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Panda Ethanol road improvement gets TxDOT nod

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

Concerns about the requested road upgrade adjacent to the Panda Ethanol plant west of Muleshoe took a surprising turn at Monday's regular meeting of the Bailey County Commissioners Court when Judge Sherri Harrison announced that

them to see if it was worth the county's time to apply for a grant," Harrison said. But instead of an attitude of "No... no... no," the judge said Bailey County had encountered from officials in Lubbock, she said officials at the capitol said, "We'll do it all," referring to not only the road work that will be needed, but also work in the

adjacent right-of-ways.

Harrison said she was told the entire process would take about three years, and indicated the state was also

willing to work with Bailey County on payment of the required matching funds, possibly postponing payment until the county begins receiving tax funds from the plant and dairies being built along the upgraded road.

TxDOT representatives from Lubbock spoke with the commissioners Monday, noting that the roadway "is a go right now," but also noted that public hearings would be required as part of the process, and that

'It was pretty phenomenal...'
— Judge Harrison

Transportation officials in Austin had given their nod of approval.

Judge Harrison explained that during a recent trip to Austin, with Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation Director Janet Claborn, state TxDOT officials were of a different opinion from TxDOT officials from the Lubbock office, who appeared at the commissioners July meeting with the news that TxDOT wouldn't be able to help with the requested road improvement.

"It was pretty phenomenal," said the county judge.

"We went to meet with

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Mine!

No matter what you've been taught as a youngster, sometimes sharing just isn't an option. Pictured above, Lady Mule Gabby Agundis fights for possession of the ball during a recent game against a squad from the Brownfield Lady Cubs. Turn to page 6 for game details.

Photograph by Norm Brantley

For sale: Park View nursing home

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Area Hospital District's Board of Trustee's authorized its president, Ronnie Dent, and hospital administrator Ray Mason to enter into negotiations to sell Park View Nursing Care Center to a Laurel Healthcare Providers, LLC, of New Mexico, during a special meeting Monday.

At the board's Dec. 14 regular meeting, Dent announced that a private company had contacted MAHD concerning an interest in purchasing the nursing home.

At that time, Dent said, "If this is viable for the district, we will be pursuing this as soon as possible. In pursuing this (issue) we will be looking at three things: Their financial abilities, their credibility, and their concern for the district and this area."

In the prepared statement released after the hospital board returned from Monday's two hour executive session, Dent said, "The board has received the party's financial statements and the president and several board members, along with the hospital administrator and Park View's administrator have inspected several of the party's facilities. Thus the board believes Laurel Healthcare Providers, LLC, to be a viable party to purchase Park View."

Both Dent and Mason appeared before the Muleshoe City Council at its regular meeting late Monday afternoon in regards to the possible sale of the nursing home, which was built on a 15-acre tract of city property adjacent to Muleshoe's new city park, and leased to the Muleshoe Area Hospital District for 99 years in 2000.

"We feel that we've thoroughly investigated this entity," Dent said.

"We feel like the hospital can never grow like it needs to grow as long as the nursing home is part of the district," Dent added. "I think Muleshoe can have the best of two worlds."

The MAHD board president explained that for the sale to go forward the property on which the nursing home was built would need to be transferred to the MAHD.

Muleshoe City Manager David Brunson told the council that state law would

School board approves Dillman floor scheme

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's Board of Trustees approved the basic floor scheme for the expansion project at Dillman Elementary during Monday's regular meeting, but were also faced with the

hard reality that the project's expected cost had risen to about \$4.7 million, greatly reducing the possibility of improvements at the junior high.

Following the presentation by the district's architects, and discussion of the project timeline with a representative of the

construction management firm hired by the school board at the end of 2006, Superintendent Gene Sheets said, "They're very committed to the June 4 construction date."

Sheets explained that the construction manager at risk could give the required "guaranteed maximum price

at various points in the construction and planning process, but that a "sharper pencil" could be put to paper, giving a more accurate figure, after the subcontractors involved had submitted their bids.

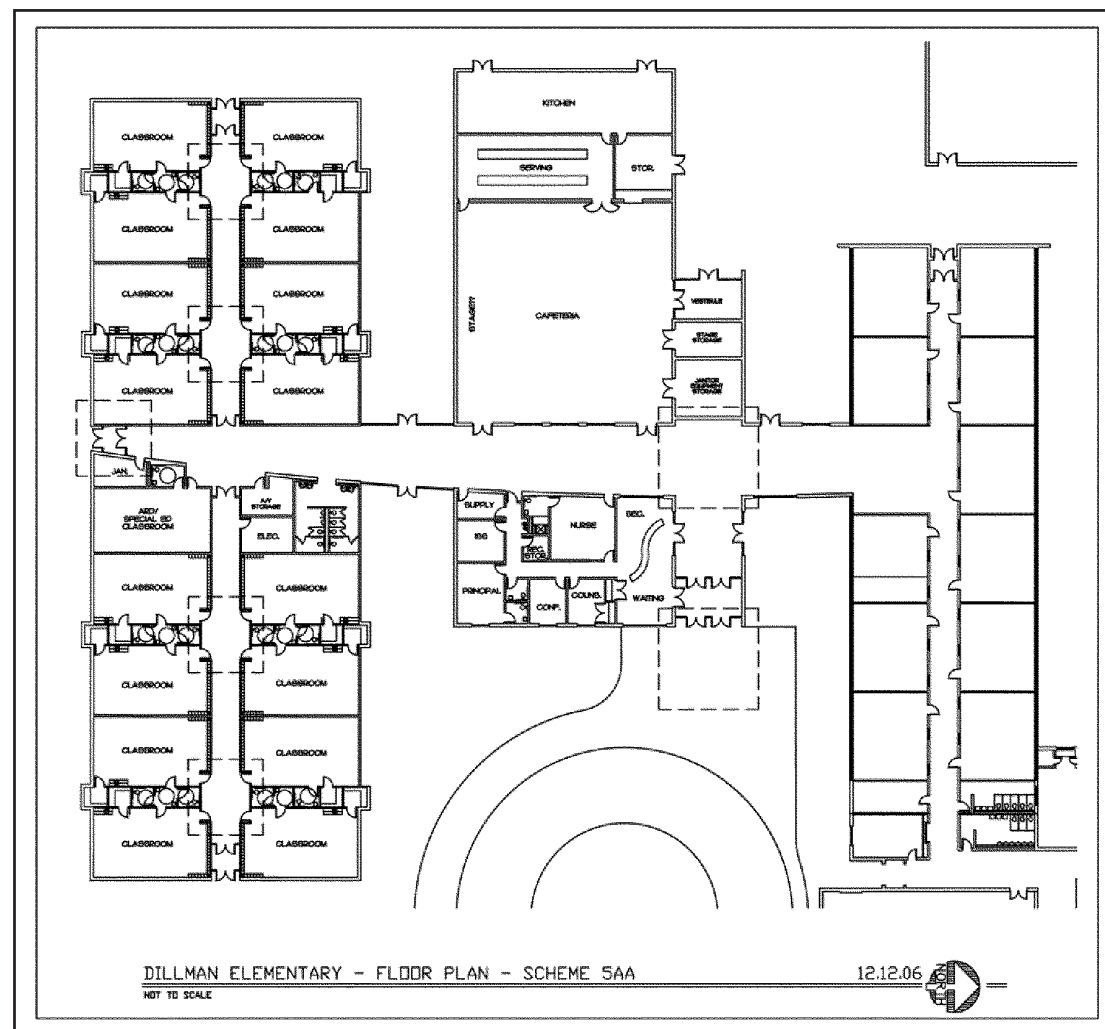
"This team thinks we can get a better guaranteed maximum price if we wait until after sub (contractors') bids are in," Sheets added. "I think it's a better deal for everyone."

"This is going to be a busy spring," said the superintendent, "but it's going to be an exciting time."

Currently, the schedule calls for ground-breaking ceremonies on May 16, and actual construction to begin on June 4. The project is targeted for completion on May 30, 2008.

While the school board discussed the aesthetics of the finished building, it was evident from the statements made by the board members and the superintendent that the "best bang for the buck," required them to be as frugal as possible.

In other business, the school board:



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Local Weather

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Bailey County diabetes support group

The Bailey County Diabetes Support Group will meet this month on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The program will be "Lifestyle Changes and Emotions." People diagnosed with diabetes must control their disease every day of their life. We will discuss what diabetes is and the general steps for managing blood glucose levels.

This program is free of charge to anyone interested. For more information, contact Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Financial aid night

Muleshoe High School will be hosting a financial aid night for juniors and seniors on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the MHS cafeteria. The program is being presented by the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center.

Cookie sales

The Girl Scouts of Muleshoe, and other members of the Caprock Council, have kicked off their annual cookie sales. To purchase cookies, or for additional information, contact the scouts and scout leaders in your area.

Firehouse fundraiser

The annual fundraiser for the Muleshoe Fire Department has been set for Saturday, Jan. 27, from 5-9 p.m., at the Earl Ladd Fire Station. The menu includes chili, beans and cornbread. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from local firefighters.

Pioneer women's handiwork

The Bailey County Extension Education Association will be hosting Reggie Knight on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m., at the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room for the program *Pioneer Women's Handiwork*.

Knight will take you on a journey into the past on the apron strings of a 10-year-old girl as she travels along the trail of a wagon train. Learn of the simpler life of days gone by and the almost forgotten traditions of family and crafts passed down from mother to daughter during an era of pioneers.

The program is open to the public. For more information contact Bailey County Extension, 306 W. Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Bailey County Jr. Livestock Show set

The Bailey County junior Livestock Show is set for Jan. 19 - 20 at the Bailey County Coliseum. The shows are as follows: Gilts and Barrows - 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19.; Goat - 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19.; Sheep, following the goat show, Friday, Jan. 19.; Steer and Heifer - 8:30 am, Saturday, Jan. 20.

For more information, contact any member of the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show Board or the Bailey County Extension Office.

Forty-six exhibitors have signed up and include 86 swine entries, 14 goat entries, 6 sheep entries 27 steer entries, 19 heifer entries. The judges will be Jon Davidson, swine; Ryan Rathman, cattle; Donal Gillit, sheep and goat; Showmanship - Kaci Poole; Classifying - Alan Bean.

Muleshoe city secretary honored

Muleshoe City Secretary LeAnn Gallman has been accepted into the First Level Membership of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

The Master Municipal Clerk Academy was established to further professional education of municipal clerks and to enhance their skills as needed to meet the challenges of the office of municipal clerk.

Every one to four years, academy members have to demonstrate they have actively engaged in

educational and professional participation that keeps them current with the changing events in the local government scene.

The academy member is required to obtain a specific number of points through completion of recognized institute or college courses, completion of seminars and workshops offered by other professional associations, teaching and writing in the profession, attendance at professional meetings and conferences, and honors and awards received for specific achievements.

Approximately 15 percent of the more than 10,300 members of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks have qualified for the Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program.

IIMC president Marcella H. O'Connor, the municipal clerk of Uralla Shire Council, Uralla, Australia, said, "I am honored to welcome Ms. Gallman as a member in the First Level Membership of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy. Ms. Gallman has demonstrated and obtained career development goals which will be of benefit in maintaining the quality of excellence required in today's public officials and administrators."

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of all of Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb, and Parmer counties and part of Randall County are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2007**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Mule Moments
By Jessica Thornton

2007 is here, and I still find it hard to believe that we are once again in a new year.

I have been waiting for this year to finally get here, but I am getting ahead of myself.

Right after the new year started, I thought of what 2006 was like and how I could have done things differently than I had done, but for the most part it has been a wonderful year and I had a wonderful first semester of my senior year of high school.

I still sometimes think back to what happened in 2006 and find it hard to believe that we are in a different year and that whatever event occurred actually occurred and I wasn't dreaming.

There are several key events that occurred in 2006 - whether they be local events, national, or world events, that affected me in a way that I am not ever going to forget them.

• My dad was put into the hospital and had to have quadruple-bypass surgery, that is something that I won't ever forget.

• The Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin, died due to a stingray attack. My mom and I would watch his show everyday and now we don't.

• MHS flags got another "1" at flag competition for the second year. That was the most fun I have ever had.

Two of the most recent events that happened as 2006 came to a close was Pres. Gerald Ford's death and the hanging of Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

major events of 2006, but each of them had a great impact on me... and no doubt, on other people in Muleshoe.

2006 was a memorable year and now that 2007 has begun we can start fresh, by actually fulfilling our New Year's resolutions and by learning from the many mistakes made last year.

I don't want another 2006. I want a year that is different from the rest and not the same, boring thing year after year.

Every year I find new ways to goof up and make mistakes, but I don't want to make the same ones I did last year, that's boring.

I am going to enjoy this year very much, there are a couple of milestones I will hit this year and I can't wait for each of them.

I hope the entire community had a safe and happy holiday and that this year is even better than last year. Happy 2007!

Births

Antonio Rosa, Jr.

Antonio and Monica Rosa of Muleshoe are proud to announce the birth of their son, Antonio Alfredo Rosa, Jr., on Jan. 4, 2007, at 9:31 p.m., at Lamb Healthcare Center of Littlefield.

Antonio weighed six pounds, six ounces, and was 19 inches in length.

He has one sibling, Destiny.

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No action by council on proposal for security at large gatherings

By Larry Thornton
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe City Council took no action during Monday's regular meeting regarding a request for an ordinance to be passed that would require individuals or organizations hosting large gatherings to hire security for the event.

Julian Dominguez, who described himself as a part owner of RASS Security & Private Investigations, urged the council to pass such an ordinance, especially for events at which beverages containing alcohol are served or likely to be present.

Dominguez admitted that the ordinance would benefit his company, but said his primary purpose for suggesting the ordinance was to protect the citizens

of Muleshoe.

"Wouldn't it be simpler not to allow alcohol at the events?" Council member Sharon Grant asked.

He responded that alcohol would always be present at events such as the local softball tournaments, even if laws prohibited it, and said the presence of private security would discourage its use, especially by "underage minors."

When Grant asked Police Chief Brian Frieda, who was in attendance at the council meeting, if the alcohol use was a big problem, the police chief said he probably needed to talk with Lt. Benny Parker about the history of such events in Muleshoe prior to Frieda's arrival, but indicated that he was unaware of it being a

problem.

"What do you consider to be a large gathering?" Councilman Earl Behrends asked Dominguez.

When Dominguez suggested the number expected at an event requiring security be set at 75 and up, Behrends replied, "I attended a 50th anniversary recently and there was at least that many there."

While Mayor Cliff Black and City Manager David Brunson offered similar comments.

"That's a Sunday morning," Brunson said.

While the mayor wondered what a local church that served "the real stuff" during its communion service would be required to do under such an ordinance.

In other business Monday, the council:

- Voted to finance the new fire truck being ordered through Baystone at 3.919 percent interest on a seven year note.

- Approved a municipal policy that would set the rent for "non-exclusive" space on one of the city's water towers at \$400 per month.

Brunson said fixing the rental amount in the policy would prevent accusations that the city was being more favorable to one business over another seeking the use of such space.

- Noted that the city council would be calling for an election at its Feb. 12 council meeting for Place 1 and Place 2. The filing period for places on the ballot will be from Feb. 10 through March 12.

Wildlife Refuge News

There were 20,000 sandhill cranes on the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge and 15,000 on Baileyboro Lake at the time of the crane count on Monday, Jan. 8. Coots were also present on the refuge. The waterfowl count included 75 pintail ducks and 75 mallards. One hundred American

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Lazbuddie honor rolls released

Lazbuddie Independent School District recently released its honor rolls for the third six-week period of the 2006-07 school year.

Among the students honored were:

Elementary "A"

Bernardo Lopez, Ginsyn McGehee, Maria Neufeld, Kenlea Barnes, Gentry Hicks, Destry Ivy, Colten McMurrian, Ashley Scott, Juan Samarron, Micah Vera, Katlyn Hicks and Austin Mason.

Elementary "AB"

Priscilla Salazar, Francisco Neufeld, Justina Neufeld, David Guenter, Lacey Jesko, Albert Moran, Haley Beasley, Ashton Mason, Shyann Rainey and Allison Weaver.

Junior High "A"

No students

Junior High "AB"

Karina Galaviz, Anna Harder, Ian Thompson, Kylie McGehee, Todd Nichols, Joseline Garcia, Arthur Gomez, Jordan Hernandez, Rodrigo Mata and Colton Weaver.

High School "A"

Chelsee Nichols, Brittney Schacher, Rochelle Smith and Stephanie Williams.

High School "AB"

Katie Chavez, Kayle Jesko, Logan Mason, Kinzi Schacher, Richie Aguilar, Ryan Mason, Jacob Schacher, Brittany Sexton, Devlin Thompson, RaJon Thorn, Chase Timms, Laura Beliz, Regina Mata, Esteban Pacheco, Brianna Sanchez, Erica Derma and Addie Treider.

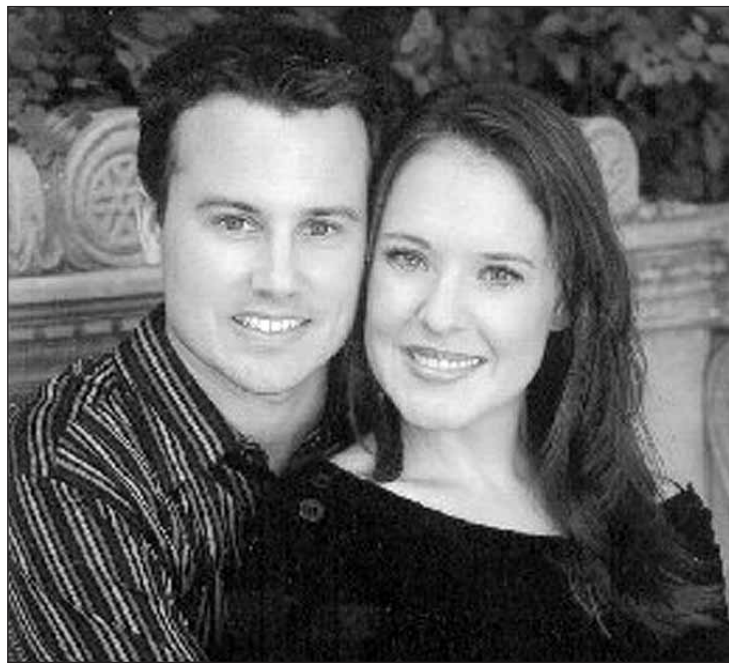
Engagement

Jones, Christopher announce engagement

Mr. & Mrs. Chester Don Jones of Georgetown are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Kay Jones, to Clinton Wayne Christopher.

The prospective bride graduated from Lazbuddie High School and received a bachelors degree in business administration from Texas Tech University in 2000. She works as a project manager for Hewitt Associates.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wayne Christopher of Nederland. He graduated from Nederland High School and received a bachelors degree in



REGINA KAY JONES AND CLINTON WAYNE CHRISTOPHER

industrial distribution from Texas A&M University in 1998. He works as a

logistics specialist for Champion Technologies.

The couple will exchange vows on March 24, 2007, at the Second Baptist Church in Houston.

Park View sale...

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allow the transfer of the property in question at a less than fair market value to a public entity — such as MAHD — which has the power of eminent domain, and suggested that the city "survey off" the approximate five acres on which the nursing home is situated and return the remaining 10 acres to the city.

"It would be cleaner for the hospital district to own that property," Brunson said.

During the discussion that preceded action by the council on the issue, Mayor Pro-Tem Earl Behrends asked if the sale of the nursing home would reduce the hospital district's tax rate, and also asked about

Park View's recently purchased van — which he noted had been paid for in large part by donations from Muleshoe area residents.

Although Dent didn't address the question about the hospital district's tax rate, he did note that the company under negotiations to purchase Park View would be purchasing the van at its "full price."

The city council voted 4-0 authorizing the city manager to negotiate with the hospital district over the transfer of the property.

Commenting on what he described as the city's "long-working relationship" with the hospital district, Mayor Cliff Black said, "This will work for both parties."

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Commissioners court accepts EMS director's resignation

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"alternate routes" would also have to be taken into consideration.

The TxDOT officials also reminded the court it will have to decide which seven miles of road currently maintained by the state would become the county's responsibility as part of the "trade-out."

On an unrelated issue Monday, the commissioners court accepted the resignation of Bailey County Emergency Medical Services Director Chris Thompson, effective Jan. 15.

County Judge Sherri Harrison explained that

Thompson had taken a position with an air ambulance service.

With the management of the county ambulance service still up in the air, due to the proposal the court has received from Covenant Health Systems, the members of the court discussed the appointment of an interim director until the court was closer to a decision concerning the Covenant proposition.

The court discussed the issue with Kim Bales of Muleshoe, and current BCEMS paramedic Will Winters, also of Muleshoe.

Although Lamar Hayes of Covenant was listed on the agenda for Monday's

meeting, he did not appear. However, the commissioners briefly discussed the previously received proposal, which included a \$120,000 payment for operation of the service.

Some of the commissioners court were concerned about the large amount, along with the fact that it would be going to an "out-of-county" entity, and suggested that the court may need to meet with the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's board of directors.

"I'm not ready to make a decision obligating the county to \$120,000," Harrison said.

In other business, the

commissioners court:

- Authorized the county judge to sign a resolution amending representatives to the Tex Pool, replacing former County Treasurer Donna Kirk with current County Treasurer Shonda Black.

- Approved the quarterly investment reports for the periods ending Dec. 31, 2005; March 21, 2006; June 31, 2006; and Sept. 30, 2006.

- Discussed the building of an office building for Precinct 2. Commissioner C.E. Grant said he'd received insurance funds of about \$12,500 from hail damage to the precinct's previous office building, and

that he planned to use the funds to construct a metal building for a total estimated cost of about \$16,500. "It needs done," Grant said. "We have to have something."

- Approved a request from the county for road materials from the Texas Department of Transportation valued at \$18,131 for Precinct 3 and Precinct 4.

- Discussed the adoption of an official county road map, but took no action. "If we're going to do this... this is the time to get it done," the judge said. If approved, she said the process would take about a year, including the required public

hearings.

- Approved the order of a motor grader for Precinct 4 from Warren Cat at a price of \$63,211 after trade-in.

- Approved in-county travel forms, and soil conservation worksheets.

- Approved the country treasurer's report for November 2006.

- Approved the minutes from the Dec. 13 and Dec. 29 meetings.

- Set the terms for Justice Court and County Court without change from 2006.

- Appointed the county commissioners as their precinct's road overseers.

- Approved the payment of county bills totaling \$209,591.16.

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...DURING THE NEXT SIX YEARS, AS THE LAD GREW FROM YOUTH TO YOUNG MANHOOD, SAUL'S ATTITUDE BEGAN TO CHANGE—FOR DAVID SHOWED A FINE APPTITUDE AS A WARRIOR AND LEADER, GAINING GREAT POPULARITY WITH THE PEOPLE. SAUL, IN HIS DEPRESSED MENTAL STATE, BEGAN TO SEE DAVID AS A THREAT TO HIS OWN RULE, LET ALONE THE FUTURE RULE OF JONATHAN, HIS SON, WHICH HE TRIED TO ENTICE INTO KILLING DAVID—WHICH JONATHAN WOULDN'T DO BECAUSE HE WAS A CLOSE AND SINCERE FRIEND. BUT, UNDERNEATH THIS GROWING OBSESSION TO SEE DAVID DEAD, LOVE FOR HIM STILL REMAINED WHICH BECAME QUITE EVIDENT, IN THIS WRITER'S OPINION, WHEN, THE LAST TIME DAVID PLAYED FOR HIM, SAUL TOOK UP HIS JAVELIN (I SAMUEL 19) AND HALF-HEARTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO PIN DAVID TO THE WALL. THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, OF WHICH SAUL WAS A MEMBER, WAS RENOWNED AS THE GREATEST OF LEFT-HANDED MARKSMEN (JUDGES: 20-16) WITH SLING, SPEAR, OR ANY OTHER WEAPON OF WAR AND, FOR A WARRIOR OF SAUL'S GREAT CALIBER, TO MISS HIS MARK IN THE CLOSE CONFINES OF A ROOM, OTHER THAN ON PURPOSE, WAS IMPOSSIBLE! BUT IT DID SERVE AS A SIGN TO THE ESCAPING DAVID THAT FROM HENCE HIS LIFE WAS ENDANGERED, EVEN THOUGH THE KING DID NOT, PERSONALLY, INTEND TO HAVE DAVID'S BLOOD ON HIS OWN ROYAL HANDS!

NEXT WEEK: A PROPHET WHO KNEW HIS POLITICS!

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Obituaries

Bill Clayton

Funeral services for Billy Wayne Clayton, 78, of Springlake were held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the First Baptist Church of Springlake with Pastor Glenn Harlin officiating. Burial followed in Springlake Cemetery.

Clayton died on Jan 6, 2007. He was born in Olney to William T. and Myrtle Clayton on Sept. 11, 1925, and married Delma J. Dennis on Mar. 11, 1950.

He and Delma made their home in Springlake, where they were members of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife — Delma; a daughter and her husband — Brenda and J.R. Hench of Littlefield; a son and his wife — Tommy and Donna Clayton of Springlake; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a sister — Ann Kelley of Earth; and a brother — Donnie Clayton of Springlake.

Clayton graduated from Texas A&M University in 1950 with a bachelor of science in agricultural economics.

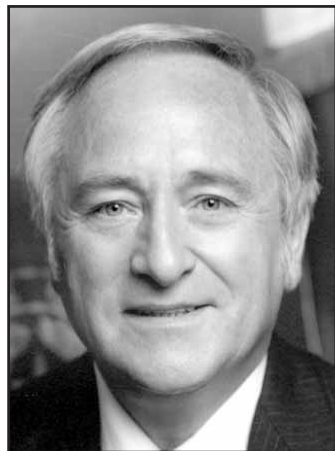
A&M recognized Clayton in 1979 for outstanding service and named him a distinguished alumnus.

In 1988 Clayton served as president of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students.

In 1988, he was appointed to an unexpired term on the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents by Gov. William P. Clements, and reappointed to a full six-year term in 1989.

Although, Clayton was a dedicated Aggie he also earned an MBA from the University of Texas and was awarded with honorary doctor of law degrees from both Texas Tech University and Texas Wesleyan University.

Clayton was first elected to the House of



BILL CLAYTON

Representatives in 1962, where he served until his retirement from public office in Jan. 1983. He continued to work with the legislature through 2006.

Clayton was elected as Speaker of the House in 1975, and served an unprecedented four terms in that position.

As speaker, Clayton served as chairman of both the Southern Legislative Conference and the Council of State Governments. Clayton also served as president of the Interstate Conference on Water Problems, president of the Southern Speakers Conference and served on the board of directors of the National Conference of State Legislators.

He was chosen as one of the "Ten Best Legislators" while serving as speaker and was selected as one of the "Ten Most Influential Lobbyists" in 1997.

In May 2000, he was named to the "History Makers of the High Plains" for the 20th Century by the *Amarillo Globe News*.

He won the "Greatest Texas Statesman of the 20th century" web poll conducted in December 1999.

In the spring of 2000, The Bill Clayton Detention Center was named and dedicated in his honor.

Clayton now resides with his maker in that eternal place prepared for believers, not created by hands, but by God alone.

The family suggests memorial be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 159, Springlake, TX 79082.

Nursing Home News

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggin directed a sing-a-long. Glenda kept everyone entertained with her stories and tales.

Recently visiting Park View were: Mike Cabe, Rustie and Mikah Wisian; Gary Pope, Clarence Taylor; Robert and Angie Milner and boys; Randy and Stephanie Tabersley and kids; Rea, Glen, Dee, Joie and Riley Morris from Abilene; Michael Koehn; Myron Young; and Larry Bass.

Congratulations to the following residents who have a birthday in January 2007: Jo Campbell, Jimmy Seaton, Floy Hanson, Victor Contreras and Beverly Heathington.

The January birthday party is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m.

Please remember Marie Lane and Floy Hanson in your prayers. Both ladies are hospitalized at this time.

Pat Clark, Dolores Garrett, Josie Ovalle, and Eva Nell Dale shampooed and styled the ladies hair, Tuesday afternoon. Pat and

Josie gave several hair cuts.

Following coffee time, Buster Kittrell, Eva Nell Dale, Anna B. Lane, JoEllen Cowart and Gary Skaggs directed the singspration and devotional time Wednesday morning.

Jo Campbell's family brought cake and gifts in celebration of her birthday Tuesday afternoon.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Virginia Barrett. She shall long be remembered.

The residents made "pigs in a blanket", that were served at our New Years celebration, Friday morning.

Congratulations to John Carter who was honored with a party on his 100th birthday Friday afternoon. Mr. Carter's Family hosted the party in Park View's dining room.

There was a good participation in the Bingo Bash! on Saturday afternoon. Bill Barrett called the games.

A communion service was conducted by the Muleshoe Church of Christ

Sunday morning.

Buster Kittrell from the First Baptist Church taught the Bible study on Sunday morning.

The Church of God in Christ (Mennonites) directed church services Sunday afternoon.

Art and Edna Freeman, from Littlefield, directed a song and music devotional Tuesday morning.

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The special session will be from 1 - 4 p.m. at 1323 58th St. in Lubbock.

Individuals must be willing to attend several classes of comprehensive training in a three-month period.

Training emphasis is on advocacy for long-term care residents; advocates will learn the importance for quality of care and life through a program called the Ombudsman.

Volunteers must commit to weekly visits and submit monthly reports. All volunteers will receive liability insurance coverage; also, mileage reimbursement is available for anyone traveling from out of town for trainings.

Volunteers are especially needed at several nursing facilities in 12 surrounding counties of the region as well as in Lubbock. Special training sessions will be scheduled in communities throughout the next year.

Call the Area Agency on Aging at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564 to pre-register or to receive more information.

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Sports

Lady Mules climb to 4-0 in district play

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules bopped the Bobbies of Dimmitt when they returned to district competition after the Christmas break. Dimmitt could not match the intensity of the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules jumped out to a 14-5 lead over the Bobbies in the opening period and continued to build on their lead each quarter. The Lady Mules improved to 4-0 in district with a 61-32 win.

Kyra Kimbrough scored six in the opening frame to get the Lady Mules off to a fast start. Ten of the eleven Lady Mules scored in the

game. Chelsi Hawkins drained a trey in the second period.

CiCi Reyna and Kate Lepard each made a trey in the third frame and Morgan Smith added a 3-pointer in the fourth. The Lady Mules made seven of eight from the charity strip in the final period. Lepard was four for four from the line.

Lepard set the scoring pace for the Lady Mules with 11 points and Chi Hernandez and Reyna added eight each. Hawkins, Hernandez and Ashley Grumbles dropped in six each and Smith and Irma Torres made five apiece. Sarah Johnson had four

points and Gabby Agundis chipped in two.

The Lady Mules kept their game sharp during their first open date of the season by blasting the Brownfield Lady Cubs. The Lady Cubs found getting the ball across mid court almost impossible and putting up a shot seemed out of the question.

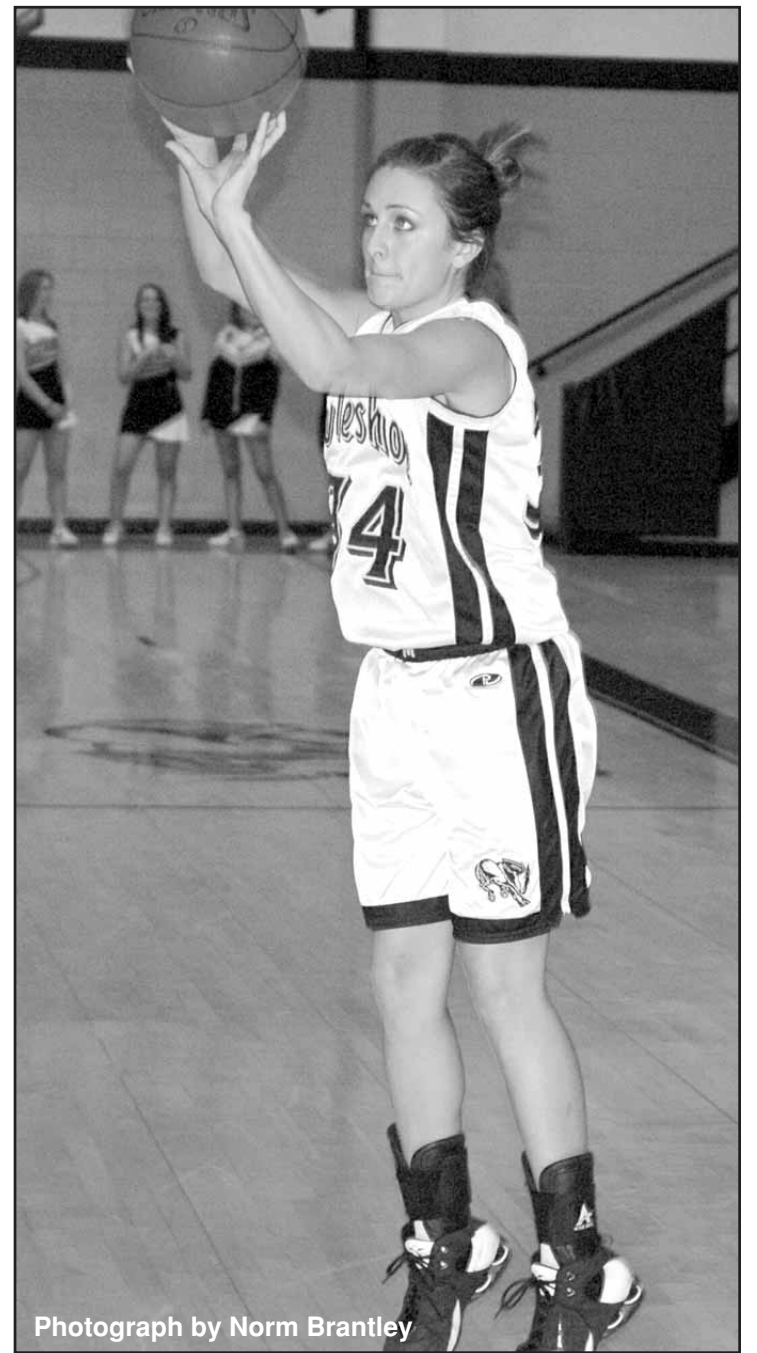
The Lady Mule defensive pressure prevented Brownfield from scoring in the first six minutes of the game. Reyna, Grumbles and Agundis each made 3-pointers in the opening period as the Lady Mules opened a 27-1 lead.

Reyna and Lepard dialed up from long distance in the

second period and the Lady Mules led 46-11 at the half and went on for a 78-25 win over the Cubs.

Reyna poured in 10 of her 20 points in the final quarter and Lepard dropped in 14. Johnson scored 11 points, Grumbles had nine, Kimbrough and Kelsey Tipps added six each and Agundis made five. Hawkins made four and Smith chipped in three.

The Lady Mules hosted the Bushland Lady Falcons Tuesday night and will wrap up their first round of district in Friona against the Squaws Friday night. They will open their second round in River Road on Jan. 16.



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Lady Mule Kate Lepard shoots during the recent game against the Brownfield Lady Cubs.

JV Ladies take victory from Brownfield's grasp

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Lady Mules came back from an 11-14 half time deficit to take a 22-18 lead at the end of third period. The Lady Mules could not hang on to the lead in the final period and fell to the Lady Cubs of Brownfield 37-29.

The Lady Mules seemed to be unable to

shake off the rust that had built up during the Christmas break and only scored two points in the opening frame. Leticia Castorena made a trey in the second period as the Lady Mules bounced back with nine points.

The Lady Mules cranked up the defense in the third period and held the Lady Cubs to four in the third quarter while pouring in 11.

Five of the 11 came from the charity stripe. Cassie Steinbock dropped in a 3-pointer in the final frame.

The Lady Cubs out scored the Lady Mules 19-7 in the closing quarter.

Gizzelle Vasquez led the Lady Mules with nine points. Ashley Cisneros and Steinbock each dropped in four and Castorena and Janae Pyle added three

apiece. Natasha Daniel, Breann Baca and Gabbie Perez chipped in two each.

The Lady Mules hosted the Bushland Lady Falcons Tuesday and travel to Friona to square off with the Squaws Friday night. The Lady Mules will start their second round of district in Amarillo River Road on Jan. 16.

JV Mules outscore Lockney Longhorns

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The JV Mules out scored the Lockney Longhorns 14-9 in the opening period and continued to pump in points for a 54-47 win. The Mules scored 14 in the opening frame and held Lockney to nine.

Wes Wood and Lane Wood each drained a 3-pointer in the first quarter. Adam Zamora made four of the Mules eight points in the second period while giving up six to the Longhorns.

L. Wood had the hot hand

for the Mules after the intermission and dropped in a pair of 3-pointers as well as one from the line and a deuce for nine of the Mule's 19 points. L. Wood stayed hot into the final frame and hit his fourth trey of the game and made seven of the Mules 13 points.

L. Wood led the Mules with 19 points and W. Wood dropped in 13. Colt Ellis, Austin Wright and Adam Zamora made six each and Stephen Dominguez chipped in four.

The Mules hosted the

Bushland Falcons Tuesday night and travel to Friona to tangle with the Chieftains. The Mules will travel to Amarillo River Road on Jan. 16.

Don't forget your photographs...

The Muleshoe Journal publishes a large number of photographs — from wedding announcements to obituaries — along with related news stories. Sadly, many of these important photographs are never picked up from the news office. If you would like to retrieve a photograph that you've left with the newspaper, stop by during normal office hours.

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Financial aid night set for Thursday

Muleshoe High School will be hosting a financial aid night for juniors and seniors on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the MHS cafeteria. The program is being presented by the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center.

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Sports

Mules fall to Bobcats, stomp the Longhorns

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Mules returned to district competition after the holiday break with a battle against the Dimmitt Bobcats.

The Mules got off to a

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

The senior citizens at the center sincerely hope everyone's new year has started with a healthy, happy one.

We are having new seniors nearly every day. One or two have made the statement they did not realize what a wonderful place we have here.

If you have not visited with us, do try to come by and have coffee or just visit.

Mandi Seaton from the extension service brought our program on Tuesday. As always it was very interesting and informative on eating right and keeping healthy. We feel real fortunate to have her speak to us once a month.

Tuesday night, Jan. 16, Sandy our disc jockey will be playing his good music. If you like country and western music, from the 50's and 60's you will enjoy listening and dancing.

We have good friendly crowds and everyone has a great time. Just bring your favorite dish for the pot luck supper break and come and enjoy.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, will be our Red Hat day. All you ladies get you a red hat and something purple and come have fun. We will have a special place for all of you to eat and visit.

Thursday, at 1:30 p.m., is our Bingo games. If you like to have fun and laugh a lot, just come join in the fun. Please bring a can of food for the Food Bank.

Menu for Monday, Jan. 15-19:

Monday, Jan. 15 — Beef tips and gravy, rice, carrots and peas, tossed salad, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Pork chops with mushroom gravy, sweet potatoes, black eyed peas, tossed salad, cornbread and baked apple.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll, cake with chocolate topping.

Thursday — Jan. 18 — Taco salad, rice, beans, chips and salsa, pears and cookies.

Friday, Jan. 19 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hushpuppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

Thanks for reading!

Corrections

Due to an error on the part of the *Muleshoe Journal*, the Littlefield phone number placed in the Muleshoe Bail Bonds Fun Page ad that should have been deleted/taken off on Dec. 21, 2006, was not. The *Journal* apologizes for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

slow start against the Bobcats in the first half and couldn't make up the difference in the second half. The Mules fell to the Bobcats 45-34.

While the Mules were able to stay close in the first eight minutes, Dimmitt had opened an 11 point lead by the intermission. Elias Alvarado helped keep the Mules close in the opening frame with a pair of 3-pointers and Dustin Barker dropped in one.

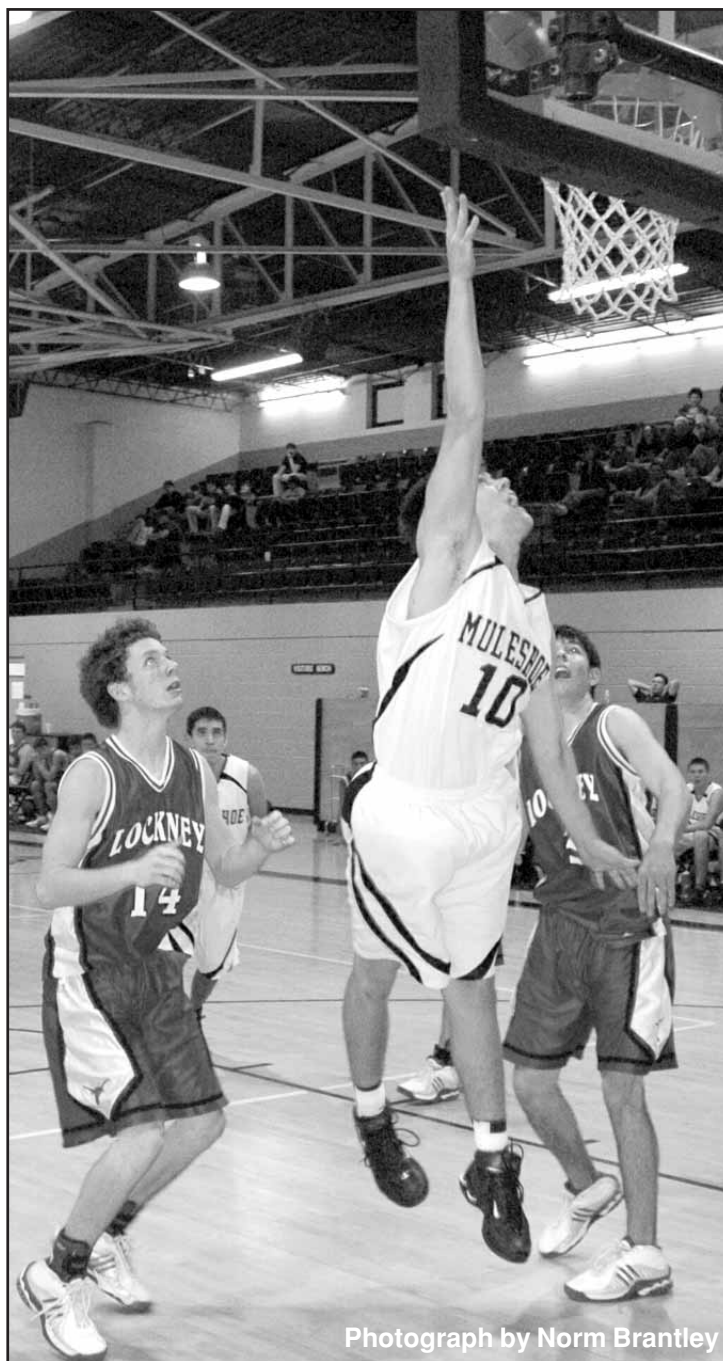
Colby Carpenter made five of the Mules seven points in the second period. Dimmitt scored 17 in the second period to carry an 11-point margin to the dressing room at the half.

The two teams played to a dead heat in the second half with both putting 18 points on the board. Brian Poyner completed back to back old fashion three point plays in the third period and drained a trey in the final quarter.

Poyner set the scoring pace for the Mules with 11 points and Alvarado dropped in nine. Carpenter made all five of his points in the second period. Garrett Riley and Barker made thee each and TJ Brantley chipped in one.

The Mules got back on the winning track with a 61-34 win over the Lockney Longhorns in their first district open date. The Mules ran away from the Longhorns 17-6 in the opening period.

The Mules worked on their half court defense in the second period and held Lockney to only three points in the second quarter. Brantley made three of four from the line in the second



Photograph by Norm Brantley

Mule Garrett Riley stretches for a basket during the recent game against Lockney.

quarter and Eric Washington added a bucket for the Mule's five second period points.

The Mules rained in four treys in the third period. Alvarado, Carpenter, Barker and Poyner each hit a three. The treys helped the Mules pump in 20 and held Lockney to 10.

Poyner pumped in 12 points to lead the Mules. Alvarado, Patrick Precure and Washington made eight

each. Carpenter, Riley, Barker and Brantley added six apiece and Tony Guzman chipped in one.

The Mules hosted the Bushland Falcons Tuesday night and will travel to Friona to meet the Chieftains on Friday. The Mules will travel to Amarillo River Road on Jan. 16.

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



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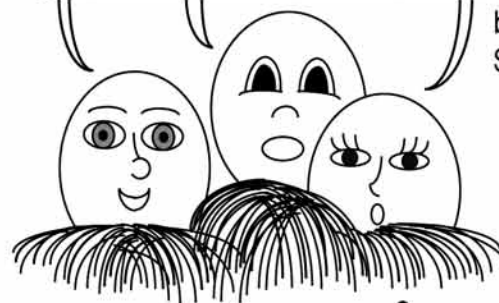
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 3. _____

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- The Tales of Uncle Remus told by Julius Lester.
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- Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales by Nelson Mandela.

Weddings

Jones, Hill united in holy matrimony

Kelsey Jones and Clinton Hill were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony at the Kingswood Methodist Church of Clovis, N.M., on Oct. 21, 2006.

Guests were seated to a recording of piano selections which had been played by the bride's mother, Becky Jones.

Callie Hill sang "Beautiful," at the opening of the ceremony.

Bridesmaids, dressed in varying styles of pale green Shantung formal gowns, entered the sanctuary as Alan Yarbrough of Dallas, who also served as best man, sang "The Wedding Song."

Erin Flores of Connecticut served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Katy Williams of Lubbock, Callie and Kari Hill of Melrose, N.M., and Kira Cousatte of Lubbock.

Serving groomsmen were Dave Ortega of Portales, N.M., James Broome, also of Portales, Bryan Swisher of Albuquerque, and Travis Rush of San Angelo.

Also in the bridal party were flower girls Tara Flores and Addison Milner, who wore chocolate brown satin brocade empire waist dresses, and ring bearers Nolan Flores and Seth Williams, who were dressed in black pants, white shirts and striped vests.

Cameron Milner served as



MRS. CLINTON HILL

a junior usher.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore an A-line gown of champagne satin which featured spaghetti straps, a ruched skirt, and chapel train.

Her elbow length ivory veil was made of satin trimmed tulle.

For "something old" and "something borrowed" the bride wore a single strand of

pearls which belonged to her paternal grandmother, pearl earrings belonging to the groom's maternal grandmother, and a pearl ring which had been given to the bride by her maternal grandmother.

She carried a hand-tied bouquet of Leondis roses, coffee bean and seeded eucalyptus wrapped in

champagne satin ribbon.

The groom and his attendants wore traditional black tuxedos.

The sanctuary was lit by earth-tone candles of varying sizes placed along the semi-circle altar rail in glass holders accented with river rock and surrounded by fall foliage.

The couple exchanged vows between two sheer lighted rectangular columns wrapped in ivory tulle and topped with sprays of fall foliage.

Scott Jarvis, of Portales, officiated.

Parents of the bride are John and Becky Jones of Lazbuddie.

Mark and Dee Hill of Melrose, N.M., are parents of the groom.

Other honored guests included the bride's grandparents, Florene Jones of Muleshoe and Jim and Nona Milner of Lubbock, formerly of Muleshoe, and the groom's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Merle Terry and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hill, all of Clovis.

A dessert reception followed the ceremony in the Kingswood Fellowship Hall.

At the groom's table, which featured a chocolate fountain, guests were served a variety of fruits and pastries.

The bride's table held five different cakes on lighted tiers of varying heights.

The bride is employed with the Community Service Center while she completes her education at ENMU, where she is a senior.

The groom is also a senior at ENMU and is employed as a youth minister.

After honeymooning in Amarillo, the couple made their home in Portales.

Moffett, Mason united in matrimony

Lorissa DeNell Moffett and Brady Keith Mason were united in holy matrimony on Dec. 21, 2006 at Ruidoso, N.M., with the Rev. Dr. Stacy Conner officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Cathy Moffett of Littlefield. The groom is the son of Wendel and Vada Mason of Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University, and is employed as a vocal music instructor with the Muleshoe Independent School District.

The groom is graduate of Texas Tech University and Wayland Baptist University. He is employed as the Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

The couple honeymooned in San Diego, Calif., and will be residing in Muleshoe.



MRS. BRADY MASON

Births

Rolando Mendoza



ROLANDO MENDOZA

Jaime and Gina Mendoza are proud to announce the birth of their son, Rolando Jaime Mendoza, on Nov. 8, 2006, at 6:38 p.m., in Clovis, N.M.

Rolando weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces at birth, and was 21 inches in length.

His grandparents are Fidel and Leticia Mendoza and Jose and Virginia Estrada, all of Muleshoe.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

SAT., JANUARY 6, 2007

468 head of cattle, 201 hogs and 324 sheep and goats for a total of 993 livestock sold at the Jan. 6 sale. Fewer receipts than expected due to wet roads and pastures from the holiday snow and rain. Market fairly steady compared to the last sale.

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Seller, City	#	Type	Wt.	CWT or PH
Kim Hanlin, Littlefield	1	Blk. bull	375 lbs.	at \$114
Phillips Farms, Portales	5	Blk. str	539 lbs.	at \$110
Howard Trust, Anton	2	Blk. str	580 lbs.	at \$96
Olivera Adalpe, Plainview	1	RMF bull	595 lbs.	at \$92
Olivera Adalpe, Plainview	1	Red bull	325 lbs.	at \$116
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	1	Yell. str	615 lbs.	at \$101
Bill Benham, Muleshoe	7	Char. str	703 lbs.	at \$95
Edwin Johnston, Monument	7	Blk. str	634 lbs.	at \$100
Edwin Johnston, Monument	3	Blk. str	820 lbs.	at \$92.50
Owen Young, Levelland	5	Mxd. str	695 lbs.	at \$95
Owen Young, Levelland	9	Mxd. str	779 lbs.	at \$91
Teresa Howard, Rogers	4	Mxd. str	790 lbs.	at \$88
Humberto Ortega, Dimmitt	3	Blk. hfr	307 lbs.	at \$113
Billy Grissom, Levelland	1	Blk. hfr	465 lbs.	at \$96
Phillips Farms, Portales	4	Blk. hfr	533 lbs.	at \$96
Edwin Johnston, Monument	5	Blk. hfr	555 lbs.	at \$96.50
Edwin Johnston, Monument	6	Blk. hfr	667 lbs.	at \$90
Robert Zetschke, Friona	2	Mxd. hfr	628 lbs.	at \$85.50
Robert Zetschke, Friona	5	Mxd. hfr	701 lbs.	at \$83
J.C. Gatewood, Muleshoe	1	Blk. pair		\$875
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J.C. Gatewood, Muleshoe	2	Blk. cows P8		\$775
Lonnie Campbell, Littlefield	2	Blk. cows P8		\$750
Sudan Feedyard, Sudan	2	BWF cows	958 lbs.	at \$50.50
Leon Dupler, Morton	1	RWF cow	1065 lbs.	at \$49
4B Livestock, Muleshoe	1	Blk. cow	1185 lbs.	at \$48.75
Bo Brown, Muleshoe	1	Blk. cow	1020 lbs.	at \$46.50
Bo Brown, Muleshoe	1	Blk. cow	900 lbs.	at \$48.50
Bo Brown, Muleshoe	1	Char. bull	1755 lbs.	at \$62.75
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Sincerely,

The Children of Gladys Wilson

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Christians Really Do Stand On the Shoulders of Giants

It's been a long time since I sat in a classroom in the old main building at Abilene Christian University and listened to Dr. Lemoine Lewis lecture on church history.

Dr. Lewis knew whereof he spoke. Harvard-educated and with more knowledge, wisdom, and experience in the tip of his little finger than I had in my whole body, his eyes sort



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of glazed over as he began telling stories as if he were seeing pictures from another world, though it wasn't another world he was seeing at all—just another time and another place so real to him that he made them real to us.

It was like he was there, transported back almost two thousand years. I wouldn't have been surprised to learn that he had indeed been there and seen those things in person. He had been teaching at ACU since several decades before, when my mother and father had been students there (and Mom was 42 when I was born!).

Dr. Lewis must have graded on the most serious curve those halls of learning ever beheld. I always took pages and pages of notes, trying in vain to jot down names and dates but mostly trying to record the stories he told. When I took his tests, I knew for sure I'd failed miserably, yet somehow I always passed.

His tests scared the bejabbers out of me. But his stories enthralled me. I'll never for-

get, for example, Dr. Lewis' telling the story of the martyrdom of Polycarp. Polycarp had been a student of the Apostle John and had later become Bishop of Smyrna.

Old Polycarp could have saved his own physical life simply (simply?) by denying Christ and swearing allegiance to the Roman Emperor, but, faced with that choice, this was his response: "Eighty and six years have I served him, and he never did me wrong; and how can I now blaspheme my King that has saved me?" And Polycarp died, burned at the stake. As Dr. Lewis told the story, tears rolled down his cheeks.

I'm pretty sure I deserved to fail that class. The grade was a gift. But the best gift Dr. Lewis gave his students was in helping us connect to giants of our faith that we had never known. He inspired me to search for, to long for, more connection with giants across the centuries, and across oceans, and across denominational divides.

We are no smarter than were the ancient followers of Christ and certainly no more faithful. Only chronological snobbery of the worst ecclesiastical sort coupled with vast ignorance would make us think that Christianity has somehow arrived with our generation, or our denomination, or a group of folks fifty years ago, 200 years ago, 10 or 15 centuries ago, or whenever.

We stand on the shoulders of giants. And whether they're named Paul, or Polycarp, or Martin Luther, or (I hope you name some of your own, too) G. B. Shelburne, Jr., or Joe Harbin, or Tom Langford, or Tinnie McCormick, I'm so thankful for the way God has blessed us with their lives and their stories.

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

