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101 reasons...

"It's Thursday, Dec. 21, and there are only four days left before Christmas" is just one of the many reasons we could list as to why your holiday preparations should be drawing to an end. Of course, if your youngster has put in

a request for a new puppy, there are probably reasons to delay wrapping the present and sticking it under the tree as well. Pictured above is one of the many Christmas displays that can be viewed around Muleshoe.

Sale of nursing home considered

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District dropped a bombshell during Thursday's meeting with the announcement that it has been approached by a private company interested in purchasing Park View Nursing Care Center.

While listed on Thursday's agenda for discussion in closed session, the only information released during the meeting's open session was a statement received from board president Ronnie Dent, who said,

"The Board of Trustees of Muleshoe Area Hospital District has received a letter of interest concerning the possibility of purchasing Park View Nursing Care Center. The board will discuss this letter of interest to see if it is a viable consideration for the district."

"If this is viable for the district," Dent continued, "we will be pursuing this as soon as possible. In pursuing this (issue) we will be looking at three things: Their financial abilities, their

credibility, and their concern for the district and this area." Although the name of the company was not mentioned in open session, according to MAHD CEO Ray Mason, the company operates nursing homes in the Eastern New Mexico area.

In other business, it was noted that the School of Nursing has received a \$100,000 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. West of Midland for scholarships of students enrolled in the nursing program at the

SPC-Muleshoe Center. "We're very excited," Mason said about the news.

It was explained that West was a Muleshoe graduate, and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where he received his degree in petroleum engineering.

It was also announced that the new nursing home van was expected on Monday, Dec. 18. Since the announcement was made at Thursday's meeting, the van had been delivered.

School board discusses construction at Dillman

The Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees briefly discussed the upcoming construction project at Dillman Elementary during Monday's regular meeting. While looking at more

preliminary drawings received from the architects, it was noted that the school board needed to make a decision about windows in some of the elementary's classrooms.

Sheets said the district could save some money by

building the new wing against the existing structure, but added that while it would save a few dollars per square foot, it would be at the loss of natural lighting for some classrooms. Not action was taken on the issue Monday.

Low number of 'violent teen deaths' places county at top of list

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Bailey County is a safer place to raise a teenager than other Lone Star counties, according to information received from the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a non-profit group that tracks the well-being of children in Texas.

According to "The State of Texas Children 2006" totals compiled by CPPP, Bailey County ranks at the very top of the list... number one out of 254 Texas counties, with the fewest "violent teen deaths" since 2000.

In comparison, CPPP officials say Parmer County is ranked 205th out of 254, and Lamb County is ranked 187th out of 254.

When contacted about the recent release, Bailey County Sheriff Richard Wills attributed the low incident rate to the work

of area law enforcement officer and area parents.

However, the CPPP's report indicates improvement is needed in some areas, such as the county's dropout rate, which it states has increased by 46.5 percent from 2000 to 2005.

The CPPP report says, "According to the Texas Education Agency, seven teens in the class of 2005 — 6.3 percent — dropped out between the ninth grade and graduation, ranking Bailey County 160 out of 178 counties."

In Parmer County during the same period, the dropout rate declined 13.8 percent during the same period, and in Lamb County the rate declined by 21.9 percent.

When asked about the dropout rate Monday, Muleshoe Superintendent Gene Sheets indicated

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Local Weather

Thursday

Sunny..... 48/21

Friday

Mt. Sunny..... 49/23

Saturday

Snow/Shwrs... 40/16

Sunday

Pt. Cloudy..... 40/16

Monday

Sunny..... 44/16

Tuesday

Sunny..... 46/20

Wednesday

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The Christmas Angel: Conclusion

The Christmas Angel©

By Larry Thornton

The day before Christmas found the Archers saying goodbye to Timothy. Although Lynn spoke in private with the Department of Human Services official, asking if Timothy could at least remain through the Christmas holiday, Jim Gardner apologized and said he didn't have any choice in the matter.

As Gardner loaded the clothing Timothy had received from the Archers, along with some brightly wrapped Christmas packages, Timothy said his farewells.

When he got to Lynnette, Timothy hugged her and whispered something into her ear.

"What was that all about?" Molly asked her daughter as they waved good-bye to Timothy until he was completely out of sight.

"He said something about drinking from a cup," the daughter replied.

"What did he mean?" Lynnette shrugged, "I'm not sure, but he said it was in the Book of Matthew. I'll try to find it later."

Christmas morning was an exciting time. Teddy and Lynnette gleefully eyed the packages that had appeared overnight under the Christmas tree, and wished their mother would let them open just one before breakfast.

"Mom," whined Teddy as the excitement became too much for him to stand. "Just one?"

"Theodore Timothy



Archer, I've already told you ... after breakfast. Now if you don't have anything else to do, then help your sister set the table. The biscuits are done and I'm almost through making the

grave."

Young Teddy sighed deeply, as if his entire world was crumbling about him, and did what his mother told him to do, but not without dragging the toes of his shoes with each step.

"Don't drag your feet," his mother scolded him.

Although Lynnette was in much the same mood as her younger brother, she was also wise enough to realize they didn't have a chance of winning this battle, so they might as well smile and make the best of it.

She was also wise enough to know that she could brighten her own mood by increasing the frustration of a sibling. And since there was only one who met the requirements, when Teddy moved within reach, Lynnette smirked in

his direction and patted him lightly on the cheek.

"Quit it," Teddy snarled back at her.

"Enough," Molly Archer said without even looking over her shoulder.

Both children cringed slightly, but separated. They finished setting the table in silence.

When breakfast was finally on the table, Teddy darted out the door to fetch his grandfather from the barn. A couple of minutes later, the Archers were finally seated, with both adults calmly eating while the children picked at the food on their plates, directing most of their attention to the door leading into the living room.

Eventually, the

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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn
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Our sincere thanks to all who helped with the ornaments and toys for our sponsored family for Christmas. The family was so grateful, it made our hearts feel good to be able to help

Our Tuesday night dance on Dec. 19 was cancelled due to the weather.

Weather permitting, we will have the dance Tuesday, Dec. 26. Plan to join us.

We are having great crowds for our noon lunch. We averaged 75 meals per day for the month of November. Come join your friends and enjoy eating at the center.

The center will be closed for Christmas day only. We will be open on Tuesday, Dec. 26, for regular activities.

Menu for Monday, Dec. 25-29:

Monday, Dec. 24 — Closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 26 — Taco Salad, beans, rice, salad, tortilla chips picante sauce and peaches.

Wednesday, Dec/ 27 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and apple cobbler.

Thursday, Dec. 28 — Chile and beans, rice, salad, onions, pickles, cornbread and iced cake.

Friday, Dec. 29 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

Christmas Eve service

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe invites the public to attend its Christmas Eve candlelight service, Sunday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 507 W. Second.

16th & D church to hold services

The 16th & Ave. D Church of Christ has scheduled a series of Christmas "advent, prayer and devotional" services to be held Dec. 11-22, at 10 a.m., according to Curtis Shelburne.

Cancer screening clinic set

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Muleshoe Area Medical Center on Jan. 8 and 25. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Drivers license office closed

The Texas Department of Public Safety Drivers License office in Muleshoe will be closed Dec. 20-26, and will reopen Dec. 27, at 8:30 a.m.

Diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. The program will be "Holiday cooking well with diabetes." People with diabetes are two to four times more likely to get heart disease. This program is free of charge.

For more information contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent • Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, or call 806-272-4583.

Christmas Card Project deadline set

The deadline for donations to Muleshoe's Christmas Card Project, which benefits the residents at Park View Nursing Home, is 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18.

The funds raised this year will be used toward the purchase of a new large screen television at the nursing home.

Donations are being accepted at both Muleshoe State Bank and the First Bank of Muleshoe, or donors may contact project chairperson Joyeline Costen at 925-6731.

Christmas blood drive

The 26th annual KLLL Country Christmas blood drive will be held in Muleshoe, Thursday, Dec. 21, from 1-8 p.m., at the Oneida Wagnon Senior Citizens Center. Donors will receive complementary gifts and will be eligible to register for additional prizes.

SPC-Muleshoe registration

South Plains College Muleshoe Extension Center, 621 W. Second, is conducting its pre-registration for Spring 2007 Classes through Jan. 4.

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1116 head of cattle, 331 hogs and 472 sheep and goats for a total of 1,919 livestock sold at the Dec. 16 sale. Market on stocker cfs. 400 lbs. down, 1-3 lower on 400 lbs. & up. Feeder cattle steady. Pairs, bred cows and packers steader compared to last week. Next sale will be Jan. 6, 2007.

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Dudley Offield, Littlefield	1	Blk. str	195 lbs.	at \$350
A&G Ranch, Tokio	3	Mxd. str.	220 lbs.	at \$143
Justin Meeks, Farwell	4	YWF bull	290 lbs.	at \$140
D&F Cattle, Littlefield	2	Blk. str.	373 lbs.	at \$135
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NM Ranch	19	Mxd. str.	610 lbs.	at \$95
NM Ranch	11	Blk. str.	787 lbs.	at \$89.50
Buddy Luck, Hobbs, NM	5	Blk. str.	435 lbs.	at \$127
Kiehne Ranch, Orla	13	Blk. str.	497 lbs.	at \$116
Phillips Farms, Portales, NM	3	Blk. str.	697 lbs.	at \$95
Aaron Drager, Clovis, NM	10	Red str.	711 lbs.	at \$94
John Hill, Abernathy	3	Blk. str.	847 lbs.	at \$85
A&G Ranch, Tokio	4	Yell. hfrs	284 lbs.	at \$130
NM Ranch	6	Red hfrs	318 lbs.	at \$121
NM Ranch	20	Mxd. hfrs	459 lbs.	at \$102.50
Kiehne Ranch, Orla	13	Blk. hfrs	336 lbs.	at \$125
Kiehne Ranch, Orla	25	Blk. hfrs	403 lbs.	at \$108
Kiehne Ranch, Orla	14	Blk. hfrs	498 lbs.	at \$95
Rick Jameson, Friona	1	Yell. hfr	355 lbs.	at \$124
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Pat Moberly, Littlefield	4	Blk. hfrs	445 lbs.	at \$100
Phillips Farms, Portales, NM	4	Blk. hfrs	510 lbs.	at \$95.50
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Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

Watch out, Muleshoe. The kids have been released.

The first semester is over and so that means a two week vacation with no homework or any thoughts of school at all.

I have said this a lot already, but this year is going by so fast and next thing you know graduation will soon be here. (Sorry senior parents).

There has been a lot that has happened this semester and I know that I won't forget it because I want to remember everything about my senior year.

I like school here because if you are really good and go to school and you stay out of trouble, you get to exempt semester tests, which I have done, yeah! I only have to take one test I have to take and that is an honors test.

The nice thing is that we are getting a two week vacation and get to stay home, sleep in, and take it easy... when we aren't traveling going to see family for the holidays.

I hardly get to sleep in either because I am working over the break, but that is still a good thing because I am earning spending money and money for college at the same time.

I think the rest of Muleshoe High School would agree with me when I say we are all ready for a break, and I think we desperately need a break to unwind and get ready for the busy semester when we come back from break. I just hope that it will be a slow

break. I know next semester will go by fast for me partly because I am so busy during the spring semester of school. Right now, I am going to enjoy the time off while I have it because I know I need it to get ready for next semester.

We could have more fun because there is supposed to be a chance of more snow this week, I guess we will have to wait and see what the weather does and if we get to have a "white Christmas."



December Business of the Month

Extreme Fitness of Muleshoe was recognized by the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture as the December Business of the Month. Pictured on the left, Stormy Kitchens of Extreme Fitness, center, receives the award from chamber president Tadd Young and chamber manager Martha Hunnicutt.

CPPP report...

Continued from page 1 school district officials were aware of the situation and that steps were being taken to address the problem.

According to Assistant Superintendent Don Wood, there were two dropouts in 2000, and five more in 2005.

Wood pointed out that in a school district with a small student population, such as Muleshoe ISD, the dropout of a single student can raise the rate significantly.

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Obituaries

Gladys Wilson

A church service for Gladys Wilson, 91, of Muleshoe was held on Friday, Dec. 15, at Muleshoe Church of Christ with Curtis Shelburne and Barry Wiseman officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Wilson died on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, in Park View Nursing Home. She was born on April 7, 1915, in Hale County, to Louis and Sophia Pryor, and married Bay Wilson in Clovis, N. M., on Dec. 11, 1930. He preceded her in death on Dec. 23, 1965.

Her parents and her sons — Neil and Gordon Wilson, and three grandsons — Roby Wilson, Casey Wilson and Arthur Thomas also preceded her in death. She was the third child born in her family and the last survivor.

Wilson moved to Bailey County in 1943 from Lipan. She was a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ and was employed as a sales clerk for Anthony's Department Store for 26-1/2 years.

Survivors include three sons and their wives — Stanley and Pat Wilson of



GLADYS WILSON

Muleshoe, Roger Dale and Kae Lyn Wilson of Hettinger, N.D., and Mickey and Jan Wilson of Amarillo; two daughters — Nelda Jo Teter of Lubbock and Cathy Wilson of Muleshoe; three daughters and their husbands — Marieta and Pete Thomas of Morton, Jan and Dale Furr of Amarillo, Dianne and James Brown of Muleshoe; a daughter-in-law — Marilyn Nickels of Muleshoe; 24 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130-9411 or the Park View Nursing Home Van Fund, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

E.H. Awbrey

A graveside service for E.H. Awbrey, 88, of Muleshoe was held on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Littlefield Cemetery with Stephen Awbrey officiating.

Awbrey died on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, in Park View Nursing Home of Muleshoe. He was born on Jan. 23, 1918, in Blossom to Edmond Howald and Bertha Awbrey.

Awbrey moved to Muleshoe in 1982 from Littlefield. He was employed by the City of Littlefield in the Maintenance Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three

brothers — Marvin Awbrey of Levelland, Calvin Awbrey of Odessa and Kenneth Awbrey of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three sisters — Beatrice Latham of Levelland, Lee Gibson of Meadow and Dixie Chamness of Mt. Pleasant.

Survivors include a brother and his wife — Bob and Robbie Awbrey of Sundown; and a sister and her husband — Esta "Sue" and Wayland Barnett of Comanche.

Memorials may be sent to Samaritan Hospice, P.O. Box 199 Hereford, TX 79045.

Antonia Guzman

A church service for Antonia Guzman, 68, of Muleshoe, is scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Leonardo Pahamtang officiating. Burial will follow in the Bailey County Cemetery.

Rosary was said Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Guzman died on Dec. 17, 2006, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. She was born on May 9, 1938, in Purisima, Mexico.

Guzman had lived in Muleshoe since 1967, moving from the Oklahoma Lane community. She was

a homemaker.

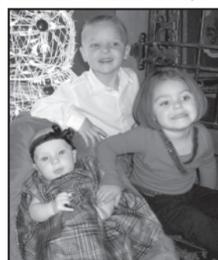
She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include a sister — Rosa Nieto of Texico, N.M.; six brothers — Jose Guzman Jr. of Calxico, Calif., Javier and Raymond Guzman, both of Amarillo, Filemon Guzman of Lazbuddie, Matt Guzman of El Paso and Daniel Guzman of Muleshoe.

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Sports

Lady Mules take district games

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules are off to a fast start in District 2-2A competition. They defeated both the River Road Lady Wildcats and the Highland Park Lady Hornets in the opening week of district play.

The Lady Mules played host to the Lady Wildcats on Tuesday night and were almost to gracious to their guest. River Road took the lead with five minutes left to play in the game. The Lady Mules had failed to score in the first four and half minutes of the final period.

The Lady Mules caught fire after that and out scored the Lady Cats 11-1 in the final minutes to take the game 63-53.

They traveled to Highland Park on Friday to meet the Highland Park Lady Hornets for the first time in school history. District 2-2A had set

the schedule and the game was set for 7:30 p.m. with the junior varsity teams scheduled to play at 6 p.m.

Highland Park claimed the games were scheduled for five and 6:30 and had the officials at the Mean Sting Gymnasium at 5:00 pm and they were ready to get the games started.

The Lady Mules seemed to shake off the early start even though some of their fans were late to the contest. The opening eight minutes were almost a dead heat as both teams pressed on defense and pushed the ball when they got a turnover.

The Lady Mules led 12-11 going into the second period. The Lady Mules found a way to contain Chelsea Drillette after she had scored seven of the Hornets first 11 points. Drillette was limited to just one point in the second

period and had 12 for the game to lead all scorers.

The Lady Mules took over in the second period with CiCi Reyna, Ashley Grumbles and Morgan Smith each dropping in a 3-point bomb. The Lady Mules ran out to a 30-19 lead by intermission and maintained that margin most of the game. They improved their record to 2-0 by dropping the Lady Hornets 53-40.

Nine Lady Mules were in the scoring column against River Road. Kyra Kimbrough took advantage of fast break opportunities to lead the way with 18 points. Sarah Johnson scored eight of her 10 in the final quarter and made seven of 11 free throw attempts in the period.

Kate Lepard had a pair of treys in the opening frame for six of her 10 points. Chi Hernandez was perfect at the line with four free throws and eight points on the

night. Smith dropped in six points, Reyna five, Chelsi Hawkins and Kelsey Tipps made four each and Irma Torres chipped in two.

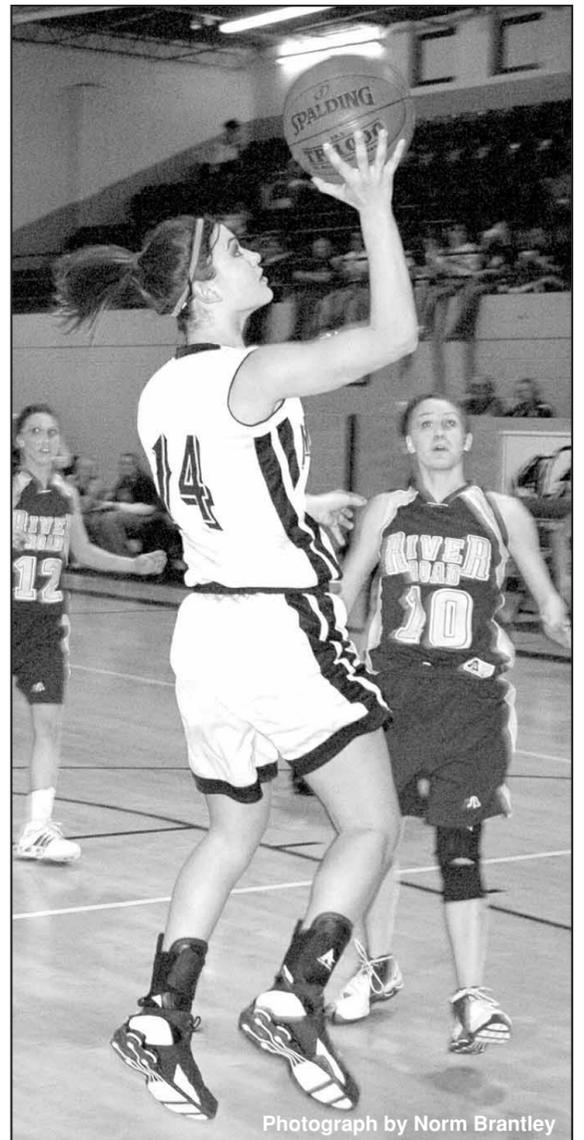
Ten Lady Mules scored against Highland Park and none reached double digits. Smith, Reyna and Kimbrough had nine points each and Grumbles made all seven of her points in the first half.

Lepard had six points and Gabby Agundis and Hawkins made four each. Johnson added two points and Hernandez and Tipps chipped in one apiece.

The Lady Mules played the front end of a double header Tuesday night. The Lady Hornets and Hornets visited the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center for the final games before the Christmas break.

The Lady Mules and Mules will play off their extra Christmas turkey in the Littlefield Tournament Dec. 28-30. The two teams will travel to Dimmitt on Jan. 2 to jump back into district competition.

The Brownfield Lady Cubs and Lockney Longhorns visit Muleshoe Jan. 5 and the Bushland Lady Falcons and Falcons will be in Muleshoe Jan. 9.



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Lady Mule Kyra Kimbrough takes a shot during the recent game against River Road.

JV Lady Mules win opening games

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules took their opening district game against the Lady Wildcats of River Road 51-45. The fell to the Highland Park Lady Hornets in the Mean Sting Gymnasium 33-24.

River Road was no match for the Lady Mules in the opening frame as they continually got second and third scoring opportunities on almost every possession. The Lady Mules led 10-3 with Ashley Cisneros and Cassie Steinbock each getting two buckets.

The Lady Wildcats rallied in the second period but the Lady Mules matched them almost point for point. River Road outscored the Lady Mules 16-15 in the frame and Muleshoe led 25-19 at the half.

Cisneros and Gizell Vasquez made five points each with Vasquez making three of four from the line.

Vasquez made four of six from the line as the third period got under way. River

Road went on an eight-point run before BreAnn Baca stole a pass and found Ashley Scolley running the floor. Scolley made the lay up.

Steinbock added a charity toss before River Road was able to score. Scolley covered the backside and grabbed the offensive rebound for a put back. Kathryn Owens cleaned the offensive glass and put the ball in the hole to put the Lady Mules up 38-29 with three minutes to play in the period.

Scolley answered a Wildcat bucket with a trey from the corner. The Lady Mules led 43-31 going into the final period.

The Lady Mules held off the Wildcats with Baca draining a trey and AJ Johnson scored her two buckets in the final frame.

Cisneros Paced the Lady Mules with 10 points, Vasquez dropped in nine and Baca added eight. Scolley and Steinbock each had seven points, Johnson and Owens made four each

and Janae Pyle chipped in two.

The Lady Mules may have been forced in to action before they had warmed up sufficiently as Highland Park did not conform to the District 2-2A schedule for Friday night's game.

The Lady Mules were forced to the floor almost as they left the bus and fell behind 7-2 in the first quarter. Vasquez had the Lady Mules only points in the first eight minutes. The scoring drought continued in the second period with Amelia Clemmons making the only bucket as the Lady Mules trailed 12-4 at the half.

The Lady Mules finally warmed up in the final period and Cisneros made six of the Lady Mules 13 points. Steinbock, Baca and Scolley made a bucket each. The Lady Mules only made four of 20 attempts from the charity line.

Cisneros had six points

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Freshmen Mules crush River Road

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The freshman Mules used a monster second period to down the River Road Wildcats 56-35 Monday night. The Wildcats jumped out to a 7-0 lead before the Mules took over the game.

Jared Skipworth tossed to Austin Bamert on the blocks. Bamert turned and scored over the defense. DJ Atwood cut off a Bamert screen to drive the lane for a bucket. Tyler Steinbock converted one from the line and Bamert jumped in the lane for Steinbock's missed second shot and put it in for two.

Steinbock drained a trey from the wing to end a 10-

point Mule run that put the Mules up 10-7. The Mules led at the quarter break 16-11.

The Mules screwed the defense down tight in the second quarter. Justin Griswold just had a toe on the arc as he hit from long distance to open the big period for the Mules. Caleb Conner made one from the line. Brett Poynor hit back to back 3-pointers to complete a 9-0 Mule run. The Mules only gave up two points during the period and led 31-13 at the intermission.

The Mules struggled to get their game back on track in the third period. Josue Macias stuck back a rebound at the 3:30 mark of the quarter for the Mules

third point. Skipworth and Steinbock each crashed the boards and put back rebounds.

Steinbock grabbed a long defensive rebound and drove the floor for a lay up. He was fouled and converted the three-point play. A technical was also called on River Road and Steinbock made the two free throws for a five-point play.

The Mules led 43-20 with one period to play. Griswold spotted Juan Quezada racing down the floor on a break and delivered him the ball. Quezada laid the ball up. Joseph Lopez completed a break as the

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Varsity Mules have mixed results in week of non-district play

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The 6-4 Mules wrapped up the early non-district portion of their season this past week with a win over the Farwell Steers and a loss to 5-A Lubbock Monterey.

The Mules squeaked by the Steers 54-53 in a late schedule change. It was the third meeting of the two teams.

The Monterey Plainsmen were on fire when they hit the floor in Muleshoe Friday night

and jumped out to a 26-6 first period lead. Monterey pour in four 3-pointers in the first period and continued to rain treys on the Mules all evening.

Some of the 3-point shots appeared to come from down town Muleshoe. The Mules made a run in the third period with Patrick Precure hitting three of his four treys on the night. Monterey defeated the Mules 91-41.

The first half was nip and tuck in Farwell as the two

teams battled to an 11-11 first period tie. The Steers took a 31-28 lead to the locker room at the half. Farwell had nailed four treys in the opening two periods and the Mules had none.

Colby Carpenter made the Mules only 3-pointer in the third period. Garrett Riley and Eric Washington made two buckets each in the third as the Mules took a 41-40 lead.

Dustin Barker was a perfect four for four from the line in the final frame as the

Mules held the Steers off. TJ Brantley added two buckets and Washington added a basket and a pair of charity tosses.

Washington led the Mules with 17 points on the night and Brantley dropped in nine. Riley had eight points, Carpenter five, Precure and Brian Poynor made three each. Tony Guzman had two points and Julio Bustillos chipped in one.

Monterey's full court press held the Mules to eight in the second period to take at 54-14 lead at the half. Precure's treys in the third quarter helped the Mules more than double their score.

Precure led the Mules with his four 3-pointers for 12 points and Barker dropped in five of his eight points in the final period. Washington made five points, Brantley had four, Carpenter, Riley, Bustillos and Poynor had three each.

The Mules hosted the Tulia

Hornets Tuesday to open district competition just prior to the Christmas break. The Mules will play themselves back into shape after the mandatory five day gym closing in the Littlefield

Holiday Tournament on Dec.28-30.

The Mules return to district action Jan. 2 in Dimmitt and meet the Bobcats. Jan. 5 the Mules will host the Brownfield Cubs in a non-district game.

JV Mules 'split a pair of games'

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The 6-2 JV Mules split a pair of games this past week. The Mules rolled over the Steers of Farwell 68-43 in a late schedule change Tuesday night. The Mules fell to 5-A Lubbock Monterey 72-43 Friday night.

The Mules and Steers were tied at 10 after one period but the Mules poured in 20 and held Farwell to nine in the second. The Mules led 30-19 at the intermission.

Stephen Dominguez had the hot hand for the Mules in

the third with three buckets as the Mules widened the gap to 52-35. Nathaniel Chavez took over in the final period and put eight on the board.

Chavez and Colt Ellis paced the Mules with 14 points each and Dominguez and Elias Alvarado dropped in nine apiece. Wes Wood made seven points, Lane Wood six, Austin Wright five and Adam Zamora chipped in four.

Alvarado was on fire against the Monterey Plainsmen. He made a pair of treys and two deuces in the

opening frame and the Mules led 17-15 going into the second period.

Monterey took over after that despite Alvarado making two more treys in the second period. Monterey led 33-31 at the intermission and ran away from the Mules in the second half.

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Trees of Christmas

Evergreens are the favorite trees for Christmas. They stay green all through the harsh winter weather. Their green color, cones and berries remind us of new life and the coming spring. Their size is just right!
In our country's capital, Washington, D.C., a national Christmas tree is lighted to show hopes of joy and peace for the world.

When it's hard to find an evergreen tree, people cleverly use other trees, bushes or even ...

Fa la la la la la la la la ...and all that jazz!

I found the strings of lights!

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Do presents go on the tree or under the tree?

Both! But mostly under.

I think I could build a merry nest in there.

Can you find at least 10 words that have a long "e" sound as in the word tree?

1. People in the city might buy their trees from a corner _____ or go to a tree farm.
2. Tree farmers _____ where trees have been cut.
3. Some people like _____ trees or trees that are not real because they travel during the holidays or because the trees are easy to care for.
4. Some people buy trees with their roots bundled so they can plant the trees later in the _____.
5. Some people go into the woods and _____ their own trees.

6. Trees travel home on top of cars, sleds and on people's _____.
7. Many people used to place their trees on top of _____.
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9. Often trees are placed near _____ to share joy.
10. Don't forget to _____ your tree to keep it fresh!

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There are many kinds of evergreens from which to choose a tree. We look at the length and softness of the needles, and the shape and height of the tree. Which are your favorite needles?

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2. C _ L _ D O
B _ _ E _ S P R _ _
Ouch! These short, sharp, thick needles hurt my hands. But their beautiful silver-blue to blue-green colors make this a pretty tree.

3. D O U _ L _ S
F _ R
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O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your _____.

branches Christmas green winter

Can you help Peak find his way to the Christmas tree to put the star on the top?

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The reason for the season through the eyes of a reporter

(The following story was written by Terry Hoggit of The Cushing (Okla.) Daily Citizen, and first appeared in that newspaper almost 30 years ago. We thought you might enjoy the viewpoint of a reporter of 2,000 years ago on that fateful night when the future of the world was changed.)

Western Union — Boss, I know I'm a rookie reporter and I know you're giving me a chance to move up in the newsroom. But Bethlehem? Nothing ever happens in Bethlehem. I'm new at this, and I know I'm supposed to dig up stories. But there isn't much going on here. And I think you're right. It doesn't take long in this business to become cynical about most things and skeptical about everything.

Since I wired that "The Whole World is Taxed" story, it's been very quiet here. People are still coming from all over the country, looking for a place to stay, and standing in line while they pay their taxes. But there's no other news. It would take a miracle to find anything newsworthy in this place. The biggest thing that's happened in the past couple of days was the fuss over my room. There just isn't any space available in Bethlehem. A young couple needed lodging and the innkeeper asked me if I would give them my room. I think I answered him the way you would have, Boss. I told him I had paid my rent and I was staying. They could go look elsewhere.

The innkeeper said the woman was great with child. I told him I've heard better excuses than that. I've got enough to worry about, trying to file stories, and I can't be running all over this little town looking for another room. According to the innkeeper, he gave the couple some space in the stable behind this building. I doubt if he really did that, but I'm not going to go poking around among the cows and sheep to see if anyone's spending the night there.

Boss, I've scoured the entire area. Nothing. Oh, there's a bunch of shepherds scattered all over a hillside, but those guys don't have much to say. They're too busy keeping watch over their flocks.

Just this afternoon, I went out west of Bethlehem to check on a rumor of some "kings" who are supposedly coming to this little town. I found three men heading east, but they wouldn't admit to being "kings." They just said (get this, Boss) they were "following a star."

Cracked me up. I saw some sort of light shining in the east, where they pointed. But I think it was one of those sunspots. These wise guys, who would only say they "came from afar," are probably

traders. Each is carrying a fancy box on his camel.

It's getting quite late. It's just past midnight. That would make it Dec. 25 and I still don't have that big story you were hoping I'd find. I suppose you'll want me to come home soon. I realize this is a long telegram, but I'm getting the special night rates. And I can't sleep because of some bright light right outside my room — can you see sunspots at night? And the cattle are lowing. It's enough to keep anyone awake.

As I scribble this message, a bunch of those shepherds are rushing past my window and running into that stable out back. Must have lost a lamb. It's funny. I swear I can hear a baby crying. Probably an animal.

My goodness, now those three guys are riding past on their camels. They're headed into the stable, too! Must be getting crowded in there. Cows. Sheep. Shepherds. Three well-dressed salesmen and their camels and some poor couple trying to get a night's sleep.

That innkeeper must be making a fortune tonight! Say, boss, what if that woman really was pregnant? Would that be a story? You know, someone having a baby in a barn? I can imagine the headlines: Baby born in Bethlehem stable; No crib for a bed; Child placed in a manger.

Well, maybe that's a bit farfetched, Boss. But I'll wander out there and see if I can find out something. Might be good for a line or two in the afternoon editions. I'll wire something later in the day, but don't expect a miracle.

SPC grants available to help offset student expenses

South Plains College is accepting applicants for the Retain Student Grant Program. The program provides funding for first generation college students at the SPC Muleshoe, Plainview and Denver City campuses.

Applicants must also be enrolled in at least six credit hours and have at least a 2.0 grade point average. Permanent students of the South Plains and students with the intent to work in the West Texas region following graduation are preferred.

The funding, which will be awarded in spring 2007, is issued directly to students to use for fuel, babysitting, bills or other expenses that the students may incur that are not covered by typical financial aid funds.

All applications are due by Monday, February 5, 2007 with no exceptions. The awards will range from \$300 - \$500 dollars depending upon the number of applicants. Recipients will be awarded the week of Feb. 26.

All recipients must meet with project director, Marla Cottenoir, to accept the grant.

To download an application, visit <http://www2.southplainscollege.edu/information-for/future-spc-students/scholarships/appsforms>.

For questions or more information, contact 806-894-9611 ext. 2332 or 2331.

Blood drive set for Dec. 21

The 26th annual KLLL Country Christmas blood drive will be held in Muleshoe, Thursday, Dec. 21, from 1-8 p.m., at the Oneida Wagnon Senior Citizens Center.

Donors will receive complementary gifts and will be eligible to register for additional prizes.

Freshmen...

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Mules held off the Wildcats.

Bamert led the Mules with 12 points and Steinbock dropped in 11. Skipworth added eight points, Atwood seven and Poynor had six. Macias made five points, Quezada, Griswold and Lopez each had two and Conner chipped in one.

The Mules will break for Christmas and host the Bushland Falcons Jan. 8.

JV Ladies...

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on the night and Vasquez dropped in five. Scolley, Baca, Steinbock, Gabby Perez and Clemmons chipped in two apiece.

The one and one Lady Mules hosted the Tulia Lady Hornets Tuesday night and then will break for the Holidays. The Lady Mules will travel to Dimmitt Jan. 2 to tangle with the Bobbies.

SPC registration announced

South Plains College Muleshoe Extension Center, 621 W. Second, is conducting its pre-registration for Spring 2007 Classes through Jan. 4.

For a list of available classes, dates and times, or for admissions and online registration information, contact 806-894-9611, ext. 2374, 2375 or 2372. For distance education information, contact 806-894-9611, ext. 2340. Or go online to www.southplainscollege.edu.

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WJHS Students of the Week

The Watson Junior High School Students of the Week for the week of Dec. 18 are, from left to right: Front row — Vanessa Velasquez, Cassidy Lowe and Aaron Reyes; back row — Manuel Muñoz, Francy Montes and Cristian Godinez.

Eighth-grade Mules improve their season

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The eighth grade Mules improved their season record to 4-0 by doubling up on the River Road Wildcats 58-29. Juan Sanchez got the Mules started with a pair of free throws after being fouled shooting.

Cooper Washington added a pair from the line and Tyson Turnbow made two from the line on Wildcat technical foul. Washington grabbed a rebound and put it back on the glass and was fouled. He added the free throw to complete the three-

point play.

Jonathan Perez hit from behind the arc before the quarter ended with the Mules leading 19-1. Turnbow dropped in his second 3-pointer of the game in the second period and Nick Hurtado scored his first bucket of the game.

The Mules led 32-6 at the intermission. The Wildcats made a run at the Mules in the third quarter by out scoring the Mules 17-8. Rico Alacorn broke a nine point run with a bucket from the elbow.

The Mules led 40-23 going into the final quarter.

Sergio Montejano got the Mules cranked in the final frame with a bucket. Turnbow made his third trey of the game and Joey Ramirez added a charity toss as the Mules out ran River Road 18-6.

Washington led the Mules with 23 points and Turnbow made 11. Hurtado added eight points and Alacorn six. Perez made five points, Sanchez and Montejano dropped in two each and Ramirez chipped in one.

The Mules will break for Christmas until Jan. 8 when they host the Bushland Falcons.

Seventh-grade Mules thump the Wildcats

By Delton Wilhite
Sports writer

The seventh grade Mules took their first win of the year by thumping the River Road Wildcats 45-12 Monday night. Issac Baca scored all six of his points in the opening period as the Mules ran out to a 10-2 lead.

Beau Avila stuck back a rebound to open the second period. Sergio Vasquez got a back side rebound and put it up and in for a 14-2 Mule lead. Mateo Castillo drove from the wing and pulled up and hit from near the elbow.

Avila scored twice more before the half ended and Vasquez added four more buckets as the Mules took a 30-6 advantage at

intermission. Matthew Ambriz made all three of his points in the third period. The Mules led 39-8 to begin the final quarter. Carlos Sosa made two buckets in the final minutes and Jaden Herrera added one.

Vasquez paced the Mules with 10 points and Sosa and

Avila made eight each. Baca dropped in six, Herrera and Castillo had four each, Ambriz three and Castillo chipped in two.

The 1-3 Mules will take the Christmas break and return to action Jan. 8 when they host the Bushland Falcons.

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Muleshoe grad helps lock down the Falcons

Denver University junior Sara Benham of Muleshoe and senior Tyesha Lowery of Arlington both scored in double-digits as Denver University posted a 59-46 victory over Air Force Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Magness Arena in Denver.

The Pioneers improved to 4-4, while Air Force drops to 3-7.

"It was a hard fought win," head coach Pam Tanner said. "We made some adjustments in the second half that helped us win. We wanted to quit turning the ball over at the pace we were in the first half. We only had six turnovers in the second half. And we tightened up our defense in the second half, allowing them to shoot just 18 percent."

Benham scored 12 points and Lowery added 11. Benham and Lowery also accounted for six rebounds apiece. Lowery had five assists in the game.

With the win over Air Force, DU is 2-0 against Front Range teams.

Thanks for reading!

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County '4-H'ers honored

The 49th Annual 4-H Gold Star Achievement Banquet was held at the Frazier Pavilion on the Texas Tech University campus, in Lubbock, on Nov. 20.

The banquet spotlights the 2006 4-H Gold Star winners in their achievements and offers special inspiration and encouragement to all youth. Parents and leaders of the county 4-H clubs are also recognized for their leadership and dedication to the advancement of agriculture, improvement of living standards, and the enrichment of family and community life.

Bailey County 4-H Gold Star recipients for 2006 are Courtney Mardis, the daughter of Chris and Gina Mardis, and Dal Whalin, the son of Sam and Lisa Whalin.

Courtney has been an active 4-H member for 8 years.

Courtney says, "4-H is a big part of my family. Both of my parents were '4-H'ers and now that I have joined, we spend a lot more time together. I have realized that I have such a good relationship with my parents because of 4-H."

Dal has been a member of the Bailey County 4-H Club since first grade when he joined as a Clover Kid.

Dal says, "4-H is not only showing animals, it is also an opportunity to meet people and make new friends." 4-H has taught me respect, responsibility and has helped me decide to pursue a career in agriculture. 4-H is a big part of my life and my family's

life. The memories I have of traveling with friends and family can never be replaced. When I pledge 'my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living,' I'm pledging not only for 'my club, my community, my country, and my world,' but for the betterment of myself."

Rodney Baker, adult volunteer leader and club manager of the Bailey County 4-H Club, was recognized as a Distinguished Leader. Rodney has been an active volunteer for 10 years.

Area Electric Cooperatives, including Bailey County Electric Cooperative, Big Country Electric Cooperative, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Lam County Electric Cooperative, Lea County Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, South Plains Electric Cooperative, and Swisher Electric Cooperative, sponsor the Gold Star Banquet in honor of the County Gold Star Winners of the South Plains District.

Registration for summer peace officer academy announced

South Plains College is accepting candidates of the 2007 Summer Peace Officer Academy beginning May 2 through Aug. 17 in Levelland. The classes are held Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Applicants must also be admitted to SPC and meet all SPC entrance requirements. Admission to SPC does not ensure admission into the academy. Admission forms are provided after the completion of the entrance exam and background check.

The approximate course cost is \$1,550 for in-district students and \$2,078 for out of district students in addition to books and supplies. Payment is due on the first day of class.

Pre-registration is required by April 19 along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee for a state and federal background check required through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education. The registration process may take three to four weeks, therefore early registration is recommended.

Applicants desiring financial aid must do so through the SPC Financial Aid Office and should seek assistance no later than March 1.

Students desiring to apply must be 21 years of age (before the end of the academy) or older, U.S. citizen, a high school graduate (or GED with 12 hours college credit), have an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the U.S. after at least 24 months of

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The academy is a 16-week course of study involving 618 hours of academy work and approximately 192 hours of physical fitness activities. In addition to academic studies, students will receive training in handgun qualification, driving, mechanics of arrest among other training activities. A personal vehicle or handgun is not required for the courses.

For a more information log onto www.southplainscollege.edu/law or call 806-894-9611, extension 2291.

JV Mules...

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Alvarado led the Mules with five 3-pointers and 19 points. Ellis dropped in nine points and Dominguez had five. W. Wood and Wright made three each and Zamora and L. Wood chipped in two each.

The Mules hosted the Tulia Hornets Tuesday night for their first district game. The Mules will take the Christmas break and return to action January 2 when they travel to Dimmitt to tangle with the Bobcats. The Mules will host the Lockney Longhorns Jan. 5.

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Bailey County Extension Office News

By Steve Byrns

Submitted by Mandi Seaton

It was a century ago on Nov. 12, 1906, that local leaders in Tyler hired W.C. Stallings, a leading farmer, to serve Smith County as the first extension agent to serve a single county in Texas.

The groundwork leading up to that historic hiring began in 1892, when the boll weevil invaded Texas from Mexico. By 1903, the small beetles had cut Texas cotton yields in half. They were well on their way to toppling the long-held monarchy of "King Cotton" in the Lone Star State and the economic health of Texas.

Fear of losing the entire cotton industry led to extreme reactions. Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, U.S. Department of Agriculture special agent for Promotion of Agriculture in the South, toured the infested area and wrote, "I saw hundreds of farms lying out; I saw a wretched people facing starvation; I saw whole towns deserted..."

Congress appropriated \$250,000 for use in "stamping out the boll weevil" in 1904. The money was split between U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Entomology and Bureau of Plant Industry. Both bureaus promptly began "how-to" demonstration work on government-owned experimental farms for farmers to emulate. But the farmers were unimpressed. The farming practices

demonstrated were right, but the delivery methods were wrong. The human factor hadn't been considered. Most farmers scoffed at the ideas they were shown, because they knew any possible loss incurred would be completely covered by "Uncle Sam's" dollars.

Knapp, though, knew how to communicate with farmers. His leadership skills and understanding of his audience had led to the first community-based, farmer-administered farm demonstration in the nation. That project occurred on the Walter C. Porter Farm in Terrell in Kaufman County.

Terrell community leaders had asked Knapp in 1902 if he would set up a government-run farm in their community. But Knapp already supervised five demonstration farms in Texas and Louisiana, and regretfully declined, having run out of the time and funds needed to take on another property.

The Terrell group didn't take "no" for an answer. They offered to run and fund the farm themselves if Knapp would give guidance and recommendations applicable to their growing conditions. A formal agreement was ratified on Feb. 25, 1903, thus establishing the result method demonstration work that is so vital to Extension work today.

Porter subsequently planted 70 acres under Knapp's guidance and was rewarded with more return per acre than his family had ever earned.

Ironically, the Porter Farm demonstration had nothing to do with the boll weevil. Porter's work focused instead on soil improvement and crop diversification. However, Knapp's educational method of reaching farmers, called "cooperative demonstration work," was

immediately adopted to address the boll weevil problem.

The Knapp-Porter success grew to include 7,000 farmers by 1904 and 32,000 by 1908. There were too many demonstration projects going by 1904 for Knapp to personally supervise, so USDA, aided by a national philanthropists' group known as the General Education Board, hired regional agents to travel from farm to farm.

By 1906, local interest in demonstration work became so strong that taxes levied by commissioners' courts and school boards were appropriated to hire agents to work in single counties.

Stallings was the first one hired.

According to Joseph C. Bailey (1945), Knapp's biographer, Knapp wanted men much like himself with "an abundance of sound common sense; a well-earned reputation for successful and superior farming practices; a readiness to serve their fellow farmers and the cause of better agriculture...; a position of some authority and leadership in their own communities arising from these attributes; and, finally, a good bit of... shrewd discernment and adroitness in converting skeptics and recalcitrants."

Today, all of Texas' 254 counties are served by at least one county Extension agent. Their realm of educational knowledge has extended from solely agriculture and natural resources to now include agents with responsibilities in 4-H, extension's youth component; family and consumer sciences; and community resources and economic development.

These agents are backed by subject-matter specialists across the state who act as resource people

in a wide variety of disciplines.

Knapp had the foresight to include the credibility of what is now the Texas A&M University System in the supervising of demonstration work to minimize possible objections to federal intervention in state and local affairs.

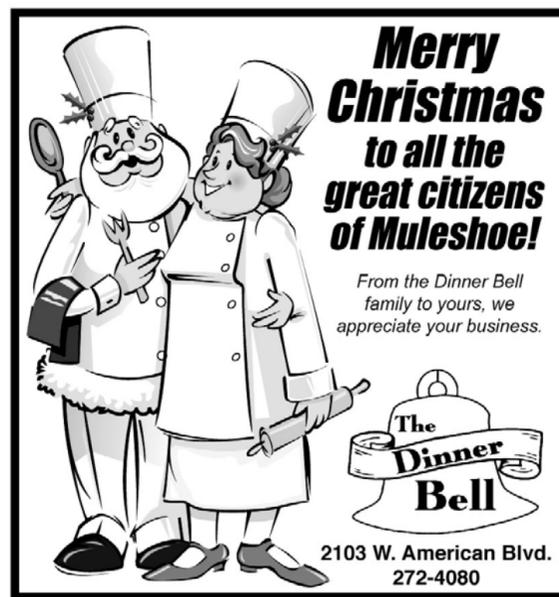
It's been 100 years since Stallings was hired, but the same values of credibility and respect that made the agent of that era such a success still hold true today. Extension's credo of "real learning for real life" is as imperative to the success of the organization now as it was then.

And what's become of the boll weevil that galvanized Texans to act and kick-started Cooperative Extension work? He's still here, but his threat to the industry is greatly diminished thanks in no small part to the educational efforts of extension agents and specialists who convinced farmers statewide to support and cooperate with the efforts of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Today, every area in Texas is in the eradication program and 2/3 of all the cotton acres have only a very low boll weevil infestation.

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck..."—Proverbs 1:8-9

Christmas Eve service to be held

The First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe invites the public to attend its Christmas Eve candlelight service, Sunday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m.




Park View Van effort continues

Muleshoe area residents continue to address the needs of the residents at Park View Nursing Home.

To date, they have donated thousands of dollars toward the purchase of the new van, but there is still a need.

As of this month, the total still needed is: \$15,000.

Individuals, or organizations wishing to contribute to the effort may send their donations to the Park View Van Fund, at First State Bank of Muleshoe.

For more information, or to donate directly to the nursing home, contact Jodie Rose or Joy Stancell at Park View Nursing Home at 806-272-7578.








Muleshoe 'perfect attendance' students to be rewarded

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, Muleshoe High School students with perfect attendance will be treated to a movie and refreshments at Tinsel Town in Lubbock.

After the movie, the students will be treated to pizza and soft drinks.

Among the students receiving the reward for their perfect attendance are:

Daniela Aburto, Ethan Frieda, Jonathan Garcia, Dustin Hawkins, Gustavo Salamanca, Angel Salcido, Maria Andrade, Meybel Arias, Alexandra Ballenger, Devin Bullock, Samantha Campos, Travis Free, Juan Garcia, Monica Gonzalez, Daniel Montejano, Salvador Morales, Kathryn Owens, Gabriela Perez, Brian

Poynor, Christiane Pyle, Jose Quezada, Juan Salamanca, John Salinas, Morgan Smith, Lisa Soto, Joe Vargas, Monique Vega, Whitney Villalobos, Wesley Wood, Austin Wright, Ruben Alvarez, Anna Andrade, Julio Bustillos, Leticia Castorena, Diegl Deltoro, Stephen Dominguez, Neiba Esparza, Daniel Mendoza,

Adrian Perez, Luis Ramirez, Garrett Riley, Gilberto Rodriguez, Kelsey Tipps, Dal Whalin, Kaytlin Wiseman, Raul Campos, Brittini Carter, Kaitlyn Geissler, Gerardo Gomez, Brant Hamilton, Alyssa Lopez, Arthur Martinez, Zane Matthews, Lynnne McBane, Claudia Morales, Andrew Perez, Francisco Ramirez, Jaysol Regalado, Matthew Richards, Noe Salcido, Jameson Skipworth, Gregory Smith, Gregory Smith, Amberlee Steinbock and Travis Thompson-Campbell.

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Texas milk production totals are up

Texas milk production totaled 573 million pounds during November, up 10 percent from last year's production of 523 million pounds.

October 2006 production totaled 561 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during November averaged 338,000 head, up 17,000 head from last year and unchanged from

the October 2006 number. Production per cow averaged 1,695 pounds during November, up four percent from last year.

Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.3 billion pounds, up three percent from production in these same states in November 2005.

October unrevised production, at 13.7 billion

pounds, was up two percent from October 2005.

Production per cow during November averaged 1,616 pounds, 24 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.25 million head, 81,000 head more than last year, and 3,000 head more than October 2006.

Births

Andrew Foster

James and Jennifer Foster of Lucas announce the birth of their son, Andrew Roy Foster, on Nov. 8, 2006, at 2:50 p.m., at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

Andrew weighed nine pounds, eight ounces at birth, and was 20-1/2 inches in length.

He has one brother, Bryce, 4.

Andrew's grandparents are Jim and Chera Foster of Muleshoe, Sue Streich of Wiley, and John and Melina Streich of Newcastle, Okla.

His great-grandparent is Clara Foster of Roswell, N.M.

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A-door-able decorations

Employees at the Muleshoe Area Medical Center jumped into the Christmas season with "both feet." Pictured above is one of the brightly decorated department doors on display throughout the hospital.

DPS urges safe driving

The Texas Department of Public Safety will have all available troopers on Texas roadways during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

They'll be looking for drivers who are drunk, for speeders and for those who are not wearing safety belts.

"Slow down and live," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. "Speeding is the number one killer on Texas roadways."

"Making sure you're driving the speed limit — or drastically reducing your speed in bad weather or in crowded roadconditions — can mean the difference between life and death. We want to make sure you get to your destination safely," he said.

The Christmas enforcement period will run from Friday, Dec. 22, through midnight Monday, Dec. 25.

Last year during the Christmas holiday period, highway patrol troopers made 581 DWI arrests. They also issued 13,951 speeding tickets and 2,886 tickets for seatbelt violations-including 365 citations for child safety seat violations.

The New Year enforcement period will run from Friday, Dec. 29, through midnight Monday, Jan. 1.

Last year during the New Year holiday period, highway patrol troopers made 461 DWI arrests. They also issued, 671 speeding tickets and 1,432 tickets for seatbelt

violations-including 188 citations for child safety seat violations.

"Be sure to designate a driver if you're planning on consuming alcohol. Drinking and then driving is a bad way to celebrate the holidays. And, as always, you should buckle up," Col. Davis said.

Since both holidays fall on weekends, it's likely there will be more people on Texas roadways. Texas troopers offer the following helpful hints for a happier driving experience during the holidays and throughout the year:

- Slow down-speed is the number one killer on Texas roads. Bad weather can create conditions where slowing down can save your life, or the lives of others around you.

- Drive sober-designate a driver who hasn't consumed alcohol. Calling a cab is much cheaper than paying for the consequences of a DWI charge.

- Wear your seatbelt-being properly secured can increase the odds of surviving a serious crash. Make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up. Children should be secured in the appropriate car seat or booster seat.

- Drive courteously — it's contagious! Turn signals can be your gift to other drivers. Don't tailgate.

- Plan ahead-there may be construction or other delays on your planned route. Be patient, and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination safely.

Coop official discusses utilities deregulation

"Full deregulation" of the electric industry may be making headlines in the news, but local electric cooperative members don't have to worry about being affected by deregulation, according to Kim Black of Member-Tech Services, Bailey County Electric Cooperative.

"We will continue to operate as we always have," he said.

The Texas Electric Choice Act of 1999 gives not-for-profit electric cooperatives the choice to participate in deregulation—or not—because of the way electric co-ops are controlled and regulated by their member-owners.

There are still major investments in grid interconnections that have to be made before the Panhandle/South Plains area can export or import electric power, Black said.

Without that capability, this area of the state has been exempted from deregulation by the Texas Legislature, according to Black.

"Electric cooperatives have a track record of delivering electricity at prices below those in the deregulated market. That is one reason why Texas co-ops and their member-consumers have not been required to make the huge investment or tackle the headaches involved with deregulation," said Black.

Will Bailey County Electric Cooperative ever participate in deregulation?

Not likely, according to Black. Bailey County Electric Cooperative's board monitors the effects of deregulation in other areas of the state and the country.

"The way we see it," he said, "deregulation at this time wouldn't lower our

members' rates or contribute to our system's reliability. In fact, by staying self-regulated we are protecting members against future unknowns."

Electric cooperatives are established to serve their member-owners, not to make a profit.

Each member shares in the operating costs of running the business. The actual cost of electricity is passed through to each member based on usage.

"Unlike other electric utilities, our operating costs rise only when the price of doing business goes up," said Black.

"Our members recently saw this cost go up when the wholesale power cost increased due to fuel costs. But when the price of fuel goes down, our operating costs follow suit, and our members see that on their monthly statements," he said.

"When or if Bailey County Electric Cooperative joins the deregulated market are decisions that will be made by our members," Black said.

Bailey County Electric Co-op serves all or part of Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Lamb and Parmer counties.

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Conklin graduates

Matthew Conklin, the son of Garland and Susan Conklin, graduated from Texas Tech University on Dec. 15 with a masters degree in architecture.

Conklin plans to work with HKS Architectural in Dallas.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Often times in our daily rush we forget to give thanks to our Lord for all the blessings in our life. We would like to take this opportunity to give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for giving Chuy the strength to endure his suffering and pain during his illness.

There were times when he almost gave up and I would remind him that Jesus would always be there to help him and give him strength to continue his treatments and therapies, and Chuy would get inner strength to go on.

I firmly believe the Lord was working great miracles in this child as he was very

ill. When we got there, his neurologist was impressed that he was even walking as his illness had progress so much that he stated that most persons would have not been mobile. I said the Lord was watching him and that the miracle was that the whole town of Muleshoe was praying for him. His doctor responded that he

believed that the medical community could only do so much, and that the healing had a lot to do with our spiritual well-being and prayers prayed for an individual.

The doctors and staff were wonderful, and they kept telling us we spoke funny because we said "y'all" and "thank you m'am (sir)" to everyone. On this premises, We the family of Jesus "Chuy" Valdez, extended a heartfelt thank you, to all the individuals and churches who had him on their prayer lists.

Thank you for your belief that the Lord would help Chuy get better. We would also like to take this opportunity to say another big "thank you so much" for all of your monetary donations to help us out during this time.

Chuy still has a long recuperation ahead and I know at times this road is bound to be bumpy but I know that with my Lord's help he will give us the strength and perseverance to keep taking that one little step forward. We know that there will be setbacks, but we hope that they are little dips and bumps on the road of life.

May the Lord bless each and everyone in Muleshoe (the greatest one-stop-light town in the world).

The family of Jesus "Chuy" Valdez, Muleshoe

They stayed in their motor home. This is the spirit of Christmas.

Since we only got out of the house with the clothes on our back we were in trouble. People responded the day of the fire with clothes and personal items. This went on for months. We are still blessed to be wearing them.

Teachers, coaches, friends, family and people we did not even know brought things like furniture, linens, dishes and almost anything you need for a home.

There was a benefit for us that was wonderful. Money and many things were brought in. We are so humbled by the out pouring of love.

God Bless each one who gave. This is the spirit of Christmas.

Many people knew we were going to need a home to move into and the only one we had available was our daughter's house that was in bad shape.

Precious people came to our rescue. I am not mentioning names because

I don't want to hurt anyone and I might leave someone out.

Two of the people were contractors who worked for free at our house for over a month.

Many others came painting, cleaning, installing ceiling fans, working on the heating unit and a lot more at no charge. This is the spirit of Christmas.

You would think that after all this time people would have forgotten, but no. God has kept us in people's hearts.

Just last month we came home to find two boxes of Christmas decorations, and other things setting on our porch we have no idea who left them. Wow!

We are no one special but God has blessed us through many people.

I pray that as Christmas arrives, that everyone who has given is blessed. We pray for all and wish all a blessed Christmas and thank you.

The Wisian and Eagle families, Muleshoe

To the Editor:

As Christmas nears I am remembering how wonderful our home town, surrounding area, and even people in other states are.

On April 6, our home was destroyed by fire. Thank you, and God bless the firemen, policemen and other first responders who could not save our home but saved many others that day and for the next few days.

Christmas is the day we celebrate Christ's birthday and in doing so we give gifts. No one can begin to know how many gifts have been given to us since April.

Not all were material gifts, some were done with love and labor.

We first went to my sister's home but that was a problem because she did not have room for six extras for long.

Then a wonderful family opened their home with out hesitating. They were out of town and called and told us to just move in, eat their food, and use anything in the house.

We were there five weeks, God bless them.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Accident investigated

Bailey County emergency personnel were dispatched to the scene of an accident in which a pickup overturned Tuesday morning, west of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84.

Don't forget your photographs

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New Store Manager Saul Figueroa comes to Muleshoe from Odessa. He's 23 years old and has a wife and two children.

Lowe's in Muleshoe is also glad to welcome back an old friend, Albert Lopez. Albert will once again be using his talent as butcher in the meat department.



Merry Christmas!



From the staff of the *Muleshoe Journal*

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\$20 Million available for conservation grants

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced a Feb. 2 deadline to submit proposals for Conservation Innovation Grants.

The CIG program is designed to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service administers the grant program as part of its Environmental Quality Incentives Program and is offering up to \$20 million for

the national CIG competition.

All proposed CIG projects must involve EQIP-eligible producers. CIG funds that are used to provide direct or indirect payments to individuals or entities to implement structural, vegetative or management practices are subject to the \$450,000 EQIP payment limitation.

CIG is not a research program but rather a tool to stimulate the adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been

studied sufficiently to indicate a high likelihood of success and are likely candidates for eventual technology transfer.

CIG will fund projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations. Technologies and approaches that are commonly used in the geographic area covered by the application, and which are eligible for funding through EQIP, are not eligible for funding through

CIG. CIG funds pilot projects and conservation field trials that can last from one to three years. Grants for approved projects cannot exceed 50 percent of the total project cost.

The federal contribution for a single project cannot exceed \$1 million. At least 50 percent of the total cost of the project must come from non-Federal matching funds (cash and in-kind contributions) provided by the grantee.

While NRCS will provide technical oversight for each project receiving an award, the grantee is responsible for providing the technical assistance required to successfully complete the project.

Funds for single- or multi-year projects, not to exceed three years, will be awarded through a nationwide competitive grants process with applications accepted from all 50 states, the Caribbean Area and Pacific Basin Area from all eligible government or non-government organizations or individuals, including federally recognized tribes.

To view the announcement of program funding or to apply, visit: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig> or <http://www.grants.gov/>.

For more information about NRCS conservation programs visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/> or visit the nearest USDA Service Center.

Texas off-highway vehicle decals to be enforced

On Jan. 1, 2007, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens and other authorities will begin enforcing the requirement for all qualifying trail vehicles to have a current Texas Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) decal properly mounted on their trail vehicles when used at OHV venues on public land in Texas.

A Texas OHV decal costs \$8 and is good through Aug. 31 of the year it is purchased. Many other states require similar decals. A decal bought in Texas is also valid in other states and other states' decals are valid in Texas.

Revenue from decal sales will be used to provide grants to help municipalities, counties, state or federal agencies and non-profit corporations create or improve OHV recreation areas in Texas.

Non-street legal motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and non-street

legal four-wheel drive vehicles are required to display the OHV decal when trail riding on public lands in Texas.

The law applies to all public lands in Texas including municipal, county, state or federal lands where OHV recreation is approved and legal. Street legal OHV's do not require the Texas OHV decal no matter where they are used in Texas.

Decals are not required for vehicles used on private land.

Failure to comply with this law is a Class C misdemeanor and could result in the OHV operator being issued a citation, with possible fines ranging from \$25 to \$500.

A Texas OHV decal can be purchased by calling the Texas Parks & Wildlife Customer Service Center at (512) 389-8917. Decals can also be bought at selected parks and retail stores listed on the TPWD Web site.

Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade climbed to a fresh two-and-a-half-week high Thursday on a combination of speculative and fund buying amid bullish options trades, traders said. USDA's weekly export report also was mildly supportive to the market.

According to USDA, net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 185,300 bales in the week ended Dec. 7. The figure was 36 percent higher than the previous week, but 29 percent less than the four-week average. Major buyers included Mexico, China, Indonesia, and Turkey.

Export commitments for the 2006-07 marketing year continue to lag behind last year's pace, however. Commitments now total 5.53 million bales, down from 9.26 million in the comparable year-ago period.

Export shipments of 191,500 bales were 35 percent more than one week earlier and 30 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

Meanwhile, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in the week ended Dec. 14 totaled 24,528 bales compared to the previous week when 24,528 bales were sold. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 46.16 to 50.57 cents per pound compared to 45.67 to 47.80 cents per

pound the previous week.

On Monday, the market essentially ignored USDA's supply/demand report that slightly increased U.S. and world ending stocks to 6.3 million bales and 51.5 million bales, respectively.

U.S. 2006-07 crop production was left unchanged at 21.3 million bales while domestic use was cut by 100,000 bales to 5.1 million. As a result, U.S. ending stocks rose five percent.

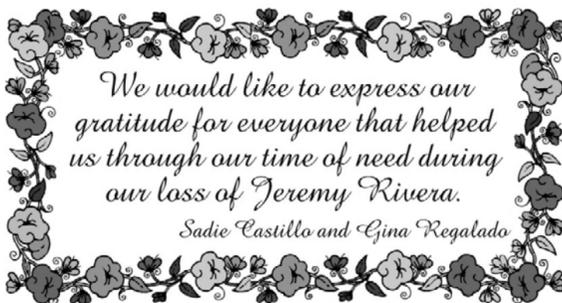
Global ending stocks were raised one percent to 51.5 million bales based on production increases in China, Brazil and Turkmenistan, as well as an increase in beginning stocks. World production rose to 115.86 million bales from 115.72 million last month.

The department also slightly lowered its 2006-07 U.S. export estimate to 16.0 million bales from 16.2 in November based on slow business from its largest customer, China. Many traders had long expected USDA to lower U.S. exports in the face of weak export data so this adjustment was largely ignored. In fact, many analysts believe exports eventually will be lowered to a figure between 14 and 15 million bales.

In other news, mild, unseasonably warm conditions ruled from the Southeast to West Texas this week. Widely scattered showers were received in parts of the South Wednesday night, but accumulations were little more than a trace.

According to USDA's Drought Monitor data for the week ended Dec. 12, soil moisture levels ranged from normal to abnormally dry in Texas. Above-average temperatures for this time of year persist, increasing soil moisture evaporation rates. Therefore, an extended period of rainy weather is needed to ensure adequate topsoil moisture for next season.

Drought conditions prevail in central parts of Texas with key cotton growing areas categorized moderate to severe drought. Meanwhile, soils on the High and Rolling Plains were categorized abnormally dry to normal. Nevertheless, a cold, wet winter in Texas would be welcome to help kill overwintering insects and to ensure water tables are recharged.



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At Its Heart, Christmas Is All About God's Lavish Gift

It's a great cartoon—the cartoon I saw years ago now in a journal for church leaders. A couple of unsmiling, thin-lipped Pharisees are looking sternly at Jesus. One points his finger at Christ and intones, "We get our salvation the old-fashioned way. We eeeeeeearn it!"
Ridiculous, if you think about it. But sometimes we don't think about it, and so we catch ourselves acting and feel-

and grinces about the extravagance; his tribe we'll have with us always, I suppose). It's extravagant, wouldn't you say?, to launch angelic beings on a mission from heaven to visit shepherds out in the fields surrounding a podunk little village. Pretty extravagant to send wise men bearing priceless gifts on a trek to find a peasant family and their little son.



Focus On Faith
Curtis Shelburne

Christmas was joyful. We were scared of joy. Joy is hard to control and if unchecked can lead folks to excessive happiness. Joy breaks out unexpectedly and might lead to such things as shouting praises or dancing like David. We could tell you about "five acts of worship," but we didn't think there was much in the manual about joy. We were wrong.

ing as if it were true. And that has very serious consequences.

If we think about it long enough and seriously enough (and really read Romans and Galatians), I hope we'll realize that SELF-righteousness is far worse than ridiculous: it is nothing less than a slap in the face of God and a denial of the cross of Christ.

To some extent, I think all Christians in our society are much more affected by our Puritan roots than we realize. I know, for example, that the religious tradition in which I grew up was not very comfortable with Christmas for a variety of reasons.

Much about Christmas seemed lavish and extravagant. We were right about that. We were just wrong in thinking that God minds lavish extravagance times. Christmas has about it the feel of, say, a sinful woman breaking a jar of the most expensive perfume and pouring it over the feet of her Savior (while a Judas looks on

We knew you shouldn't get drunk on wine, as Paul warns us in Ephesians, but we sort of skipped over the part in the same verses where he says to be filled instead, filled to overflowing, gloriously drunk with joy, on God's Spirit. That sounded dangerous. We were of a camp that was pretty sure that a greater miracle than turning water to wine would have been turning wine to water, and we tried it in a thousand ways, sadly succeeding.

Christmas was beautiful. We didn't much trust beauty for beauty's sake. It seemed close akin to extravagance and joy. If cheap and practical black and white will get the job done, why live in color? What, after all, does beauty DO? Just make life worth living, that's all.

At its heart, Christmas is about the most lavish, extravagant, joyful, beautiful gift, a gift that can only be accepted in deep humility and never earned, not even a little bit.

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torturous meal was over, and when their mother made as if she were going to wash the dishes before anything else was done, the two Archer children begged her to wait a few minutes first.

"Alright, already," she said. "We'll open gifts first."

Lynn Archer was rocking slowly in his chair when the children rushed into the room. "Calm down, before another ornament gets broken," their grandfather warned them, as Teddy and Lynnette hurriedly knelt by the tree and the Christmas packages.

The sudden reminder of the accident that had left their Christmas tree bare at the top was enough to dampen some of the children's enthusiasm. At the same time, it reminded them that until a day earlier they'd thought there would be another to share the excitement of this moment with.

"Now, who's going to pass out the gifts?" Lynn asked. Both kids waved their hands above their heads to be chosen for the task when their mother said, "I think I will."

However, the sad expressions that turned their lips downward quickly disappeared as their mother handed each of them a package from under the tree.

"Merry Christmas," she said.

Teddy almost squealed as he reached for his package.

Suddenly, there was a knock at the kitchen door.

"Who in the world?" Lynn asked as he stood up and walked into the kitchen. When he returned a couple of minutes later, Timothy was with him.

Both Archer children leaped to their feet and rushed over to greet the returning boy, hitting with a barrage of questions.

Molly also greeted Timothy with a hug before turning to her father-in-law with an unspoken question in her eyes.

While the children helped Timothy out of his coat, the adults stepped into the kitchen for a brief conference.

"How'd he get back here?" Molly asked.

Lynn shrugged. "He didn't tell me," he said. "Should I call the sheriff?"

"Do we have any other choice?"

While Molly stood in the doorway, watching the three

kids, two of whom were rapidly tearing into the packages they'd briefly set aside to greet their friend, Lynn called Sheriff Johnson and explained the situation to him.

"I'll have the office try to reach Gardner," the sheriff said. "and I'll head on out there to pick him up," he added.

"He was at home," Lynn said to his daughter-in-law as he hung up the telephone. "He ought to be here in about 10 minutes."

"Mom, can we open a second package?" Teddy asked impatiently from the living room. Molly nodded and returned to her earlier position by the tree.

"I'm sorry Timothy," she said, "but we gave you your gifts when you left yesterday."

"Yes, maam, that was kind of you," the boy replied. "I can't stay long anyway."

"Now, son," Lynn, who'd just returned to his rocking chair, said. "Running away isn't going to solve anything. ...If there's something we need to talk about..."

"I'm not running away, Mr. Archer," Timothy said. "But there were some things I needed to take care of before I left."

"Where are you going?" asked Teddy.

Timothy smiled, his face almost glowing with pleasure. "...It's a wonderful place. I can't really describe it."

"Have you remembered something about where you're from?" Lynnette asked.

Timothy looked over at her, smiled again, and nodded his head.

Above the children's heads, the eyes of the adults met briefly.

"What about your name?" asked T eddy. The boy they'd taken into their home nodded again.

"What is it?" Lynnette asked, leaning forward as she did so.

"It's Timothy."

"You're kidding."

"No, really I'm not."

"What about your last name?" Molly asked.

For the first time since he'd arrived, Timothy had a troubled look upon his face. "I don't have one," he explained.

"Timmy, are you sure you just haven't remembered it yet?" Molly asked. "I'm not calling you a liar, but people usually have more than one name. Sometimes even three or four."

Timothy shook his head. "No, that's why I couldn't remember, or rather why I wasn't allowed to remember," he said. "Otherwise, I would have been a liar."

"I don't understand," Molly said.

"...I don't have a last name ...because I'm an angel," Timothy said.

While bewilderment appeared on the faces of the two Archer children, the adults shared expressions of deep concern at Timothy's announcement.

"I guess you could say I'm the Christmas angel," Timothy continued.

"...Now, son..." Lynn said before Timothy interrupted him.

"I know what you must be thinking," the boy said. As he spoke he rose from his knees and walked over to

the small table in the corner on which Molly had placed the broken tree ornament.

"Do you remember what we talked about, Mrs. Archer," the self-proclaimed angel asked as he picked up the pieces of the crystal ornament.

"...About loving my Timothy, and the need to forgive him?" she asked in return.

Timothy nodded. "And do you remember what I said to you when I left?" he said, looking at Lynnette.

"Uh huh, at least part of it," she said.

"He went away again the second time, and prayed saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done," Timothy recited. "It's from the Book of Matthew when Christ was asking God if the crucifixion was really necessary"

"Do you remember asking God why it was necessary for your father to die in the war?" asked Timothy.

Lynnette nodded slowly. "For mankind to have a chance of salvation, God decided it was necessary for Jesus to be born and later to die at Calvary," Timothy explained. "From the moment He was born, He was headed for the cross."

As Timothy spoke, the two adults were doing their best to decide how best to handle this latest situation.

"While Jesus Christ's mission on earth was the salvation of mankind, mankind has a mission of its own," Timothy continued. "It might lessen your hurt if you could understand that your

father died trying to help others, and that he still loves you very much..."

"Have you seen my father?" Lynnette asked, her tone one of almost disbelief. Timothy's only response was a beautiful smile.

"And my last charge..." Timothy stepped over to Teddy. "Thank you for being my friend," he said.

"I... I'm sorry about getting mad at you when you picked your name," the youngest Archer said.

"Don't be," Timothy said, gently placing his hand on his friend's shoulder as he spoke. "You thought you were losing something else of your father's, his name."

Teddy nodded. "But you really didn't lose it, you've always carried it. You've just carried it as your middle name while everybody used your first name to avoid confusion. If you want to be called by your middle name, just ask your mother. ...It would make your father proud," said Timothy.

Teddy's face brightened as he looked hopefully toward his mother, "Can I?"

"If that's what you want," she said.

After a long pause, Timothy moved over to stand before Lynn Archer. "I'm sorry about the tree ornament, Mr. Archer," he said. "I..."

Before Timothy could finish, someone else knocked at the kitchen door. "I guess that's the sheriff," the boy said.

"Now, Timothy..." Archer said.

"I really do have to go,"

Timothy said as he held up the broken ornament. "But I wanted to give this back to you first."

The knock at the door was repeated slightly louder.

As Lynn reached out to take the pieces of the crystal angel from Timothy, a sudden flash of light from the boy's cupped hands startled him.

"Would you mind taking care of this until one of your grandchildren can take care of it?" Timothy asked. In his hands was the glass angel, undamaged.

Lynn, his mouth hanging open, gently took the angel. As he held it, Timothy reached out and gave him a hug.

"Thank you for telling me the story," Timothy whispered before he disappeared in a flash of light.

The Archers stood looking at each other, stunned and bewildered, finding it hard to believe that the boy they'd cared for during the past month was actually an angel.

A much louder knock at the kitchen door brought them back to their senses.

"Somebody better let the sheriff in," Lynn said as he walked over to the Christmas tree and replaced the angel at its top.

The End.

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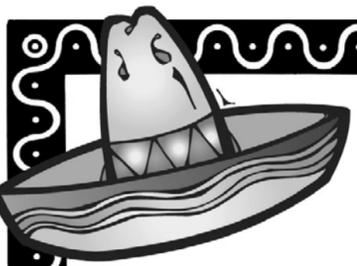
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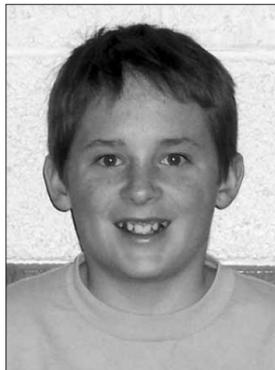
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3 BR/2 BA/2 CAR GAR — 1033 NE 1st, Earth, TX. Spacious brick home, 160 sq. ft. finished basement, kitchen and living area, central heat, tile, granite, white bath. Great floor plan. **BACK ON MARKET!**

3 BR/2-1/2 BA/2 CAR GAR — Brick home, approx. 1920' sq. ft. living area, located 1 block from school in Sudan on Hwy. 303. Well kept home, awesome kitchen and nice neighborhood.

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"Real Estate Just Became A Breeze"

Muleshoe Area Farm in Prime Dairy Location — 900 acres located about 6 miles NE of Muleshoe in the heat of an area found to be excellent for dairies. This farm is eight quarter sections that have been very well maintained and cared for. This farm lays well and is set up for peak production with center pivot Zimmatic sprinklers-7 packaged for 700 gal/min and 1 packaged for 550 gal/min. There is one house and an excellent barn!
House and 8 acres of land — 2451 CR, 1 mile N of Lazbuddie. This is a very well maintained country home with many updates and additions. One completely remodeled bathroom, master bath, three hot water heaters, a beautiful redwood deck with hot tub and an above ground swimming pool. \$155,000.

Commercial — 1202 W. American Blvd. - Prime location in Muleshoe, off Main thru way. \$90,000.

Commercial — 623 W. American Blvd. Muleshoe, TX 79347 - A thriving business in a progressive rural city. The business currently includes tree and plant sales, landscaping projects of all sizes, yard sprinkler planning and installation, and yard and tree spraying. Also included are approximately 700 growing trees on five acres south of Muleshoe that will be maintained by the current owners for five years. The land does not convey. Great opportunity!

Commercial — 311 W. American Blvd. Muleshoe, TX 79347 - An established business that carries everything for your farm animals needs. Currently, this business carries hay, Hi-Pro feed for large and small animals and a wide variety of animal care essentials. It is located in an area surrounded by feed yards, dairies and farmsteads.

Hart — CR 522 & CR 619—661 acres Northwest of Hart, TX in a very good water area. 4 wells. Great Farm! *see other listings in Farms & Land

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HELP WANTED

The City of Muleshoe is taking applications for a worker in the Public Works Department. High School graduate/GED required. Upon employment, subject may be required to pass a drug test. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 215 South First, Muleshoe, TX. Position open until filled. EOE/ADA. TFN11-30

Muleshoe Livestock Auction is currently taking applications for: cafe manager and cafe cook (cafe experience required), auction ring clerk/ticket writer (experience in livestock auction ring or office required, resume requested). All jobs are Saturday only. Call Jamie or Rhonda, 806-272-4201. 4ch12-14

Farm worker: Perform the following duties: Drives and operates farm machinery such as tractors and Swather baler. Cleans irrigation ditches using machines. The employer will pay the adverse effect wage rate of \$8.32/hr. The employer guarantees 3/4 of the workdays in the work contract. The work tools, supplies and equipment are provided without cost to the worker, if applicable. Free housing is provided to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the workday. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the work site will be provided or paid by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract or earlier. Workers interested in the job should contact: Workforce Muleshoe, 203 Main Street, Muleshoe, TX 79347. Phone: 806-272-7540, mention job order number 8848500. 2pd12-14

NURSING — Parmer County Community Hospital is seeking candidates for the positions of Registered Nurse/Charge Nurse and LVN. Positions are full time and requires excellent verbal skills, basic computer knowledge and skills, phone skills and ability to professionally interact with the medical staff and public. Prior Charge Nurse experience preferred for RN. Must be able to work all shifts. Mail resume to, or stop by for application: Parmer County Community Hospital, Human Resources, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, TX 79035. 2ch12-14

SEEKING OFFICE PERSONNEL for general office duties, including accounts payable. Experience with Quickbooks preferred. Good benefits. Send resumes to: PO Box 502 Muleshoe, TX 79347. 2ch12-21

Park View Nursing Care Center, Muleshoe, is accepting applications for DON, CMA or CNA positions. Nurse needed for 10-6 shift with sign on bonus. For more info, contact Jodie Rose, 806-272-7578. TFNch12-7

Blue Bell Creameries is seeking a personable and responsible individual who can represent our company to customers with professionalism. We are hiring a full-time Driver Salesman for our existing wholesale ice cream route operating out of Muleshoe. Applicant must have a good driving record. Comprehensive benefits package provided. Interviews will be conducted on 11/29/06. Please call Ty Koontz at 806-749-9005 on Wednesday 11/22/06 or Monday 11/27/06 to set an appointment. 1ch11-23

Need kitchen help and waitress. Come by Dinner Bell for an application. NO phone calls please. 2ch12-21

FULL TIME LVN - Benefits, including medical. Non-profit skilled nursing facility Runningwater Draw Care Center Olton. Call 806-285-2677 for application. 2ch12-21

SEEKING MANAGER - Must have organizational skills, be mature and drug free. Experience preferred. 24,000 per and benefits. Apply in person at Ashley Furniture Homestore, 300 S. Ave. C, Portales, N.M. 4ch12-14

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT NOW HIRING
mins
Minsa is accepting applications for 2 positions in the maintenance dept. Some previous maintenance or welding experience preferred. Apply in person at Minsa or at WorkSource, 201 S. Main, Muleshoe. EOE. TFNch2/23

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT NOW HIRING
mins
Minsa has several positions available in our production facility. We are looking for hardworking individuals to fill several positions. Apply in person at Minsa or at WorkSource, 201 S. Main, Muleshoe. EOE. TFNch2/23

Experienced Loader Operator needed at Texzona-Friona, LLC. (806) 295-6905. Competitive wages and benefits. Contact T.C. Cook by cell, (806) 265-5500. 2ch12-21

OLTON — O.R.C. needs temporary help for concrete work. Call Patrick at 869-8756. 1ch12-21

REAL ESTATE

Vic Coker Land Co.
Agricultural Real Estate

- Home in Earth - Extra nice, 3/2/2, finished basement, fireplace, covered patio, large backyard with fruit trees. A very nice place.
- Bailey County - 347 acres of CRP on pavement. Contract ends in 2009.
- Lamb/Castro County Line- 316 acres north of Earth, 2 central pivots, 4 wells. Very productive.
- Lamb County - 156 acres north of Springlake, center pivot, 3 wells, 54 acres in CRP.
- 1288 Acres in Southwestern Bailey County-932 Acres in C.R.P. through 2017. Balance is Native grass. New Mexico state line is West boundary. 6 miles of fence. Good domestic well. Quail, antelope, and other hunting. Excellent cash flow for a hunting retreat.
- 309 acres - Near Prineville, OR. 84 frontage, 1/2 mile of pavement. Good soil. Good depreciable assets.
- Lamb County — Southeast of Amherst 922 acres, 310 acres of alfalfa. 5 center pivots, 42 acres of drip irrigation.
- Northwestern Lamb County — 160 acres, 2 wells, Center pivot, perimeter fence, 1/2 circle of improved grasses, good allotments.
- Lazbuddie Area — Brick home, 3 BR/2 BA, 2 park garage, on 1.3 acres. 1/2 acre plus large enclosed patio, large fenced back yard. ON PAVEMENT.
- West of Muleshoe — 70 acres irrigated with 2 wells. Lays good. Good dining area.
- Lamb County, North of Springlake — 2800 square foot home on 3.46 acres. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, den, large living - dining area, large kitchen. \$60,000.

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J.B. Sudderth Realty, Inc.
109 5th St., Farwell TX
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170 acres north of Muleshoe on Hwy. One irrigation well, 2 half circles, good water area.

640 acres, 7 wells SOLD - 7 circle sprinklers, with nice country home.

2,850 acres south of Texico, NM, 7 irrigation wells, 7 circles, 820 acres of state-leased grass, 640 acres deeded-grass.

640 acres NE of Clay's Corner, 8 irrigation wells, 4 circle sprinklers, with large brick home, lays good.

800 acres with 13 irrigation wells, 5 circles, with nice large 4 BR brick home w/basement, 30x80 barn, NE of Muleshoe.

315 acres east of Lariat, 3 wells, 2 sprinklers, excellent water area. SOLD

640 acres 10 irrigation wells, 1/2 mile sprinkler and nice 4500+ sq. ft. home. Permitted for dairy, west of Lariat.

500 acres 4 irrigation wells, 1/2 mile from Hwy. Dairy permit near completion, near Clay's Corner.

319 acres 4 irrigation wells, 2 circle sprinklers SW of Lariat.

Call Daren Sudderth for more information.
(505) 799-4947

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CHECK OUR LISTING INFO., PHOTOS, ETC. ON-LINE AT WWW.NIEMANREALTY.COM
HAVE BUYERS! NEED HOME AND LAND LISTINGS!!

RICHLAND HILLS
• VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick home, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 2200' lv. area, corner lot, nice carpets, covered patio, auto. splkr., fenced yard., stor. bldg!! \$135K!!
• VERY NICE 5-5 1/2-2 Home, split-level, open concept, 5100' lv. area, geo-thermal heat pump, built-ins, FP, workshop, numerous other amenities!! \$220K!!

LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA
• VERY NICE 4-2 Mobile Home, Cent. A&H, built-in, 28' x 56', Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, vaulted ceiling, storm windows & doors, large lot!! \$63K!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA
• 3-11/2-1 Carport Home, Cent A&H, DW, Disp. fenced yd., workshop/storage!! \$39,500!!!

COMMERCIAL
• OASIS ICE CREAM-NICELY REMODELD - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent A&H, updated electrical & plumbing, will sell without equipment!! \$55K!! For all!!
• 40' x 75' METAL BLDG.w/office & restroom on 2.91 acre tract at edge of town (Hwy. 84 & 70), domestic well & MORE!!! \$85K!!
• 150' x 100' tract with an approx. 1600 building + approx. 1440' storage on corner of Hwy. 70, 84, & 214!! PRIME LOCATION!! \$45,000!!
• 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!
• 413' Frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop, 24' x 30' office, chainlink fence!! \$21K!!
• 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheeter bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
• Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$35K!!
• FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

FARMS
• 310 ACRES, WITH 2 CIRCLE SPRINKLERS and 25% native pasture!! \$295 per acre!!
• LAZBUDDIE AREA — 3-2-2 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, deck, hot tub, cellar, stor. bldgs., on 2 acre tract!! \$95K!! Additional 156 acre farm w/circle sprinkler, 3-20 hp. sub. wells!! \$495 per acre!!
• CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!

RURAL
• SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$49.9K!!
• NICE 3-2-2 Home on 60 acre tract!! Central A&H, built-ins approx. 2575' lv. area, 10 hp. well, workshop, barns, corrals, fenced!! MORE!! \$130,000!!
• NEEDMORE - Gin Building, office, well on 2.6 acres (Hwy. 214 & FM 299) \$125,000!!
• PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobiohome on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$75K!!

IN CONTRACT

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
We Appreciate Your Business!

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Christmas
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kindness
salvation
goodness
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truth

All these things we wish for you and your family this holiday season.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Christmas Day so our team members may enjoy the holiday with their families.

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