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## Silent night silhouettes

Along the the customary Christmas lights, several locations around Muleshoe have portions of the Christmas story on display in silhouette for the enjoyment of their friends and neighbors. Photographs by Larry Thornton



## Area Santa letters shared

The following letters to Santa were briefly interrupted on their journey to the North Pole.

**Mrs. Berry's 1st Grade  
Dillman Elementary**

Dear Santa:  
Hi! Here is my list of presents: one horse, one baby, one oven for the cake, one bratz. Thank you.  
Sincerely, Anastasia



Dear Santa:  
I have been real good this year. Since I have been good at home and also at school, I would like to ask for a few things this year. Here goes my list: a doodle girl, also a pony and a doodle pet I would also like it if you could bring toys to those kids that are not as fortunate like me I would also like to ask you to at least make one wish for everyone come true this year.  
Sincerely, Sabina

my daddy to come home.  
Sincerely, Astyn

Dear Santa,  
I would like a monster truck and a no flat basket ball, skateboard and an X-box. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.  
I Love You, Dusty

Dear Santa:  
I want a mote control monster truck. I also want a mote control car and a truck. I want the basketball nerf. Then I want a water gun. I also want some shoes and some socks. Then I want some pants and shirts. I want a collection car. I want a small hummer limo car. I also want a bike. I want a game boy and a race car track. Then I want a game cube. I want a play shotgun. I want a dog stuff animal. I want to get a radio pen.  
Sincerely, Joe

Dear Santa,  
I want a moktn with a motnusakol and a b.b. gun and a teder.  
Sincerely, Roman

Dear Santa:  
My name is Noa. I'm 7 yrs. Old. For Christmas, I want a cat, and a Bratz Doll, a drum set, Care Bear, bike, Bratz chair, Barbie, clothes and shoes.  
Your Best Friend, Noa

Dear Santa  
I believe in you Santa. I also believe in the elfs. I want a Texas Longhorn blanket and a four wheeler for Christmas. I love you Santa,  
Jonathan

Dear Santa:  
My name is Astyn. So, how is Miss Clause. This year I want Boy Bratz, Girl Bratz, Baby Cabbage Patch, Love A Lot Baby, Teddy Bear, Pet Shop Day Care Center. My sister wants a boy brat and girl brat. My baby brother a 4 wheeler. My gma a picture frame. But most of all for

Dear Santa  
All this day I wanted Bratz but sum people don't believe you but I believe you. You are fun you are friendly you are doing great at your job.  
Sincerely, Lizzie

Dear Santa  
I would like a toy farm. Please give me a toy farmer too. I also wanted 2 toy horses. I will name them spirit and Barlow. I want toy cows too.  
Sincerely, Edgar

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## Council approves firetruck purchase

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council awarded the bid for the purchase of a new firetruck with a \$211,955 price tag during Monday's regular meeting.

The truck, described as a "Class A pumper firetruck" — which is being purchased from Daco Fire Equipment

of Lubbock — will replace one of the city's two current pumper trucks, one a 1978 model and the other a 1963 model.

During the discussion prior to the council's vote to award the bid, it was noted that while the new truck had a "large price tag" it was expected to last as long as 25 years.

City Manager David Brunson said the truck would probably be financed over a five to seven year period, and that information about financing options should be available by the next council meeting.

According to Fire Chief Richard Ronek, the new truck will be completely equipped. The price for the truck without the equipment was \$198,000.

"If it says 'fire' on it, it costs a bunch of money," Ronek said.

Once the truck is ordered, it will take from 10-12 months for it to be constructed and delivered.

Commenting on the vehicle's purchase, Councilperson Sharon Grant joined the other council members in expressing appreciation for the fire department, and

said, "The fire department volunteers need the best equipment... we can afford."

In other business, the council was addressed by Police Chief Brian Frieda, who gave a report concerning crime in Muleshoe during the past year.

"We're up on our burglaries, and our forced sex offenses," the police chief said.

Frieda said the police department has investigated six "forcible sex offenses," 102 theft reports; 44 burglaries; and 95 assaults during 2006.

### Local Weather

**Thursday**  
Sunny..... 67/32

**Friday**  
Mt. Sunny..... 68/37

**Saturday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 70/31

**Sunday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 66/35

**Monday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 58/29

**Tuesday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 53/22

**Wednesday**  
Pt. Cloudy..... 51/19

### Give It A Thought

The Christmas story didn't end in a manger... it ended on the cross.

Words to ponder from Beverly

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## The Christmas Angel: Part 6

By Larry Thornton  
A somber mood fell upon the Archer household that evening after Lynn Archer passed along what Johnson intended to his grandchildren and their young house guest.

"Do you think he'll remember us when his memory returns?" Lynette asked her mother while helping with the dishes later.

"I guess he should," replied her lpothor, Molly. "We'll have to wait and see."

Lynette finished drying a plate and placed it on the stack of plates in the cupboard. "I think he will," she said, as if the confidence in her voice would make it happen.

Her mother glanced over her shoulder and

smiled. "Do you like Timothy?"

"Sure," Lynette said, "I mean... well he's a boy and all, but he understands a lot more than Teddy does."

"What do you mean?" Molly asked.

"We were talking the other day about... about Daddy and he said something that kind of stuck in I my mind."

Molly began washing another dish, waiting for her daughter to continue. When she didn't, Molly urged her on. "And..."

"Oh, I don't know... It's probably childish, but..." Lynette, struggled to get the words out.

Molly waited patiently for her daughter to continue.

"Well," Lynette said after a long pause, "it started a few nights ago, when I overheard you talking to



Grandpa about Daddy."

Molly scrubbed harder at what appeared to be a stubborn spot of gravy on the plate she held, doing her best to appear as indifferent as possible to what her

daughter was trying to say.

"Anyway, after listening to you for a little while, I said a prayer, asking God why Daddy had to die."

After a long pause, Molly asked, "Did you get an answer?"

"I'm not sure," Lynette said. "I mean... I fell asleep a few minutes later, and if God did answer me, I don't remember what he said."

"But the next day," Lynette continued, "Timothy said something about God answering a lot of questions even before they're asked." Molly paused for a moment.

"That's an odd thing for a boy to say. What did he mean?"

Lynette shrugged, picked up another plate and began drying it slowly. "I'm not really sure," she said. "At first, I thought he meant a

lot of God's answers are already in the Bible, but maybe it has something to do with God being omnip...omnip..."

"Onmipotent?" Lynette nodded.

"I guess it could mean either one," said Molly. "Maybe you ought to ask the pastor about it come Sunday."

Molly turned her attention to the next item to be washed, her favorite sauce pan which had developed a carbon spot during preparation of the evening meal.

After scrubbing at the spot for a few moments, Molly paused as a question came to mind about Timothy. "Has Timothy said anything else to you about the

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**16th & D church to hold services**

16th and 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.

**Landowner Association meeting**

On Dec. 14, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the Sandhills Area Recreation Association and Wes-Tex RC&D will host a multi-agency meeting at the Five Area Telephone Cooperative in Muleshoe.

Speakers representing the Nature Conservancy, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Resource Conservation & Development, Texas Parks and Wildlife, U S Fish & Wildlife, Texas Cooperative Extension, Rural Development and the Playa Lakes Joint Venture will give a brief overview of assistance they can provide to farmers and ranchers.

Soil Scientist, Kelly Attebury will be showing the most recent technology and how individuals can access maps of their land using the web.

For additional information contact Cindy Poole, Coordinator at (806) 781-9823.

**Club News**

**SCAC holds monthly meeting**

The Student-Community Action Club met Nov. 20 at the home of Cade Smith.

SCAC vice president Cade Smith opened with a prayer, followed by SCAC president Kate Lepard opening the meeting.

Eric Washington introduced the citizen of the month, Bill Gilbert, who spoke to the club about the community, what it meant to him, and reminded us how much SCAC members mean to the community.

Under old business, Madison Myers read a letter to the club from Dr. Kerry Moore. Next, Kate thanked all the members who participated making the annual Fall Festival a great success.

Also she told the members that the PTA wants to buy all SCAC members pizza and drinks for helping out with the festival.

Following was a reminder about the upcoming Jane's Ranch house decorating, deadline on Dec. 2. Kate then thanked SCAC reporter Amberlee Steinbock for decorating the club bulletin board.

Under new business, it was noted the SCAC needs to come up with an old fashion Christmas theme for the Jane's House.

Then guest Mr. Simms, talked to SCAC members about wrapping Christmas presents at the First Baptist Church on Dec. 14

Kate mentioned we have the food pantry and 200 Christmas boxes and sacks to pack on Monday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 7

There is a bell ringing opportunity also from now

till Christmas if you want to help out the community.

The club will meet next at the Jane's Ranch house and we will decorate and eat cookies.

The next official meeting will be at the home of Timothy Conner at 7:30 p.m.



SCAC November Citizen of the Month Bill Gilbert is greeted by SCAC member Eric Washington.

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# Nursing Home News

By Joy Stancell

James Wedel came Wednesday morning and ran errands for Park View.

Wednesday morning Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and donuts to the residents at the "2nd Cup Café".

Following coffee time, Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, James and Ann Sinclair, Anna B. Lane, and Jo Ellen Cowart directed the Singspiration/Devotional Time.

Arnold Prater was visited by son Derek Prater and daughters Monday. Arnold's mother Grace Scoggins visits often.

Bonnie Tibbets is visited by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Tibbets frequently.

Gloria Elliot receives an early morning visit from her son and daughter-in-law several times a week, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Elliot.

Harold and Avis Carpenter came Friday afternoon. Harold played the songs the residents requested. The Rev. Ken Petterson, a methodist minister at Lazbuddie and Oklahoma, came with the Carpenters.

Elaine from Carolyn's Christmas Creations, worked from sun up to sun down, decorating the day room for Christmas.

Celie Parham of Trés Chic/ Art Loft worked Friday afternoon, in the lobby area, decorating for Christmas.

Butch Vandiver called Bingo Saturday afternoon, assisted by Iris Clements.

The Muleshoe of Christ came Sunday morning and directed communion service.

Jo Ellen Cowart from First Baptist Church caught the bible study Sunday morning.

The United Methodist Church of Muleshoe came Sunday afternoon for communion and church services.

Virginia Barrett was visited recently by June Gore.

Mary Friesen visited Park View Thursday. Among those she visited were Virginia Barrett, Floy Hanson, Hazel Waddell and Bonnie Tibbets. Mary gave the residents a round of cheese from her home state of Wisconsin.

Tuesday morning Art and Edna Freeman directed the celebration of life services for Eloise Cosca. Alice Liles was

a special guest at the services.

Monday morning Buck Campbell and his crew of men loaded up the Christmas decorations from the storage room and unloaded them at Park View for the decorating crew on Tuesday. Men who made the delivery were Buck Campbell, Joe King, Ronnie Dent, Charles Flowers, K. Brantley and Bill Barrett.

Park View "spilled over" with volunteers who came to deck the halls for Christmas Tuesday. Chairpersons Lynn Campbell and Peggy Dent called upon Muleshoe's finest talented and strongest, ladies to do the job. (One lady lived in Littlefield.)

Park View's open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We encourage you to attend!

Tuesday afternoon, Pat Clark, Pat Watson, Eva Nell Dale, Dolores Garrett and Jan Crawford came to shampoo and style the ladies hair.

Kenneth Precure visited Park View Tuesday among those he visited were Jewel Peeler and Hattie Heathington.

Joy Whitt visited Francis Purdy, Hazel Waddell and other Tuesday.

Frank Parker came Thursday evening and cut several of the men's hair.

Jimmie Seaton is visited frequently by his family. Ellen Gallman visited him last week.

Bill Wilkins was visited by Melody Sheets and Ed and Marilyn Nickels this week.

Darene Collins donated a lighted angel for the Christmas decorations.

Morris Nowlin visited the residents and staff Monday.

Ruby Clark returned To Park View after a brief stay in the local hospital. Welcome Back Ruby. We all missed you.

Loma and Marlin Mosley were visited by Joe and Tamra Mauver, Loma's niece and nephew, Wednesday afternoon.

Happy December birthdays to Marie Lane, Hazel Ball, John Hadley, Dorothy Bowers, Bill Wilkins and John Carter who will be 100 years old!



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### Christmas recital held

Piano students of Fran Hamilton took part in a recital held on Sunday, Dec. 3, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe. Participating students, from left to right, were: Back row — Stephanie Stancell, Shea Scott and Cali Hancock; third row — Kari Mendoza, Austin Stancell, John Ryan Isaacson, Inez Lozano and James Lutz; second row — Reagan Reynolds, Abriana Espinoza, Kiley Sharp, Baylee Ruthardt and Lauren Isaacson; and front row — Delilah Castorena, Sidney Urbantke, Amelia Symm, Kiarra Regalado and Ashley Scott.

## WJHS students named to 2-A All-Region Band

Ten Watson Junior High Students were named to the 2A Junior High All-Region Band on Saturday, Dec. 2, in Shallowater and four students were named as alternates.

More than 300 students from junior high schools that feed 2A high schools auditioned for acceptance to this prestigious organization sponsored by the Association of Texas Small School Bands.

The auditions were competitive.

The 12 middle schools competing were Muleshoe (Watson), Littlefield, Abernathy, Lockney, Floydada, Idalou, Lubbock Roosevelt, Slaton, Shallowater, Post, Tahoka, and Denver City (Bill Gravitt).

Among the students selected to the band and the alternates are:

**Junior High All-Region Band** — Jenna Whitworth, clarinet; Megan Mumau, clarinet; Betsy Careaga,

saxophone; Alejandra Gomez, flute; Rashelle Hall, percussion 2; Michael Martinez, trumpet; Dominique Mata, trumpet; Elisa Wiseman, trumpet; Matthew Wiseman, trombone; and Belinda Pacheco, french horn.

**Alternates** — Cass Stevens, tuba; Tyler Cain, percussion 2; Mateo Castillo, percussion 1; and Alyssa Leal, saxophone.

Other Students competing in the all-region auditions included: Matthew Ambriz, Gladis Ramos, Ashley Thomas, Jessica Medina, Vivian Ronquillo, Jennifer Vasquez, Brinna Kirk, Patick Mendoza, Crystal Rodriguez, Marissa Olivas, Robert Brewster, and Issac Baca.

Watson Junior High director Marcos Gomez said he was pleased with the results and the effort put forth by all the Muleshoe students who participated.

Head Band director Brad Walker added that he was proud of all the kids, and was looking forward to the All-Region Concert on Jan. 28 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

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## Obituaries

### Margaret Wilhite

A church service for Margaret Wilhite, 79, of Muleshoe, was held on Dec. 11 at the 16th & Ave. D Church of Christ with Curtis Shelburne officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Wilhite died on Dec. 8, 2006, in Lubbock. She was born on April 19, 1927, in Mangum, Okla., and married J.E. Wilhite in Vernon on Jan. 19, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her husband on May 9, 2002; a daughter — Ginger Wilhite; six sisters and four brothers.

Wilhite had been a resident of Muleshoe for the past 60 years, moving from Mangum, Okla. She was a member of the 16th

& Ave. D Church of Christ, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son and his wife — Kenneth and Linda Wilhite of Mangum, Okla.; a daughter — Barbara Wilhite of Lubbock; and a brother — Don Tinsley of Clovis, N.M.

She is also survived by two grandchildren and their wives — Brian and Sarah Wilhite and Koy and Angola Wilhite; and two great-grandchildren — Kaylee and Kolton Wilhite.

Memorials may be sent to Meals On Wheels, 300 S. First, Ste. 110, Muleshoe, TX 79347 or the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

## Births



MORGAN GRACE WAGGONER

### Morgan Waggoner

Devin and Nicole Waggoner are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Grace Waggoner, on Nov. 14, 2006, 2:45 p.m., at Covenant Lakeside of Lubbock.

Morgan weighed six pounds, 12 ounces at birth.

She has a sister, Kaylie Waggoner.

Her grandparents are Junior and Vicky Guerrero of Levelland, Scotty and Donna Simpson of Morton, and Eddie Waggoner of Muleshoe.

### Christmas Card Project deadline set

The deadline for donations to Muleshoe's Christmas Card Project 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.



### Students of the Week

Students of the Week at WJHS for the week of Dec. 11, from left to right, are: Front row — Keiry Nava, Alexa Fuentes and Mason Gable; back row — Alejandra Montejano and Sterling Leopard. Not pictured — Juan Mendoza

### Gary Elliott

A church service for Gary Elliott, 56, of Muleshoe, was held on Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe with Pastor Curtis Shelburne and Pastor Monty Leavell officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Elliott died on Friday, Dec. 8, 2006 in Lubbock. He was born on October 10, 1950, in Dimmitt, and married Kaye Beene in Needmore on June 2, 1972.

Elliott was a 1969 graduate of Lazbuddie High School. He worked for GTE company for 15 years and the last 11 years he was employed by Five-

Area Telephone Company. He enjoyed hunting around the countryside where he lived.

Survivors include his wife — Kaye; two sons and their wives — Dustin and Sheila Elliott of Spring, and Darren and Amber Elliott of Amarillo; his mother — Gloria Elliott of Muleshoe; three sisters — Letha Elliott of Ft. Worth, Gina McLean of Kennedale, and Gay Thompson of Bovina.

Memorials may be sent to the Most Scholarship Fund, Muleshoe School Administration Office, or the Park View Nursing Home Van Fund, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

## Engagement



LINDSEY INGRAM AND DANNY RAMIREZ

### Ingram, Ramirez engaged

Keith and Peggy Ingram announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Michelle Ingram of Albuquerque, N.M., to Danny Ramirez of Ft. Hauchuca, Ariz.

The prospective bride is a 2001 graduate of Clovis High School, and a 2005 graduate of the University of New Mexico with a bachelor of arts degree in history. She is employed by Hurley Law Firm of Albuquerque, N.M.

The prospective groom is the son of Daniel and Maggie Ramirez. He is a 2001 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a 2005 graduate of the University of New Mexico with a bachelor of arts degree in criminology. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army.

The wedding has been set for Dec. 23, 2006, at 4 p.m., at the Kingswood United Methodist Church of Clovis, N.M.

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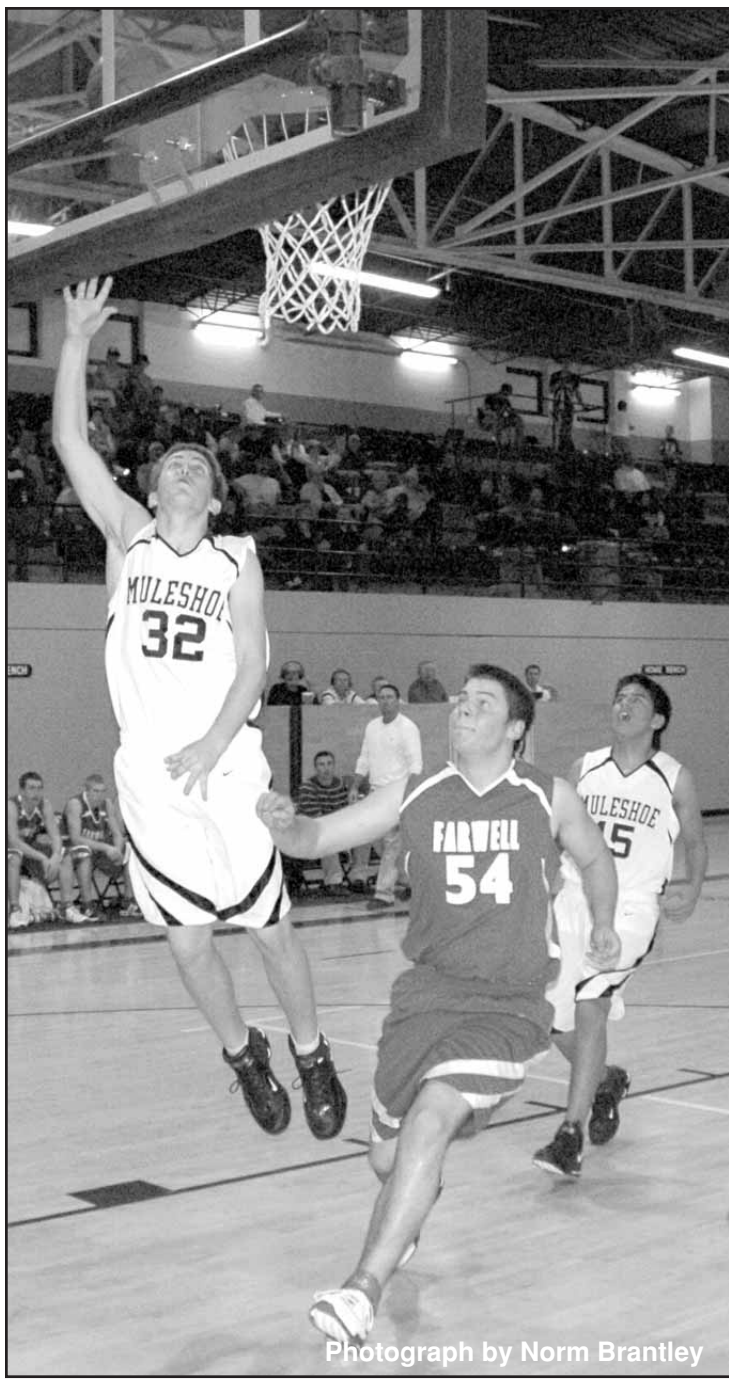
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# Sports



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Mule T.J. Brantley takes a shot during the recent game against Farwell.

## Season starts tough for the Mules

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Mules have played twice as many games as they have had practices.

That is a tough way to start a season and they have had to make adjustments on the fly.

The mules defeated the Farwell Steers by three in the first round of the Shallowater Tournament in their second game of the year.

The Mules had improved in just a few days to hammer the Steers 52-36 Tuesday night. The Mules used the win to take the Consolation Trophy in the Abernathy Shootout over the week end.

They fell to the huge Dalhart Golden Wolves 54-35 and squeaked past the Panhandle Panthers 47-46 to earn a spot in the Consolation game.

The Dimmitt Bobcats proved to be no match for the Mules. The Mules burned up the nylon from the arc with 10 3-pointers for a 50-33 victory and the trophy.

The Mules trailed the Farwell Steers the entire

first period. Patrick Precure came off the bench and dropped in a 3-pointer from the corner to beat the buzzer to end period with the game tied 11-11.

Precure dropped in two more treys in the second period and Garrett Riley hit from behind the arc as the Mules out scored the Steers 18-8 to take a 29-19 lead at the intermission.

Both teams made defensive adjustments at the half and a 7-7 defensive battle ensued in the third quarter. The Mules used their lead in the final eight minutes to force the Steers to foul.

Brian Poynor went to the line four times and made seven of eight free throws. He added two buckets for all 11 of his points in the game. Precure paced the Mules with two points and TJ Brantley made eight.

Riley had six points and Eric Washington five. Julio Bustillos and Colby Carpenter made four each and Dustin Barker chipped in two.

Dalhart seemed to shock the Mules with their size and shooting ability when the game started and out scored the Mules 19-5.

The Mules began to get their feet under them in the second period and trailed 35-13 at the half.

The Mules came out firing after the intermission. Carpenter, Precure and Brantley all hit from behind the arc in the third period and the Mules trimmed six off the Dalhart lead and trailed 43-27 with eight minutes to play.

The Golden Wolves held

on for the win in the final quarter. Poynor and Washington led the Mules with six points each and Precure, Barker and Brantley made five apiece. Carpenter had four points and Bustillos and Riley chipped in two each.

The Mules handled the size difference the Panhandle Panthers had over them. The game was a dead heat after the first period tied 13-13. Washington dropped in a 3-pointer in the period. The Panthers out raced the Mules in the second period to take a 28-21 lead at the half.

The Mules played the Panthers a little more than even to trim one off their lead and trailed by six going into the final eight minutes.

The Mules had trailed most of the game but turned up the defensive pressure in the final frame. Carpenter hit a trey as the Mules pecked away at the Dalhart lead. Washington scored two buckets in the rally as the Mules over took Dalhart for the one-point win.

Carpenter led the Mules with 12 points, Washington had 11 and Brantley made 10. Riley added five points, Barker three and Tony Guzman made two.

Carpenter got the long distance shooting fest started against Dimmitt with a trey from the wing after the Mules controlled the tip. The Mules rebounded a miss by Dimmitt and Carpenter made a half court toss to Riley running the floor.

Riley pulled up and popped the net from ten foot. Riley added a trey from the wing before Carpenter

made his second 3-pointer for an 11-0 Mule lead. Dimmitt score nine unanswered points before Poynor stole a Dimmitt in bound pass and scored to end the period. The Mules led 13-9 going into the second period.

Barker hit back to back treys as the Mules put 10 points between the two teams before the half ended. The Mules led 27-17 at the intermission.

Riley got rebounding position on the offensive end and tossed the ball out to Brantley at the charity line. Brantley made the 15 footer to start the second half.

Poynor got hot from 3-point land and nailed five treys in a little over three minutes. The Mules led 44-28 with eight minutes to play.

Neither team scored much in the final period as the Mules took the Consolation Trophy.

Poynor led the scoring charge with 17 points. Riley, Barker and Brantley made eight points each. Carpenter added six points and Washington chipped in three.

The Mules are 5-3 on the season and have only had four work outs. They do not have an opponent for Tuesday night. Mule coach Ralph Mason was happy about the night off so the Mules could have a little time to work on their game before starting district.

The Mules will travel to Lubbock to meet the Monterey Plainsmen Dec. 15 and then open district at home on Dec. 19, when they host the Tulia Hornets.

## Freshmen Mules fall to Dimmitt after intense hardwood battle

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The freshmen Mules battled the Dimmitt Bobcats to the final buzzer Monday, Dec. 4, in their home season opener. The Mules spotted Dimmitt 10 in the first half to trail 27-17 at the intermission.

The Mules came back in the final two quarters to have a chance to win. They fell two points short despite scoring 14 in the final period and held Dimmitt to seven. Dimmitt took the game 44-42.

There are 14 Mules on the team and all of them got floor time Monday night.

The Mules got off to a slow start with only seven points in the first period while the Bobcats poured in 13.

Jared Skipworth got hot in the second period. He broke down the lane on back to back trips down the floor. Austin Bamert got him the ball for two buckets.

He dropped in an 18 footer to give the Mules a brief 16-15 lead. Dimmitt scored 11 before the half ended to regain their 10-point advantage.

Kyler Steinbock and Ethan Frieda hit from behind the arc as the Mules out scored the Bobcats 11-10 in the third period. Frieda's three just beat the buzzer.

Skipworth nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:39 left in the game to cut the Dimmitt lead to 41-39. The Bobcats made two from the line with 29 seconds showing on the

clock.

Brett Poynor pulled the trigger from behind the arc. The high arcing shot bounced on the rim three times before falling in to make the score 42-43. Dimmitt would end the game with a free throw.

Skipworth led the Mules with 18 points and DJ Atwood added six. Poynor and Steinbock made five each. Frieda and Bamert each made three and Justin Griswold and Joseph Lopez each chipped in one.

The Mules played the River Road Wildcats in the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center Monday night. The Mules will be off until the New Year when they host the Bushland Hornets Jan. 15.

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# Lady Mules split results in recent games

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules ended their non-district season with an 8-6 record. They defeated the Farwell Lady Blues 57-43 on Tuesday night and a lost in Shallowater to the Fillies 58-44 Friday.

Farwell had the Lady Mules out sized but the frustrating "In Your Face Defense" kept the Lady Blues from getting the ball inside to their tall girls. The Lady Mules won every quarter and continually increased their lead as the game progressed.

Kate Lepard dropped a 3-pointer in the opening frame to give the Lady Mules a 12-9 lead going into the second period. Four Lady Mules scored a bucket in the second frame and Lepard had two baskets for 12 points in the period. The feisty defense held Farwell to 10 for a Lady Mule 24-19 lead at the half.

Lepard led the Lady Mule offensive charge in the first half with nine points. Six other Lady Mules were also in the score book.

Lepard dropped in her second trey of the evening in the third period and Cici Reyna hit from behind the arc while the defense held Farwell to 10. Kyra Kimbrough scored six fast break points and Chi Hernandez was three of four from the line. The Lady Mules led 41-29 with eight minutes to play.

The Lady Mules may have backed off a bit in the final period as they gave up 14 points in the final period but forced enough turnovers they converted to 16 points.



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Lady Mule Chelsi Hawkins takes the ball down the court during a recent game.

Kimrough was the beneficiary with four buckets. Ashley Grumbles drained a trey in the final frame.

Nine Lady Mules put points on the board and Kimbrough only had four in the first half but came back to lead the Lady Mules with 19. Lepard was guarded more closely in the second half and dropped in 12 on the night with two treys.

Reyna added seven points, Grumbles had five and Hernandez and Morgan Smith made four each. Sara Johnson had all three of her points in the final period, Kelsey Tipps made two and Gabby Agundis chipped in one.

The Lady Mules got off to a fast start in Shallowater by either forcing turnovers or grabbing rebounds and pushing the ball down the floor for fast break points.

They led 6-0 before the Fillies could get a point on the board.

The Fillies seemed to be on the free throw line all evening and made 20 of 27 attempts while the Lady Mules were only on the line 14 times and made nine.

The Fillies used a pair of treys to lead 14-10 at the end of the first quarter.

By turning up the defensive heat in the second period the Lady Mules trimmed two off the lead. Lepard nailed a three for 11 points in the first half. The Lady Mules trailed 21-23 at the intermission.

The Lady Mules seemed to leave their defensive intensity in the dressing room during the third quarter. Shallowater took advantage by pouring in 22 to take a 45-33 advantage into the final eight minutes. Shallowater spread the

floor and forced the Lady Mules to foul in the final period and made seven of 10 to hold off the Lady Mules.

Lepard paced the Lady Mules in scoring with 14 points and Johnson, Kimbrough, Hernandez and Tipps each dropped in six. Reyna added four points and Smith chipped in two.

The Lady Mules opened district by hosting the River Road Lady Wildcats Tuesday and will travel to Highland Park to tangle with the Lady Hornets on Friday

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# Eighth grade Mules 'blow past' Dimmitt

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Mules blew past the Dimmitt Bobcats 42-14 in their home opener. The Mule defense held Dimmitt scoreless during the first period while jumping out to an 8-0 lead.

The Mules continued to

hold Dimmitt scoreless until the 16 second mark of the second quarter. Juan Sanchez stuck back a rebound to get the Mules started in the second period. Cooper Washington grabbed a back side rebound and put it back up and in.

Joey Ramirez looped to the baseline and drove for the bucket to push the Mule lead to 15-0. Dimmitt scored just before the half ended and trailed the Mules 15-2.

The Mules scored 13 in the third period and 14 in the final quarter. Washington led the Mules with 14 points and Tyson Turnbow dropped in 10 that included two 3-pointers. Sanchez, Rico Alacorn and Zach Toscano each made four points. Ramirez, Nick Hurtado and Jonathan Perez chipped in two apiece.

The Mules hosted the River Road Wildcats Monday night and will return to action in the New Year when the Bushland Hornets come to town Jan. 8.



## Nichols honored

Lazbuddie's Lady Longhorn Chelsee Nichols, pictured above with Coach Jeff Ford, was named to the All-Tournament team at the recent Whitharral Tournament. The Lady Horns took the tourney's Consolation Title.

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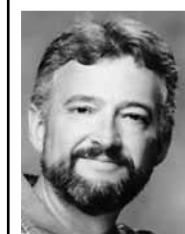
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# Christ Wants To Be Reborn In the Bethlehems of Our Lives

"Sometimes," a wise physician said, "the best thing you can do for your patient is nothing." Of course, many times the best medicine IS medicine or surgery or aggressive treatment. But sometimes the best medicine is wrapped up in knowing when to do nothing. Wait a bit. Watch awhile. But waiting is hard.

We want to do something, take charge, assert ourselves. Maybe we need to. But not always.



**Focus On Faith**  
Curtis Shelburne

Perhaps God's hardest counsel to hear and obey is this: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Part of this counsel seems pretty obvious, doesn't it?

If God is indeed God, then I am not. That's good, and it really takes a load off. I didn't think I recalled creating light to pierce the darkness, or separating the oceans from the dry land. Surely if I'd done the work of designing and creating something like a giraffe or hippopotamus, I'd have remembered it. And I don't recall the Almighty asking my advice when HE did it.

I see more ramifications to this "not being God" thing.

If God is God, and I'm not, then that means I'm really not ultimately in charge, right? Good. I'm in charge of more things now than I want to be. Trying to mind my own business is task enough.

If God is God, and I'm not, and if God did indeed create

me in his own image, then that means I don't have any business trying to create him in mine. That's good news, too. I've seen the kind of "God" some folks think they serve—and, yes, I admit it, the kind of "God" I've let be created in my own mind at times, and those "Gods" don't look much like Jesus. That means they're false gods.

It's a challenge sometimes to "know" that God is God, and we are not. Understanding the part of Psalm 46:10 is tough.

But the first part seems to be every bit as tough: "Be still." Maybe if we were tried the first part on occasion, we'd be better at the second part.

Edward Hays gives some great advice along that line, particularly at Christmastime: "Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present. "An old abbot was fond of saying, 'The devil is always the most active on the highest feast days.'

"The supreme trick of Old Scratch is to have us so busy decorating, preparing food, practicing music and cleaning in preparation for the feast of Christmas that we actually miss the coming of Christ. Hurt feelings, anger, impatience, injured egos—the list of clouds that busyness creates to blind us to the birth can be long, but it is familiar to all."

Let's take some time to "be still" lest we miss the Gift.

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



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**Do the puzzles on this page to find out what people are doing at this time of year.**

**Singing and Ringing Out**  
A group is singing and ringing in the neighborhood. Later they will bring some holiday cheer to a Senior Citizens' Center when they sing and ring their bells there. **Study the clues to fill in the words missing from the songs they are singing this year:**

1. Jingle \_\_\_\_\_  
2. It Came Upon a \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Let it \_\_\_\_\_!  
Let it \_\_\_\_\_!  
Let it \_\_\_\_\_!  
4. O \_\_\_\_\_  
5. The (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of Christmas

**Festival of Lights**  
This family is taking out a family heirloom. They will use it to help them remember the miracle of Hanukkah. Find your colored pencils and follow the color key below to find out what it is.  
Color Key: Y = yellow B = blue W = white

**The Gifting of Others**  
This family earned money and bought presents for other children. They wanted to make dreams of a visit from Santa Claus come true.

My town has a donation box to help make the holidays brighter for people going through hard times, who are alone or just need a little cheering up. We also have a fun community dinner that anyone can attend. **Here are some easy, low-cost ideas to help out and join in the giving spirit:**

- Put some hot chocolate packets, tea bags or coffee in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Group small surprises (deck of cards, pencil, score pad) in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Put a few paperback books in an attractive \_\_\_\_\_.
- Gather some fresh fruit into a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Arrange some fancy soaps and small towels in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Bake and decorate cookies. Place them nicely on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Place cheese, crackers and jelly on a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Dishing Out Homespun Gifts!**

1 bag box tray  
2 mug plate  
3 bowl basket  
4  
5  
6  
7

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# Santa Letters



## Mrs. Mardis' first grade

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
Bike. I love you Santa  
Kinze

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
puppy.  
Mikaela

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
forwhiler. I love Santa.  
Brett

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
Brat kiputer Dol house Brat house  
Hailey

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me a  
pink motosikol with Fire for Xena  
Thank you

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
pink bike with a pink rey on it.  
Ashley

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
car.  
Love, Kobe

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
game boy.  
Jonathan

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me a  
50 cc.  
Nick

Dear Santa,  
How are you. Please bring me  
car truck.  
Fidel

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Plesse bring me a  
Brats 12 little sis NATALEE  
Keiaura

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
Xbox 360.  
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me a  
pink mortersicl whith frir on it and a  
gameboy and clos and a brate and a  
Prensess blincit and a computer  
Thank you, Santa  
Micaela

Dear Santa,  
How are you please bring me a  
Bike for Christmas and a Barbie has  
and a toy of rufop the Reb nos  
rander and makup.  
Love, Kristal

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bik, game  
boy.  
Jordan

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please bring me  
semi play stashin 2 football game  
playstashin 3 football 2008 for this  
Christmas.  
Love, Isaac

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Plase bring me  
Clifford Book. Santaclus please  
bring a cat and a dog and a engol for  
me ana enojl for mi sister.  
Sofia

Dear Santa,  
How are you Please bring me  
Zoom box, BRATZ 1 Dog 1 Cat  
Barbie Dog an a Cat to cap Clifford  
Book BRATZ poster Bick BRATZ Car  
and Big Book and Rudof the Reb.  
Love, Laura

## Ms. Lovelady's class

Dear Santa,  
Santa can you bring big truck. I  
luv you santa. X Box game.  
Love, Miguel

Dear Santa,  
I am happy for Christmas. Hav  
wish will be new book.  
Love, Alexandria

Dear Santa,  
I want a house. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Breonna

Dear Santa,  
I want a cat. I want a pupy. I  
want a play want. I want a fish. I  
want books. I want to play. I want  
two dogs. I want a hapy Crismis.  
Love, Jasmine

Dear Santa,  
I want Rudolph and stickers.  
Love, Noah

Dear Santa  
I want a xbox and a dirt bike. And  
a horse and a dog and a best friend  
and Rudolph. I want new shoes and  
a football.  
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I want reindeer and Rudolf.  
Love, Marco

Dear Santa  
I want a horse for I can ride and I  
want a motorcycle.  
Love, Aron

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bratz and a barbi and a  
lot of toys and a lot of bracelets and  
another barbi and a toy of you. You  
are very nice.  
Love, Carolina

Dear Santa,  
I want a horse.  
Love, Jorge

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch for Christmas  
Santa and a clock for cismis and I  
love you. How was your year santa?  
By for now Santa. I will lev you  
cookies for you Santa.  
Love, Joshua

Dear Santa  
All I want for Christmas is a  
game and antoher puppy and a  
movie. And I will give you cookies  
and a glass of milk and a letter and  
that is all.  
Love, Damian

Dear Santa,  
I want a lot of clothes. I want a  
dog. I want a cat. I want a lot of  
shirts. I want a lot of pants. I want  
a lot of shoes. I want a lot of books. I  
want a lot of presents.  
Love, Brenda

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and a Bratz and a  
new book. I love you. I love  
Christmas and all of the presents.  
Merry Christmas.  
Love, Valerie

## Mrs. Lackey's 1st Grade Dillman Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Hi! How are you? I've been good  
this year. I want a Butterscotch Pony,  
please because I love horses. I  
prayed and iesus said he was going  
to tell you to take presents to kids  
who don't have any. Please  
remember this kids. I will leave you  
cookies and milk and carrots for your  
reindeer.  
Love, Nadia

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year  
and I can't wait for Christmas to  
come. Santa please bring me a new  
Purple Bicycle. I will leave you Oreo  
cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.  
Tell Rudolph and all the reindeer  
hello from me.  
Love, Cassidy

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Dog in a  
Purse. For Christmas I want a  
Computer and some shoes. I also  
want some earrings. I am being good  
this year. Please bring my Daddy car  
tools and my Mommy a sewing  
machine. And for my brother a  
Longhorn Jacket and for my sister  
some brand new clothes. I hope you  
Santa come to my house. I'll leave  
you some cookies and milk. I love  
you!

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dothvator Backpack, a  
four-Wheeler, and a Teddy Bear.  
Love, Joe

Dear Santa,  
I am happy that you are coming! I  
want a Bedroom, clothes, Polly  
Pocket, and a Scooter.  
Love, Patience

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spiderman toy and table,  
clothes,soccerball, football,bike,x-  
box 360 skateboard, B.B. gun, cell  
phone, puzzle, Hulk toy.  
Christian

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pretty dress that  
has flowers on it, an MP3 Player,  
and some pretty shoes. I would also  
like a Gameboy and lots of pretty  
clothes. I would also like lots of Bratz  
stuff. PLEASE!!!  
Love, Shayla

Dear Santa,  
I Autumn would love on Christ-  
mas Tinker-bell-ring I would Also like  
Brandan, and Jerry.  
Autumn

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a  
red go-kart car, a 4- wealer, and a  
heart neckles, and some xbox 360  
games. I will leave cookies and milk.  
Be carefull, thank you.  
Love  
Julius

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation an a four  
wheeler an a littleBit clocsex and  
muneo plees It I gittit thank you.  
Santa. You are the best!  
Jasper

Dear Santa,  
All I want for x-mas is a new bike,  
a sponge bob tin can (lunchbox) a  
pink game boy and a (psp) game. A  
sponge bob water bottle. I think I  
should get all ofthese things because  
I've been very good this year! And if  
not I'll understand.  
(P.S. Homemade choc chip  
cookies Will be made 4 you!)

Dear Santa,  
Hi How are you doing? I have  
been a good girl. For Christmas I  
would really like a few things. I want  
a Brat doll, make up, a Barbie, a  
basketball, and goal, a cat and dog,  
new clothes and shoes. Thank you  
Santa, Merry Christmas  
Love, Daniella

Dear Santa,  
There is a lot of things I want for  
Christmas. and some clothes. Some  
things are a bike, a game boy,  
Thank you Santa,  
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dragon game for Xbox  
and Criss cross crash bring mom a  
family guessing game. Papa needs a  
new welder. Nana needs a new coat  
have a merry Christmas.  
Love, Bailey

## Mrs. Smith's 2nd grade

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sydnie. I am seven  
years old. How is Dancer? Oh I  
would like a pink bike. Also I would  
like a real hamster. Yes I have been  
great this year. Thank you for  
listening to me and for my phone.  
Sydnie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jeremiah. I am 7  
years old. How have you been? It is  
cold at the North Pole? I have been  
good this year. Thank you for  
everything. May I have a bike? May I  
have a football helmit and a football  
suit?  
Jeremiah

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Brittney. I am  
seven years old. Santa how is Mrs.  
Clause? I have been really good this  
year. Thank you for jeep. I would like  
a puppy. And if you can't it's okay.  
Brittney

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa my name is Blake. I an  
sevem years old. Santa how is  
Roudolph and the other reindeer? I  
have been not very good so don't  
bother to give me a presen. But  
thank you Santa for my last years  
present. Santa I would like a video  
game.  
Blake

Dear Santa,My name is Gaby  
and I am seven years old. How are  
you? I have been good. Thank you  
for the computer. I would like a little  
stove. I would also like a fake dog  
and a doll.  
Gaby

Dear Santa,  
My name is Gabriel and I am  
seven years old. How is Rudolph? I  
hope you get back to me. I have not  
been good this year. I would like to  
thank you for having Christmas. I  
would like a bike and that is all.  
Gabriel

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Marilyn and I am  
7 years old. How is cupid? Tell Mrs.  
Clause I love her. I would like book  
named Little Red Riding Hood and a  
skateboard. Yes I have been good  
this year. Santa Thank you for last  
year for that doll.  
Marilyn

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Sadie. I am 7  
years old. How are your reindeer? I  
hope the are doing well. Yes, I have  
been good. Thank you for my doodle  
bear. I love it a very lot. Oh, I almost  
forgot to tell you that I want a blue  
bike and I also would like a chalk  
bord.  
Sadie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jason and I am  
seven years old. How is Dasher? I  
hope he is okay. I have been kind of  
good. Santa thank you for bringing  
me a bike. This year I want a  
motorcycle and a shotgun and a  
nother trampoline.  
Jason

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mario, and I am 7  
years old. Hi Roudolph how are you  
doing? Santa have you been good?  
I've been good. Santa thank you for  
my toys. Santa I would like a bike  
and a toy monkey.  
Mario

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brylee. I am 7 years  
old. How are you doing? How are the  
reindeer and Mrs. Clause? I have  
been really good this year. Thank  
you for all you have done for me and  
if you can't get the jeep its ok.  
Please Santa can you get me a four  
seted power weel jeep please and I  
want a pet puppy and if you can't its  
ok. I love you so much santa.  
Love, Brylee

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Joci and I am 7  
years old. Santa how have you  
been? How is Rudolph? Yes Santa I  
have been good. Thank you for all of  
the toys. I would like a stuff dog and  
a skatebard and a motorcycle toy.  
Joci

Dear Santa,  
My name is Victoria and I am 7  
years old. How is Dancer? Santa  
have you ben good be cose I have  
been good. Thanks Santa for given  
me presents. I would like some  
skates and I would like boots and I  
would a Dora toy.  
Love, Victoria

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name is Justin. I am seven  
years of Santa how is Rudolph and  
Dancer? Yes Santa I have been  
good. Santa thank you for my  
presents last year. I would like a bike  
and some books.  
Justin

## Teacher unknown

Dear Santa,  
I want a Doris Clubhouse. I want  
to sleep in it  
Thanks Santa  
Marie

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy horse and ride it  
Thanks Santa,  
Karen

Dear Santa,  
I want some clothes. I want to  
wear them to school.  
Thanks Santa,  
Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I want a real rabbit. I can take  
care of him. I will keep him in a cage  
and feed him.  
Thanks,  
Ruby

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy gun. I can play with it  
inside when it rains.  
Thanks Santa,  
Halle

Dear Santa,  
I want a box of books. I want to  
read who cannot read  
Thanks Santa,  
Hannah

Dear Santa,  
I want a Princess T.V. to put in my  
bedroom  
Thanks Santa,  
Alexis

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy gun. So I can put toy  
bullets in it and take it to cub scouts  
Thanks Santa,  
Zachary

Dear Santa,  
I want to BB gun. I want to shoot  
the mounting deer in the mountains.  
Thanks Santa,  
Issac

Dear Santa,  
I want a BB gun. I want to shoot  
rabbits to feed my dog  
Tim

## Mrs. Loudder's 2nd Grade Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,  
I wanta snow globe because I  
want to remember you. I want some  
American Girl doll stuff because I  
need more. I want a flat screen T.V.  
because I like T.V.  
Love,  
Gentry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a computer to send letter  
to people. I want a four-wheeler to  
chase cows. I want a scooter to ride  
to the malebox. I want a piano so  
thant I could learn to sing songs. I  
want a printer to print stuff on the  
computer. I want a van to play  
outside. I want a mailbox to send  
people a letter. I want tools to work  
on my truk. I want a real truch to go  
to my mailbox. I want a beanbag so  
tha I can read my books. I want a  
clock to see what the clocks is.  
Love,  
Frank

Dear Santa  
I want a computer because I want  
to tipe and I wont high-heels and I  
want a houses to lire in and I want a  
car and I want to drive and want a  
desk for my computer and I want a  
chair on and make it rolle to ok  
Love, Jordan

Dear Santa,  
I want a chat now because it is  
fun. Pleas can I have internet  
because I want to get on when I am  
16 and see what my homework is. If  
you get a chans can I have a hot  
pink camo four wheeler so I can ride  
to my friends hows. Can I have tivo  
os I can record medium. Would you  
pleas bring me a razr phone so if I  
get lost I can call her. Will you get a  
poster of zac efron that has his  
signature because he is nice. Pleas  
can I have a lmo bed because it  
would have a door that I can gett in  
to bed. Can I have a D.S. because  
they are fun and by the way say hi to  
Mrs. Clause  
Love,  
Ashley

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am good. Say hi  
to the elves for me. Oh, I almost  
forgot. If there was anything that i  
could ask for christmas it would be a  
farm four wheeler, chaps, belt,  
buckle. I hope your holiday is going  
well!!  
Destry  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a pink collar forr Mag  
because she'll look good. I would  
enjoy som D.S. games would be

great. Some moon sand because it  
looks fun. A new digital camera  
would be nice. A sliver because I  
need a cell phone. A pig wip because  
we need one for stock shows. So  
what are you doing up? Is it fun?  
Well I hope you'll give me the stuff I  
wanted but if you can't that's okay I  
look forward to see you By'e! Happy  
Christmas  
Love,  
Kenlee

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is  
pokemon stuff because I love  
pokemon. A shell shocker because it  
looks fun. A hamster because I have  
just one pet. A globe because we  
might earthh. A microscope so I can  
study insects. How long does it take  
you to go to every house? Say hi to  
the elves and reindeer and Mrs.  
Clause for me.  
Love,  
Colten

## Little Feet Big Dreams Daycare

Dear Santa  
I am 4 years old.I have been  
good this year. Would you bring me  
a new house, T.V., a new bed, a play  
kitchen, barbie car and I need some  
new pantyhose for church.  
Love,  
Addyson

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old. I have been  
pretty good this year. Would you  
bring me a grocery cart and stuffed  
dog.  
Love,  
Emma

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old. I have been  
pretty good this year. I would like for  
you to bring me some spiderman  
toys.

Love,  
Benjamin

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old. I have been  
really good this year.. I would like for  
you to bring me a stick horse, new  
cowboy boots and some toy horses.  
Love,  
Leonardo

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old. I have been  
pretty good this year. I would like if  
you can bring me a Dora Kitchen  
and some Dora dishes  
Love,  
Marleigh

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old. I have good this  
year. I would like for you to bring me  
some Dora clothes and Dora toys.  
Love,  
Aliyah

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old. I have been  
pretty good this year. I would like for  
you to bring me a Play-Doh center  
and a train table.  
Love,  
Tobin

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old. I have been  
good this year. I would like to have a  
bratz car and bratz doll  
Love,  
Paige

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old. I have been  
good this year. I would like for you to  
bring me a shanking go-car, game  
box that plugs into the T.V. and some  
game's you play on the game box.  
You can find the game box and  
game's at the Radio Shack thats  
were my dad works.  
Love, Cambry

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old. I have been  
good this year. I would like for you to  
bring me a doll house.  
Love,  
Railey

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years years old. I have  
been really good this year. I would  
like for you to bring me a baby doll  
and some doll clothes  
Love,  
Jaide

Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old. I have been  
really good this year. I would like to  
have a baby that potty's and a fish  
bowl with some goldfish  
Love  
Reese

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old. I have been  
pretty good this year. I would like to  
have a Yamaha 80 hp 4 wheeler and a  
Yamaha 80 hp dirt bike.  
Love  
Coby

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old. I have been  
good this year. I would like to have a  
really big bike because I am really  
big now.  
Love  
Tryst

## Mrs. Reyna's First Grade

Dear Santa,  
¿Como esta usted? Yo he sido  
un buen nino. Para navidad quiero  
una dirt bike. quiero tambien un  
four wheeler. Para mi mama quiero  
un cell phone.  
Te Amo,  
Jose

Dear Santa,  
¿Como esta usted? Yo he sido  
un buen nino. Para Navidad yo  
quiero mi cuarto de  
princesa. Tambien quiero una  
computadora. Para mi hermanito  
quiero una guitarra y  
una tambora.  
Te Amo,  
Lizeth

Dear Santa,  
Yo he sido un buen nino. Para  
esta navidad yo quiero un perrito .  
tambien quiero una bicicleta.  
Muchas gracias.  
Te Amo,  
Isaac

Dear Santa,  
He tratado de ser buen nino.  
Para Navidad por favor de traerme  
una  
bicicleta y un rocket ship. Para  
mi mama favor de traerle un carro.  
Oh

si, tambien quiero una moto.  
Te Amo,  
Christopher

Dear Santa,  
¿Como ha estado usted, se-or  
Santa? Yo he sido una buena ni-a.  
Para Navidad yo quiero una  
Barbie. Para mi hermana quiero  
que  
por favor le traiga una moto de  
Barbie. Gracias.  
Te Amo,  
Jennifer

Dear Santa,  
Yo he sido un buen nino. Estoy  
muy contento porque es Navidad.  
¿Como ha estado usted? Para  
esta Navidad yo quiero un perrito.  
Mi hermano quiere un juego  
Con todo Carino,  
Joel

Dear Santa,  
¿Como ha estado usted? Yo he  
sido una muy buena.  
Para Navidad quiero una mu-eca  
Bratz. Mi hermanito quiere una  
bicicleta. Mi mama quiere unas  
joyas preciosas. Mi papa quiere  
un perfume. Mis dos hermanos  
quieren un celular de verdad.  
Te Amo,  
Ibeht

Dear Santa,  
Yo he sido un buen nino. Para  
Navidad yo quiero una bicicleta y  
un celular telefono. Tambien  
quiero un conejo. Gracias  
Te Amo,  
Giovanni

Dear Santa,  
Para esta Navidad yo quiero un  
game Boy y tambien quiero dos  
juegos. Yo he sido un buen nino.  
Hasta luego.  
Con mucho Cari-o,  
Giovani

Dear Santa,  
Yo he sido un buen nino. ¿ Como  
ha estado usted? Para Navidad yo  
quiero un telefono celular.  
Tambien quiero una troca. Para mi  
papa  
favor de traerle una troca nueva.  
Para mi mami nomas le trae una  
joyas.  
Te Amo,  
Eduardo

Dear Santa,  
Yo he sido una buena ni-a. Ojala  
que usted este bien. Para Navidad  
yo quiero un perfume y unos  
patines. Tambien quiero una mu-eca

Bratz.  
Te Amo,  
Miriam

Dear Santa,  
¿Como esta usted? Yo he sido  
un buen nino. Para Navidad  
solamente  
quiero un X Box 360. Gracias  
Con Cari-o,  
Yavet

Dear Santa,  
Ojala usted se sienta bien. Yo he  
sido una buena ni-a. Para esta  
Navidad yo quiero una moto. Mi  
Hermanito quiere tambien una moto.  
Mi hermanita chiquita quiere una  
mu-eca de Barbie. Mi hermana  
grande quiere un carro.  
Te Amo,  
Lorena

Dear Santa,  
¿Como ha estado usted? Para  
Navidad quiero una cuatrimoto y un  
nintendo. Para mi hermanito  
quiero un hombre ara-a. Para mi  
mama  
quiero unas joyas bonitas. Mi  
papa quiere heramienta.  
Con mucho Cari-o  
Cesa

Dear Santa,  
Yo he sido un buen nino. Para  
Navidad quiero una troca monstro  
grande.  
Tambien quiero una patineta. Mi  
mama quiere un carro ultimo modelo  
y un telefono celular.  
Te Amo,  
Kevin

Dear Santa,  
¿Como esta usted? Yo he sido  
buena ni-a. Para Navidad yo quiero  
un set de walkie talkie y una mu-eca  
Bratz. Muchas Gracias.  
Con todo Cari-o  
Xiomara

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# Santa Letters

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Dear Santa,  
 ¿Como estas tu? Yo estoy muy bien. Yo he sido una buena niña. Para Navidad yo quiero una bicicleta y una cajita llena de pinturas y un perfume. Quiero un Santoclos de peluche de control remoto.  
 Te Amo,  
 Nayeli

Dear Santa,  
 Yo he sido una buena ni-¿a. ¿Como ha estado usted? Para Navidad quiero un telefono de mentiritas y unas pinturas. Mi hermanita quiere un mono de Santo clos.  
 Te Amo,  
 Rosio

**Mrs. Dial 2nd grade Dillman Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am well. My name is Mario and I am seven years old. I would like a Fire Red Pokemon game for my gameboy, computer, and a Ruby Red Pokemon game for my gameboy for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave milk and cookies for you Merry Christmas!  
 Mario

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing. Well my name is Leramy and I am 7 years old. I have been good. I want a game and a computer and a PSP. It is a game its playstation 2  
 Leramy

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Cambree and I am 8 years old. I would like a tv, make-up, and a puppy for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas  
 Cambree

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Dagan and I am 7 years old. I would like a bike, X-box, and a guitar for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Dagan

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Beto nd I am 7 years old. I would like a Playstation 3, computer, and balloon for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Beto

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Eric and I am 7 years old. I would like a Playstation 3, computer, and balloon for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Eric

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Eric and I am 7 years old. I would like a Playstation 3, X-box, Gameboy for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Eric

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Aaron and I am 7 years old. I would like an X-box, PSP, and a Chopper Bike for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Aaron

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Lauren and I am 7 years old. I would like a four-wheeler, flat screen T.V., and a laptop for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Lauren

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Abriana and I am 7 years old. I would like a pink guitar, game boy, and a laptop you can take anywhere. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Abriana

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Violet. I am 8 years old. I would like a dress and a lot of Barbie's and Bratz and a swimming pool and a trampoline and a computer for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave you some cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Violet

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Kyan and I am 8 years old. I would like a MP3 Player chair, laptop and a swimming pool for Christmas. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Kyan

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Noah and I am 7 years old. I would like a X-box 360, four-wheeler, and a bickul for Christmas. I have been good this

year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Noah

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am doing well. My name is Desirae and I am 9 years old. I would like a flat screen t.v., a Bratz makeup, Bratz pello. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas!  
 Desirae

**Mrs. Brantley's PPCD Class Dillman Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a babydoll. I would like some fingernail polish  
 Love, Haleigh

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a car and a truck. I would like some toys  
 Love, Angel

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a truck and a ball. I would like a bat  
 Love, David

Dear Santa,  
 I would like some blocks and an airplane  
 Love, Ethan

Dear Santa,  
 I would like some fast cars. I would like a truck  
 Love, Enrique

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me some cows and horses. Also bring me a truck  
 Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a firetruck and a bike. Please bring me a car  
 Love, Francisco

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a dumptruck. I would like a tool set.  
 Love, Aaron

**Mrs. Conn 2nd Grade Dillman Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Billy. I am 7 years old. I live in Mushue Texas. I like you Santa. I have been good this year. Thank You for the stuff that you brought last year. I would toy and magnetix.  
 Billy

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Isreal nad I am 7 years old. I live in Muleshoe, Texas. Santa how are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? How are you doing today? Yes, I am trying to be really nice. Thank you Santa for last years. Santa I want a Nintendo D.S. and an X-box 360 and a game boy  
 Israel

Dear Santa,  
 My name is D-lilah and I am 7 years. I live in Muleshoe Texas. Santa is Rudolf ook? Santa is Mrs. Claus doing fine? Santa are you ok? Santa I have been good. Pleas send me a toy. Thank you Santa for last years toys. Santa, I want an X-box, moonshoes, and a gameboy.  
 Delilah

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Micha. I am 9 years old. I live in Muleshoe Texas. How are you Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the reindeer. I have been good. Thank you Santa for the MP3 player . I will like a MP3 pyeer an a barby and a babydoll  
 Micha

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kennedy. I am 7 years old. I live in Muleshoe, Texas. How are you Santa? I am good everyday. Santa Thank you for last year's toy. I would like a MP3 player Bratz and a computer.  
 Kennedy

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Christopher and I am 7 years old and I live in Mulshoe Texas. How is Rudolf this year? I am going to be him on in Christmas program. Yes I ahve been good over the year. Thank you Santa for getting me a farm set last year. This year I would like a cars alarm clock and a cars Mp-3-playr.  
 Chris

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Joey. I am 8 years old. I live in Muleshoe, Texas. Santa is Rudolf doing well? Becase I like him verey much. Sometime Santa will you check your list to see if I been good. Thank you Santa for the toy last year, Thank you Santa. This year I would like an MP3 player and a monster truch with no string and a mocintroc to the monster truch and an X-box 360.  
 Joey

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Elizabeth and I am 8 years old. I live in Muleshoe, Texas. How is Mrs. Claus? I was good the whole year. Thank you Santa for the toys last year. This year I would like to have a Barbie, a trampoline, and puppy.  
 Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Mercedes and I am 8 years old. I live in Muleshoe Texas. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? How are you Santa. Thank you for everething Santa. Yes, Santa, I have been good off and on. But I have



been good some times. Thank you Sants, for the things you got me last year. Thank you Santa for the checkers. This year I would like to have a Bratz, a barbie, house, and an X-box.  
 Mercedes

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kaitlyn. I am 8 years old. Hi Santa, I miss Mrs. Claus How is she? I have been good and a little bad. I am trying to be good. Think you for the nice clothes you brought me. I would like a Brtz. That is it.  
 Kaitlyn

**KinderKorner Pre-School**

Dear Santa,  
 Hi Santa. This is Tomas and I have been a great kid this year. For Christmas I would like a real horse and a cat plus a farm and a thing that cuts trees like my dad has because my is Super Dad. Thank you and I love you.  
 Love, Tomas

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good boy this year. This year for Christmas I want an I-pod and I-tunes and a phone for my room. I will leave some cookies and milk. Thank You  
 Love, Brendon

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a real good girl this year. For Christmas I just want a lot of toys. Any kind you want to bring me is great.  
 Love, Tommie

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good girl this year and I am starting to sleep in my own bed. This year for Christmas I really want a double stroller for my babies. I love you  
 Love, Addyson

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good girl this year. I really want a baby stroller and carrier and a Big Doll House from you this year. I have been learing how to do math at school. I love you  
 Love, Sierra

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good cowboy this year. I want a train and anything else you want to bring me Santa. I have a new horse that I got for my birthday. I love you.  
 Love, Kyler

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good boy this year. This Christmas I want a 4-wheeler and a new cowboy hat. I hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing good. I love you.  
 Love, Jake

Dear Santa,  
 I want to tell you that I am a good boy. This year I want a lot of toys and a big John Deere tractor that I can ride. I hope you are doing great this year. I love you.  
 Love, Clayton

Dear Santa,  
 This is Drew. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I really want a Race track that is called a Crash track and anything else you want to bring me. I hope you are doing good this year.  
 Love, Drew

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good boy this year. I just want a lot of toys this year and maybe a new blanket. I love you  
 Love, Damien

Dear Santa,  
 this is Brody and I have been good this year. Guess what Santa, I am going to get a new baby right after Christmas. Santa I want a motorcycle real bad this year. I love you  
 Love, Brody

Dear Santa,  
 This is Matthew and I am always a good boy. I want a lot of toys this year for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you  
 Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,  
 hello my name is Jaxson and I am a very good boy. I want a Tonka truck and Case Tractor for Christmas. Santa can you bring something for my baby brother? He will be here right after Christmas. I love you  
 Love, Jaxson

Dear Santa,  
 Hello Santa, I am mati and I love you. This year I want a baby puppy for my very own. I hope you are doing good this year. I will leave you something to eat and drink.  
 Love, Mati

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good girl this year. I just want a lot of baby dolls for Christmas, and please bring my sisters some clothes. I love you  
 Love, Kimberlee

Dear Santa,  
 I am a good boy most of the time. I want a lot of toys. Whatever you want to bring me, I will play with them. I love you  
 Love, Jesse

Dear Santa,  
 This is Bode and I want to tell you I have been a very good boy this year! For Christmas this year I want a SpongeBob, Mr. Krab, Squidward, a new pick-up, motorcycle, and new tractor, I hope that it is not to much, but I have been good;; or that is what my teachers told me.  
 Love, Bode

Dear Santa,  
 This is Miss Jaron and do I have a list of things I want this year; and by the way, I have been a super nice girl. I would like the American Girl doll namer Bitty Baby, all the Barbie stuff and you know us girls, we all like shoes. Thanks so much and I love you.  
 Love, Jaron

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good boy this year. I hope you are ready I have a big long list of things. I want like a boy bike, Texas Tech Football helmet, a B.b. gun, and a bow and arrow set. Wow, I know that is a lot but I ahve been good. Thank you and I love you.  
 Love, Riley

Dear Santa,  
 Hello again, this is Beau and I live at Lazbuddie. I have been a good boy this year and for Christmas I would like a lot of new toys, the Cars movie, and anything else you have in you little bag that you think I could use. Have a good day and night. I love you.  
 Love, Beau

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a real, real good boy this year, or that is what my teachers say. This year I want a Indy Car race set and Lightnigh McQueen. I hope you are doing good. Love You.  
 Love, Cody

**Miss Carr, Miss Chavez 1st Grade Sudan Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
 I am Jenna. I am six years old. I want a puppy dog, because I want

Honey to have a best friend. I live in Sudan, Texas this year. I go to school at Sudan Elementary. My teacher is Miss Carr and my other teacher is Miss Chavez. Thank You  
 Love, Jenna

Dear Santa,  
 I go to Sudan asthminre skel. Can I have a hors? I wile take care uv it. I wile feed it and I wile put wader everday. I wile walk it and ded it hay. I wile brush it and I wile luv it forever in mi life.  
 Love, Michael

Dear Santa,  
 I am Rori and I am six years old. I live in Sudan Taxis. Can I ples have a fish? I alreade have a dog and I thank I am responsabl. It would help me so I can talk too it when I am so bord. I go too Sudan Elemechry. I am in class room with Mis Carr.  
 Love, Rori

Dear Santa,  
 I am six years old. I go to Sudan Elamrenchre. I would reale like to have a "Brat" because I sing a song with it.  
 Love, Beatriz

Dear Santa,  
 I'm 7 years old. I go ro sudan i.s.d. school. Can I have a baby crocodile becaus I have seen one but I ahve not touched one. I have no pets of my own.  
 Love, Noah

Dear Santa,  
 I want a dog for Christmas because I have tow fish. My mom and dad gave it to me. She is purple and blue. I will be good for you. My name is Yasmine. I go ro Sudan elmenchre school.  
 (Name unknown)

Dear Santa,  
 I go to Sudan Elminchre. I would like to have a "Bratz Kid" because I never had one at Christmas.  
 Love, Delanie

Dear Santa,  
 Can you plst give me a snake cos I have not seen a snake. I will keep it safe.  
 Love, Austin

Dear Santa,  
 I want a baby pupuuy because I have never saw one.  
 Love, Alexis

Dear Santa,  
 I wude like a Drt bicke ckus I thack they are chul.  
 Love, Call

Dear Santa,  
 I would like "Bratz" for Christmas bkus I have never seen one beforee. I wud tack cree of it.  
 Love, Maraina

Dear Santa,  
 I am Sydnie. I go to school at Sudan. Please may I have an "X-box". We can all play it.  
 Love, Sydnie

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# Mule Moments

By Jessica Thornton

## Go, Mule basketball!

Winter season is wonderful for many Muleshoe students because of their involvement in basketball.

Many students throughout the high school are in some way involved with either the freshman, JV, or varsity basketball teams.

I am involved with the freshman team more than the other because my brother plays on the freshman team and I have kept their stats book and loved doing it.

I remember when I played basketball at the school I used to attend in Oklahoma. I played for five years until — due to an injury — I couldn't play my sophomore year. I was getting ready for softball that spring and wouldn't you know my family moves.

The basketball season is well underway for all three teams here in Muleshoe, and so far all are having good luck with their seasons.

I know the JV and varsity coaches are doing their best to make sure our teams have success throughout the season and hopefully post-season.

Basketball is one of my favorite sports to watch... behind football, of course.

There is the obvious fact that the spectators are indoors during a basketball game and don't have to worry about freezing during the game.

It is always much louder than at a football game

because of it being in a gymnasium and all of the noise bounces off the walls and ceilings and makes things a lot louder.

No worries about screaming at the top of your lungs to tell a player "good job" they are right there, but I still yell a lot. I have a really bad habit of it.

It is also a fast-paced sport and possession of the ball can change within just a few seconds, or depending how well a team plays they can have possession for several minutes. Their heads have to be in the game.

At this writing, I have just returned home from the junior high gymnasium, where I saw three marvelous games played by the Mules.

The seventh, eighth and ninth-grade boys played River Road of Amarillo, and all three teams did a great job, beating them and by a lot of points I might add.

I know there is a lot of intensity in a basketball game and it doubles when you face-off against a real strong rival and I know Muleshoe has a few of those.

I know that makes the games all the more exciting and the tension is going to mount through the gym as the game progresses. You gotta love basketball!

So come out and support the Mules and Lady Mules during the basketball season and let them know the entire community of Muleshoe "has their back."



DEVON PACHECO

## 'Virgen de Guadalupe' celebration held Dec. 10

Dec. 10 was a time of celebration and reverence to the "Virgen de Guadalupe" at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

The celebration began at 7:30 a.m. with "las mananitas," followed by the crowning of la "reynita" and the celebration mass.

A reception followed at the fellowship hall with entertainment provided by Ballet Folklorico of Muleshoe and a traditional danza of Los Matachines from Midland.

In honor of the "Virgen" an organization of women called "Las Guadalupanas" have formed in many parishes. Immaculate Conception is no different.

Every year the "Guadalupanas" have several fund raisers. Their

biggest event is the reynita (queen) candidates.

These candidates raise money through different fund raisers for a period of about 10 weeks.

The candidate who raises the most money is crowned "reynita" at the celebration mass of the "Virgen de Guadalupe." This year's candidates were Devon Pacheco and Leticia Loya.

The 2006 "Reynita de la Virgen de Guadalupe" is Devon Pacheco.

Devon is the daughter of Juan and Alicia Pacheco. She is a kindergarten student at Lazbuddie Elementary.

Thanks for reading!

## 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.

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How can mortal tongue say thank you for all the works of love in the hearts of God's people in our time of loss? The prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and the food dishes, all these things done in love.

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## Seventh-grade Mules fall in season opener

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The seventh-grade Mules dropped their home opener to the Dimmitt Bobcats 30-25 on Dec. 4.

Dimmitt had scored four points before Weston Griswold dropped in a 3-pointer from the wing for the Mules only points of the first period. Dimmitt added two more to lead 6-3 going into the second quarter.

Beau Avila stole a Dimmitt in bound pass and drove the floor to get the Mules with in one point. Avila grabbed a loose ball and drove the floor a second time for a 7-9 Mule deficit.

Griswold drove the lane and dished to Avila. Avila was fouled on the shot and made one from the line. The Mules trailed 9-8 at the half.

Sergio Vasquez leaped on a loose ball in the lane and put the ball up and in to start the third period. The Mules had a brief 10-9 lead.

The Bobcats made 10 before Issac Baca was fouled shooting. He made one from the line. The Mules trailed 23-11 going into the final quarter.

Hector Flores picked off a Dimmitt in bound pass and pushed the ball to Jaden Herrera. Herrera was fouled shooting and made one from the line. Vasquez took away

an offensive rebound and put the ball on the glass for two.

Avila stuck back a rebound to cut the Dimmitt lead to 23-17. Avila made two more baskets and Vasquez made a pair from the line.

Avila led the Mules with 11 points and Griswold and Vasquez each made four. Baca added three, Carlos Sosa had two and Herrera chipped in one.

The Mules hosted the River Road Wildcats Monday night for their final game before the Christmas holidays. The Mules will return to action Jan. 8 by hosting the Bushland Hornets.



## Muleshoe Cattle Market

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

## REPRESENTATIVE SALES

SAT., DECEMBER 9, 2006

1026 head of cattle, 350 hogs and 613 sheep and goats for a total of 1,989 livestock sold at the Dec. 9 sale. Market steady on most classes of cattle except stocker hfrs. 2-5 lower compared to last week. Pairs & bred cows steady, along with packer cows. No sale Dec. 23 or Dec. 30.

FOR INFORMATION ON SALES OR TO CONSIGN CATTLE-272-4201

Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Jordan Busby, Springlake	.....	Blk. str	.....	275 lbs. at \$145
Jordan Busby, Springlake	.....	2 Mxd. str	.....	458 lbs. at \$119
J&S Dairy, Muleshoe	.....	2 Mxd. str	.....	293 lbs. at \$145
Darrel Barron, Plains	.....	5 Char. str	.....	384 lbs. at \$128
Darrel Barron, Plains	.....	Yell. str	.....	290 lbs. at \$144
NM Ranch	.....	8 Blk. str	.....	409 lbs. at \$126
NM Ranch	.....	6 Blk. str	.....	578 lbs. at \$108
CE Grant, Muleshoe	.....	Blk. str	.....	415 lbs. at \$127
Shelly Elam, Seminole	.....	5 Mxd. str	.....	542 lbs. at \$113
Shelly Elam, Seminole	.....	4 Yell. str	.....	659 lbs. at \$97.50
NM Ranch	.....	15 Blk. str	.....	464 lbs. at \$115
NM Ranch	.....	10 Blk. str	.....	670 lbs. at \$97.50
June Gandy, Bledsoe	.....	4 Blk. bulls	.....	686 lbs. at \$88.25
Seth Cox, Hobbs, NM	.....	3 Red hfrs	.....	377 lbs. at \$108
NM Ranch	.....	14 Mxd. hfrs	.....	384 lbs. at \$112
NM Ranch	.....	16 Blk. hfrs	.....	468 lbs. at \$98
NM Ranch	.....	7 Blk. hfrs	.....	409 lbs. at \$112
NM Ranch	.....	16 Blk. hfrs	.....	454 lbs. at \$100
Kiehne Ranch, Orla	.....	29 Blk. hfrs	.....	496 lbs. at \$93
Darrel Barron, Plains	.....	8 Char. hfrs	.....	418 lbs. at \$110
Kyle Johnston, Hobbs, NM	.....	8 Blk. hfrs	.....	720 lbs. at \$85.75
Teresa Howard, Rogers, NM	.....	Blk. pair	.....	\$810
Seth Hege, Plainview	.....	BMF cow P6	.....	\$730
Mike Beauchamp, Bovina	.....	Yell. cow	.....	1465 lbs. at \$47.75
Mike Beauchamp, Bovina	.....	2 Char. cows P	.....	1578 lbs. at \$47
Backus Cattle, Muleshoe	.....	Yell. cow	.....	1725 lbs. at \$46.50
Hip O Cattle, Hereford	.....	Blk. cow	.....	1155 lbs. at \$46
Brandon Brown, Friona	.....	2 Red cows	.....	1013 lbs. at \$45.50
J&S Dairy, Muleshoe	.....	Blk. cow	.....	1150 lbs. at \$44.50
A&B Cattle, Muleshoe	.....	Blk. cow	.....	1035 lbs. at \$44.75

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## Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

Happy holidays to everyone from the senior center.

The Christmas party for the senior center will be Saturday, Dec. 16. The Center will open at 3 p.m., and will serve a pot luck supper at 5 p.m.

So prepare your favorite dish, call a friend, and come join in the holiday fellowship and fun.

Please bring a Christmas tree ornament to the party. Perhaps you have one or two you are not using or want to purchase a new one. We have plans to decorate a tree to make someone's holidays better.

Sandy will be playing the music for our Tuesday senior Christmas dance.

There will be special surprises for the seniors on this night. Bring a dish for the pot luck supper and come join your friends in a good time.

The dance begins at 7 p.m., a pot luck supper at 8:30 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m.

There were 53 attending

### Landowner Association meeting set

On Dec. 14, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the Sandhills Area Recreation Association and Wes-Tex RC&D will host a multi-agency meeting at the Five Area Telephone Cooperative in Muleshoe.

For additional information contact Cindy Poole, Coordinator at (806) 781-9823.

the dance, representing fifteen area towns and enjoying your senior center.

All you senior ladies with red hats come join us on Wednesday, Dec. 20, for lunch.

Plan on coming with your red hat on or purple, and join in the good food, fun, and lots of laughs.

Thursday, Dec. 21, the United Blood Service, will be at the center from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. The blood bank is asking for any and all to please come by and help them by giving.

We are happy to hear about some of our seniors being out of the hospital and at home now. We wish them a speedy recovery and hope they can be with us again soon. Also, our prayers are with those who are still in the hospital and are having surgery this week.

Menu for Dec. 18-22:  
Monday, Dec. 18 — Lasagne, Italian vegetables, salad, wheat roll and apple cobbler.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 — Baked ham, pinto beans, salad, onion, cornbread and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and pineapple cobbler cake.

Thursday, Dec. 21 — Turkey and dressing, Giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, corn, salad, wheat rolls and lemon cake.

Friday, Dec. 22 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hushpuppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.



COURTNEY MARDIS AND FRANKLIN PILAND

## Band students honored

Two members of the Mighty M Band traveled to Floydada High School Saturday, Dec. 9, for the 3A High School All-Region Honor Band Auditions.

Franklin Piland was selected as first chair tuba and was also named to the All-Area Band.

Courtney Mardis was selected as eighth chair clarinet and was also named to the All-Area Band.

This is the third year in a row that Courtney, a junior, has made the all-region band, but her first time to qualify for the all-area band.

She is also active in the Mighty M Band Flag Corps.

In addition to being an outstanding clarinetist, band instructor Brad Walker said, Courtney also plays violin and bassoon with great proficiency.

She is the daughter of Chris and Gina Mardis.

Franklin Piland, also a junior, is making the band for the first time. He was named as an alternate last year after only three months experience playing the tuba... or any other instrument.

Now he has been named the best tuba player on the south plains after playing tuba for only 16 months.

Franklin is also heavily involved in speech and

debate at Muleshoe High School. He is the son of Linda Harp.

These two students have earned the right to compete for the all-state band on Jan. 6.

These auditions will be held at Lubbock Cooper High School and will include all-area qualifiers from the Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, Midland-Odessa and El Paso regions.

The All-Region Concert will be held at the Lubbock Civic Center on Saturday, Jan. 27. The public is invited to attend.

Performances for the all-region bands will begin at 1 p.m. There is a \$5 admission charge at the door.



### Lazbuddie students honored

First-grade student Priscilla Salazar, the daughter of Jaime Salazar and Elizabeth Galaviz, pictured above on the left, and fifth-grade student George Harder, the son of Peter and Katherine Harder, on the right, were honored by the Lazbuddie ISD this week.

## Library News

By Dyan Dunagan

New Books in the Library: *Santa Cruise* by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark; *Like Dandelion Dust* by Karen Kingsbury; *Dear John* by Nicholas Sparks; and *The Jury* by Fern Michales.

Dyan's picks of the month:

Picture books — *God Gave Us Christmas* by Lisa Tawn Bergren. This story starts out with the question, "Is God more important than Santa?" It has beautiful pictures and is wonderful to read.

Junior Chapter Books — *Teddy Bear's Scrapbook* by Deborah and James Howe. This are the authors of the Bunnacula series. This book has tall tales about where a Teddy Bear has been before a little girl found him. It is an adorable book.

*Crash* by Jerry Spinelli. This is a wonderful book. It's about Junior High and the choices you make for friends. I think every

elementary child should read this book.

Youth Fiction — I still suggest the Christi Miller series by Robin Jones Gunn.

Adult Fiction — *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve. This book is about a baby left in the snow to die and all the people who are involved in her life. I couldn't put this book down.

*Seasons Under Heaven* by Beverly LaHaye and Terri Blackstock. This book is about a neighborhood on a quiet cul-de-sac in Cedar Circle. You get to know each neighbor in this book. Each person has their own crisis and you get to watch how God works in each of their lives. There are four books in this series and I can't wait to read book two: *Showers in Season*.

Adult Non-Fiction — *Sink Reflections* by Marla Cilley — The FlyLady. I will have to admit... our house was in complete CHAOS (Can't have anyone over syndrome) before I met Fly Lady. This book has changed the way things look at our house. This is a great book to encourage you and make you laugh at the same time.

*He Still Moves Stones* by Max Lucado. If you have ever asked yourself if God cares about you then this is a book you must read. Max always has a unique way of seeing things in the Bible that I have not noticed before. His books inspire you to keep trying and to have a closer relationship with God.



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## Joyous songs of Christmas

The audience, students and MISD staff, pictured on the left, took part in Sunday's closing number at the winter concert, a Christmas carol sing-along arranged and directed by Muleshoe High School band instructor Brad Walker.

## Club News

### Muleshoe Retired Teachers hold meeting

By Alene Bryant

Muleshoe Retired Teachers met on Friday, Nov. 17, at the fellowship hall of the 16th & Ave. D Church of Christ. James Sinclair said the opening prayer.

Georgia Pena, president, read an "inspirational" poem. After the laughter, we got down to business. The president told us about the state retired teachers meeting in Austin in April, 2007. There was also information about hotels and location.

A committee reported membership was down by 12. Pena asked for volunteers for the nominating committee.

The election was discussed. Also the possibility that Gov. Perry will ask that our fund be used to invest in new companies in Texas. The remarks were mostly negative; however, J.K. Adams commented that he would go along with the governor, after all, the governor was an Aggie.

Ann Sinclair brought our program. It was in two parts. The first part about the pumpkin and the last part on aging.

She told us about how the pumpkin was used today and how it was used long ago. The brighter orange of the pumpkin, the more healthful it is. Smaller ones are better for pies. They are good for pies, cakes and

bread. And soups. The biggest could be five-feet across and weigh 300 pounds. Long ago, medically they were sometimes used for snake bites. The seeds were also used.

Then Ann became a home health specialist. She gave us tips on aging. Move fingers, arms and legs. Do crossword puzzles... jigsaw puzzles are better. Connect dots; do math; put coins in front of you, close your eyes, and identify the coins by feeling of them. If you are right-handed, try doing the same with your left hand; move your waste basket from one side of your chair to the other side; and brush your hair with the other hand.

Other things you might do are to read to someone,

light candles, sit and listen to your favorite music and read... look away and write down what you remember.

We enjoyed all of Ann's information and the humorous way in which it was presented.

Hostesses for today's meeting were Mary Crane and Bette Cowan.

The Christmas meeting is about your favorite Christmas memory, so bring a dish and come to the Christmas luncheon at 12 noon on Dec. 15.

Members in attendance included: Alene Bryant, Lucy Faye Smith, Georgia Pena, Bette Cowan, Margaret Adams, J.K. Adams, Ann Sinclair, James Sinclair, Mary Crane, Mary Nell Bleeker, Wilma Smith, Evelyn Ellington, Jean Allison and Rose Sain.

## Wildlife Refuge News

Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge had a sandhill crane count of 24,000 birds this week.

There are about 1,000 ducks using the refuge, mainly pintails, widgeon, shovelers, and gadwall.

We have had only two reported sightings of geese on the refuge this winter, the latest being about 110 Canada geese flying over Paul's Lake two weeks ago.

Fourteen deer were observed today on the refuge and 23 were observed last week.

One lone coyote was seen but several have been heard at night.

Other wildlife sightings have been rare other than resident prairie dogs.

The Lubbock Llano Estacado Chapter of the Audubon Society will conduct the annual Christmas Bird Count on the refuge on Sunday Dec. 17.

## Chamber News



### Tumbleweed Apartments officially open

Representatives of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, and the Muleshoe Housing Authority, along with other local officials, gathered at the Tumbleweed Apartment Complex Tuesday morning for the official grand 're-opening' of the city's remodeled migrant housing units. Along with the chamber's ribbon cutting ceremonies, retiring MHA Executive Director Jim Hartline was recognized for his years of service to the community and the housing authority.

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## The Christmas Angel... Continued from page 1

Bible or church?" she asked her daughter.

"Every once in a while." "Why haven't you mentioned it to your grandfather or me?"

"I guess I didn't think it was important at the time," said Lynette. "He never said anything about a specific person or place... just about something he'd read in it."

"When did this start?" asked Lynette's mother.

"A few weeks ago, I guess. Back around Thanksgiving. Does it mean anything?"

"What kind of things?" Molly asked, ignoring her daughter's last question for a moment.

"Well, Teddy says Timothy already knew the story about the Christmas angel."

"The story your grandfather tells?" "Uh huh."

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When Molly walked into the living room just before noon the next day, she found Timothy standing by the Christmas tree, deep in thought as he stared up at the crystal angel on top of the tree.

"Do you like the angel?" Molly asked as she crossed the room to stand by him.

Timothy nodded. "My Timothy did too."

"It's a sad story," said Timothy, his eyes still fixed on the angel.

"How's that?"

"It's about an angel who forgot how important the gift of love is," Timothy said. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"...We probably don't think about that part enough during the Christmas season," Molly said.

"A lot of people don't. They think about the nativity, but they tend to forget the most important thing wasn't how Jesus came to earth, but how he left," Timothy said. "The greatest sign of God's love wasn't that He sent His Son to live on earth, it was that He allowed His Son to be crucified for mankind."

"Are you sure you're only

10 years old?" Molly said, giving a small chuckle. The words were out of her mouth before she remembered it wasn't her own 10 year old she was speaking to. "I'm sorry," she apologized when she saw Timothy's cheeks redden with embarrassment.

"It's okay." To change the subject, Molly reached up and lifted the angel from its resting place, intending to let the boy examine it at closer range.

Hesitant to hand the fragile ornament to the child, she cradled it in her right hand as she ran her left index finger delicately over the edge of the angel's glass wings.

"I remember the Christmas after Timothy's mother passed away and his father gave it to us," she said. "He took down each of the ornaments, wrapped them individually and placed them in a box. Then he walked over to Timothy, handed him the box and told him it was now his turn to take care of them."

Molly's eyes began to tear, and when she spoke again, she seemed to choke on the first few words. After clearing her throat, she said, "When we got Timothy's letter from where he was stationed at Thanksgiving last year, he said all the Thanksgiving dinners in the world couldn't makeup for not being here when it came time to decorate the tree."

Almost trembling with emotion, now, Molly held out the angel in her right hand for the boy to take, and used her other hand to wipe at some of the tears flowing down her cheek.

Exactly how it happened, she'd never be certain. She thought Timothy had hold of the angel and released it, only to watch as it brushed past the tips of his fingers and fell to the floor.

Although she snatched at it, she was unable to save the ornament as it missed the edge of the rug on which they were standing and struck the hardwood floor of the living room.

For all the damage it did to her heart and soul, the glass made the tiniest of

noises as the wings and one arm snapped off.

Falling to her knees, Molly stared in horror at the shattered ornament.

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Archer," Timothy said, also on his knees. "I..."

"It's not your fault," Molly said. "It's not your fault..."

Later, when he returned to the house for something, Lynn learned of the accident. Although he didn't say anything to either Molly or Timothy, his face was sullen as he stuck his pipe between his teeth and headed back to the barn.

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That afternoon, Molly was sitting at the kitchen table, slowly peeling potatoes for supper.

"Mrs. Archer," Timothy said softly, "Are you mad at me?"

Molly shook her head. "No, I told you earlier it wasn't your fault, and I meant it. ...I let myself get carried away over some sad memories. Accidents like that can happen when you let yourself get distracted."

"I've been doing a lot of that lately," she explained. "Crying, I mean... It's almost as if... Whenever I get to thinking about Timothy going off to the army, and getting killed, I get angry."

"Why?" Molly shook her head slower this time. "I don't rightly know... I guess I'm angry because he left us to go fight a war, and I'm frustrated because he promised to love me forever, and now he's gone."

"But he didn't know he wasn't coming back," Timothy said, with such a look of innocence on his face that Molly set aside her paring knife and reaching over, tousled his hair affectionately.

"You're right, but I guess that doesn't really matter," she said, "Maybe I'm angry because he was more worried about the rest of the world, and not enough about his children or me."

Timothy leaned over, pressing his chin into his palms as he rested his elbows on the table. "Just because he thought he had to do something doesn't mean he didn't love you, does it?" he asked.

"No, it doesn't." "And when he wasn't here, he still loved you, didn't he..."

"Well, yes, I'm sure he loved us all," Molly said. "Sometimes a person gets angry..."

"Did you get angry with him before he went away?" Timothy interrupted.

"Yes, sometimes..." "Did you always stay angry?"

"No, of course not. When we were angry with each other, eventually one of us would forgive the other, and the anger would go away..."

"Then why can't you forgive him now? It must be awful to have someone you love angry at you for such a long time," he said.

As she thought about what the boy said, Molly suddenly realized that

through all the months she'd anguished at the loss of her husband, and grown angry at his absence, she'd never taken the time to simply forgive him.

"Maybe you're right," she said. "I never have said, 'Timothy, I forgive you.'"

Suddenly, Molly felt as if a burden had been lifted from her heart. "...Yes, Timothy," she repeated, "I forgive you."

(Watch for the conclusion to *The Christmas Angel* in next week's issue.)

## The final 2006 Medicare Part D deadline is near

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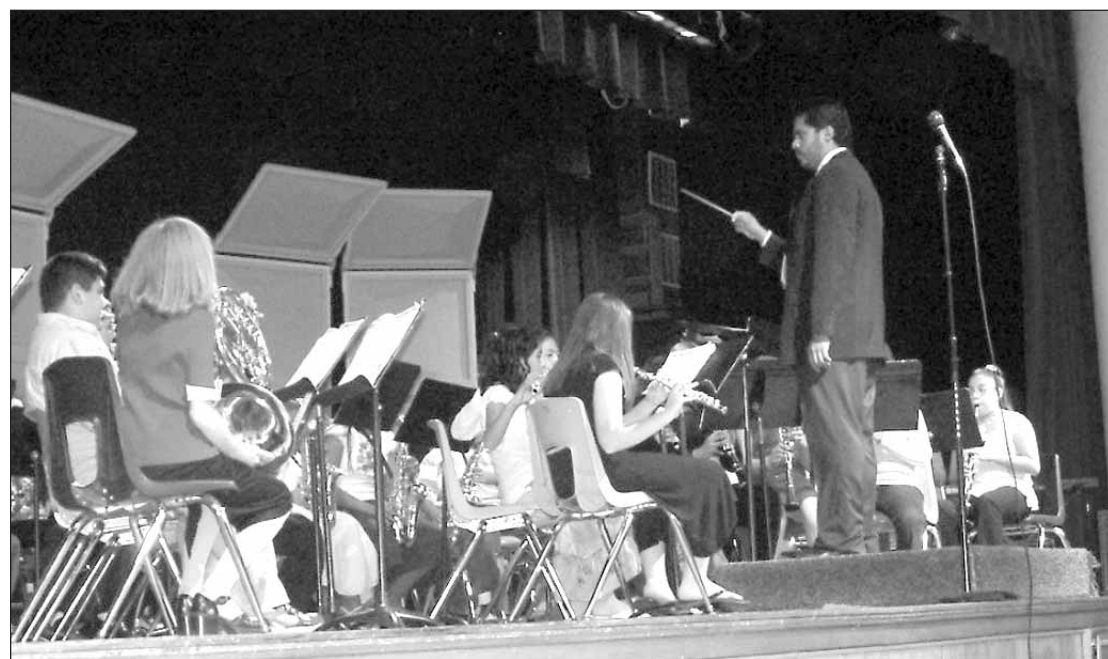
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"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck..."  
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## Heritage Foundation News

By Jean Allison

Muleshoe's day on Saturday to usher in the Holiday season turned out to be a bitterly cold day.

This did not stop Santa from coming to the Muleshoe Heritage Center after the parade for "Brunch with Santa."

Many children came and excitedly told Santa their Christmas wishes while enjoying doughnuts, orange juice and hot apple cider.

That night the heritage center held its annual Old Fashioned Christmas Open House. How sparkingly beautiful the center was as all

of the Christmas lights on the old structures came on simultaneously.

Refreshments were served at the Santa Fe Depot as the Muleshoe High School Choir members under the direction of Lorissa Moffett sang lovely Christmas music.

Heritage board members and center hostess Dolores Harvey welcomed those who braved the cold to attend.

Members of the Student-Community Action Club had decorated the Janes Ranch House in an old-fashioned motiff.

SCAC members also conducted tours for those

wishing to observe the unusual Christmas decorations, helped man the Christmas lights and assisted in any way needed.

At the monthly board meeting on Monday night, members discussed how important the heritage center is to the Muleshoe area and also expressed appreciation to all who helped make the "Brunch with Santa" and the Old Fashioned Open House so successful.

The board meeting opened with a prayer, reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report.

Hostess Harvey reported about activities at the center during the past month.

Board members invite everyone to drive through the center at night and enjoy the beauty of the new Christmas lights purchased this year.

Also come on weekday afternoons from 1-5 p.m. and let Harvey show you all of the decorations at the old buildings.

At the meeting a discussion was held about the bid received to lower the Virginia City Hotel. This will begin the next project at the center, which is restoring the hotel.

A report was given about the cost of the new Christmas lights and the new long table. It was suggested that the board meet during the noon hour for the winter months.

No action was taken on this suggestion.

New board members present — Jay Cage, Bernita Sheets and Wells Hall — were welcomed and each expressed a desire to do all that they can to make the center vital to the area. Meeting adjourned.

## Engagement



### Conklin, Green engaged

Garland and Susan Green. He is a graduate of Conklin announce the Deer Park High School, with engagement of their daughter, Chelsey Conklin of University of Texas at San Plano, to Christopher Green, also of Plano.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in marketing. She is employed as a math teacher at Garland High School.

The prospective groom is the son of Jimmey and Alana

Green. He is a graduate of Deer Park High School, with a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio in business administration. He is employed as a treasury assistant with The Glencoe Group in Addison.

The wedding has been set for March 24, 2007, at 6 p.m., at the Addison Conference Center, Addison, with a reception to follow at the same location.

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