three minutes left in the third period.

Darice Griffin stepped on Carpenter's back with one foot and on her arm with the other. Griffin lost her balance and as she was falling and drove Carpenter's face into the floor with her knee.

Carpenter needed stitches in her lower lip and had suffered a slight concussion. Carpenter's gutsy play seemed to inspire the Lady Mules despite trailing 40-27 with just under tow minutes left in the third quarter.

Benham made two char-

ity tosses to end the period with the Lady Mules down 40-29. The Lady Mules exploded for 23 points in the final frame with Benham canning 12 of her game high 24 points. Two of Benham's points came on charity tosses as Darr. Griffin picked up her fourth foul.

Friskup stood her ground on defense and took a charge from Darr. Griffin that put her on the bench to stay. Barton drained a trey from the corner at the 3:35 mark to cut the lead to 47-42.

Barton repeated the 3-point shot with Darchelle Griffin in her face to knot the game at 50-50 with 15 ticks on the clock. Barton fouled Dar. Griffin near midcourt with 11 seconds remaining.

Dar. Griffin dropped in both free throws to give the Lady Eagles the advantage. L. Wood had provided scoring leadership in the first three periods by sinking threes from unbelievable distances.

But on the final trip down the floor, she launched a pass down the lane to Benham from midcourt. Benham kissed the ball off the glass to send the game to overtime.

"The determined look on Benham's face let me know it did not matter where Lindsey (Wood) threw the ball, she was going after it and score," said Simms. "But Lindsey's pass was perfect and Sara had plenty of time to score."

"Once we got to overtime, I knew the game was ours," concluded Simms.

In the final four minutes, the Lady Mules dominated and outscored the Lady Eagles 8-3. Benham had two buckets in the paint and Friskup and Gutierrez iced the game with two free throws each.

In addition to Benham's 24 points, L. Wood dropped in 11 and Barton had nine. Friskup added seven points; Gutierrez, five; Carpenter, three and B. Wood had one for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mule defense held Darr. Griffin to 13 points in the game and only two in the second half while her sister Dar. Griffin had 14 in the game and none in the overtime.

The game took a lot out of both teams as neither team showed well in their final outing of the tourney. Shallowater defeated Seagraves for third place after being knocked out of the championship game by Coronado.

Coronado had 15 sets of legs while the Lady Mules only had eight. Carpenter was released to play just moments before the contest began. The Lady Mustangs ran out to an 18-9 lead in the first period. The Lady Mules trimmed Coronado's advantage to 29-23 at the half.

The Lady Mules tanks were completed dry in the second half. Benham set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 14 points, Friskup added nine and Gutierrez dropped in seven. L. Wood had five points; Barton, four; B. Wood, three; Carpenter, two; and Cowart had one for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules started the New Year by defending their home floor against the Denver City Fillies 61-41. Benham set the pace with 22 points and Barton made 14. Friskup added eight; B. Wood, six; Carpenter, five; Cowart, four and L. Wood, two.

The Lady Mules travel to Friona, January 6 and begin their defense of the district championship when the Lubbock Cooper Lady Pirates comes to town January 9.

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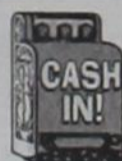
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The Park View staff and residents would like to express their sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who helped decorate the facility for the holidays and for collecting

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New employees of the Hospital District are Amy Wolfe, Park View; Veronica Eubanks, Park View; Frances Elisonda, Park View; Anselma Reyes,

Park View; and Maria Mendoza, Park View. The hospital's new employees are Isabel Esparza and Brandi Whalin. The Farwell Clinic's new admissions and billing clerk is Eva Herrera.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load.

Dec. 27 — Mary P. Chappell, Jorge J. Faudoa, Casimiro Muñiz, Walter Stephens, Carmen D. Vega and Norma L. Venegas.

Dec. 28 — Mary P. Chappell, Jorge J. Faudoa,

Casimiro Muñiz, Walter Stephens, Carmen D. Vega and Norma L. Venegas.

Dec. 29 — Mary P. Chappell, Jorge J. Faudoa, Casimiro Muñiz, Walter Stephens, Carmen D. Vega and Norma L. Venegas.

Dec. 30 — Angelino Hernandez, Luis Juarez,

Tisha D. Marquez, Matt M. Moseley, Casimiro Muñiz, Walter Stephens, Carmen D. Vega and Norma L. Venegas.

Dec. 31 — Astrid I. DeLaCruz, Anastacio Hernandez, Angelino Hernandez III, Luis Juarez, Tisha D. Marquez, Matt M. Moseley, Casimiro Muñiz,

Mable Riegel, Walter Stephens, Carmen D. Vega and Norma L. Venegas.

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OBITUARIES

GLADYS HARDAGE

Services were held Saturday, January 3, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Farwell for Gladys Hardage, 88, of Farwell. Rev. Randy Mullin officiated. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell.

Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe handled arrangements.

Mrs. Hardage died Sunday, December 29, 2003 in Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

She was born May 18, 1915 in Alba Wood County, Texas. She married Hardy Windbourn Hardage in Clovis, December 16, 1933. He preceded her in death in October 1977.

Mrs. Hardage moved to Parmer County from Clauch, N.M. in 1929. She was a homemaker, a member of the First Baptist Church of Farwell, past member of the auxiliary of the Farwell Convalescent Center, past president of Farwell Study Club, past president of the Oklahoma Lane Home Demonstration Club and a member of the senior adult board of Llanos Altos Camp in Floydada.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

KENNETH WILLIAMS

Services were held Thursday, January 1, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Morton for Kenneth Williams, 59, of Morton. Rev. Dan Carter officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mr. Williams died Monday, December 29, 2003 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born January 14, 1944 in Cooper, Texas. He married Darlene Roddy on March 9, 1963.

He moved to Cochran County in 1948 from East Texas. He was a 1963 graduate of Morton High School. He attended South Plains College, earning a real estate license degree. He was of the Christian faith, being saved April 15, 2003. He

was a past member of the Morton Volunteer Fire Department and past officer of the Morton Country Club. He loved to teach young people to snow and water ski. He was a Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball coach for 13 years. He was a farmer and a rancher.

He is survived by his wife; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard Williams and Cristy and Roddy Loy Williams and Cammie, all of Morton; a daughter, Kenley Ann Williams of Lubbock; three sisters, Anne Lester of Pecan Gap, Linda Westergren of Weimer and Melba Jo Early of La Porte; two brothers, Rhodney Williams of Austin and Bill Williams of Silver City, N.M.; and grandchildren, Kyle, Cristyn, Sara and Seth.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Williams, and a niece, Kacy Roddy Alvarez.

The family suggests memorials be made to Alcoves Care Facilities, 2301 FM 597, Morton, Texas 79346.

MARION HODGE

Services were held Monday, January 5, 2004 at the First Baptist Church of Springlake for Marion Hodge, 85, of Earth. Rev. Glenn Harlin of Springlake officiated. Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Hodge died Thursday, January 1, 2004 in the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born March 18, 1918 in Los Angeles, Calif. She married Billy Homer Hodge in Yuma, Ariz., on January 19, 1946.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Springlake. She had lived in Earth since 1949 moving from California. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Hodge is survived by her husband; two daughters, Dianne Hill and Annette Scheller, both of Earth; four grandchildren, LeShea Mason, Tami Ferrell, Jarod Hill and Brook Bottleman; and three great-grandchildren, Logan and Ashton Mason and Haley Ferrell.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 159, Springlake, Texas 79082.

ANNA MAE BEARDEN

Services are pending for Anna Mae Bearden, 94, of Fort Worth, who passed away Friday, January 2, 2004.

Greenwood Funeral Home of Fort Worth will handle arrangements.

Mrs. Bearden was born August 5, 1909 in Waurika, Okla. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Bearden, February 18, 1985 and a granddaughter, Kay Yeary.

She is survived by a daughter, Doris Jean Yeary of Lubbock; two sons, Don Warren Bearden of Springfield, Mo., and Keith E. Bearden of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren, Brenda Prestegard of Seabrook, Russell Yeary of Midland, Terri Cornwell of Cypress, Debbi Henry of Irving, Lane Bearden of Fair Grove, Mo., Kevin Bearden of North Richland Hills and Glenn Bearden of Benbrook; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

VIRGINIA CONDE DELEON

Services were held Monday, January 5, 2004 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Virginia Conde DeLeon, 98, of Muleshoe. Rev. Joe Augustine officiated. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. DeLeon was born October 6, 1905 in Yorktown, Texas. She died Friday, January 2, 2004 in Muleshoe.

She married Antonio Garza DeLeon in Goliad, Texas on October 10, 1925. He preceded her in death February 21, 1984.

Mrs. DeLeon had lived in Muleshoe since 1954, moving from Mercedes, Texas. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe and was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Hernandez and Andrea Jaramillo, both of Muleshoe; 27 grandchil-

dren, 50 great-grandchildren and 35 great-great-grandchildren.

CLEO GREGORY

Graveside services were held Monday, January 5, 2004 at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery for Cleo Gregory, 83, of Roundrock, Texas and formerly of Farwell and the Muleshoe area. Rev. Jonette Gay, pastor of the Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church of Farwell, officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Gregory was born February 8, 1920 in Runnels County, Texas. She died

Thursday, January 1, 2004 in the Roundrock Medical Center.

She moved to Bailey County in 1944 from Seminole and then to Roundrock in 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church of Farwell since 1949.

She is survived by two sons, Larry Gregory of Farwell and Randy Gregory of Gurnee, Ill.; a daughter, Rita Joy Norrod of Roundrock; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a sister, Dorothy Hood of Farwell.



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