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Medicare 'okay' of dialysis unit may take awhile

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Approval of the dialysis unit at Park View Nursing Care Center probably won't be as rapid as was previously hoped, according to the nursing home's administrator, Chris Cotton.

At Thursday's regular meeting of the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors Cotton explained that the 30-day wait on the Medicare survey which the board had been told about could actually be anywhere from 30 to 180 days.

Although the dialysis center can accept private pay, and insurance paid, patients, it is prohibited from receiving Medicare reimbursements for dialysis treatments until the survey

is approved.

In other business, MAHD CEO Ray Mason told the board they will be revisiting the issue of paid and extended time off sometime after the holiday season.

The comment came during a report to the hospital district board concerning administrative action that was taken in regards to the nursing staff at the hospital's clinics.

David Burke, the MAHD chief financial officer, explained a situation that arose in regards to the existing personnel policy — which was changed by board action earlier in the year — in which the nursing staff at the clinics had used up their PTO on days the physicians were out of the

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Muleshoe memorial mentioned on Jeopardy!

Responding to a statement isn't always the easiest thing to do... unless you're a habitual viewer of the Culver City, Calif., based television game show Jeopardy!.

But if that's the case, the response to the statement "Muleshoe" — phrased, of course, in the form of a question would go something like this: "What is the Bailey County municipality that is

once again popping up on Jeopardy!?"

Yes, once again, the community located "18 miles from Earth" has a connection to Alex Trebek's popular game show.

For those who don't recall the first couple of times, the first was back in 2004, when the Jeopardy sensation Ken Jennings — the great-grandson of G.O. and Irene Jennings, the great-nephew of Jim Jennings, and the second cousin of Kathleen Jennings Hamilton, all of the Muleshoe area, became the game show's top trivia expert in 2004.

The second time was in September 2006, when Muleshoe graduate Andrew Espinoza was a "single-show" champion. Espinoza's win was broadcast on Oct.

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Photograph by Larry Thornton

Arctic trio tours Muleshoe

Although Santa Claus has been visiting Muleshoe since it's founding, he was accompanied by Mrs. Claus and an unidentified elf Saturday. Pictured above, the arctic trio participate in the 2008 Christmas Parade, sponsored by the

Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

With their team of flying reindeer resting up for this week's world-wide excursion, they were chauffeured around the Bailey County seat in a horse-drawn carriage.

Bass wins grain sorghum contest, again



CHRIS BASS

Muleshoe farmer Chris Bass has won the 2008 Conventional-Till Irrigated National Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contest, according to the Texas Agrilife Extension.

The winning grain sorghum was produced in northwest Bailey County under sprinkler irrigation. Contestants are awarded points based on yield and county average. Bass' winning yield was

201.76 bushels per acre, accumulating 135.06 points, and finishing ahead of Ki Gamble of Kansas with 85.01 points, and W R Johnson and Sons of New Mexico with 80.50 points.

In all actuality most of Bass' competition was at the state level where he narrowly edged out Steve Albracht of Castro County with 200.91 bushels per acre and 133.51 points, and Ray Haseloff of Parmer County

with 201.57 bushels per acre and 106.77 points.

In addition to the national conventional-till irrigated division win, Chris won the Bin Buster award which is a "no holds barred" maximum national yield contest.

Steve Bass of Bailey County brought home state honors in the non-irrigated mulch till division finishing second with a yield of 72

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Local Weather

Thursday

Pt. Cloudy..... 60/34

Friday

Pt. Cloudy..... 60/20

Saturday

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Sunday

Sunny..... 55/24

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Sunny..... 56/24

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Years-end sales tax totals place Muleshoe second

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Sudan topped the list of area communities in the race for the sales tax dollar according to information received from the Texas State Comptroller's Office.

Although Muleshoe's closest neighbor only received \$3,439.19 in the most recent, and final sales tax allocation for 2008, the total included a 37.77 percent increase when compared to last year's figures for the same period.

Of the 10 area communities monitored, all showed an increase in their allocation, except for Bovina, which

showed a 7.26 percent drop in sales tax receipts.

Dimmitt showed the second highest percentage increase for the month.

For the year's end totals, Olton showed the largest gain in percentage of increase over the 2007 totals, with 19.54 percent, but with total allocations of \$112,180.59 for the current year, it still falls significantly behind the three top sales tax collectors in the area.

Littlefield's year-end total was at \$800,201.84, which is a .3 percent drop in total revenue from its 2007's figures, while Muleshoe took in \$521,328.46, an

increase from last year of 5.06 percent. Friona captured third place with a 2008 total of \$308,301.88, a 6.51 percent increase from last year.

According to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, the state collected \$1.98 billion in sales tax in November, up 4.7 percent compared to November 2007.

The November collections represent sales tax receipts collected by local businesses in October.

The final sales tax allocations for 2008 totaled \$488 million, up 9.2 percent compared to last

Sales Tax Results			
City	Net Payment	Same period Prior year	Percent Change
Muleshoe	\$41,716.19	\$36,628.15	13.89%
Dimmitt	\$26,616.38	\$21,980.17	21.49%
Morton	\$10,704.71	\$ 9,165.02	16.79%
Littlefield	\$68,102.21	\$60,175.09	13.17%
Olton	\$ 9,528.44	\$ 8,859.39	7.55%
Sudan	\$ 3,439.19	\$ 2,496.28	37.77%
Earth	\$ 2,887.45	\$ 2,783.64	3.73%
Farwell	\$ 7,857.80	\$ 7,157.66	9.78%
Bovina	\$ 6,433.33	\$ 6,937.31	-7.26%
Friona	\$29,364.18	\$25,530.73	15.01%

December, according to the comptroller's office.

Despite the economic slowdown, local

governments collected \$5.9 billion in sales tax this year, 6.3 percent more than in 2007.



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Project Christmas Card will appear in the Jan. 1, 2009, edition of the *Muleshoe Journal* and the deadline for getting your contribution in is Dec. 29, 2008. Mail your contributions to the Park View at 1100 West Ave. J, or take it by the First Bank, Muleshoe State Bank or Park View Nursing Care Center.

AA meeting

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

Booster club offerings

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club has commemorative State Championship Football Programs for sale for \$2 each. They are available at City Hall. The Booster Club is also selling State Champion Bumper Stickers.

Adult education classes available

Free Adult Education classes will begin in Muleshoe on Dec. 4. at the Workforce building on Main St. The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. These classes are being offered by Region 17 Service Center in partnership with Workforce.

State championship shirts

The Muleshoe Athletic Booster Club is pre-selling 2008 Class 2A-Division I Football State Championship t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and caps. Order forms are available at any MISD campus office, the MISD website, Adrian Photography, United Supermarket, First Bank, Muleshoe State Bank and City Hall. Forms must be returned with payment by Dec. 29 to a MISD campus office, Adrian Photography or City Hall. The Athletic Boosters are also raffling a signed keepsake football, autographed by the 2008 Class 2A-Division I Football State Championship Muleshoe Mules. Contact Vasquez Construction, Belinda Head at MHS Library, Jody Wood at the Watson Junior High, Rachel Alvarado at DeShazo or Diane Skipworth at Dillman for raffle tickets.

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Muleshoe drivers license office

The drivers license office in Muleshoe has been closed due to problems with the office's computer. Individuals wishing to test or renew their license may do so, Monday through Friday, at the office in Littlefield, located in the basement of the Lamb County Courthouse. For additional information, call 806-385-5679.

EMT classes scheduled

Bailey County EMS will be holding an EMT class beginning Jan. 13., every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-10 p.m., over a four to five month period. Bailey County will be providing tuition for a limited number of students living in Bailey County, who are willing to be part-time EMTs with Bailey County EMS. Anyone interested in this class should call 806-272-4390 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Call as soon as possible, due to limited class space. You must be 18-years-old upon completion of the course.

Holidays are tough time for addiction sufferers

This is the holiday season, a time of the year and we often hear "Happy Holidays." If, however; you or a family member, friend, employer, employee, or co-worker has an addiction; what they hear translates to "Bah Humbug!"

The person suffering from an addiction doesn't have much to be happy about. They are going through times, situations and their own thoughts which are not happy or good. They feel just the opposite, they are miserable.

Addictions: Alcohol, drugs, gambling, sex, emotions, the internet, porn, eating disorders, etc. The list goes on and on. The addicted person is usually in a state of denial. They say, "I do not have a problem. Just leave me alone!" "I can stop whenever I want to... I just don't want to right now!"

Or, "I don't want to be around 'those people.' They don't know what is going on."

Or, "Those people are too religious, too wealthy... how come they are and not me. They're not connected to the 'real people' like me..."

Or, even, "I do not want to be around Mother, Father, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, cousin, because I am uncomfortable around them." In other words, they have seen the addicted person drunk, high, stealing, picking fights, bloody, stealing your medications out of your house, passed out, etc.

To the addicted person any excuse is better than no excuse.

Their fun — their addiction of choice — no longer allows them to get to that fun place where they use to laugh and have a good time like everyone else. They are no longer able to order a drink, and just drink part of it for the entire evening or gathering. The addicted person needs one after

another until they pass out or are thrown out. Then they go someplace else to continue their addiction.

The saying, "One is too many and a thousand is not enough" pretty much characterizes a person who has an addiction to the drug or problem of their choice.

But the addicted person shouldn't give up! Particularly at this time of year. There is help for you and your family, right here in Muleshoe.

Every Friday, at 7 p.m., there is an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for people with alcohol and drug problems. "You will find people who have had 'your problems,' or very similar problems... people you can relate to," a local AA representative said.

"We are here to help each other, not to criticize each other. We've all been there... done that," he added.

AA meetings are open meetings so anyone can attend no matter what the addiction. Family members and friends are welcome, also.

Al-Anon meets at the same time. Al-Anon is here for the families, friends, loved ones, employers, employees, anyone who knows or has someone with

an addiction.

"This holiday season, don't sit home alone, come and join us! We meet every Friday, at 7 p.m., 52 weeks a year, at the First United Methodist Church, 507 West Second, right

here in Muleshoe, Texas, America," said the AA representative.

For more information call either of these numbers: For Alcoholics Anonymous call 965-2870, and for Al-Anon call 272-4989.

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Jennyslipper News

The Jennyslippers met for their bi-monthly noon meeting at the Girl Scout Hut on Tuesday, Dec. 9, with the following members present:

Elaine Parker, Joy Williams, June Green, Onieda DeLeon, Donna Kirk, Ellen Ladd, Ruby Green, Brenda Tapley, Nelda Merriott, Bobbie Harrison, Nancy Kidd and Melba Clark.

The organization president, Elaine Parker, called the meeting to order and asked Williams to pronounce the blessing.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Discussion was had on a work night to decorate our float for the Christmas parade which is on Dec. 20. The group has been gathering material for the float and will assemble to work on Dec. 16. The Girl Scouts have been invited to ride on the float.

Merriott reported that the Golden Friendship Circle of Calvary Baptist Church has donated good used refrigerator for use at the Mule-putt Golf Course. This was appreciated.

The group voted to purchase two large chafing dishes for use in the annual Thanksgiving Dinner to provide better service to the community. They also approved payment to the First Assembly of God Church

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How can I except some man guide me?

Most bible readers will recognize this as a question asked Philip, the evangelist, by the Eunuch Of Ethiopia, recorded in Acts, chapter eight.

The Eunuch had been to Jerusalem to worship and was returning. He was sitting in his chariot and reading the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

Philip had been sent by the Lord to go from Jerusalem south to the Gaza Strip where he saw the Eunuch and ran to him. The Spirit said "Go near and join thyself to the chariot."

Then Philip asked him "Understand what thou readeest?" And the Eunuch replied, "How can I except some man guide me?"

Now, that, in my judgment, goes to the very purpose of the ministry of the gospel: To

Something worth saying...
By Glen Williams

guide men into a higher and better way of life while we live here on this earth.

But how can we understand it if we be not taught it? And what is its real value if we don't understand it? I speak of being taught the truth of the gospel of Christ.

That seemed to be what the eunuch was searching for, and having found it, and having conformed himself to it, he went on his way rejoicing.

Before that he was a sincere but confused Jewish nobleman — one of God's chosen. On the other hand I have never been able to see what good there can be

in guiding people into error or untruth.

So from this humble beginning I will attempt a discussion of the ministry in a bit more detail. I not only speak of what we teach, but the purpose for which we teach.

For I have observed that, in the final analysis, the purpose, the honesty and devotion with which people teach is about as valuable as the truth or error of their teaching. That, in fact goes for every aspect of whatever service we might render. I do not claim any special calling, I have no special training, but I have had more than 60 years of experience in public services of different kinds and I do feel confident and fairly well adjusted to certain principles and facts of life.

To begin with there is a few little things we need to consider. But I have to remember, "there are no little things."

The Eunuch had charge of all the treasures of Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians. Thus he was a man of great authority and responsibility.

In my judgment they were both Jews. And, as we noted, he had been

to Jerusalem to worship. That's not a little thing.

Philip had traveled a long distance at the direction of the Lord. That's not a little thing. And it was not a little thing that the Spirit told him to join his self to the chariot.

The fact that the Eunuch was studying, searching for truth was no little thing. And the question Philip asked, "Understandeth what thou readeest?" was not a little thing either.

In fact that is the very essence of what we are speaking about.

Do we understand? How can we understand? Who can and will teach us? Is a person's life and knowledge worth that much effort?

I would say "Yes, but how can we gain that knowledge?"

To be continued.



A Christmas Carol...

Members of the Lazbuddie Junior High Music and Drama Class performed Charles Dicken's play, "A Christmas Carol" and various musical numbers on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Jennyslippers

Continued from page 2 for the use of their building which is sincerely appreciated. Also, they have approved a donation to the Rebekah Lodge.

The Jennyslippers made badges saluting the victorious Muleshoe Mules and these were provided to the bus riders and others for the game with Clyde.

They were well received and the Jennyslippers voted to make approximately 1,000 badges to give locally in support of the Muleshoe Mules prior to their game with the Kirbyville Wildcats, which was held in Grand Prairie for the 2A, Div. 1 State Championship held on Dec. 13.

The nominating committee provided its nominations for officers for 2009. They were: June Green, president; Ruby Green, vice-president;

Nelda Merriott, secretary; and Onieda DeLeon, returning treasurer.

The membership approved the nominations.

The Jennyslipper Christmas party is being hosted by Nancy and Cari Kidd in their home on Dec. 19.

This is always a fun time, which includes great food and games. Kid requested everyone to bring their baby picture in an unmarked envelope and a gift to exchange.

The Jennyslipper's installation banquet will be held on Jan. 26 with further details to follow. The Jennyslippers would like to add new members of all ages to join them in their activities celebrating their love of community. Call any Jennyslipper for more information.

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office.

"The nurses don't have a choice," Burke explained, noting that when the doctors were off the nurses weren't paid and had no other option than to use their holiday and vacation leave.

Burke said the payroll expense was the "big issue" in situations concerning the district's paid time off policies.

Later, in the administrative reports, Burke commented on the district's financial condition, stating that the months of October and November were slow revenue-producing months, and adding that the district's cash flow was still a problem.

Burke said he's already had to dip into the approximately \$350,000 in tax funds, adding that the \$50,000 in transferred funds would keep the hospital in operation fore another week.

In other business, the hospital district board:

- Accepted a \$1,500

Jeopardy...

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And the third time will be Dec. 29, when Muleshoe's "Pete" will be included in the show's category "Americana."

A representative of the California-based show contacted the Muleshoe Journal on Friday, Dec. 19, to give the community a "heads-up" on the mention of Muleshoe's national mule memorial on the upcoming show.

sealed bid from Israel Vasquez of Muleshoe for the house it had purchased at 709 S. First as part of the district's medical clinic expansion. The bid was the only bid received on the house which must be moved within 30 days,

• Approved a reimbursement resolution designating which items the district will seek to be refunded out of the proceeds from the certificates of obligation that are being issued to fund the clinic expansion.

Bass wins again...

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Each entry in the contest is validated by an unbiased observer.

National winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony at the National Sorghum Producers Yield and Management Contest Awards Breakfast on Friday, Feb. 27, during the 2009 Commodity Classic, Feb. 24-28, at Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Grapevine.

Chris Bass will also be inducted into the National Sorghum Producers Conventional Till Hall of Fame at the event.

National Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contests are sponsored by the National Sorghum Producers which represents sorghum producers coast to coast in legislative and

regulatory matters.

In addition National Sorghum Producers provides high-quality, targeted educational materials to help producers improve their bottom line.

Blood drive set

A blood drive has been scheduled at Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship for Kenneth Wilcox on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Call Kelly Helton at 946-9697 to make an appointment.

Donors must be at least 16 years old, with a signed parental consent form, be in good health, and have a valid drivers license, and weigh at least 110 lbs., to donate blood.



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Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Merry Christmas! The center will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25-26, but will open for regular hours on Monday, Dec. 29.

The center will be also be closed on Thursday, Jan. 1, but will be open on Friday, Jan. 2. We wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday.

Another year has come and gone here at the senior center. The past year has been a good one for the center. Our appreciation to all of you who have supported us with your donations and your visits to the center.

We are a tax-free, non-profit organization and operate on donations only. If you have a loved one whom

you need to remember or someone you need to honor please remember us with a donation.

Our crowds are growing each week. Perhaps you know a senior citizen who needs a little encouragement to come and enjoy the center. Visit with them, come with them and enjoy the fellowship and fun at

the center.

Perhaps you need to walk and the weather is bad, remember you can walk at the center. We have walkers every morning. Call a friend and come join in the fun.

We have missed our bridge club these past few weeks. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Several of you have been

under the weather and we hope you are up and about real soon.

Dec. 29-Jan. 2 Menus:
Monday, Dec. 29 - Smothered chicken, stewed potatoes, baked beans, salad, wheat rolls, fruit and cookies.

Tuesday, Dec. 30 - Chile, pinto beans, salad, pickles, onions, peppers, cornbread

and cake.

Wednesday, Dec. 31 - Grilled steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat rolls and fruit cobbler.

Thursday, Jan. 1 - Closed. Happy New Year!

Friday, Jan. 2 - Fish or chicken strips, gravy, beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

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'The Red Hat in a Gray-suit World'

"By the way, I'm not doing Christmas cards. If you want them sent, you'll have to do it." According to Sam Gardner in Philip Gulley's delightful "Harmony" series, it was the same "fight" every year.

Sam, pastor of the Harmony Friends' Meeting (Quaker church) would buy four boxes of Christmas cards at Kivett's Five and Dime and lay them on the dining room table with the address book nearby.

On this particular year, nothing happened. So he moved the cards into the bedroom, placing them near his wife Barbara's side of the bed. A day later, he found them relocated to his side with a note on top: "I wasn't kidding."

Sam's a smart guy. I'm surprised he hadn't figured out years ago that the only "safe" way to send Christmas cards to his parishioners was to put one in the newsletter so as to be utterly democratic about Yuletide best wishes. Any other approach is fraught with danger.

The Gardner's Christmas card list was growing at an alarming rate. The main category comprised of the church membership list was especially large. It was easy to get in the directory.

Even the repairman who had come to fix the church freezer just before the church ladies' annual Chicken Noodle Dinner fundraiser for Brother Norman's Shoe Ministry to the Choctaw Indians was rewarded with honorary membership. (Not a single noodle was lost.)

Once you were in the directory, well, there you were. To ever be removed took

something very serious, something like a death certificate signed in triplicate. Non-attendance and non-giving would not do it. If you drove past the church once a month and smiled, you were on the list, like it or not.

All of which meant that the Gardner's Christmas card list was beginning to look like the IRS roll and likely included a few folks long since deceased.

But the handwriting was on the wall, not yet on the cards, and so Sam got to work. And Barbara, after a compromise, helped. Sam would write the inside, she'd address the outside, and he'd do the stamps.

It was going well until Barbara read the one to the freezer repairman.

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It's a sweet annual argument, Sam says. His wife, modest and traditional, argues for just a bit of reserve while he maintains that God, instead of sending a lawyer to 'define the limits of love,' sent His Son.

After all, Sam tells his good wife, "Christmas is not the time to hold back. It is the bold stroke, the song in the silence, the red hat in a gray-suit world."

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Obituaries

Consuelo Toscano

Church services for Consuelo Toscano, 73, of Muleshoe, were held on Thursday, Dec. 11, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 9-10, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery of Muleshoe.

Toscano died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, in Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock. She was born on Oct. 24, 1935, to Vicente and Refugia Daniel in Loraine, and married Enrique Toscano in Idaho on June 24, 1951.

She was preceded in death by a son — Raymond Toscano.

Toscano had been a resident of Muleshoe since 1954. She was

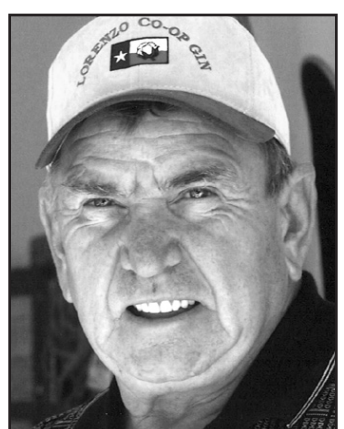
a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe.

Survivors include her husband — Enrique; four sons — Henry Toscano, Robert Toscano and Richard Toscano, all of Muleshoe, and Rudy Toscano of Jacksboro; six daughters — Gloria Gutierrez of Lovington, Katarina Garcia of Farwell, Domingo Olivas, Diana Casanova, Sylvia Martinez and Monica Toscano, all of Muleshoe; a sister — Juana Sandoval of Utah; three brothers — Lucio Daniel, Manuel Daniel and Alberto Daniel, all of Muleshoe; 37 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Fred Owen

Fred Owen, 63, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer. A celebration of life service was held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the First United Methodist Church in Crosbyton with the Rev. Kelly Inman and the Rev. Kerry Hurst officiating.



FRED OWEN

Fred was born on Dec. 24, 1944, to Earl and Mae Owen in Clovis, N.M. He married Donna Kay Phipps on April 8, 1966, in Muleshoe.

Fred graduated from Lazbuddie High School in 1963. He was an SP4 in the U.S. Army from 1963-1965 and then became a DPS officer. He later worked at Crosbyton Seed and owned and operated an Exxon Station and Owen Auto Supply, all in Crosbyton.

He served as the Crosby County Sheriff from 1978 - 1992, and worked for Hurst Farm Supply from 1994 -2003.

After that he started his own business, FLOCO Farm Equipment and farmed in the Crosby County area.

Fred was Past Master of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Scottish Rites. He served as president of the Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce

and the Crosbyton Booster Club, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lorenzo.

He is survived by his wife — Donna; a daughter — Angie Ratheal of Lubbock; a daughter and her husband — Vickie and Dee Abell of Ralls; a son and his wife — Brian and Lavinia Owen of Sealy; a brother — Bob Owen of Cedar City, Utah; and a sister — Marcha Rasco of Muleshoe.

He is also survived by grandchildren — Tracie and husband, Josh Alcala, Erin Moore, Michael Owen, all of Ralls; Meg Ratheal of Lubbock; Caroline, John and Ansley Owen of Sealy.

He has two great-grandchildren — Ethan and Courtney Alcala of Ralls.

The family suggests any memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock or VA Hospital in Amarillo.

Hazel Gilbreath

Funeral services for Hazel Gilbreath, 91, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, Dec. 22., at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Gilbreath died on Wednesday, Dec. 17, in Muleshoe. She was born on Aug. 13, 1917, in Brice to George and Nannie Nelson, and married Francis Edward Gilbreath in Muleshoe on Sept. 10, 1939. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1,

1988. Gilbreath was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe, and belonged to the United Methodist Women's Guild.

She was deputy county clerk for Bailey County from 1948 to 1959, and served as Bailey County Clerk from 1959 to 1982.

Survivors include two sons — Bill Gilbreath of Dallas and Jerry Gilbreath of Flower Mound; a sister — Virginia Kirk of Farwell; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Eva Marrufo

Funeral services for Eva Marrufo, 33, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, Dec. 15, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Muleshoe with the Rev. Fr. Leo Pahamtang officiating.

Rosary was said Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14, at Ellis Funeral Chapel. Burial followed the Dec. 15 service in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Marrufo died on Dec. 11, 2008, in Muleshoe. She was born on Jan. 5, 1975, in Durango, Mexico, to Pedro and Maria Eva Marrufo Sr. She was preceded in death by a son — Matthew Cisneros in 2006.

Marrufo was a secretary for Rapid Cable and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include her parents — Pedro and Maria Eva Marrufo Sr.; a son — Johnny Ray Cisneros; two daughters — Ashley Nichole and Desiree Michelle Cisneros, all of Muleshoe; four sisters — Romana DeLao of Canyon, Antonia Andrade, Gregoria Franco, Alma Loren Marrufo of Muleshoe; a brother — Pedro Marrufo, Jr. of North Carolina; and her grandmother Manuela Ibanez of Durango, Mexico.

Hazel Ball

Graveside service for Hazel Ball, 92, of Muleshoe were held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Bennie Wright officiating.

Ball died on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, in Park View Nursing Care Center of Muleshoe. She was born on Dec. 11, 1916, in Paris to Elbert and Ruby Sterling, and married Charles Dalton Ball in Clovis, N.M., on Oct. 5, 1946.

He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1984. She was also preceded in death by five sisters and four brothers.

Ball was a homemaker and a long-time resident of the Muleshoe area.

Survivors include a son — Charles Wayne Ball of Hart; a son and his wife — Curtis Dale and Karen Ball of Amarillo; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Darlene Alexander

Memorial services for Darlene Alexander, 72, were held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Duggan Ave. Church of Christ of Littlefield with Odell Farr officiating.

The family gathered to greet friends on Monday, Dec. 22, at Hillcrest Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Alexander died on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008. She was born to Cecil and Faye Jones on March 24, 1936, in Quail.

She was preceded in death by her father — Stuff

Jones, on Dec. 2, 1986, and her mother — Faye Jones, on June 7, 2008.

Alexander graduated from Bula High School in 1954, and was a sales clerk. She worked at the Fina and Fast Stop in Littlefield. She was a member of the Duggan Ave. Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons and their wives — Kelly and Deanna Alexander of Bula, and Bret and Susan Alexander of Memphis, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Bill Lambert

Funeral services for Bill Lambert, 103, of Muleshoe were held on Monday, Dec. 22, at the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Jack Stone officiating. Burial followed in Bailey County Cemetery of Muleshoe.

Lambert died on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, in Park View Nursing Care Center. He was born on March 9, 1905, in Uvalde to Thomas and Nettie Lambert, and married Edith Elizabeth McClure in Floydada on Aug. 3, 1925. She preceded him in death on Feb. 2, 1994.

He also was preceded in death by two sons — Junior and Billy; two daughters — Evelyn Marie and Connie Lee; a great grandson, three sisters and five brothers. Most recently he was preceded in death by a sister — Marie Lane, and a brother — Woodrow Lambert.

Lambert and his family moved to the Muleshoe area in 1927 from Ralls. He was a truck driver hauling agriculture products, and



BILL LAMBERT

a member of the First Assembly of God Church of Muleshoe.

Survivors include his son and his wife — Bernie and Olga Lambert of Holly Lake Ranch; a daughter and her husband — Mary Lou and Richard Vandegrift of Cheyenne, Wyoming; a sister — Freda Foss of Muleshoe; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or the First Assembly of God Church, P.O. 707, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Illa L. Ritchie

Chapel Services for Illa L. Ritchie, 89, of Tucumcari, N.M., and formerly of the West Camp Community of Bailey County, were held on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Ellis Funeral Home with Harry Gibson officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ritchie died on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, in Farwell Convalescent Center. She was born on Jan. 4, 1919 in Texico, N.M., to Henry Wesley and Wessie Lee Herington, and married Roy Lee Ritchie in Los Angeles, Calif., on Aug. 21, 1940. He preceded her in death on June 21, 1983.

Ritchie was a graduate of

Farwell High School. She and her husband farmed in the West Camp Community for a number of years. She was a home maker and a member of the Lariat Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters and their husbands — June Faye and Fred Followill of Livermore, Calif., Melinda and David Willebrand of Tucumcari, and Rebecca Ann and Jim Evans, also of Tucumcari; two sisters — Emma Lou Wilhite of Muleshoe and Bernice Doub of Sun Valley, Calif.; a brother — J.W. Herington of Muleshoe; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Sports

Lady Mules defeat Morton's Maidens, 42-32

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules had a very busy week before heading to Grand Prairie for the Mule's state finals football game against Kirbyville. They knocked off the Morton Maidens 42-32 on Tuesday night.

Sarah Johnson and Morgan Smith each had five assists in the game and Smith pulled down 10 rebounds. Yvonne Gardea and Johnson had three steals apiece in the winning effort. The Lady Mules were nine of 12 from the charity line.

Smith made eight of her 16 game high points in the second period. She made two buckets and four free throws during the second frame.

Johnson made the Lady Mules only 3-pointer in the first period and finished the game with 11 points.

Gizell Vasquez and Janae Pyle made four points each and Gardea dropped in all



Photograph by Stacy Conner

three of her points in the second half. Gabby Agundis and BreAnn Baca chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules entered the Farwell Invitational Tournament and downed the Grady (NM) Lady Broncos 63-49. Johnson had the hot hand for the Lady Mules

with a team high 17 points. She was five of 10 from the field and five of six from the line.

Gardea made six of nine from the field for 12 points. Smith had six assists, five steals and dropped in eight points. Val Olivas heated up in the second half to score

eight points.

Vasquez added seven points and Baca three. Agundis, Melissa Mendoza, Gabby Perez and Janae Pyle all chipped in two each. Agundis had five steals and Pyle pulled down six rebounds.

The Melrose (N.M.) Lady

Bluffs fell to the Lady Mules 55-34 Friday morning. Gardea led the scoring charge with 16 points. She was seven of 12 from the field. Smith was six of eight from the field to score 15 points and grabbed five rebounds. Vasquez was in double figures with 10 points, Johnson and Agundis made five each. Perez and Olivas chipped in two points each.

The Lady Mules played their second game on Friday short four players. Fouls became a problem for the seven remaining Lady Mules before the game ended. The Friona Squaws pulled away late to defeat the Lady Mules 50-40.

The Lady Mule stingy Amoeba Defense gave up 10 points total in the second and third periods and led 32-28 going into the final frame. Gardea and Olivas both went out on fouls in the final quarter.

Johnson led the Lady Mules in scoring with 13 points, three assists and three steals. Gardea added 10 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and made three steals.

Smith score two points in each period for eight points, Mendoza made four free throws for her four points, Olivas made all three of her points in the first quarter and Perez chipped in two.

The Lady Mules improved their record to 10-4 Tuesday night by defeating the Farwell Lady Blue 55-38 in the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center. Gardea scored as the first period ended to tie the game 11-11.

The Lady Blue felt the heat of the Muleshoe defense in the second period as the Lady Mules only gave up four points. The Lady Mule offense also heated up with 14 points and they led 25-16 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules scored 28 points in the second half to just 22 by the Lady Blue.

Johnson led all scorers with 23 points. Gardea added 10 points, Olivas dropped in six and Agundis had five. Smith made her four points in the third quarter, Vasquez had three points and Pyle chipped in two.

The Lady Mules traveled to Portales Friday night and fell to the Rams 49-35. Gardea and Vasquez each made 10 points to lead the Lady Mules in scoring. Vasquez made eight in the second period and Gardea had eight in the final period.

Tight man defense on Johnson held her to seven points, Agundis dropped in five points and Smith made all three of her points in the first period.

The Lady Mules traveled to Highland Park Monday night to face the Lady Hornets before taking the five day Christmas break.

The Lady Mules will be back in action during the break in the Littlefield Holiday Tournament December 29-31.

They have one more warm up game in Lockney against the Lady Longhorns January 6 and open district action at home when the Childress Lady Cats visit Jan. 9.

Varsity Mules down Farwells Steers, 60-40

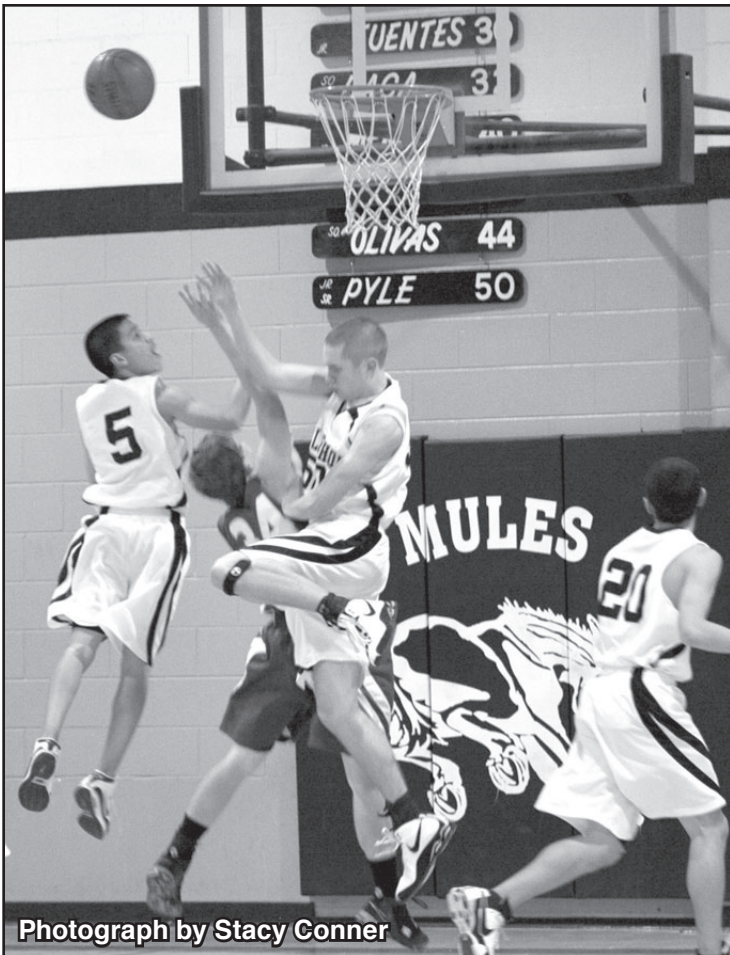
By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules hung on in the second half to down the Farwell Steers 62-58 just one practice after adding the players from the Mule football team. They traveled to Portales on Friday and fell, 60-40, to a more experienced Ram team.

Wes Wood opened the Farwell game with a reverse lay up as if he had been in the gym all year. Dillon Gallman knocked down a 3-pointer and added a put back to give the Mules a 10-4 lead with just under four minutes left in the first quarter.

Cooper Washington went high to tap an offensive rebound outside the arc to Gallman and he nailed his second trey of the period. Devine Bullock blocked a Steer's shot and Beau Avilla grabbed the loose ball and drove the floor for a lay up to end the quarter with the Mules in front 17-9.

Nick Hurtado and Stevie Cisneros each drained a 3-pointer in the second quarter and Gallman dropped in a pair of treys. Farwell heated up to score 17 in the second quarter but the Mules made 19 to lead 36-26 at the half.



Photograph by Stacy Conner

The Steers made a serious run at the Mules in the third period and out scored the Mules 19-10. The Steers had scored the final seven points of the third to cut the Mule lead to 46-45 and scored the first bucket of the final frame to take a brief lead.

Hurtado stepped up to the arc at the top of the key with just over two minutes

left in the game. He popped the net from behind the arc to give the Mules the lead for good. W. Wood drove off the free throw line for a bucket and was fouled. He completed the old-fashion three-point play to give the Mules a five-point lead. Gallman took over the Mules scoring in the final minute. He scored on an in bound play and put back

an offensive rebound to cap the Mule scoring.


Gallman led the Mule offense with four treys and 22 points. W. Wood dropped in 17 and Hurtado added 10. Lane Wood had four points and Cisneros three. Washington, Avilla and Zach Toscano made two points each.

Gallman was the only Mule in double figures in Portales with 10 points. Hurtado was close with nine and W. Wood made seven. Washington added


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'Twas the Night Before We Skinned Some Wildcats'

You may have wondered what coaches do when all the film has been broken down, game plans have been finalized and practices have been completed and now the waiting begins. The "big game" looms on the horizon.

How do coaches pass the time? I do not know about all coaches but one, Coach Wes Boatman, practices his poetry skills. He wrote a parody Thursday night before the Mules left for Grand Prairie to meet the Kirbyville Wildcats in the state finals.

The parody is entitled:

From the Stands

By Delton Wilhite

'Twas The Night Before We Skinned Some Wildcats'

'Twas the night before State and all through the town,

Everyone knew that the Cats would go down.

Our helmets were hung in our lockers with care,

In hopes that a

championship soon would be there.

The Mules were all nestled, and snug in their beds

While visions of victory danced in their heads.

Coach Mason and Wood in P.J.'s that night

Had just settled down for their championship fight

the man

And what, to their wondering eyes, did appear?

'Twas a miniature sleigh and eight tiny mule deer,

With a feisty ol' Jenkins so lively and quick,

They couldn't believe that the man was Saint Nick.

He had a broad face And a little round belly

That shook when he laughed,

Like a bowl full of ...well, probably more like a barrel full of jelly.

He hopped from the sleigh with a gift for Coach Byrd

We won't say what it was,

ask nothing more
The "Mule way" of football...and run up the score!!

So up to Grand Prairie the Mules made their way
To "call down the thunder" the Muleshoe Mule way.

With a Gopher Bowl full of their fans dressed in black

The Mules laid down a quick vicious attack

Those kittens were pummeled, face down in their litter

By numerous touchdowns and big, heavy hitters.

And I heard a man say ere he drove out of sight,

"Merry Christmas to all, and 'How 'bout those Mules!"

I believe the coach about summed it all up in his poem. I am glad he could not sleep and chose to share his work with all the Mule fans.

Varsity Mules... Continued from page 6
five points and Toscano had four. L. Wood and Bullock made two each and Avilla chipped in one.

The Mules traveled to Amarillo Highland Park for a final game before taking the Christmas break. They will be back in action Dec. 29-31 in the Littlefield Tournament.

They also have three more non-district games starting with the Lockney Longhorns on Jan. 6 at Lockney.

The Mules travel to Olton to meet the Mustangs Jan. 9 and host Lockney Jan. 13. District for the Mules will start Jan. 16 in Dimmitt against the Bobcats.



The Sudan Buzzy

'Sudan residents talk about 'What they would like for Christmas'

I asked some people what they would like for Christmas and this is what they had to say:

Elouise Curry said, that she would like to stay well. She also said that she is looking forward to enjoying Christmas with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Iris Harlin says that she just wants to stay well, also.

Sammie Conner wants to meet a "rich man" and she says that he has to own a big fishing boat, because she says that she love to go fishing.

Jessie Wiseman wants to say well and have a nice

Christmas with his daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Edith Reed just wants to get her health back again.

Bobby Phillips says that he wants peace on earth and good will to all men.

Marge Cardwell says that she would like peace on earth.

Mechell Edwards said that she really hadn't thought to much about what she wanted but she knew that

her husband Pete wanted a new motorcycle seat.

Open house held
Sudan First United Bank held its annual Christmas open house Dec. 16.

This was a most enjoyable event for everyone. The meal was served by the

bank employees and all of the food and Christmas goodies was so good. The event gave everyone a chance to visit with friends and the bank a chance to let customers know how much they appreciate their patronage.

Just buzzing around...
Christmas is finally here and I hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See ya next week!

Buzzing away...

By Norma Burnett



Buzz-A-Licious" Recipes

I talked to several and they were so busy with getting ready for Christmas that I decided that I would just share another one of my favorites. This one is for all that need sugar-free food.

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Early Deadline...

The deadline for next week's New Years paper will be noon on Monday, Dec. 29th. Have your news to Norma Burnett by Saturday, Dec. 27.



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 506 cattle, 212 hogs, 349 sheep & goats for a total of 1067 livestock. Market steady on all classes of cattle. We would like to thank everyone for their patronage this year and also the last 54 years. We also would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The next sale will be Jan.10, 2009.
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Ronald Coleman, Morton5	Mxd. str455 lbs.	at \$110.00
Ronald Coleman, Morton4	Char str509 lbs.	at \$103.00
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Holiday Foods and Treats

I'm whipping up my famous fruitcake for the holiday season. Everyone I know is cooking, baking, frying, frosting, decorating or at least eating their family's favorite foods for their holidays of Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa! In many homes families get to use their nicest china and dishes. It's nice to iron a tablecloth and make a centerpiece of flowers, fruits and candles for the table. It looks so festive! What are your family's favorite holiday foods and treats?

Read these clues to fill in the puzzle about Christmas treats:

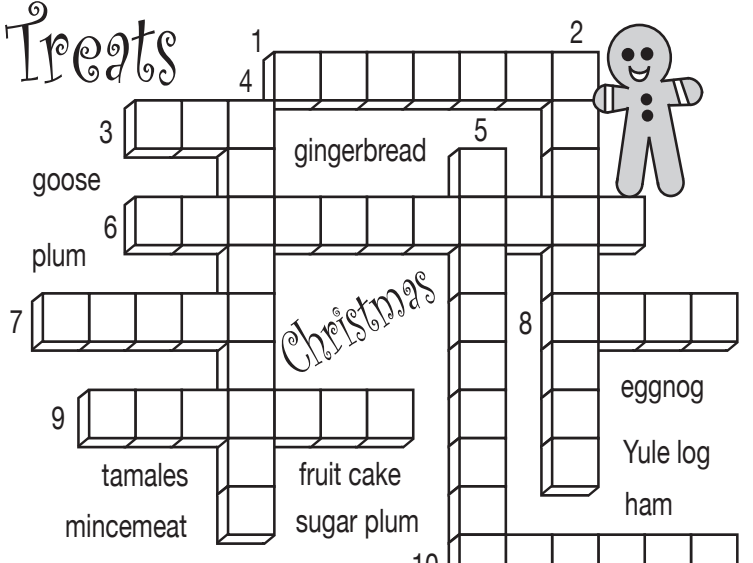
- traditional Mexican dish; made from a corn dough with a spicy pork or beef filling, usually wrapped in corn husks before cooking; may be served with sauce, cream, crumbly fresh cheese
- treat made from sugar, fruits and nuts; rolled into a ball or shaped to look like a fruit or a star
- meat often glazed with honey, brown sugar, mustard and pineapple juice; has been a tradition for centuries and is popular in Europe and North America (another popular meat at Christmas is turkey)
- the modern version of this pie is mostly dried fruit such as raisins; it once was made of chopped meats; has been around since Medieval times!
- cake made with candied fruit, nuts, spices; has been around since ancient Rome!
- this treat can be shaped into a "man" or a house
- this dish is roasted and sometimes stuffed with apples, prunes, onions and sweet chestnuts; usually served in Germany, the United Kingdom and China
- this pudding, made with meat, pastry and fruits, has been around for 600 years!
- also known as the Bûche de Noël, a spongy cake rolled like a log and, once it cools, filled with cream; decorated with powdered sugar, candy mushrooms and fresh berries
- beverage made with milk, sugar and cream; spiced with cinnamon or nutmeg

The most important part of the meal is the gathering of family and friends to celebrate!

I love to help _hatter in the kit _hen, espe _ially during the holidays. Every year I bring _innamon sticks and other spi _es. Ground _innamon _an be used in treats like _ookies, _akes, pies; in main dishes like stews or with beef, _hicken or pork; and drinks like hot _ho _olate, apple _ider or eggnog.

What is Little Mouse saying? There's one letter missing in his speech. Fill in the missing letter on the blanks to decode his secret message.

Let's see...is the missing letter a "J"? An "E" or a "K"?



Hanukkah

latke 1 2 beef brisket 3
 4 5 kugel
 6

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that honors the victory the Maccabees (a Jewish group) had over their enemy. It marks the rededication of their Temple in Jerusalem after it had been ruined. There was only enough oil in the lamps to keep the eternal flame in the Temple burning for one day. Yet, the oil kept burning for eight days while fresh oil was prepared. Hanukkah celebrates this miracle!

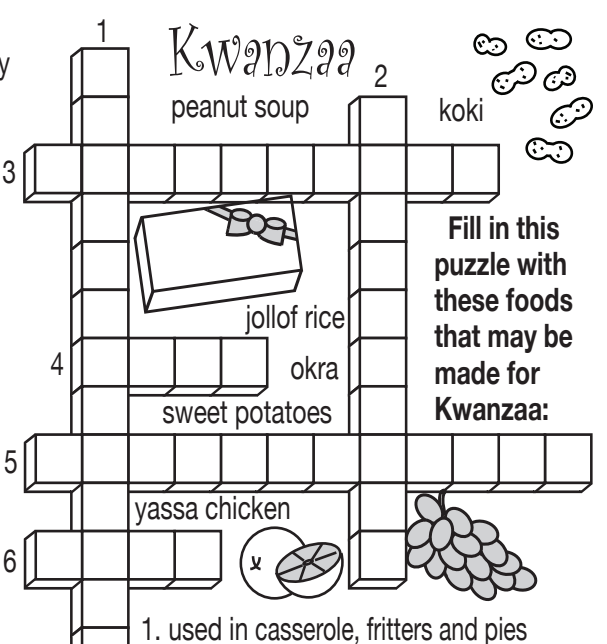
You think only Chatter can whip up tasty treats?

Kwanzaa is a seven-day holiday celebrated by African-Americans and people in other countries whose families are from Africa. It is a time to think about their lives, family, history and community. It is a time of lighting candles, feasting and gift-giving.

1. used in casserole, fritters and pies
 2. dish with tomato paste, peppers, onions
 3. rich soup (onions, red peppers, chicken, rice)
 4. fried _____; vegetable is coated with eggs, flour, cornmeal, salt and pepper
 5. main dish, flavored with citrus and cooked until crispy
 6. traditional appetizer made from black-eyed peas

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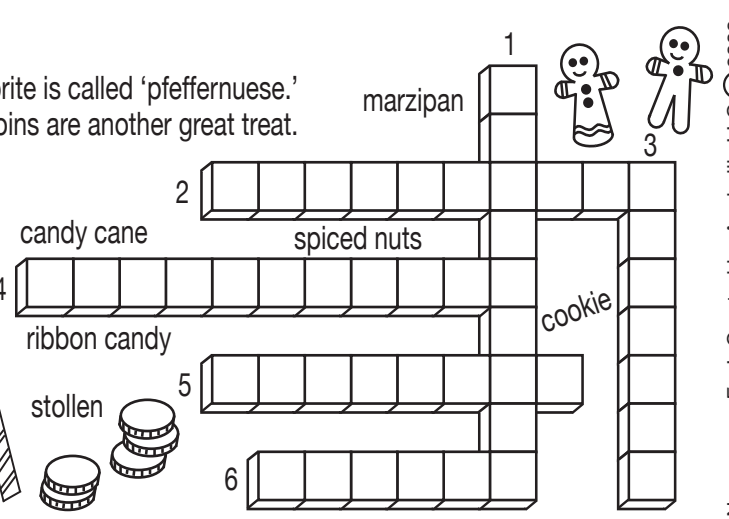
1. jelly doughnut served fresh, sugared
 2. deep fried puffs dipped in honey
 3. part of cow made into pot roast
 4. _____ Dreidels-treat made by putting different candies together
 5. made with egg noodles this dish can be served with vegetables or fruit
 6. potato pancake fried with onions; people can spice it up with cheeses or vegetables



Sweet Holiday Treats! Who doesn't love sweet holiday treats? One favorite is called 'pfefferneuse.' It is a spicy, round cookie covered with powdered sugar. Silver and gold-wrapped chocolate coins are another great treat.

Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle with several more favorite holiday treats:

- hard candy stick; usually red and white with peppermint, cinnamon or fruity flavors
- pecans, pistachios, cashews, almonds spiced with cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, sugar
- sweet cake made with ginger and honey; name comes from Germany
- colorful, sugary treat stretched into a flat strip and folded on top of itself; usually only available around the holiday season
- made of sugar and almond meal and formed into all sorts of shapes, such as fruits or cartoon characters; believed to have originated in the Middle East
- dough cut into fun shapes, then frosted or decorated





Piano recital held

The Fran Hamilton Christmas Piano Recital was held on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe. Participants, pictured above from left to right, included: Back row — Cristian Mora, Olivia Schilling, Gabriella Schilling and Shea Scott; third row — Kari Mendozze, Mallory Schilling, Burl Kerr, Ashton Mason and Miranda deBruin; second row — Jadyn Essary, Sadie Sudduth, Sidney Sudduth, Kaitlyn Schuster and D-Lilah Castorena; and front row — Sidney Urbantke, Emma Rich, Haili Gardner and Ashley Scott.



Mule Bucks winner...

Several members of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's board of directors — Brandi Angeley, Cory Collins, Celie Parham, Debbie Floyd, Dave McNeill and Sharla Johnson, presented Ramona Lopez with the \$1,000 in Mule Bucks which she won in this year's Christmas Around Muleshoe Drawing, held Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center.

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- NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, auto spktr, fenced yd., covd. patio, workshop/stor. bldg. \$115K!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fans, approx. 1718' lv. area, fenced yd.!! \$105K!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home, Cent. Geothermal Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, approx. 2757' lv. area, sunroom w/ wet bar, lg. basement, jacuzzi tub in master, wuto spktr., fenced yard., cov. patio, wkshp./stor. bldg.!! \$184,900!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, corner lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, approx. 1973' lv. area, guest cottage/eff. aptmnt. workshop!!!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$119,500!!
- VERY NICE 4-4-2 Brick Home on corner lot, approx. 3500' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, auto. spktr., large finished basement!!! MUCH MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$249K!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, wood laminate & tile approx. 1818' lv. area, cov. patio, 15' x 30' pool, large storage/wkshp, fenced yd.!! PRICE REDUCED \$129K!!
- NICE 2-1-3 carport Home, carpet, tile, fans, fenced yd., storage bldg. MORE!! \$45K!!
- NICELY REMODELED - 3-2-2 Brick Home, corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2159' lv. area, auto. spktr., add. lot w/stor/workshop Bldg.!! \$173,000!!
- 2 NICELY REMODELED DUPLEX UNITS & 1 NEW Duplex unit!! PRICED TO SELL!!
- BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT 3-2-2 Brick Home, built-ins, FP, insulated master, safe rm., patio, nicely landscaped, spktr. sys., fenced yd.!!
- NICELY REMODELED 3-2-2 Brick, new Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 3125' lv. area, spktr. sys., fenced yd., MORE!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, fireplace, utility, new paint, carpet, tile, atrium doors, blinds, 7 fans, cov. patio, stor. bldg., fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$130,000!! Price Reduced!! \$115,000.
- VERY NICE 3-2-5 Brick Home, Dual Fuel Heat Pump, built-ins, FP, basement, cent. vac. & humidifier systems, auto. spktr., workshop/storage, fenced yd., corner lot!! \$169,500!!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx 1920' lv. area, cov. patio, fenced yd., auto spktr., & stor. bldg.!! \$139K!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. Geothermal heat pump, built-ins, 2 FP, sunroom, hot tub, approx 2448' lv area, screened porch, cellar, auto spktr., stor. bldgs. \$149K!!

HIGH SCHOOL AREA

- NICE 2-1 1/2-1 Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, basement, screened patio, fenced yard, approx. 1762' lv. area!! \$82,000!!
- REMODELED 3-1-1 Home, Cent. A&H, New paint, carpet, siding, fenced yd., stor. bldg.!! \$60K!!
- 3-1/2-1 carport home, corner lot, cent. A&H, thermal windows & doors, cov. patio!! \$59,500!!

- Nice 2-1/2-2 Home, Cent. Heat & Air, built-ins, lg. utility/work area, basement, workshop/ storage area, fenced yd., 1567' lv. area!! \$69,500!!
- Nice 2-2-2 carport mobile home (special built w/ 2x6 exterior walls), 70' x 120' lot, built-ins, Cent. A&H, thermal windows & doors, covered porch, deck, sto. bldg. fenced yd!!

COMMERCIAL

- NICE OFFICE/SHOP/WAREHOUSE on 7 acre on N. Hwy. 214, Cent. A&H, insulated shop & warehouse, has 1-3/4 bath & 1-1/2 bath!! MUCH MORE!! PRICED TO SELL!! \$85K!!
- VERY NICE 1600' Bldg. on 122' x 150' tract, built in 2004, cent A&H, 16500' paved parking!! GREAT LOCATION!! \$99K!!
- 1900' Off. Bldg., 106' x 140' lot on Hwy. 70 and 84!! \$79.5K!!
- ANA'S BEAUTY SHOP — Approx. 1120' bldg., with or without furniture & fixtures!! PRICE REDUCED!!
- VERY NICE CHURCH BLDG. WITH PARSONAGE - Possible Owner Finance!! Price Reduced!!
- GOOD INCOME PROPERTY-LONG TERM LEASE-Approx. 8,075' office bldg. w/ approx. 20,000' paved parking area!! PRICE REDUCED \$350K.
- NICELY REMODELED - 800 sq. ft. Bldg., Cent A&H, updated electrical & plumbing, PRICE REDUCED \$35,000.
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheertin bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$35K!!
- FORMER RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO - 1414' Bldg. + 1080' canopy + 16,530' asphalt paving!!

RURAL

- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' Metal Bldg. septic system, domestic well, on pavement close to town!! \$152K!!
- NICE 3-2-5 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, 2163' lv. area, 191' bsmt., pool, wksp./storage, 191' x 191' horse barn on 5.99 ac., MORE!! \$120K!!
- VERY NICE 3-2 doublewide (1998) on 14.68 acres on Hwy. 84, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 40' x 80' Metal bldg. (insulated) w/ 1/2 bath, office, MUCH MORE!! \$148,900!!
- Nice 3-2-5 Home at edge of town on .8 acre tract, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, efficiency apt. or guest cottage, horse barn & corral!! PRICE REDUCED!! \$99,900!!
- NICE 4.8 acre homestites, close to town, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- NICE 3-2-5 carport Home on 2 acres, Cent. heat, Cent. evap. air, built-ins, fireplace, fans, utility, cellar, large shop, stor. bldg., MORE!! PRICE REDUCED \$109,500!!

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 Display ads — Monday, Dec. 29, at noon.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
 Roger and I want to take a moment to say thank you to our customers who have supported our business, We hope to continue with our traditions of friendly service to you. As the years continue it is our hope you will consider all our home-owned businesses in the future. It is hard to look over this town and see many doors closed. It is our wishes to see progress and to support those who are left. We hope your families have a wonderful holiday, as we are going too! Thank you, Dawn And Roger
 We will be closed Dec. 25, 26, and 27th. Open Dec. 29th