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MISD to host state education commissioner

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Texas Commissioner of Education, Dr. Shirley Neeley, is scheduled to visit Muleshoe Independent School District on Jan. 5, according to Superintendent Gene Sheets.

"We're excited that she's coming to Muleshoe," Sheets said during Monday's meeting of the MISD board of Education.

Dr. Neeley's visit is the result of the concerns about TAKS tests that were raised in a meeting with Texas State Board of Education member Bob Craig by MISD representatives and which Craig raised at the next state school board meeting.

When the meeting with Craig was discussed at MISD's Nov. 14 board

meeting, Sheets said he'd received a telephone call from Dr. Neeley, whom Sheets said agreed with many of the concerns the Muleshoe teachers and administrators raised with stage board member Craig. According to the superintendent, Neeley will be touring Muleshoe's campuses and meeting with local educators to discuss their concerns about TAKS-related issues in greater

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Public hearing set for Jan. 23



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Time to tour the town!

If you haven't taken time to tour Muleshoe and enjoy the Christmas lights, there is still plenty of time left to load up the kids and check out the lights. Pictured above is a

residence on West Ave. J, just one of many residential light displays that are available for viewing through the generosity of Muleshoe residents.

City council rejects Atmos rate increase

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council joined with numerous other Texas communities during Thursday's regular meeting by passing a resolution in opposition to Atmos Energy Corporation's proposed

GRIP rate increase.

"This resolution will dismiss the request," City Manager David Brunson said during his explanation of the action prior to the council's vote.

Brunson said attorney Geoffrey Gay, who is representing the Steering

Committee of Cities served by Atmos recommended passage of the dismissal resolution, restating facts the city manager noted at the time the issue was initially raised before the city council a couple of months ago including the fact that the items Atmos intended to fund with the customer surcharge didn't have anything to do with infrastructure improvements — such as the replacement of office furnishings and microwave ovens — as the energy corporation claimed.

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Journal office closed Friday

The Muleshoe Journal will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, to allow its staff time to prepare for the upcoming Christmas holiday. It will reopen Monday, Dec. 26.

Business After Hours

Carolyn's Christmas Creations hosted members of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Thursday for December's Business After Hours gathering. Pictured above, some of the guests stop by the refreshment table to sample the egg nog and Christmas goodies before touring the business and visiting with the other chamber members in attendance.

MAHD to focus on recruitment

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Directors authorized CEO Ray Mason to contract with a physician recruitment company during Thursday's regular meeting.

"We've got to focus on getting a doctor here," Mason said, adding that not having a sufficient number of doctors on hand was costing the hospital district money.

Mason said he had already spoken to Dr. Bruce Purdy, whom Mason said agreed with the need, adding that Purdy said he, Dr. Kyle Sheets and Dr. Claborn needed some relief in emergency room coverage.

According to Mason, the recruitment company would

recruited.

"I'm all for it," board member Ronnie Dent said. "We're going to go with it," Mason concluded. "We've got to."

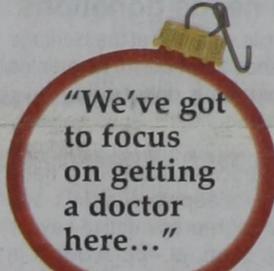
Other business conducted by the MAHD board included:

- Approval of the minutes from the Nov. 17 meeting with corrections.

- Approval of Dent's motion to table action on workman compensation insurance. It was noted by board president Mike Miller prior to the vote that the hospital district currently doesn't have a physician certified for workers' compensation cases. Reportedly, many doctors don't wish to pursue such certification because of the

initially cost about \$6,000, with a monthly cost of up to \$2,000, and a final cost of \$18,000 at completion. Mason said there wouldn't be a charge in the event the hospital district was able to recruit a doctor on its own. "This way, we'll have a company focusing on Muleshoe period," Mason said. He noted that it would benefit the district if two additional physicians, probably mid-level practitioners, were

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April's Christmas Doll

By Larry Thornton
Part 4

Even as Mrs. Bea spoke, elves were buckling the last straps of Rudolph's harness into place while Santa gave final instructions to Percy.

"We're well behind schedule," Santa said as he heaved himself up into the sleigh driver's seat. "There's no telling when or where I'll find Morris in Chicago, and I can only pray that Mrs. Bea is with him. If she isn't, we'll have to readjust our schedule even more. The important thing right now is that all the toys — except for the lists Mrs. Bea will have to update — be completed by the time I return."

Percy nodded his head solemnly. "They will be," he promised.

Santa smiled in appreciation of his chief assistant's extra efforts and waved farewell. "Stand clear," he called out as he shook the reins to make sure they were free.

With a slap of the reins against the backs of the reindeer, Santa cried, "We're off!" as the sleigh surged forward.

For a quarter of a mile, the sleigh raced across the frozen ground, then just as it appeared the trip was to be made by land, Rudolph stepped a little higher than before. Instead of returning to the polar ice and snow, this time the lead reindeer's

cloven hooves found purchase in the air itself. The other reindeer and the sleigh quickly followed.

With a sure pull on the left rein, Santa turned the sleigh team toward Chicago. "On Thunder... on Lightning..." he called out of habit. Within

seconds, they were picking up speed, and continued until they were just a flash of light across the sky.

By the time the little fugitives had reached Chicago's Central Park, April was shivering from the northern Illinois temperature. In her rush to free the young elf, she'd left her coat on a chair in the police station, and now she was suffering for her forgetfulness.

Morris wrapped an arm around her trying to share some of the magical warmth which protected Santa's elves from the freezing climate of the North Pole without much success. "We've got to get you to

shelter," he said. "Mrs. Bea, can you help her?"

"No, this is beyond what magic I have," the doll said.

The trio continued walking, their heads braced against the north winds which rustled the trees in the park. Although a few people in the park turned to watch them pass, no one approached.

Morris had already discounted any assistance he might have received from the wind shortly after leaving the police station. To travel by wind would require he leave both Mrs. Bea and the little girl April behind.

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Give It A Thought

Christ's birth is the reason for the season. It's a time for forgiving and giving thanks. And a time for family and friends to get together and share love and remembrances and doing good for others. Have a blessed, loving Christmas. I hope you have a healthy and happy New Year.

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MISD Class of 1986

The Muleshoe Class of 1986 will be holding an organizational meeting for its 20th class reunion on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 6:30 p.m., at Leal's. Class members who are interested in helping are asked to attend. For more information, contact Laurey (Grant) Riney at 806-285-7785.

Advent services set at 16th & D

On weekdays, Dec. 12-23, at 10 a.m. each day, Curtis Shelburne and the 16th & D Church of Christ invite anyone interested to share in some daily (and brief) times of Advent prayer and devotion.

Shelburne will lead each day in a brief time of devotional scripture reading and prayer designed to help prepare hearts for Christ's coming and remind Christians of what they are about to celebrate.

For centuries the season of Advent has been celebrated by many Christians as the first "season" of the Christian calendar.

"As Christians from many backgrounds work to keep the focus of Christmas on Christ, there is perhaps particular wisdom in having such a time as this leading up to Christmas to help 'prepare the way of the Lord' into our hearts as we approach the wonderful celebration of Christ's birth," Shelburne said. "Anyone interested is invited to join in these 'Advent Prayers and Devotions'—whether you can come once or twice or every day during the season!"

These devotions and prayers will take place in the sanctuary of the 16th & D Church of Christ each weekday at 10 a.m.

Candlelight service planned

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be conducting a candlelight service on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. FUMC is located at 507 W. Second. The public is invited to attend.

Salvation Army bell ringers

Salvation Army bell ringers will be located at Lowe's Marketplace on West American Boulevard, according to Debbie Crabtree of the Bailey County Office on Aging. Proceeds collected by the bell ringers remain in Bailey County. Crabtree also noted that Lowe's has apple and pumpkin pies available for \$5 each, proceeds of which go to Meals on Wheels.

AA meeting

Those looking for help with problem drinking can do so at open AA meetings being held at 7 p.m. each Friday at the First United Methodist Church, at 507 W. 2nd, Muleshoe. Please use the west side entrance. For information about these meetings or AA in general call 806-965-2870

Financial seminar

First Baptist Church will be hosting Financial Peace University, a Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar, beginning Jan. 29. Orientation dates are Jan. 15 and 17 at 6 p.m., and classes start on Jan. 29 at 5 p.m. This is a 13-week study. Child care will be provided.

For more information or to reserve your seats call Tadd and Annie Young at 272-5883 or the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe's office at 272-4224, or contact Dave Ramsey at www.daveramsey.com

EMT classes to be offered

Bailey County EMS will be holding EMT-B classes beginning Jan. 23, 2006. Students must be registered by Jan. 13. For more information contact Chris Thompson at 272-4390.

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Bring donations to the thrift shop, at 402 S. Main in Muleshoe, Friday or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All proceeds from The Heritage Thrift Shop benefit the Muleshoe Heritage Center on West American Boulevard.

Class of 1991 reunion

The Muleshoe High School Class of 1991 is planning a reunion, and is seeking contact information about classmates. To post information, go to www.mhs1991.myevent.com.



AMBER FULLER

Fuller receives her masters

Amber Fuller received her masters degree in early childhood development on Dec. 10 at Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock Christian University.

Amber and her husband Shane Fuller teach at Muleshoe High School.

She is the daughter of Jennifer Gresham and the granddaughter of Gene and Helen Templeton, all of Earth.

Bailey County offices closing

The Bailey County Tax Assessor's Office will be closing Thursday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m., for the Christmas holidays.

Other offices in the courthouse will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 22.

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MAHD board meeting... Continued from page 1

additional paperwork such cases require.

- Voting not to change the hospital district's bank depository. CEO Mason recommended the board not change its depository. He explained that the differences in the bids received from local banks were very small and said a change during the district's switch to status as a critical access hospital could delay a federal deposit and cause the district financial problems.

- Noted that a meeting was planned with the City of Muleshoe and the Muleshoe Independent School District concerning new voting system requirements. If the hospital district doesn't purchase its own voting machines, it will be required to borrow or lease such machines from another

public entity.

- Received a report from Mason concerning the proposal the hospital district received from representatives of South Plains College to set aside educational space at the hospital at last month's regular meeting.

Mason said the options were still being looked at, and that if accepted would need to be in place by January 2007. "This is a great project," Mason said. "We just need to figure out how to do it."

- Discussed the district's collection policy and procedure, during which Mason said, "I've got money walking out the door every day."

Most of this discussion concerned the use of the emergency room by "non-paying" patients who have

been allowed to leave in the past without making arrangements to pay for the services they've received.

"We going to do something about it," Mason said. "We're going to come up with a plan, and we're going to implement it."

The hospital administrator explained that emergency services couldn't be denied, but said at the very least emergency room staff would be arranging for the patients to get back in touch with the business office.

- Discussed a rural health clinic, during which board president Miller said, "I don't want to quit rural health."

Miller said he'd spoken with Jim Wurts of Covenant, who felt that at some time MAHD would have to consider building a clinic that would house all of the doctors. Such a building would qualify as a rural health clinic and would be eligible for Medicaid reimbursements almost triple the current level.

"We're not going to get this unless we pursue it," Miller said, adding that it might need to be a regular agenda item in the future.

Dent suggested that a committee, including members of the community, need to be appointed to pursue the issue.

"For the hospital to grow, we're going to have to do it," Dent said.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that one physician the district was trying to recruit decided to take a position in Castro County because there was a rural health clinic at Dimmitt.

"We need to do something now," Miller said prior to appointing Dent as chairman of the committee and authorizing him to recruit the members he needed.

City Council... Continued from page 1

In the package presented to the city council, Gay listed the following deficiencies in the application filed by Atmos' with the Texas Railroad Commission.

- Inadequate customer notification.

- Language that is inconsistent with the statute authorizing such applications and which makes it difficult for an individual to calculate his or her tariff rate.

- Problems with the application's ability to comply with the statute concerning the "vintage of projects included in the infrastructure and rate adjustment calculations.

- Failure to take to restrict its facts to those contained in the last rate case's final order.

Also, Brunson said Atmos is willing to meet with representatives of the municipal coalition opposing the application, but only if

the coalition agrees to meet with the corporation without the coalition's attorneys being present.

In other business, the city council:

- Appointed the position of the city manager as a representative of the Muleshoe South Plains Center Advisory Committee.

- Approved the minutes from its Nov. 14 meeting.

- Acknowledged that municipal employee Jesse Carrion was recently certified as a Class C wastewater operator.

- Acknowledged Zanea Carpenter for the work she's been doing setting up a program for the city to accept credit and debit cards for utility payments and municipal court payments.

Initially scheduled for Monday, Dec. 12, the council meeting was postponed until Dec. 14 for lack of a quorum.



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Mr. Williams just recently moved back to Muleshoe after spending several years in Denton as a heavy equipment (tractor) dealer. He attended school in Sudan and was also a farmer in and around Muleshoe "in the good old days." Mr. Williams plans to share his good fortune with his family and feels his grandchildren will make "quick work" of the \$1,000 Mulebucks.

Gedonne is the father of Greg Williams and Cheryl Puckett, both of Muleshoe, and Kevin Williams of Lubbock. He is in the process of moving his self-employed equipment sales business to Muleshoe because "there's nothing better than coming home." Gedonne is proud to be back in West Texas, saying "it's sure good to be back among great country folk - a place where people will wave at you and care what you're doing!" He believes there aren't better people in the world than the people of the Plains and West Texas.

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Hospital Report

The Muleshoe Area Medical Center recently released the following list of admissions:

Dec. 12 — Dott Parker, Virgil Tritsch, Thomas Ballard and Margarito Hernandez.

Dec. 13 — Chuck Fabela, Johnny King, Earl Talkington, Sherry Jenkins, Jack Rennels and Adian Chapman.

Dec. 14 — Camilo Espinoza, Maria Toscano, Trisa Wentz and Adam Corburn.

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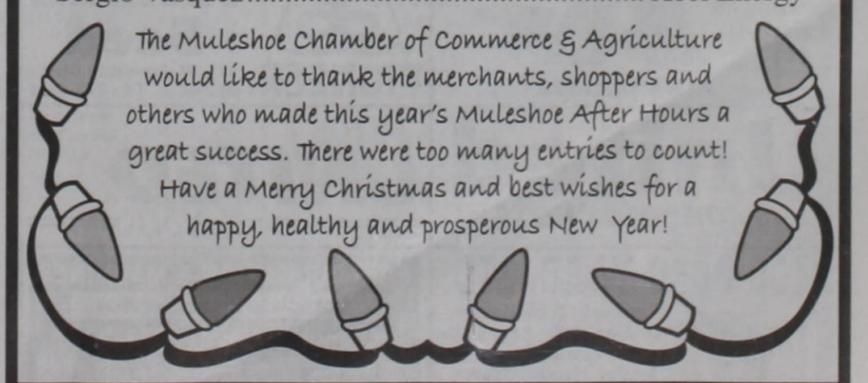


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Obituaries

Artie Lewis

Funeral services for Artie Frances "Jack" Lewis, 100, of Hale Center, were held Saturday, Dec. 17, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Meacham, the Rev. Carroll Green and Silas Short officiating. Burial followed in Parklawn Memorial Park of Plainview.

Lewis was born on April 29, 1905, in Hill County. She died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, in Dimmitt.

She attended schools in Florence Hill and Duncanville and married Bernie W. Lewis on Oct. 20, 1923. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hale Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband — Bernie Lewis, and two



ARTIE FRANCES "JACK" LEWIS granddaughters.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law — Bob and Ann Lewis of Fairfax, Va.; two daughters and sons-in-law — Nina and Bob Landers of Muleshoe and Barbara and Ray Bain of Dimmitt; five grandchildren 13 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be sent to Hale Center Senior Citizens, Box 205, Hale Center, TX 79041, or the First Baptist Church, Box 396, Hale Center, TX 79041.

Linda Flores

A funeral service for Linda Flores, 21, of Muleshoe was held Friday, Dec. 16, at Richland Hills Baptist Church of Muleshoe with ministers Patrick Quick, Tracy Quick and minister Shewmake officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery.

Flores died on Dec. 13, 2005. She was born to Jesus Mendoza Mon Aug. 8, 1984, in Gallup, N.M., and married Manuel Flores on Feb. 14, 2003, in Muleshoe.

Flores was a homemaker, a former jailer with the Bailey County Sheriff's Department, and a member of Victory Church.

Survivors include her husband — Manuel; and a brother — Chris Mendoza of Ralls

Estelle Pierce

A graveside service for Estelle Pierce, 71, of Willcox, Ariz., will be held Friday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m., at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted at the Willcox Church of Christ, where she was a member, on Dec. 21.

Pierce died Dec. 18. She was born on Nov. 28, 1934, in Clovis N.M., and married Leroy Pierce on May 29, 1953.

She was preceded in

Dorothy Green

A chapel service for Dorothy Green, 92, was conducted in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, Dec. 20, with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

Green died on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, in Glen Rose. She was born on Sept. 21, 1913, in Wheatley, Ark. She married Dr. L.T. Green on Feb. 27, 1935, in Little Rock, Ark.

She and her husband opened the Green Hospital Clinic, which was later sold and renamed West Plains Hospital and Clinic. Dr. Green died on March 29, 1963.

Green was a member the Muleshoe Study Club, the Bailey County Advisory Board. She was a member and the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe and the Women's Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by two daughters — Joan Wood of Wichita Falls and Marilyn Corn of Granbury; two sons — L.T. of Green of Flagstaff,

death by her parents — Walter and Florence Ramm, and a brother — Albert Ramm.

Survivors include her husband — Leroy Pierce of Willcox; a son and daughter-in-law — Mike and Lynda Pierce of Austin; a daughter and son-in-law — Lisa and Ross Young of Chandler, Ariz.; two sisters — Lynn Cleveland and Lucille Loudermilk, both of Clovis, N.M.; and five grandchildren.



DOROTHY GREEN

Ariz., and Dr. Lawrence Green of Nampa, Idaho; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to the Muleshoe Area Medical Center Auxiliary, 708 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Ivor Lake

Funeral services for Ivor A. Lake, 81, of Muleshoe were held Friday, Dec. 16, at Memorial Park Cemetery East Mausoleum Chapel.

Ivor died Dec. 14, 2005. He was born in Eagle City, Okla., on Aug. 10, 1924.

Ivor was a veteran of the WWII landing on the beach of Anzio in northern Africa and fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He served as an ordained minister in the Church of The Nazarene from 1956 until 1987.

He is survived by his wife — Naoma; three daughters — Neva Gray, Leatha McDonald and Clarissa Griego; a son — Keith Lake; a sister — Verlene



IVOR A. LAKE

Randolph; two brothers — Norman Lake and Elver Lake; 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren.

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Sports

Lady Mules dominate the Dimmitt Bobbies... again

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

An old basketball adage states it is "very difficult" to defeat a team three times during a season. Nothing was ever mentioned about the fourth meeting of the same two teams.

The Lady Mules continued their domination of the Bobbies of Dimmitt Tuesday night by defeating them 44-31 for the fourth time this year.

Chelsi Hawkins made her season debut for the Lady Mules in Morton as they scalped the Maidens 71-32. The Lady Mule defense ran the Maidens ragged and when their tanks were low the Lady Mules turned up the heat.

Dimmitt jumped out to a quick start and opened a 4-0 lead before Ashlie Dickson drove the lane and dished to Brandi Wood. B. Wood was hammered on the shot and converted both free throws to break the Bobbie run.

B. Wood drained a trey from the wing to end the period with the Lady Mules trailing 6-5. The Bobbies ticked off two early buckets to open the second period



Ashley Dickson shoots during the game against Dimmitt.

and lead the Lady Mules 10-5.

Kasey Wood ended the Bobbie run with a pair of charity tosses after being fouled driving the lane. B. Wood dropped in an eight-foot jumper and then spotted K. Wood cutting to the hoop and delivered her the ball.

K. Wood made the lay-up to put the Lady Mules on top to stay with four minutes left in the first half. K. Wood dropped in a trey from the corner as the half ticked away. Kate Lepard followed suit but had a toe on the line to keep the Lady Mules in front 16-15 at the break.

K. Wood opened the second half with a trey from the top of the key to inspire the Lady Mules. Lepard hit from the elbow and B. Wood canned a 3-pointer. Kyra Kimbrough used a pump fake to get herself open for a drive down the lane as the Lady Mules opened a 27-15

advantage.

Dimmitt interrupted the Lady Mule run with an old fashion three-point play for the only Bobbie points of the period. K. Wood cut through the defense on a drive down the baseline for a bucket with five seconds left.

Cholov Hernandez picked off the Bobbie inbound pass at the free throw line and immediately put the ball up to beat the buzzer and end the period with the Lady Mules leading 31-18.

The Lady Mules matched Dimmitt basket for basket in the final period to hang on to the win.

B. Wood and K. Wood made 12 points each and Kimbrough dropped in seven for the Lady Mules. Lepard added six points, Hernandez made four and Dickson chipped in three in the final period.

B. Wood exploded for 11 of the Lady Mules 15 first period points in Morton Friday night. Dickson made a charity toss and added a trey as the Lady Mules opened a 15-7 lead. The second frame was a foul fest as the Lady Mules rained 3-pointers on the Maidens 3-

K. Wood hit two 3-pointers in the second period. B. Wood and Amberlee Steinbock had one trey each. The Lady Mules out scored Morton 23-9 in the frame and led 38-19 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules did not back off in the second half and out ran the Maidens 11-7 in the third period and as the Maidens ran short on gas in the final quarter the Lady Mules heated up the score board with 22 points.

B. Wood led the Lady Mules with two treys and 25 points and Dickson had a 3-pointer and made 12. K. Wood found the range from the arc for three treys and 11 points, Lepard had a trey and nine points and Kimbrough added five.

Hernandez dropped in four in the final frame; Steinbock hit a trey for three points and Chelsi Hawkins chipped in two.

The Lady Mules hosted the Hereford Whitefaces Tuesday night and then take a short Christmas break. They will work off their Christmas turkey in the Lubbock Caprock Holiday Tournament Dec. 29-31.

JV Bobbies defeats Mulsehoe's ladies

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The J. V. Lady Mules owned a 21-16 advantage over the Dimmitt Bobbies Tuesday night at the half. The Bobbies used a 15-5 third period to jump in front on the Lady Mules and then hung on to defeat the Lady Mules 42-38.

The Lady Mules used a monster first half to hammer the Maidens of Morton 46-29. The Lady Mules out scored Morton 18-8 in the first frame and extended their lead to 31-12 at the half.

Cecilia Reyna opened the second half with a free throw before Dimmitt went on a 9-2 run. Kelsey Tipps briefly interrupted the run with a bucket in the lane. Morgan Smith broke to the goal and Amy Withrow got her the ball for the bucket.

Dimmitt finished the frame with a six-point run to lead the Lady Mules 31-26 with eight minutes left to play.

Gabby Agundis began the final period with a pair of charity tosses. After that the Lady Mules struggled at the line and only made two of their next six opportunities. Dimmitt opened an 11 point advantage before Tipps scored inside.

Reyna made back to back drives for lay-ups as the clock wound down and Ashlie Grumbles hit a short jumper.

Reyna led the Lady Mules with nine points and Smith and Tipps each added eight. Agundis made six points, Janae Pyle had four, Grumbles two and Withrow chipped in one.

Morton was no match for the Lady Mules with Reyna setting the scoring pace with

10 points. Withrow dropped in nine points, Agundis and Pyle each made eight and Smith added four.

Caitlyn Wills added three points, Grumbles two and Heather Barker and Ashlie

Scolley chipped in one each.

The Lady Mules hosted the Hereford Whitefaces Tuesday night and then take off for Christmas. The Lady Mules will return to the hardwood Jan. 3 in Friona.

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Sports

Bobcats defeat the Mules in overtime

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules lost a heart breaker to the Dimmitt Bobcats Tuesday night. The Mules led Dimmitt 39-25 with eight minutes to play. The Bobcats came back in the final frame to out score the Mules 19-5 and take the game to overtime.

The Mules could not keep up in the extra four minutes and Dimmitt took home a 58-54 win. Graduation took the heart out of the Morton Indian basketball team with the Johnson boys moving on to college ball.

The Mules took out their frustrations on the Indians Friday night in a 70-52 run away.

Neither the Mules nor Dimmitt showed much fire power in the opening frame as they battled to a 10-10 deadlock. Brady Black and Arsenio Geter scored four each in the opening frame as the Mules controlled the interior.

Trevor Turnbow found the range from behind the arc in the second period and nailed three treys. Geter made six points in the lane as the Mules opened a 25-20 lead at the half.

The Mules seemed to have the game in hand in the third period as Turnbow poured in two more from 3-point land and Geter popped out for a trey. Brant Hamilton added three charity tosses after being fouled shooting from behind the arc.

The Bobcats erased the 14-point deficit in the final eight minutes by out scoring the Mules 19-5 to force an overtime period. Momentum



Mule Arsenio Geter shoots during the game against Dimmitt.

had joined the Dimmitt squad for the extra minutes. Dimmitt posted 14 in the overtime while the Mules could only get 10 to fall.

Turnbow hit six treys to lead the Mules with 22 points and Geter made 19. Hamilton added five points, Black had four and Garrett Riley and Myles James chipped in two each.

The Mules seemed determined not to allow history repeat its self in Morton on Friday as they opened a 19-9 lead in the first period. Turnbow opened the game with a trey from the corner.

Black scored three buckets in a row with strong moves to the bucket in the lane. Cory Wallace nailed a three from

the wing as the period came to a close.

The Mules began to hit on all cylinders in the second frame.

Myles James spun in the lane to crank the Mules and Turnbow drove from the wing to push the Mule lead to 23-12. Morton scored back to back buckets before Hamilton drained a trey. Black made a quick move in the lane to make it a 30-20 game.

Black felt the double team on the Mule's next possession and found Turnbow open behind the arc. Turnbow hit the 3-ball with four minutes left in the half. Riley stuck back a rebound and then scored on an in bound play.

Turnbow chipped in an

eight foot jumper before Geter completed a three-point play after being fouled on a put back. Geter felt the double team and dished to Eric Washington for the easy deuce.

Geter grabbed a defensive rebound and drove across center court before firing Wallace the ball at the hoop. Wallace dropped the biscuit in the basket just as time expired in the half with the Mules leading 46-29.

Morton trimmed three off the Mule lead in the third frame as the Mules seemed to have trouble getting started in the second half. The Mules led 56-42 going into the final eight minutes.

Geter made back to back 3-pointers in the final frame and Riley dropped inside to post up his smaller defender for a pair of buckets. The Mules out scored the Indians 14-10 in the last period.

Turnbow set the scoring pace with three treys and 20 points and Black dropped in 13. Geter made 11 points, Riley 10 and Hamilton had seven. Wallace added five points and James and Washington chipped in two each.

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JV Mules fall in overtime battle

The J. V. Mules jumped out to an early lead on Dimmitt but the Bobcats came roaring back in the second period to take a 37-32 lead at the intermission. The Mules worked their way back in the second half and to force overtime.

Dimmitt out scored the Mules 10-9 in the extra period to take the win 74-73. The Mules worked off their frustrations Friday night in Morton against the Indians. The Mules staked out the Indians 54-31.

Patrick Precure dropped in a trey and added a bucket early in the opening period as the Mules jumped in front of the Dimmitt. Cade Smith made a pair of charity tosses and Dusty Clayton scored a bucket.

T. J. Brantley scored in the lane early and then missed a pair of free throws but dropped

in two charity tosses as the period wound down. Colby Carpenter wove his way through the defense on a break. The Mules led 15-11 at the first quarter break.

Precure drained his second trey of the game to open the second frame. Dimmitt countered with a four-point play to begin to cut into the Mule lead. Smith kicked the ball out to the Clayton in the corner.

Clayton sank the 3-pointer to keep the Mules in front 22-18 before Dimmitt went on a 9-1 run and claim a 27-23 lead. Brantley canned a pair from the line and then picked off a Bobcat pass.

Brantley pushed the ball ahead to Elias Alvarado running on the break to tie the game at 27-27. Dimmitt converted a free throw and scored a bucket. Precure dropped in his third trey of the

night to retie the game.

Brantley turned in the lane and sank a baby hook to keep the game tied. Dimmitt scored the final five points of the half to take a 37-32 advantage at the half.

The Mules cut the Bobcat lead to three in the third period with Precure knocking down his fourth trey and bucket. Brantley exploded for seven in the frame.

The Mules made a strong run at Dimmitt in the final period to catch the Bobcats. In the overtime Carpenter made a 3-pointer and Julio Bustillos added a pair of buckets but the Mules fell a point short.

Brantley led the Mules with 22 points and Precure made 18. Carpenter dropped in 11 points and Smith had eight. Alvarado and Clayton made five apiece and Bustillos chipped in four.



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The eighth annual Volunteer Community Christmas Ministry Dinner, held Monday Dec. 5, at the First United Methodist Church and coordinated by Jay Messenger and Cliff Black was a huge success with more than 400 Muleshoe and Bailey County residents and volunteers being served.



Pictured above are some of the FUMC members who volunteered to help at the dinner honoring local volunteers. Pictured on the right, a few of the honored guests feast on the turkey, dressing and other holiday fare served.

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detail. In other business, the school board:

- Called a public hearing for Jan. 23, at noon, concerning the school district's need to request a waiver to start next school year on Aug. 15, 2006.

The superintendent explained that state law now requires school to begin on Aug. 21 unless such a waiver is filed.

- Were told that Sheets would be meeting with MWMArchitects during the

Christmas break to view some preliminary drawings. Discussed the recent Texas court ruling concerning the legislature's public school funding.

Sheets said the ruling wasn't as "definitive" as school district's would have preferred, but said it was "mostly a victory for public schools."

Flores memorial fund set up

A memorial fund for Linda Flores, who died Dec. 13, has been established at Muleshoe State Bank to help with the cost of her funeral.



Nursing Home News

Peggy Dent directed the craft class Thursday. The residents created some beautiful pine cone ornaments.

Friday, W.T. and Pat Watson presented a steel guitar and piano concert. The Watsons played the residents' favorite songs as they sang along.

Sunday afternoon, the 16th & D Church of Christ came for church services. The group sang with the people in the day room as well as Marie Lane, Pauline Chappell, Erma Templer, Nathan Bremmer, in their rooms.

Monday night, Jinks Meyers and Bill and Alice Liles, Lewis Wayne Shafer and Dianne Brown provided transportation to and from the annual Christmas Ministry Dinner at the First United Methodist Church. Residents who attended were Mollie Johnston, Gladys Wright, Cathy Wilson, Allience Lasiter, G.R. Lasiter, Marlin and Loma Mosley and Louise Agee.

Cathy Wilson celebrated her birthday, going out for lunch with her family and spending the day visiting.

Arnold Prater attended the dinner at the First United Methodist Church with his wife Pat, Monday night.

Clara Lou Jones addressed Christmas cards for activities in her home last week.

Bobbie Harrison donated Christmas cards and stamps for mailing to the residents.

Katie Rubenick was visited by Missy Royal Tuesday evening.

A group of residents went on a "jingle bell parade"

Tuesday morning, touring Park view to see the Christmas decorations. Mrs. Lewis lead the parade as she rang jingle bells. Mrs. Salinas, Mollie Johnston, Cathy Wilson, Ruby Clark, Gladys Wilson and Alliene Lasiter all went on the tour.

Pat Wilson, Dolores Garrett, Eva Nell Dale, Billie Mason, Josie Ovalle and Mary Jo Burge came Tuesday afternoon to give our ladies fresh hair-dos. Beverly Wagnon came by for a visit and treated us to one of her tasty fresh-baked cakes. Billie Mason brought cookies, too. Joyeline Costen visited Park view Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Costen is working hard on the Christmas Card Project.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and donuts to the residents Wednesday morning. Following coffee time, Buster, and James and Ann Sinclair directed a special Christmas service with the grand finale being a candle lighted while "Silent Night" was played and sang.

At this writing Mrs. Owens, Earl Talkington have been hospitalized at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Please, remember them and their families in your prayers.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the friends of Virgie Perry.

Jackie Scoggins and Glenda Jennings directed a sing-a-long Wednesday afternoon.

We at Park View are really enjoying the Christmas holidays. We are thankful for all of you for making it a special time.



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love Beto

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good ples bring me a duncker
Love Donovan

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. pleas bring me a Barbie magic of pegasis and a fashn kit.
Love Hailey

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. Pleas bring me I want the polar express DvD and video Thank you! Santa
Love Rachael

Dear Santa,
I love you. I wut a drtbire in a mario party7
Love Justin

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. Please bring me Barbie
Love Brittney

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. Please bring me Brats stilieng hed. Thank you Santa.
Love Cambiee

Dear Santa,
I love you. Have been so good. Please bring me a motor scooter. Thank you Santa.
Love Antonio.

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. Please bring me two nintindo 64.
Thank you Santa
Love Kamron

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good Please bring mr ruroff a plaistashin and a duriblee
Love Mario

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been so good Please bring me pupy dog toy. Thank you Santa
Love Marilyn

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have ben so good. Please bring me a game boy and a laego Thomas set and the polar express
Love Gage

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. Please bring me a bible and a gameboy
Love Nikolas

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. please briung me a bike Thank you Santa
Love Joniah

Dear Santa,
I love you ples breeng me a Achinfintr thank

Dear Santa,
please bring me 2 babys ans bunk beds ans Olove you so much Santa please tell misse clase hie. Thake you.
Love Brylee

Dear Santa,
can you please bring me a gameboy advance and a spiderman game and a green power ranger.
Your friend Reese

Dear Santa,
Please, brieg a computer and a

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Game Cube.

Love Ezra
Dear Santa,
please bring me a ESPN station and a goldfish and a ncles for my Mom and boots for my Dad and a computer and a tv and a cuputercher
Love Dagen

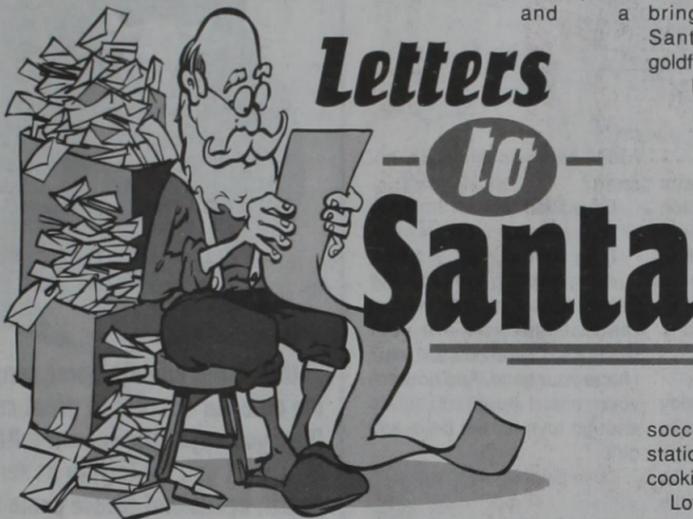
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a hamster. Dear Santa please bring me a hermit crab. Dear Santa please bring me a gamebox Dea Santa please bring me a goldfish
Love Rolando

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer and a trampoline and Batman Begins movie and ESPN Station a Porwang sop gun and a toy of rocets
Love Enrique

Dear Santa,
Please bring a fotball, soccerball, hamster, ESPN station, Gameboy, Milk and cookies are on the table.
Love Timothy

Mrs. Mardis' First Grade, Dillman can't thick. Lucy

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a rowbatick dog and I'm sorry I
Dear Santa,
I want a laptop computer



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you love you
me Barbie
Love Damian

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been good bring me a Barbie pj and a Barbie computer
Love Samantha

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. Please bring me Tak21 and Mario Party7 Thank you Santa
Love Blake

Mrs. Scott's First Grade, Dillman
Dear Santa,
I wish for a shot block, game cube radio, robo pet
Love Dominik

Dear Santa,
Please will you bring me a Barbie and a hermit crab I love you very much
Love Amelia

Dear Santa,
Plese bring Amazing Amanda and computer and a Barbie
Love Abigail

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Amazing Amanda doll
Love Faith

gamebox and a Barbie I love you.
Love Crystal

Dear Santa,
Please Bring me Batman Begins toy and movie and a doll for my sister Basketball and a bat and ball Mickes twice a upon a christmas
Love Mykayl

Dear Santa,
would you bring me a basketball ans a hamster. I love you Santa
Love Reagan

Dear Santa,
can you please bring a Barbie goldfish hermit crab hamster bunk beds
Love Kennedy

Dear Santa,
Plea bring me a gameboy and a new shoes ans a ESPN station and a gold fish and a street football
Love Eric

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boots t-shirt I wish that met him 100 dollars slash make picture of you zebrus Shaddiah

Dear Santa, I want a microwave and a picture of you and a picture of your reindeers 100 dollars and a Brats and a pack of mackup Felicity

Dear Santa, T want roudof easy baker even I want a pack of mugkfor Santa Savannah

Dear Santa, Wil you gif me almksiko i luf satu klus Ashton

Dear Santa, I want a motorcycle dollars 100 Aron

Dear Santa, I want 100 dollars thank for the presents from last year trampoline and roodoff pooh bear and books slushy maker Eril

Dear Santa, I wish you will come here today and show your reindeer to me? I love you Dustyn

Dear Santa, Thanks for the presents from last year. I want a trampoline and a book of roodoff and a toy roodoff pooh bear and a t-shirt of roodoff and 100 dollars and ice cream maker and a candy came maker and easy baker and boots and a picture of you. Abriana

Dear Santa, 100 dollars Po Werran ger boots microwave bicture Lerang

Dear Santa, I want a power ranger 100 dollars and pair of boots and motorcycle and books t-shirt Adrian

Dear Santa, Laptop computer I want to see dog I love your friend I love Dear Sants I love reindeer Francillo

Dear Santa, I love you so much. I want your autograph and please. and I want a laptop computer 100 dollars you are happy. I love roodfhg and you. So so so! Much merry Christmas. Love Lauren

Dear Santa, I love you . Pooh bear. easy baker. t-shirt. Elmo. books. 100 dollars. boots. your autograph. Microwave. by santa Ill see you on Christmas. Kyan

Dear Santa, I love you. I went a t-shirt. I went boots. I went a cowgirl hat. I went tow DvD players for the car. I went clothes for my dolls. I went autograph. I went a ice cream maker I love you Santa Crystal

Dear Santa, I love you Santa. I love roodfhg I want a slushy maker Gabriel

Mrs. Glover's First Grade, Dillman Dear Santa, I want a forwiler and a star wurs voischanger Love Dustin

Dear Santa, I want Dallis Cowboys klows and a new bick and a Dallis Cowboys helmit and a Dallis Cowboys hat and a rill one of your raindirs Love Jason

Dear Santa, I want a Bratz for Christmas cose thay ar cool. Dear Santa how ar your randirs. Dear Santas I want a cu cole x chen for crismis and a boom box for crismis to the end Love Mercedes

Dear Santa, For Christmas I word like a robot radio and a cd and a nuw game how are your reindeer? Love Carlos

Dear Santa, I wot a reinder and his mane is r u do lgh Love Aaron

Dear Santa, I wot for Christmas a nouthr play stay shon game and I wont to see rudolph and I wont a spider-mam 3 moove and a pet. Love Jary

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would likeez stuff horses, an I pod, a trampulin, a robot dog, a robot

radio, a t.v. for my room Santa I rilly want that Barbee taptop and how are your raindeer? They are good I hope. And Santa I want a CD and new ear rings Love Jessie

Dear Santa, can you bring me a teddy bear and one of your deer to ride it to school and a sleigh so he can pull me to bring me to the north pole and a doodle bob and dcs and a cd player and how your deer are doing and your wife and you are doing Love Leticia

Dear Santa, for christmas I wat makup set anda toy. I wat to no how you and Mrs. clause are doweg in the north pole. I wot to toc to

rudof can you shine in my room? Love Sabrina

Dear Santa, can you bring me a doodle bear. And a stuf animal randeat and how are your randears . O and how are you? I hope your good. And how are yourr elfs. I hope you made enough toys for the boys and girls. Love Sydnie

Dear Santa, for Christmas I would like 1. A real horse 2. 10 Horse books. 3. One of your reindeer. 4. All the makeup. 5. A made 6. A.T.V. for my room 7. ice machine in my room. 8. water in my room. 9. some horse toys. 10. Some pritty rocks. 11. A cd player. Love Emily

Dear Santa, I ned a tv for christmas. I no you would be to bese by if you coude I woud like a puppy Love Jayden

Dear Santa, I want a real lite saver and how are your reindeer? How

are you. Happy new year. Love Tyler

Dear Santa, can you bring me a boom box. A radio. And a Bratz doll. And a Doodle bear. And a pink and purple bike and a Barbie car. And a water bottle. And



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some christmas books.
Love Sadie

Dear Santa,
I like your elves and your toys and you and your reindeer and rudolph I like you so much that you lat like these HO HO HO and you say merry christmas
Love Trey

Dear Santa,
I wish for a slave and a deer and a dof lifesaver and i like you how are you elfs I hope you have a naf toys for the kids I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love Jesse

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I wont to have a radeo for christmas and a spungBoB Gaym and the vedio so I would no how to play it.
Love Mireya

Mrs. Berry's First Grade, Dillman

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year for Christmas. I would lie to have clothes. I hope you are having a good year. I will leave you a snack.
Love Marisol

Dear Santa,
I have beeyee good this year for chrstmas I woulb like to have a x-box I hope you are having a good year I will leave yay a snack
Love Jeremiah

Dear Santa,
I have been good thi your For Christmas I would like a watch. I hope you are having a good year. I will leave you a snack.
Love Brandy

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmis. I would lie to hve a swing wt I hope you are having a good year. I will leave you a snack
Love Christopher

Dear Santa
I have been good this year for christmas, I would like to have a core Bears I hope you are having good year I will leave you a snack
Love Samantha

Dear Santa
I have been good This year. For Christmas, I would like to have a skate board TRAILER go car x-box truk withy speakers watch toy frog I hope you are having a good year. I wil leave you a snack
Love Mario

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. For Christmas, I would like to have a motorcycle game I hope you are having a good year I will leave you a snack
Love Austin

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. For Christmas, I would like to have a doll and a car I hope you are having a good year I will leave you a snack.
Love Edith

Dear Santa
I have been Good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a Golf cart and a new bike And a Boll. I hope you are having a good time.
Love Kalli

Dear Santa
I have been good this year For Christmas I ould lie to have a Barbie computer. I hope you are having a good year I will leave you a snack
Love Maddie

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. For Christmas I speakers I hopeakers u will a snack
Love Marco

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. I would lie to hay a new per of chaps and sum mor cowboy shrt's and sum mor pers of cowboy pants and a lethr hat and new sprs? I hop you are having a good year. I will leave you a snack.
Love Ethan

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. For christmas, I would like to have a Pegasus I hope you are having a good year. I will leave you a snak.
Love Victoria

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. For christmas. I would like to have a dirt bike. I hope you are having a good year. I will leave you a snack
Love Marcus

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. For christmas I would to to have a trampoline I hope you are having a good year. I will leave you a snack
Love Brittany

Dear Santa
I have been good this year For Christmas I would like to have a trailer. I hope you are having a good year I will leave you a snack
Love Diego

Dear Santa
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like to I he
Love Billy

Debbie LoveLady's First Grade, Dillman

Dear Santa
I want a brby for my. Mi budrs want a foopor, mi mom raiant a nux us mi dad want a srt
Love Daisy

Dear Santa
Oisna I wont mackup and oi bi mackup Oh and ar Int for my muckup and a nPlpdisw and a roudyo and a babey.
Love Eva

Dear Santa
I want rudolp. I wnat a papit. Merry Christmas Santa
Love Kaitlyn

Dear Santa
I woat a baby. I oat a lettle cat. My brotheat woats a cat. My mom woats a eluf'c. My dad woats a hat. My Gramo bea woat a cat my Grapo woats a pupp my cusins woats a baby cat
Love Libby



Dear Santa
bami for crisms can yr uel s by mee con minfrespre sit the
Love Malachi

Dear Santa
how are you I wil lef you milk and kuse I am tlus are can you breg me a ps2 and a x-box
Love Marcus and Santa I love you

Dear Santa
I wish for a dog for Christmas. Merry Christmas. HO HO HO. I want a big ring for mu mom.
Love Gabby

Dear Santa claus
Are the elved doeing o k? I wod lik chirlee brown mofees. And lisse mquir stof.
Love Lyndsey

Dear Santa
I wanta girle dog sio I culed have baby pupes
Love D-LiLiah

Dear Santa
I want a reindeer and a rabtt and a toys and a blok and a bog and a bock anda ball and a number
Love Natalie

Dear Santa
I want a car for Christmas and a bedgeogame for christmas and a x-box for christmas anda nijuloy for christmas
Love Freddy

Dear Santa claus
I want is a dog for Christmas. I want a ball for Christmas I want dolls for Christmas I want a tabl for Chrishmas
Love Ashley

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll for Christmas is a dog for Christmas. And a ball for Christmas and a tabol for Christmas
Love Alex

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good girl.

Please bring me a ring color blue to wear it to sow to my cusen. Please bring me a radio so I can hear music so I could play when it is Christmas. Please bring me a CD of Diane Reyes Montes so I could show it to my neighbor. Please bring cloths si I could wear it to church. Please bring my mom tv. Please bring my dad pants for Christmas. Please bring my sister the doll that dances. Santa, I will leave some chocolate chip cookies and cold milk for you.
Yanette

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good boy. Please bring me a JoHn cena toy so I can play with my Friends. Please bring me a Bautista toy to play with my brother. Please being my mom and dad money because they work for me. Please bring me Game boy go me of WW Raw game so me and all my friends so we can play it. Please bring me Ghost books so I can read them. Please bring me socks so I can wear them to school. Please bring me an x-box so I can play with it. Please bring me a Trampoline so me and

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my sister can play on it. Santa, I will leave some cookies and cold milk for you.
Love You!

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good girl. Will you please bring me a dollhouse. Will you please bring me a Bratz and a Bratzhouse? Will you please bring me a dog like m.s. alanis Buffy? Can you bring my sister some clothes? Can you bring my dad a watch? Please bring my Mother some clothes. Will you bring me a pair of shoes. Will you bring me skait? Will you bring me Bratz twens. Will you bring me a Stela luna's book. Will you bring me a basketball goat? Will you bring me a red soccer ball? Will you bring me socks. Santa I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
Love Monica

Dear Santa
Como estas esta Navidad? Yo me e Portado bauy bien. Yo quiero que me traigas una computadora, tambien una Bratz, tambien unos pantine, y unas tenis. Para mi hedrmmano carros, y x-box, y mama una taminlo, y papa un carro, es todo lo que te pido. Gracias Por todo lo que me trajites.
Love Lupita

Dear Santa
como estas estas navidad! Yo me e portado muy bien. Querido Santa Closs, por favor me trai un libro de leer de las casa del Arbol #7 #8 #4 #1, Un par de tenis azules, y una computarada laptops dell pa mi papa. Una himisina negra de Bratz para mi hermena, \$400 dolares para mi mama, la coleccion bionecle la aranas los munecos como el mio armable pero los otras, y el castillo. Y el juego crash mandicud Timoten Nintendo Game cube. Por favor traime la que pedi To do esto lo pedi para esta Navidad estar Feliz con todo my Lamillia y yo tambien. Le voy a dejar galletas
Love Josue

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good boy. Please bring me a soccer so I can play with my brother. And I want sum pants for my Dad. Please Santa will you bring me son yu-gi-oh cards maybe 1,000 please. I love you santa. Will you bring me some pokemon cards. mabe 2,000. Will you bring my manna a DVD. I love you and something else some books of Junie b. Jones. I Love you Santa. I will leave some cookes and cold milk for you.
Love Miguel

Dear Santa
how are you this season? I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a limo that is black wiht a TV inside Bring me a little baby Bratz and clothes for me and my sister, And for my mom and dad , bring mom a car and dad some tools. Bring me brother some little cars so he cud play with dem and a new scoote for my sister and broder. For me a dog. Santa I will leve some cookies and cold milk for you.
Love Arlene

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a Bratz limo with the Bratz dolls and Bratz clother. I want a Black limo and The little Bratz and a Brat swimming pool. Please bring me a Cow Girl Bratz, The twins Bratz, and The Bratz Super Party Fever Game with super styling collectible cards. I wont clothes and I will leave some cookies and cold milk.
Love Carina

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good boy. Pllease bring me a game boy and a dog like Mrs. Alanis's dog, Buffy and x-box, and a play station II. Bring me a computer and some games for the x-box. And sum DVD Movies, swimming pool. And a hummer. And 20 dollers. Please bring me books to read and some clothes. Santa I will leave some cookies and cold milk for you.
Love Anthony

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good girl. Please bring a computer so I can play games. Please bring me a stereo

so I can hear music. Bring a bike so I cam play weh my friens with my little puppies and with you too.
Love Ana

Dear Santa
Como estas esta Navidad? Mee pportado Nuy6 bien. Santa por falvor traime una computadora porque bo tengo a mi mama trailer un ovo player. Le voy a dejar galletas y teche
Love Luis

Dear Santa
how are you this season? I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a football of the Mules and if you can autograph of all the Mules. I want a baby that crys and does the bathroom. I want a Bratz bike. I want a Bratz Limo with the Bratz in side. I want you gyo cards and a soccer ball Please bring me a Big Baby Bratz. I want some colors. Anta I will leave some cookies and cold milk for you.
Love Astrid

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a Good girl pleae bring me a dol like Mrs. Alanis Buffy to play with my friends Monica. I want Astid and Monica for a friend. I want a computer a bike, and some clothes. Please Bring my mom and dad some thing. Santa, I will leave some cookies and a cold milk for you.
Love Ruby

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a dog like Mrs. Alanis's dog Buffy and a computer to play with my siter and socks to preser my feet. Please bring a present to my mom. I wont a Trampoline I like a Bratz doll. Santa, I will leave some cookies and cold milk for you.
Love Lupita

Dear Santa
Como estas esta Navidad? Yo me a portade muy bien. Te voy a peidr esto, una Bratz. Que tiene Caveza y se le enseya la bansa. Tambien tiene manos, tene tatuas y tien pintura con brillo, e bratz se yaman
Love Mltzy

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a very good boy. Please bring me a football of the Mules and if they can autograph it. Could you bring me a play station II so I could play on it. And could you bring me a soccer ball so I can play with my friends.

Please bring my mam a cell phone and my dad a play station II and some games Please bring my broder Bratz a toy tru7ck Santa I will leave some cookies and cold milk for you.
Love Gerardo

Dear Santa
How are you this season? I have been a good girl this year. Please will you bring me an x-box and a gameboy? Can you bring me a dollhouse, an autograph of the Muleshoe Mules autographed football, a Bratz game? Can you bring my little brother some play tools, my mom a scented candle and my dad some tools so he can fix the car. I will leave cookies and milk for you. The cookies are going to be good and hot.
Love Dayana

Ms. Reyna's First Grade
Dear Santa,
Me trais unna moto int un juego, aniyo a emana.
Jaime

Dear Santa,
Santo clos Yo te quiero y quiero un carro mediano de Barbie y quiero que se pueda manejar con un volante y que tenga un radio que se oiga y que tenga un volumen para subir el volumen.
Lupita

Dear Santa,
Te Quiero. Me puedes traer unas faldas y vestidos, pantalones. Mi mami quiere un vestido. Para papa - un pantalon. Yo he sido una buena niña.
Alicia

Dear Santa,
Quiero que me traiga a mi hermanita un sombrero pink. A mi mamá un anillo. Y a mi papá unas botas. A mi trae una moto de bateri. Yo soy un buen niño. Le espero. Gracias.
Carlos

Dear Santa,
Tengo 6 años canta como se a sentido este año? unas teleras. Jeep de dora Y una tele de las prinese y un muñeco grande. Y un juguete del barbie que esta en el Alco en la famili dolar o en dolar General. Yo quiero un muñeco grande y una tetera y un jeep de las prinese y un Huini de a poo. ¿Como se a sentido este año de trabajos?
Nallely

Dear Santa,
Quiero que me traigas una moto de barbie. tambien un celuar de juguete tambien un Bella

dance-rella. Y un vestido de barbie. Y un High dancing sky. tambien una mochila de Dora. Y quiero una Feliz navidad para "TODOS"
Leslie

Dear Santa,
Quiero que me traigas un regalo para me hermanito un carrito y a mi unas tenis o un chamarra y a hermana unas pantalones y unos tenis..
Alexandra

Dear Santa,
Yo me porto muy bien. Y tambien me hermano. Santa me regalas un bicicleta y un scooter de Barbie.
Isis

Dear Santa,
Quiero que me traigas una mona azul y un celular de Princesa. Tambien unas pinturas. Y una bicicleta. Tambien un carrito do barbie. Una mochila de Dora. y quiero una feliz navidad para "TODOS"
Karla

Dear Santa,
Apreciable Santa te quiero y he sido una niña buena y quiero una barbi y unos vestidos rosas y azules y un carro de barbis que sea rosas y estanpas rosas y azules. Munchas gracias por todas las cosas.
Vanessa

Dear Santa,
Santa clos por favor me trais ameisin Amanda y tambien una barbie. Santa clos te quiero mucho.
Ilene

Dear Santa,
Traime una motocleta ya me hermanito una bicicleta te quiero.
Cesar

Dear Santa,
Este año me he portado muy bien y me gustaria que me regales

una computadora y ropa y una Barbie. Y para mis hermanitas quisiera que les regales muchos jugetes y ropa muchas gracias santa clos.
Perlita

Dear Santa,
Te-pido un Xbx ya que me he portado bien durante todo el año. Los espero para navidad con mucha alegría. Gracias Querido Santa Trame unos Disco cach carros.
Javier

Dear Santa,
Santa clos, me trais un nintendo y uno motocicleta. Le trai un vestido a mi mamá. Ella es buena y yo tambien. Me trai otros jugetes a mi ya mi hermano.
Jonathan

Ms. Powers First Grade
Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good. Please bring me a bike. Thank you Santa.
Joniah

Dear Santa,
Ples breeng me a Achinfkr thay you love you
Damian

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been good bring me a Barbie pj and a Barbie computer.
Samantha

Dear Santa,
I love you and I have been so good . Please bring me Tak 21 and Mario Party 7. Thank you Santa.
Blake

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Heritage Board Report

Twenty-three years ago when a few area citizens and ten Muleshoe High School seniors began the uphill struggle to save the Muleshoe Santa Fe Depot, they never dreamed what would evolve from these early struggles. No place to take the depot, no money to move it and not very much interest in this project were just a few of the obstacles that had to be overcome.

Luckily these early supporters never gave up the dream, and Saturday, Dec. 3, was a testimony of what can be accomplished with perseverance and hard work.

The day began early at the Santa Fe Depot now located at the beautiful Muleshoe Heritage Center when Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrived there for "Breakfast with Santa."

The depot, which had been festively decorated by center's hostess Dolores Harvey, was the perfect backdrop for pictures with Santa when numerous children came breakfast and were entertained by elves played by Muleshoe Junior High Student Council members under sponsorship of Jo Pierson.

Later on Saturday, the lighted Muleshoe parade floats were escorted by the police down Hwy. 84 and were all placed on the civic center's parking lot. That is

all but one and that was the band and choir float from Muleshoe ISD, which arrived at the Heritage Center at 6:30 p.m.

The Heritage Center board members and interested citizens had worked diligently preparing for this special night. The Student Community Action Club members had beautifully decorated the Janes Ranch House and were there with hot cider and hot chocolate to go along with the Christmas cookies and fruitcake furnished by the center.

Promptly at 7 p.m. Heritage Board president Jim Allison standing on the lighted band float gave a ho-ho-hum and welcomed the huge crowd gathered around the float. Christmas lights on the old buildings were turned on by SCAC members as the band began a concert of Christmas music sung by members of the Junior High and High School choirs.

It was a perfect winter evening — crisp, cold (not too cold) and the stars were shining brightly. Board

members Lonnie Adrian and Gene Rogers along with Bailey County Electric and Five Area Telephone had worked hard replacing bulbs on the Christmas lights in order to have a spectacular display for the season. A special thanks to all.

Out by the open fire pit, the Muleshoe Boy Scouts served smores which added a perfect note as the old structures were explored with many guests exclaiming, "How wonderful to have such a beautiful Heritage Center," and others said, "I did not realize that there was so much out here." Dreams do come true.

At the monthly Heritage Center board meeting, held on Monday, Dec. 5, vice president Dan Throckmorton conducted the business meeting with the following board members: Ladene Spears, Vivian White, Jo Bob Stevenson, Jenne McVicker, Gary Hooten, Barbara Mutschler, Lonnie Adrian, Jean Allison and Dolores Harvey. Secretary McVicker gave the opening

prayer and the minutes of last month's meeting which were approved. Gary Hooten gave the treasurer's report which also was approved.

Ladene reported on activities of the Heritage Thrift Shop which had a successful month. She said people of the area responded generously to the request which had been made asking for donations

for the Thrift Shop. It was reported that board president Jim Allison had appeared before the Muleshoe City Council, and the council again offered its support which is greatly appreciated.

Harvey reported on activities at the center the past month noting that the center had bridge clubs, a family Thanksgiving reunion, the "Breakfast with

Santa" and the Christmas Open House. A total of 414 people signed the guest book for the month.

Other discussions covered the hiring of a Green Thumb worker, the need for extension ladders and the need for new roofs for several of the structures. Lonnie said when new roofs are put on there is a need for new Christmas lights for the buildings.



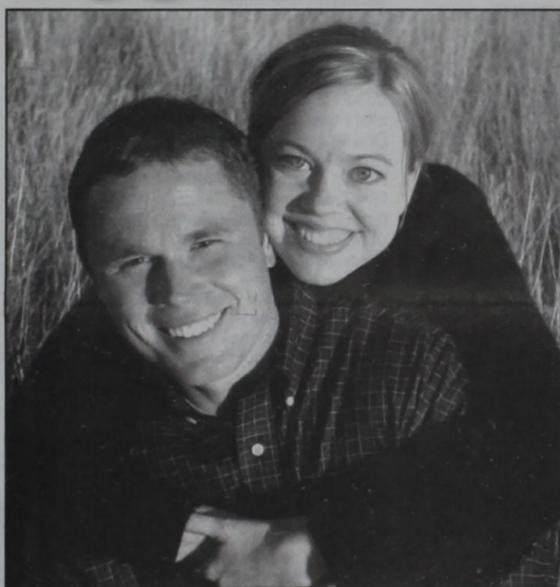
With Our Thanks At The Holidays

Another great season is in the bag, and we hope it's filled with good times for you and your family. We really appreciate your shopping with us this past year.

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Engagement



MEGAN HARLAN AND BOB HEMBREE

Harlan, Hembree engaged

Sam and Jean Harlan of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, announce the engagement of their daughter Megan Harlan to Ben Hembree of Dallas.

The prospective groom is the son of Keith and Debbie Hembree of Boerne. He is a 1996 graduate of Clark High School in San Antonio, and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor of science degree in construction science. He is employed by The Beck Group of Dallas as a construction superintendent.

The prospective bride is a 1997 graduate of Muleshoe High School, a 2005 graduate of UTHSC San Antonio Dental School. She is currently working on her orthodontic certificate and a masters at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas.

The wedding is planned for March 4, at 6:30 p.m., at First Christian Church of Lubbock, with a reception to follow at Cagle's Rafter's.

Births



WILLIAM JESSE SEAGROVES

William Seagroves

Ben and Shannon Seagroves of Muleshoe, announce the birth of their son, William Jesse Seagroves, Nov. 12, 2005 at Plains Regional Medical Center, in Clovis, N.M.

William weighed eight pounds, 9.2 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jim and Peggy Seagroves of Muleshoe, and Nero Cruz of Clayton, N.M.

Great-grandparents are Eloise Arrington of Clayton, N.M., Ruth Neal of Walsenburg, Colo., and Johnny King of Muleshoe.

Local Weather

Thurs.
Pt. Cloudy.... 64/33

Fri.
Sunny..... 67/30

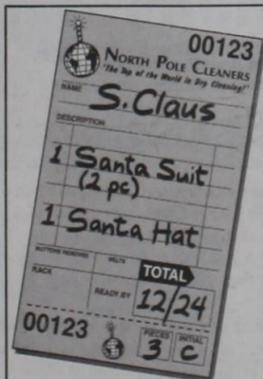
Sat.
Mt. Sunny.... 65/30

Sun.
Sunny..... 64/32

Mon.
Sunny..... 64/26

Tue.
Sunny..... 59/26

Wed.
Pt. Cloudy.... 55/23



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Plus lots of good friends and family, too...And much success in all you do.
These are the blessing of the season...And you kind friendship is the reason
That we feel blessed in every way...On this joyous holiday!
Thanks for helping to make 2005 a very successful year for us.*

Happy Holidays from Our Home to Yours!

— Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center - Park View

OUR CHRISTMAS CARD TO YOU

A
Adams, J. K. and Margaret
Agee, John David and Holley and Girls
Agee, John Neil and Sharon
Agee, Louise
Agee, Michelle and Family
Allison, Sammy
Allison, V. Jean
Angeley, R.D. "Tub" and Pat
Ashford, Ronald and Flonita

B
Bales, Doug and Anna
Barnes, Cindy L.
Barnhill, Nancy
Beaty, Betty Jo
Bell, Leah
Bellar, Justin, Laryn, Evan and Jordie
Black, Gladys W.
Black, Lou Ann
Blackman, Barbara
Bleeker, Mary Nell
Bradshaw, Lloyd and Janice
Brantley, Curby and Mary Janice
Bratcher, Charles and Tommi
Brown, Mr. & Mrs. James L.
Bruce, Billy and Norma
Bruton, Jerry and Peggie
Bryant, Alene
Bryant, Randel
Burge, Harold and Mary Jo
Burriss, Orvis, Sharon, Tessa and Morgan
Bustillos, Raquel and Venessa
Byers, James L. and Terry L.
Byrd, L. and Family

C
Cage, J.D. and Julie
Carpenter, Jeff, Zanea, Shelby,
Shayla and Shyanne
Castorena, Sylvia and Family
Clarkson, Roger and Regina
Clements, Fred and Joyce
Clements, Iris
Clifton, Steve, Amanda and Ryan
Coffman, Rev. Jeffrey L. and Judy K.
Cook, Marshall and Helen
Cortez, Fedencio and Kristy
Costen, Joe and Joyeline
Cox, Ed, Carol, Jeanne and James
Cox, Ruby L.
Crane, Mary
Crawford, Jimmie and Pauletta
Curtis, Jim and Sherry

D
Dale, Gary and Glenda

E
Ellington, Evelyn
Ellis, Frank and Sally
Engelking, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry; Jr.,
Chandra, Bethenie & Brianna Sanchez;
Brittini, Jett & Jaide Black; Jerry &
Louise Engelking

F
Field, Randall L. and Family
Finney, Bob and Barbara
Foss, Frieda
Frazier, Wannie

G
Gladden, Alvin, Gail Jayme and Jill
Gonzales, Ruben and Christine
Graves, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby
Graves, "Sunny"
Graves, Willie Mae
Groneman, Vickie R.
Gruda, Delphine

H
Hall, Wells, Janet and Family
Hamilton, Charles and Margaret
Harrison, Linda
Harrison, Mrs. Teddy
Harrison, Sherri, Shelbie and Conner
Helton, Kelly and Crystal and Family
Henry, Kenneth and Darlene
Hettinga, Pete and Melody
Holt, Ronnie and Sue

Hooten, Lary and Wanda
Hooten, Robert and Maurine
Hunt, Curtis and Lavon
Hunter, Helen
Hunter, Joyce
Hunter, Rick

J
Jarman, Gene Paul and Coralyn
Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bates

K
Killingsworth, Jerry and Laura
King, Doyle and Lela Sue
King, Terral and Amy
Kirk, Lacie and Donna
Kitchens, Bunt and Ruth, Kody, Stormy
Tristin, Ryan and Kolter

L
Lambert, Bill
Lane, Jack and Anna B.
Lane, Marie
Leal, Jessie, Irma and Laura
Leal, Victor and Family
Long, Carlin and Freda

M
McCormick, Tim
Marts, Dave and Berni
Meeves, Terry and Joy
Merriott, Lonnie and Nelda
Messenger, Jay and Sally
Metcalf, Loyce
Morris, Eddie and Gayle
Morton, Mark and Eileen
Murrah, Ada

N
Nickels, Chad, Kayla, Kennedy,
Jaegan and Mia Nickels
Nickels, Ed
Nickels, Guy and Kimberly
Nickels, Nicky and Deborah
Nickels, Trey

O
Orozco, Robert R.
Orozco, Mrs. Robert S. and Family
Ovalle, Leon and Josie

P
Parker, Alton and Elaine
Parker, Frank and Johnnie
Patel, Rakesh and Renu
Patel, Renuka
Pitcock, Jimmy, Allene and David
Powell, Alvis and Billie J.
Prather, Donald and Norma Jo
Precure, Kenneth and Marjorie
Precure, Terri
Pruitt, Jarrell and Olgaline
Puckett, Larry and Cheryl
Purcell, Bertie

R
Ramage, Herb and Betty

S
Sain, Mr. & Mrs. Walter and Family
Santos, Freddy, Sarah H. and Andrew
Saylor, Scott, Sharla, Jordan
and Hayden
Scott, Ronald and Joyce
Shaw, Eugene and Jenny, Mackenzie
Elledge
Sinclair, James and Ann
Skipworth, Jimmy and Beth
Smalling, Rama
Smith, Jeannie
Stancell, Leamon and Joy
Stone, Jack and Deb
Stovall, David
Street, Lillian and Family

T
Treider, Raymond and Charlene
Tunnell, Wayne
Turner, Dorothy

W
Watson, W.T. and Pat
Wedel, James P.
Wilhite, Delton and Nelda
Williams, Joy
Williams, Roger and Dawn
Wilson, Gladys M.
Wilson, Marilyn
Wilson, Stanley and
Patricia

Y
Yerby, Chester and Elinor
Young, Pat

Businesses

Art Loft Galleries
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Bob Stovall Printing
Bratcher Motor Supply
Bruce Inc.
Burriss Collision Center - Jackey Wayne Burriss
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Cebridge Connections
Channel 6
Dale Oil Co.
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Donut Hole
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Ellis Monuement Company
Family Hair Salon
Farwell Abstract Co., Aldridge, Aycock, Actkinson & Rutter, LLR
Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Germania Insurance - Cindy L. Barnes
Great Plains Ag Credit, FLCA
Henry Insurance Agency - Rama Smalling
Heritage House Inn
Hi-Tek Automotive - Joe Flores & Shawn Rejina
Joe's Trading Post - Buy/Sell Anything of Value
Lasting Impressions - Helen Hunter
La-Tea-Da Tea Room Employees - Bobby & Janelda
Moore and Ashley
Leal's Restaurant - Muleshoe
Leo's Blacksmith and Machine Shop
MB Express - Ramiro Ramirez and Family
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Mohawk Auto Parts
Muleshoe Abstract Co.
Muleshoe Body Shop
Muleshoe Journal
Muleshoe Pea & Bean; Tejas Spirit, Inc. -
Nickels, Nicky and Deborah Nickels; Chad,
Kayla, Kennedy, Jaegan and Mia Nickels;
Guy and Kimberly Nickels; Trey Nickels
Muleshoe State Bank
Muleshoe Tire, Inc.
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Patlo Beauty Shop
Precure Electric, Inc.
Randall L. Field, PC
Ronald Ashford Electrical, Inc.
Ronnie Holt Insurance
Sain Irrigation and Machine
Sanitary Barber Shop
Scott's Car Wash
Shipman's Body Shop, Inc.
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Thank all of you for your expressions of faith and love during the past year. Through your prayers, gifts and service, you have helped each of us at Muleshoe Area Healthcare - Park View. May God's grace & peace overflow from your lives not only at Christmas, but throughout the coming year.

Residents and Staff of Park View Nursing Home
and Joyeline Costen, Volunteer Christmas Card Project
Chairwoman

Agricultural News

Bailey County among counties designated in disaster area

Bailey County is among the Texas and New Mexico counties designated as primary natural disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Dec. 6, making all qualified farm operators eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Other Texas counties including Coryell, Garza, Hockley, Willacy, Lee, and Nacogdoches and Counties have been designated primary natural disaster areas due to losses caused by various disasters that occurred during 2005.

Bailey County was designated due to losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds and lightning that occurred on Aug. 27, 2005.

Also eligible because they are contiguous and have sustained production losses due to the same disaster conditions are Cochran, Hockley, Lamb and Parmer Counties.

Coryell County was designated due to losses

caused by excessive rain, flooding, and high winds that occurred from Aug. 8, 2005, through Aug. 10, 2005.

Also eligible because they are contiguous and have sustained production losses due to the same disaster conditions are Bell, Bosque, Hamilton, Lampasas and McLennan Counties.

Garza County was designated due to losses caused by excessive rain, hail and high winds that occurred on Aug. 27, 2005.

Also eligible because they are contiguous and have sustained production losses due to the same disaster conditions are Borden, Crosby, Dickens, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn and Scurry Counties.

Hockley County was designated due to losses caused by hail that occurred from Aug. 27, 2005, through Aug. 28, 2005.

Also eligible because they are contiguous and have sustained production losses due to the same disaster conditions are Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lamb,

Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum Counties.

Lee County was designated due to losses caused by drought that occurred from Apr. 1, 2005, and continuing.

Also eligible because they are contiguous and have sustained production losses due to the same disaster conditions are Bastrop, Burleson, Fayette, Milam, Washington and Williamson Counties. Nacogdoches County was designated due to losses caused by drought and excessive heat that occurred from March 1, 2005, and continuing.

Also eligible because they are contiguous and have sustained production losses due to the same disaster conditions are Angelina, Cherokee, Rusk, San Augustine and Shelby Counties. Willacy County was designated due to losses caused by drought and high winds that occurred from Jan. 1, 2005, and continuing.

Also eligible because they are contiguous and have

sustained production losses due to the same disaster conditions are Cameron, Hidalgo and Kenedy Counties.

The counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on Nov. 23, 2005.

All counties listed above qualify for farm operators eligible for EM loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs available, in addition to the emergency loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA has also made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Emergency Conservation Program,

Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further

information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

USDA-NRCS accepting EQIP applications for 2006

USDA cost-share funds have been released for the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Farmers and ranchers can apply for Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service to make sound decisions regarding conservation practices before planting season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern recognized by the

Local Work Group. Practices are implemented through EQIP offering cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

The Parmer county USDA Service Center will be accepting EQIP applications for 2006. The deadline for applications on 2006 EQIP funding is Feb. 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before Feb. 17, 2006 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Parmer County.

Last year EQIP funding in Parmer County totaled \$683,094.00.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Parmer County, these include soil erosion on cropland, pasture management and full erosion. Eligible conservation practices include terraces, grade stabilization structures, water and sediment control basins and prescribed grazing.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation

Districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Farwell or call (806)481-3311, ext. 3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

USDA Rural Development awards DLT grant

Bryan Daniel, state director of Texas USDA Rural Development, recently announced the selection of Region 17 Education Service Center as a recipient of the Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant program.

The DLT funds will be used to provide real-time interactive distance learning studio equipment, connectivity to educational resources outside the project area, and provide training opportunities for teachers and technicians. The project will serve 5,252 students in 19 rural sites in northwestern Texas.

"Distance learning and telemedicine systems are powerful tools for rural Texas," said Daniel. "Through technology, students and families can participate in classes not previously available to them,

and people who live in rural areas can access expanded health care options."

USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help

rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life.

For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the state office at (254) 742-9700 or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.



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WISHES, MERRY & BRIGHT

At this beautiful time of year, we'd like to send our best wishes and gratitude to all the families we've had the privilege to serve all over the area. Your trust means a lot to us and we don't take it lightly! Merry Christmas!



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Pat Young, Jennifer Taylor, Sherry Curtis & Jamie Smyer

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Health

Family fitness suggestions offered for the holidays

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

As the temperature outside continues to grow colder, it is easy to simply want to cuddle up on the couch with a warm cup of hot cocoa, snacks, and your favorite holiday movie. However, with the rising obesity levels, especially among children, staying active before, during, and after the holidays is an important part of being healthy.

A key way to help your children become healthy adults is to encourage an active lifestyle, according to Alice Kirk, Extension Program Specialist for Child Health and Wellness. Children in the United States today are less fit than they were a generation ago, and physical inactivity has become a serious problem. Americans are increasingly overweight, with the number of obese adults and overweight children doubling between the late 1970s and the early 2000s.

Both children and adults need time to improve their health through physical activity. A pattern of inactivity also known as a sedentary lifestyle, begins early in life, making the promotion of physical activity among children imperative. Research indicates that regular physical activity has significant health benefits. Even modest increases in activity levels can have health-enhancing effects, including a reduction in chronic disease such as hypertension, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and obesity.

So, what can parents do to help increase the entire family's fitness level? It's not as difficult as it seems. First and foremost, parents can be good role models. If children do not see adults in their lives taking interest in hobbies and participating in activities that promote continuous movement for 30 to 60 minutes a day, they are less likely to adopt active lifestyles.

Decreasing "screen time" for families during the holidays is another way parents can increase the family fitness level. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the average child watches about three hours of television a day. And the average child spends five hours daily on all media combined, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Choosing to turn off the television or computer and taking an outdoor family walk to see neighborhood holiday decorations or just dancing around in the family room to favorite music are two ways to keep the family moving. Take every opportunity to establish good viewing habits, and ensure that children have no more 2 hours of television and video time per day, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Parents should also encourage their kids to do a variety of activities. For children, exercise means playing and being physically active. Kids exercise in gym class, walking or playing fetch with the dog, or even play tag in and outdoors.

According to the 2005 Dietary Guidelines from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services, all children children two years and older should get 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise on most, and preferably all, days of the week, with adolescents and adults getting at least 30 minutes.

To keep kids away from the TV and off the couch, encourage games to get kids moving, and set a

positive example by joining in. What sounds like more fun, 30 minutes walking on a treadmill or 30 minutes playing and laughing with your children? As winter approaches, Kirk suggest some helpful ways to increase your family's physical activity time:

- Designate a space indoors where children can climb, jump, dance, and tumble. Let this space become the "play zone."

- Establish a weekly Dance-A-Thon night, dancing to a variety of favorite fun music from various eras.

- Create either an indoor or outdoor obstacle course of favorite games using household items (i.e., trashcan basketball, blanket volleyball, bean bag tossing, hopscotch, etc.).

- Work together in a family garden.

- Put up and take down holiday decorations outside as a family. Being active is a crucial element of health for all ages.

This year, resolve to take small steps to help your family make healthy behavior changes that will keep your family moving towards better health in the coming year.

For more information on how to become physically active or to increase your physical activity, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County Extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Bailey County offices closing Dec. 22

The Bailey County Tax Assessor's Office will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, for the Christmas holidays. Other offices in the courthouse will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 22.



As we get revved up for another holiday season, we're hoping yours runs smoothly all the way. It's been a pleasure serving you this past year.

Thanks, everyone!

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To our friends, neighbors and patrons, we extend our warm wishes for a joyous and meaningful Christmas season. We really appreciate your loyal support. God bless.

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Obituaries

Betty Jo Johnson

A church service for Betty Jo Johnson, 82, of Muleshoe is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating. Burial will follow in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Johnson died Dec. 18, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born on Sept. 12, 1923, at Afton, and married Randy Johnson on Aug. 31, 1940. He preceded her in death on Oct. 7, 2005. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Myron Pool, Jr.

Johnson was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe and a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons — Ronnie Johnson of Amarillo and Stan Johnson of Cleburne; a daughter — Ronda Johnson of Detroit, Mich.; a sister — Norma Orwin of Clovis, N.M.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 220 W. Ave. E, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

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Sports

Freshman Mules sink the Lubbock Cooper Pirates, 56-50

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshman Mules eased out to a 16-14 half time lead over the Lubbock Cooper Pirates and then exploded for 26 points in the third frame. The Mules hung on in the final frame to sink the Pirates 56-50.

Austin Wright stepped in

a Pirate passing lane to pick off a pass and pushed the ball ahead to Lane Wood racing down the floor on the break to cut the Cooper lead to 4-2. Wes Wood dropped in a free throw and Brian Poynor converted two charity tosses to give the Mules their first lead.

W. Wood finished a fast

break and Poynor added a free throw as the Mules opened an 8-4 lead. Wright stole his second pass of the period and found Poynor open on the break to give the Mules a 10-5 advantage.

Cooper drained back to back treys in the final minute to claim a one point margin

when the period ended.

Wright was fouled finishing a break to open the second frame and converted one from the line. Poynor dropped in a 15-foot baseline jumper. Dillon Gallman made his only point of the half with a free throw with under two minutes left in the half.

Cooper drained a 3-pointer to knot the game at 14-14 with seven ticks left in the half. Nathaniel Chavez worked for back side position and went up for a rebound and fired it back up while hanging in the air to beat the buzzer. The Mules led 16-14 at the intermission.

Gallman scored on and in bound play to begin the third quarter and added a charity toss after a Cooper trey. Poynor ran down the floor and L. Wood fired him the pass on the break.

Poynor connected with Wright for a fast break as the Mules opened a 25-17 advantage before Cooper dropped in another trey. L. Wood answered from behind the arc. Poynor added a pair from the line after being hammered on a put back attempt.

W. Wood and Wright dropped in back to back 3-pointers as the Mules opened a 14 point lead. Cooper made a pair of buckets before Gallman finished a break. Poynor stole a pass and Wright made the reverse lay up on the break.

Gallman converted two from the line to give the Mules a 42-26 lead going into the final quarter.

Poynor split the double team on the blocks and scored as the final period began. Cooper roared back with 24 points to try to climb back in the game. Paco Sital scored on a coast to coast drive.

Poynor led the Mules with 15 points and Gallman added 14 points. L. Wood made nine points and W. Wood and Wright had seven each. Chavez dropped in three and Sital had two for the Mules.

The freshman Mules will host the Littlefield Wildcats on Jan. 9.

Mules blow Lubbock Cooper's pirate ship 'out of the water'

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Brett Poynor fired the final shot at the Lubbock Cooper Pirates Monday night. He hit a 3-point powder keg that blew the Pirate ship out of the water for a 24-21 win.

Jared Skipworth grabbed an offensive rebound and kicked the ball out to Poynor for the shot.

The opening frame was

a defensive battle with D. J. Atwood converting a free throw for the Mules only point in the period. The Pirates led 3-1 after one period.

Skipworth got position and grabbed the backside offensive rebound and put it in. Poynor stole a Pirate pass and drove to end the half with the Mules trailing 8-5.

Kyler Steinbock broke under the hoop and Atwood

fired him a pass. Atwood put in the short jumper. Atwood hit from the elbow to tie the game at 10-10. Cooper opened a 15-10 lead as the period wound down.

Larry Richardson spotted up on the wing, called "glass" and kissed the ball off the backboard for a trey that ended the third period with the Mules trailing 15-13. Austin Bamert made a free throw to open the final period for the Mules.

Atwood converted a free throw before Poynor drained a trey on an in bound play to give the Mules an 18-17 lead with 1:48 left in the game. Skipworth sandwiched a 12 foot jumper between a pair of Cooper buckets.

Bamert picked off a Pirate pass and was fouled shooting. He converted one charity toss to knot the game at 21-21 with 48 seconds left. Neither team

could find the range until Poynor sank his final trey.

Poynor led the Mules with eight points and Atwood and Skipworth made four each. Richardson and Bamert had three points apiece and Steinbock chipped in two.

The eighth grade Mules return from the Christmas break to host the Littlefield Wildcats on Jan. 9.

Seventh grade Mules dominate the game against Lubbock Cooper

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The seventh grade Mules scuttled the Lubbock Cooper Pirates ship Monday night 44-27. The Mules used a strong inside

Candlelight service planned

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe will be conducting a candlelight service on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m., at 507 W. Second. The public is invited to attend.

game to open a 9-2 first period lead and had extended their margin to 13-3 with three minutes left in the second frame.

Tyson Turnbow drove the lane to draw the defense and dished to Cooper Washington. Washington had a Pirate hanging on his arm as he attempted to shoot. He made one free throw.

Dominique Flores stuck back a rebound on a Mule in bound play to push the Mule's advantage to 16-3.

Turnbow made the Mules final two points of the half with a spinning jumper in the lane. The Mules led at the half 18-7.

Sergio Montejano cleaned up the backside on the Mules first two trips down the floor. Jonathan Perez drove around a Montejano screen for an uncontested lay-up. Cooper scored twice before Chris Babcock drove the baseline and pulled up for an eight-foot jumper.

Turnbow knocked down a

pair of charity tosses before picking a Pirate's pocket and driving for a lay-up as the third period ticked away. Flores missed a free throw with seven seconds on the clock. Montejano crossed the lane for the rebound and stuck it in to give the Mules a 32-14 with one period to play.

Perez went coast to coast for a lay-up and Flores stuck back an offensive rebound. Turnbow dropped in a six footer and Washington had a stick back. Babcock found

Nick Hurtado open for an easy bucket with a minute left in the contest.

Babcock found a hole in the Cooper defense and drove to hole for the Mules final bucket.

Turnbow set the pace with 12 points, Washington and Montejano added eight each and Babcock made six. Flores and Perez made four apiece and Hurtado chipped in two.

The Mules will be back in action Jan. 9 when they host Littlefield.

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About MEDC...

The Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is committed to the promotion of high quality development in the Muleshoe Area and to improvement in the quality of life for its citizens.

Formed in 1993, the MEDC has assisted numerous businesses in creations and expansions. The Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation offers incentives to businesses based upon job creation and retention and increase in tax base. Coupled with the local government's pro-business attitude, Muleshoe is an attractive location for new and expanding businesses.

MEDC is funded from a one-half cent local sales tax (4A) dedicated to economic development.

Pat Angeley Secretary/Treasurer

Married to R.D. "Tub" Angeley; owner of the Pat Angeley, CPA office for 16 years; five children and 10 grandchildren.



MEDC Board Members

Mark Morton Immediate Past President

Married to Eileen Morton; owner of Mark Morton Insurance, a State Farm Insurance Agency; 15 years in Muleshoe; DVM degree; one son who is also a State Farm agent.



Wanda Hooten, President

Married to Lary Hooten; owner of Muleshoe Motor Co.; believes economic development is "vital to the growth of our community."



Max King, Vice President

Married to Pat King; retired from King Grain and now substitute teaching (which he loves); 4 children and 5 grandchildren.



Merry
Christmas
& God Bless!

Jose Sanchez Newest Board Member

Married to Laura Sanchez; owner of Sanchez and Sons Construction (21 years established, Jose took over 7 years ago); two children, Allegra, 7, and Adriana, 3.



Miss Texas visits Bailey County

Miss Texas 2005, Morgan Matlock, presented "Putting an end to verbal abuse" at the Bailey County Coliseum on Nov. 29, 2005.

Matlock talked about how words used can influence others, encouraging the audience to choose its words carefully as to lift people up, and stressed to the young people in the group to make wise choices. "You need to set your goals and pursue them," she said.

Matlock, who has been singing since an early age, spoke of performing in a school talent show while in the fifth grade. She performed "Crazy," a tune made famous by Patsy Cline and written by Willie Nelson, for the group. She also



Pictured above, from right to left: Shelbi Harrison, Cati Sowder, Madeline Precure, Morgan Matlock, Kayla Preston, Coleman Preston, Bailey Bales and Conner Harrison.

sang her selection that she will perform during the Miss America Pageant, a melody of songs.

Matlock is a native of Lamesa, Texas. Upon completion of her reign as Miss Texas, she will resume her studies at Texas Tech University.

She will compete in the Miss America pageant Jan. 21 on the CMT network.

Matlock's appearance was sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension of Bailey County, Muleshoe State Bank, Five Area Telephone, and Muleshoe Motor Company.

SPC announces workforce development courses

South Plains College is offering workforce development classes at the Muleshoe Extension Center, located at 203 South Main Street.

All classes will meet from 6 - 9 p.m.

The classes beginning in January are:

- Introduction to

Computers and Windows beginning Jan. 9

- Introduction to Word beginning Jan. 12.

In February, SPC will offer:

- Intermediate Excel starting Feb. 6.
- Intermediate Word beginning Feb. 9.

Textbooks will be

available for purchase the first day of class.

For information about course fees, registration forms and payment options go to the college website at www.southplainscollege.edu/workforce.

For more information, contact 806-747-0576, extension 4906.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Last week-end I had a blow out a few miles from town, and I wasn't on the side of the road for long. Scott Long and Paul Poyner stopped to help me. Also, Beto and Kit Diaz recognized my van as they were headed to Lubbock and stopped to help also.

These guys did all the work. They used their jack, and got all kinds of sticker burrs in their clothes as they helped us.

My brother, who lives in Jacksonville, Fla., teases me for living in a small town, but there are lots of benefits like friends, who stop to help even in their busy schedule. My oldest daughter, Paje has gone 2,000 miles away

to college near a big town, and she says she misses all the kindness of our small town — all the kind people in the stores, post office, and other businesses.

I would just like to acknowledge these people who were kind enough to stop and help me and my girls.

Rosemary Lowe,
Muleshoe

4-H News

Dist. 2's 4-H Gold Star Banquet

Bailey County 4-H was represented at the 48th annual Dist. 2 Gold Star banquet by Madison Myers. It was held in the Frazier Pavilion, on the Texas Tech campus, on Nov. 21. Madison is the 16-year-old daughter of Rhonda and Thurman Myers.

Madison is a junior at Muleshoe High School and has been an active 4-H member for nine years. She currently serves the Bailey County 4-H Club as second vice president. She has previously served as third vice president, Junior Council delegate, and on various committees.

An active leader, Madison has led other 4-H'ers in their community service projects by Christmas caroling, sending valentines, potting plants, and decorating pumpkins to deliver to nursing home residents.

Financial seminar to begin Jan. 29

First Baptist Church will be hosting Financial Peace University, a Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar, beginning Jan. 29. Orientation dates are Jan. 15 and 17 at 6 p.m., and classes start on Jan. 29 at 5 p.m. This is a 13-week study. Child care will be provided.

For more information or to reserve your seats call Tadd and Annie Young at 272-5883 or the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe's office at 272-4224, or contact Dave Ramsey at www.daveramsey.com

Madison participates in the livestock project by showing pigs at the county and state livestock shows.

Thurman Myers was recognized for his service as Distinguished Leader for the Bailey County 4-H Club at the banquet. Thurman has been an adult volunteer leader for Bailey County 4-H for nine years.

Bailey County 4-H Club News

The Bailey County 4-H met on Monday, Dec. 12.

Members sang Christmas carols for residents of Park View Nursing Home, the

Senior Citizens apartment complex, and those who attended the holiday dinner at Muleshoe First United Methodist Church.

The 4-H'ers met back at the Masonic lodge for supper and the business meeting.

Vice president Madison Myers conducted the meeting. Garrison Myers called the roll. Everyone responded by telling what they wanted for Christmas.

The group made Christmas ornaments that will be given to Meals on Wheels participants.

The next 4-H meeting is scheduled for Feb. 6.

The children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren of
Haney and Faye Poyner

Invite you to share in a celebration of our
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50th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, December 31, 2005
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Griffith Family Center
Quaker Avenue Church of Christ
1701 Quaker Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

In addition to your presence, we encourage you to help us construct a memory book by sending us letters, pictures or other remembrances Mom and Dad would enjoy. Please send these items to Perri Lee at P.O. Box 2004, Shallowater, Texas 79363. E-mail thoughts and best wishes for our parents may be sent to rodalee@valormet.com or jkent@fivearea.com

Rodney, Perri, Kellen, Kaitlin and Kyler Lee
Phil and Patti Kent
Jordan, Shelbi and Kaili Pool
Drew, Whitney and Kaleb Robinson

WorkSource GED Lab is enrolling

The Muleshoe WorkSource GED Lab is currently enrolling for GED, ESL, College Prep, Improve Basic Skills, and Learn to Speak English instruction, provided by the Region 17 Education Service Center, 203 Main Street, Muleshoe. Contact Sharon Grant at 272-7540 or 5766 for additional information.

The GED Lab will be closed from Dec. 22 until Jan. 9.

Bailey County would like to thank the following people for a successful Christmas Open House:

Carolyn's & store elves for decorating
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Larrissa Moffett & the high school choir
Brad Walker & the high school brass ensemble
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Five generations attend reunion

Five generations of the Stevens family gathered in celebration of Christmas Sunday, Dec. 12. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Back row — Debra Gazaway, Jennifer Gazaway holding Ashton, Margaret Stevens, John Stevens and Brenda Clark; front row — Bertha Stevens and Joshua Clark holding Jaimie.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The Senior Center Christmas party was a huge success. A game was played to exchange gifts. Everyone had a great time.

Our thanks to Helen Cook for writing the game and Marshall Cook for reading it. Many thanks go to W.T. and Pat Watson for sharing their beautiful music with us.

The blood drive on Monday was very beneficial. United Blood Service received 47 good units and were very appreciative to all of the donors. For those who could not donate we say thanks for being supportive. Several came and enjoyed the beans and cornbread meal we served here at the

center.

The seniors are still enjoying playing dominoes, pool, computers games and our library. Come and visit with us, do not stay home and be lonely.

The Tuesday night senior dance will be held next week, Dec. 27, from 7 until 10 p.m. Sandy, our great disk jockey, will be playing the music. So call your friends and remind them.

We have several of our senior citizens in the hospital. We ask for your prayers for them.

We, at the center, wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26. We will reopen on Tuesday for the

rest of the week, for lunch and games.

Menu for Dec. 27-30:
Monday — Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 27 — BBQ beef, stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli and cheese, pears, hot roll and peanut butter cookies.

Wednesday, Dec. 28 — Baked ham with pineapple, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll and cake.

Thursday, Dec. 29 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and cake.

Friday, Dec. 30 — Hamburger on a bun, with all of the trimmings, tator tots, macaroni salad, peaches and oatmeal raisin cookies.

SPC announces ASE certification test dates

South Plains College Advanced Technology Center is offering computer-based Automotive Service Excellence certification exams from Jan. 17 to Feb. 19.

The tests are being offered at the Reese Technology Center, located at 105 Davis Drive in Lubbock.

A total of 20 ASE exams

will be available in computer-based format including:

- Auto (A1-A8)
- Collision (B2-B6)
- Service Cons. (C1)
- Advanced (L1 and L2)
- Parts (P2)
- M/H Truck (T1-T8).

ASE certification is a professional credential recognized in many automobile maintenance

and repair positions.

To register for the exams, call ASE's toll-free number at (800)525-6929 between Jan. 9 and Feb. 14.

For more information, call the ASE Help Desk at (319)337-1433 or visit the ASE website at www.ase.com/cbt.

South Plains College ACT Center offers computer-based certification and licensure, skill testing and training services to individuals looking to boost their employability.

For more information about the ACT Center, call (806)885-3048, ext. 4922, go to the college's website www.southplainscollege.edu/workforce.

Former Watson Junior High students end up on champion university teams

No one knew in 1994, two good friends playing football at Watson Junior High would both end up on champion university football teams in the year 2005.

Those two boys were Ben Angeley and Darrell Lewis. Angeley transferred over to Springlake-Earth his seventh grade year and Lewis finished out his high school football career at Muleshoe. They went to school together from Kindergarten to seventh grade and they are still friends today.

Lewis, playing for West Texas A&M University football team, helped move WTAMU up in the rankings. The West Texas University finished at No. 15 in the final American Football Coaches Association's NCAA-II Coaches Poll.

WTAMU won the Lone Star Conference Championship for the first time since 1986, as the Buffaloes went 10-1 overall and 9-1 in the LSC, winning the conference title outright, as well as the LSC South crown with a 5-1 division record after being picked last in the LSC South Preseason Poll.

It is also WTAMU's first 10-win season since 1950 and the Buffaloes are the No. 1 seed in the NCAA-II Southwest Regional Playoffs, marking WTAMU's first-ever playoff appearance. The winning record was the Buffaloes'

first one since 1998.

Lewis is majoring in sports and exercise science.

Ben Angeley went on to Texas Christian University, a Division I university, to help them with four conference championships in the five years he was there.

They are the Mountain West Conference Champions this year after being picked to end up sixth in the preseason polls. The Horned Frogs finished the season at 10-1 which ranks them 13th in the BCS polls right above Texas Tech. They are ranked third in the nation for the longest winning streak, and will be going to the Houston Bowl on Dec. 31, which will be televised on ESPN2. This will be Angeley's fourth bowl appearance at TCU.

Ben played offensive guard and defensive guard in high school, but has stayed on the offensive side of the ballgame since being at TCU. He has played center and right tackle, but ended up these last two

years as right guard.

Angeley is only the second player to go to a Division I team in the history of Springlake-Earth High School. He will be graduating this May with a degree in education.

Angeley has been honored by being elected to the Football Leadership Council in 2005, and has been active in the Relay for Life in the Ft. Worth area last year and this year. He is engaged to be married to Missy Walls of Fort Worth in July. He is the son of Tracy and Patricia Angeley of Muleshoe.

Muleshoe Class of 1986 to meet

The Muleshoe Class of 1986 will be holding an organizational meeting for its 20th class reunion on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 6:30 p.m., at Leal's. Class members who are interested in helping are asked to attend. For more information, contact Laurey (Grant) Riney at 806-285-7785.



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May all good things await you and yours in this wonderful season of memories, merriment and cherished moments with family and friends. We hope all of your fondest wishes for happiness and success are fulfilled during the holidays and beyond. We appreciate your kind support and friendship throughout the year. Merry Christmas to all!

Muleshoe Police warn of Nigerian letter scam in Bailey County

According to officials with the Muleshoe Police Department, there have been more than one Bailey County resident who has fallen for one of the many "Nigerian Letter" scams that are circulating through Texas and the United States.

Muleshoe and Bailey County residents are warned to be careful about unsolicited contacts requesting bank account information, offers to pay a percentage for cashing out-of-country checks, or online auction bidders who send overpayments and request the remaining amount to be reimbursed by money order or personal checks from the item's owner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

First Day of Instruction Waiver

The Muleshoe Independent School District will hold a Public Hearing regarding a request for a waiver to begin school on August 15, 2006. The earliest starting date for instruction by state mandate is August 21, 2006. The August 15 starting date will allow the first semester to end prior to the winter break.

On Monday, January 23, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be conducted to discuss the waiver request. The hearing will be in the Muleshoe I.S.D. Administration Board Room at 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, Texas.

Muleshoe Independent School District would appreciate your concerns and suggestions regarding the August 15 starting date for the 2006-07 school year. If you cannot attend the hearing, you may contact the superintendent at 806-272-7404 to express your concerns.



The staff of
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Chamber News



WINNER GEDONNE WILLIAMS AND CHAMBER MANAGER AMY YOUNG.

Agricultural News

Emergency loan applications being accepted

Applications for Emergency Farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, high winds and lightning that occurred on Sept. 12, 2005, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office, Jim. W. McCary, farm loan manager recently announced.

Bailey County is one of seven contiguous counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as being eligible for loans to cover part of production losses caused by hail storms that occurred on Sept. 22.

McCary said, "This designation makes family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be

considered for low-interest emergency loans from FSA."

"FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability and other eligibility requirements," he added.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Aug. 24, 2006, for production losses, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly carry over into the new farming season," McCary said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to

provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships,

corporation or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Muleshoe is at 111 E. Ave D. It is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Advent services set at 16th & D

On weekdays, Dec. 12-23, at 10 a.m. each day, Curtis Shelburne and the 16th & D Church of Christ invite anyone interested to share in some daily (and brief) times of Advent prayer and devotion.

Shelburne will lead each day in a brief time of devotional scripture reading and prayer designed to help prepare hearts for Christ's coming and remind Christians of what they are about to celebrate."

For centuries the season of Advent has been celebrated by many Christians as the first "season" of the Christian calendar. These devotions and prayers will take place in the sanctuary of the 16th & D Church of Christ each weekday at 10 a.m.

Chamber announces 2005 Mulebucks winners

Officials with the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's announced Monday that Gedonne Williams of Muleshoe was the annual Muleshoe After Hours \$1,000 Mulebucks giveaway winner.

Williams just recently moved back to Muleshoe after spending several years in Denton as a heavy equipment (tractor) dealer. He attended school in Sudan and was also a farmer in and around Muleshoe during what he described as "the good old days."

Williams is the father of Greg Williams and Cheryl Puckett, both of Muleshoe,

and Kevin Williams of Lubbock. He is in the process of moving his self-employed equipment sales business to Muleshoe because "there's nothing better than coming home."

"It's sure good to be back among great country folk... a place where people will wave at you and care what you're doing!" Williams said.

Among the winners of \$50 gift certificates were Frank Vidaurri, David Dominguez, Lucy Mardis, Jerd Vinson, Margaret Quintana, Emilio Estrada, Bill Haywood, Sid Morris, Susan McMahan, Sheryl Altman, O.J. Murray, Pat Jurek, Michelle Lookingbill, Zannia Avila, Elaine Ybarra, Angela Beesley, Richard Belvin and Sergio Vasquez.

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Texas milk production up from last year's totals

Texas milk production totaled 523 million pounds during November, up 12 percent from last year's production of 466 million pounds.

October 2005 production totaled 514 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during November averaged 321,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year and the October 2005 number.

Production per cow averaged 1,630 pounds during November, 175 pounds more than last year and 25 pounds more than October 2005.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from production in these same states in November

2004. October revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from October 2004.

Production per cow during November averaged 1,590 pounds, 59 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.16 million head, 60,000 head more than last year and 2,000 head more than October 2005.

Offices closing

The Bailey County Tax Accessor's Office will be closing Thursday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m., for the Christmas holidays. Other offices in the courthouse will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 22.

Words are not adequate to express our gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to our family during the loss of our husband, father and grandfather. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the food, flowers, prayers, visits, cards and just for thinking of us during this difficult time.

Las palabras no son adecuadas para expresar nuestra gratitud para los muchos actos de la amabilidad mostrada a nuestra familia durante la pérdida de nuestro marido, padre y abuelo. Gracias del fondo de nuestros corazones por todo el alimento, flores, rezos, visitas, tarjetas y por pensar en nosotros durante este tiempo difícil.

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April's Christmas Doll... Continued from page 1

And since the winds couldn't back up, it would take too long before he'd reach an air current traveling back to the North Pole.

"What can we do?" the elf asked, after the trio had taken partial shelter in a small stand of pine trees. "Can't you contact Santa? ... Send him your thoughts or something?"

He looked down at April seated on the ground, her arms wrapped tightly around the magic doll, and shivering heavily. Her teeth were chattering and her eyes were closed as if she were trying to fight back the tears which threatened to freeze on her cheeks.

Mrs. Bea frowned and shook her head. "He would have to be here with us before I could do something like that," she explained.

"But you came to help me?" said the elf.

The doll shrugged, a movement which unexpected as it was from a doll of cloth was even more surprising considering the force April was using to clutch the doll to her shivering chest. "I was able to follow your thoughts here," she said, "but that's different from sending my thoughts to Santa Claus. That requires something much stronger than any magic I possess."

"Like what?" asked Morris.

"Like the wishes of a child," Mrs. Bea said slowly, the realization of what they needed finally occurring to her.

Morris' eyes widened at almost the same time as he realized what the doll was thinking.

"April... April, wake up," Mrs. Bea said.

When the little girl from central Oklahoma didn't open her eyes, Morris reached over and gently shook her shoulder.

"April, think about Santa," he said, "think about Santa."

"No, she'll need more than that," the doll said. "Surely, Santa's missed one of us by now. Her thoughts will have to be about us as well."

"April," Mrs. Bea continued, looking into the little girl's puzzled eyes, "make a wish for... make a wish for Santa to bring Morris and I new pairs of mittens. Can you do that?"

April nodded her head. "I think I can..."

"Then do it, and keep doing it until I ask you to stop," the doll said.

April shut her eyes tightly once more, and said, "I wish I had new mittens for Mrs. Bea and Morris... I wish I had..."

Far above Chicago, a light which had been slowly spiraling down as it circled the city straightened out and moved toward the city's largest park.

Then, after performing a sweeping curve, it flashed to earth.

In the tiny cluster of pine trees, April opened her eyes at the sound of jingling sleigh bells. "Is it...?"

"Santa," Morris cried, exploding out of the trees.

A few seconds later, April found herself in a warm, grandfatherly embrace as she was carried to the sleigh.

"Here child, wrap this about you," Santa Claus said in a deep voice as he draped a thick blanket over her shoulders.

Peeking out, April saw

people gathering in the distance. Some, including a police officer mounted on horseback, began to move toward the sleigh and its occupants.

"We can't stay around here," Santa said as he gathered up the reins. "Hold your stories until we're airborne."

In a flash of light which set the pedestrians and the horse back on their heels, the reindeer launched themselves into the air without a running start, jerking the sleigh into motion as they rose. It was several minutes before Santa turned his attention back to his passengers.

"Each of you came very close to getting a lump of coal this year," Santa scolded mildly. "Both of you should have told someone of what you intended to do," he said to Morris and Mrs. Bea. "And as for you, April..."

Deep inside the blanket folds, April hung her head.

Santa reached around and pulled April a little closer. "Child, even the best of intentions don't justify the worry you've put your parents through... and the lie you told to get on the bus... tth... tth... tth," he clucked disapprovingly.

April blushed at the memory of what she'd said. For a moment, she wondered how he knew about it since Mrs. Bea had thoughtfully omitted it from her report of recent events, but then April remembered that this was Santa Claus...

"Child," Santa continued, changing the subject, "I'm sure this Arika doll you keep asking for is a great and grand toy, but you must remember what Christmas is all about."

Puzzled, April looked up into Santa's eyes.

"It's about love... God's love for mankind. Many years ago — even before I drove my first sleigh — God showed his love by sending his Son to earth. It's that gift of love that we celebrate by exchanging gifts at Christmas, and it's in

celebration of that love that I continue to share gifts with children around the world.

"There's more important Christmas gift that your parents or even I can give you than that doll in the pink dress," he continued, "and hopefully one day you'll understand what it is."

"But until then, we've still got a lot of work to do at the North Pole," Santa said. "You wouldn't mind a quick trip north so we can drop off Morris and Mrs. Bea first would you?"

"To the North Pole?" April asked, Santa's lecture was pushed aside by dreams of visiting Santa's magical village.

"Ho... Ho... Ho!" Santa laughed, "I thought not."

As Santa promised, April received a quick tour and a cup of hot chocolate from Mrs. Claus before being bundled up again for the journey home.

In a flash, she left the North Poles frozen tundra behind and was landing in the middle of the street, just around the corner from her own home.

After quick farewells were exchanged, April watched as Santa's sleigh disappeared in another flash of light.

As she turned toward home, Santa's words from earlier returned. She was still puzzling over them when she rounded the corner and saw her parents sitting on the front porch.

"Mommy!" she shouted, her feet flying over the sleet-covered ground without a misstep. "Daddy!"

"April... April!" her parents cried in return.

Before either parent could leave the porch, April had reached them and thrown her arms around her mother.

"My darling... my darling," her mother kept repeating as she hugged the wayward child.

"I love you, Mother," April said, her tears running down her cheeks and into her mother's thick brown hair, "and Daddy, too."

Pulling away from her

mother's arms, April threw her arms around her father's neck as he knelt next to April. She squeezed hard, and tried to tell him how much she'd missed him, but all that came out was a sob.

April swallowed twice, trying not to choke on the huge lumps which had suddenly appeared in her throat, and tried again to speak, only to sob once more. By now her tears were flowing heavily.

"I love you, too, angel," her father said, "...I love you, too."

After a moment, April's mother placed her hand on the back of April's head and ran her fingers through her daughter's hair.

"Let's go inside," she said. "We don't want to end up in bed sick on Christmas Eve."

April's father smiled and stood up, lifting April in his arms as he rose. "We've got something inside for you," he said as he followed April's mother through the front door.

April lifted her head from his shoulder and looked around. Under the Christmas tree was a stack of presents, and standing unwrapped on top of them all with a red ribbon and bow tied around its middle was Arika the golden-haired doll with the pink sparkling dress.

"Merry Christmas, darling," her mother said.

But as April's father started to lower her to the floor, April shook her head. "Thank you, Daddy, she's beautiful, but I just want you to hold me right now."

As she laid her head on his shoulder, and her mother wrapped her arms around the both of them, April knew what Santa meant when he talked about her parent's most important Christmas gift.

Although she would play with the doll under the tree, it no longer seemed as important as it had just a couple of days earlier.

Arika couldn't replace the magical Mrs. Bea, and April didn't want her too, but not even Mrs. Bea could replace

the Christmas gift April received from her parents every day of the year... their love.

Smiling to herself, April gave her parents another Christmas hug.

The End

Merry Christmas! From the staff of the Journal.

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Christmas Trees Don't Have To Be Perfect To Be Beautiful

My earliest Christmas memories are mostly wrapped around our family's Christmas trees.

I remember Mom making creamy hot chocolate and my sister stacking the spindle of the old record player with an inchworth of vintage vinyl Christmas music by Nat King Cole, Perry Como, Tennessee Ernie Ford, and the Norman Luboff Choir.

Most years the tree had already been bought at (where else?) Amarillo's Boy Scout Troop 80 Christmas Tree Lot. I was a member of Troop 80 and thus expected to help sell trees each year. My younger brother was not, but he was a wheeler-dealer sort who liked selling



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

trees and often, as I recall, managed to pawn off more trees than most of the bona fide boy scouts. Jacob (I mean, Jim) always felt Jacob of old settled for far too little when he sold his hungry brother Esau that bowl of stew and only got a 'rthright for it. Jim would've held out for hard cash and then the birthright at the end as a balloon payment.

We'd lean the tree in the garage for a day or a few on its amputation-site stump in a bucket of water while it waited to be lit and glorified.

Anchoring the tree in the stand was a chore. Jim & I would crawl under the scratchy boughs and slide around on our wood floor to turn each screw just the right amount. It was never straight the first time.

Then my 15-years-older sister, the unquestioned foreman of the process, would ascend to perform the task of highest honor as she put on the lights

(bubble lights, snowball lights, and all), a job in later years graciously bequeathed to me.

Then we would hang the ornaments, a tedious task but nothing like as bad as the final stage in the process: hanging the icicles.

I don't see those long, thin, silvery strands of foil or plastic, those "icicles", on trees much anymore. I hope never again to have to put them on one of mine.

According to my sister, they had to be hung with great care, one at a time. Ten million or so came in a box. You'd drag one out of the box and carefully place it over a tree branch. It was essential, my sister assured us, to start at the back near the trunk and make sure the icicle hung straight down on both sides of the branch. Straight down. No clumps. Which is why Jim's preferred method of grabbing a paw-full of icicles and launching the whole wad in the general direction of the tree was sternly forbidden. No. One at a time.

Until you froze there, died there, decayed there, and Christmas never came, and it was spring and you were still hanging icicles. One at a time.

I don't know what we thought would happen—apart from sure death—if we didn't hang the icicles exactly right. Would Santa's sleigh suddenly crash in flight and the FAA later determine and publish for the whole world full of weeping giftless children to see that the cause was icing—not on the sleigh but improper tree icicling by two Shelburne boys at 125 N. Goliad, Amarillo, Texas, whose wanton and reckless disregard had killed Santa?

I'm sure we never did it "right." But I remember wandering into the living room as a little lad clad in those great PJs that came complete with feet, lying down almost under the tree, looking up through its branches, and drinking in the beauty.

By God's grace, Christmas trees don't have to be perfect to be beautiful. Neither do lives.

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

Muleshoe Cattle Market

The Muleshoe Cattle Market is brought to you each week by Muleshoe Livestock Auction, located east of Muleshoe on U.S. 84. Muleshoe Livestock conducts sales every Saturday, beginning with hogs, sheep and goats at 10 a.m. and cattle following at approximately noon.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

SAT., DEC. 17, 2005

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Larry Jesko, Muleshoe	5	Mxd. bulls	480 lbs.	at \$120.00
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Ronald Coleman, Morton	11	Blk. str.	398 lbs.	at \$144.00
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Dale Demel, Sudan	4	Blk. str.	563 lbs.	at \$125.00
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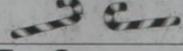
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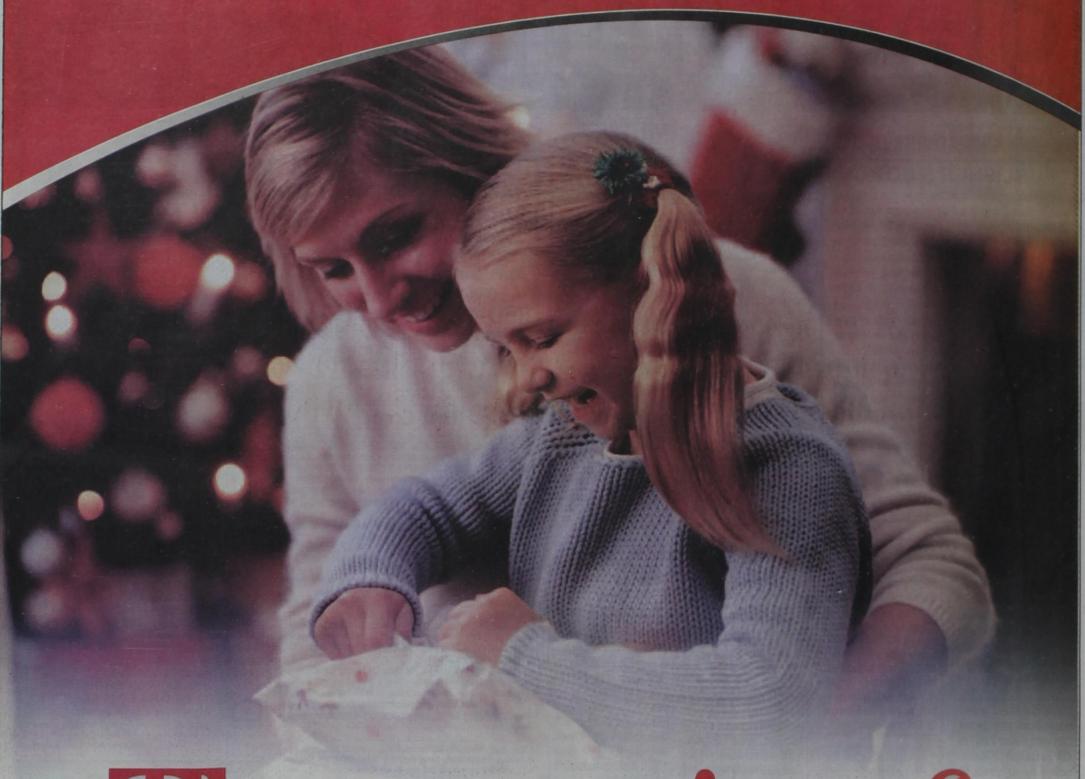
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