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2006... A year in review

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January

The year 2006 started off with a burn ban in Bailey County and heated words at the commissioners court as at least one member, Precint 4 Commissioner Juan Chavez voiced opposition to the proposed ban.

The court approved the 90-day burn ban during its regular session, replacing the seven-day ban that was enacted by County Judge Sherri Harrison on Jan. 3, 2006.

The resolution was passed with a 3-1 vote, with Chavez casting the opposing vote.

"I'm going to have to vote against this," Chavez said. "I don't think any of the fires that have been started have been started intentionally."

Prior to the vote, Commissioner C.E. Grant pointed out that without the county burn ban in effect, it was his understanding that victims of a catastrophic fire couldn't apply for FEMA funds.

At a special meeting later in the month, the court amended its burn ban with the intent of allowing certain types of work — such as welding — under very strict supervision.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

Hot...hot... hot!

Firefighters from the surrounding area battle the wildfire east of Tolk Plant Thursday. Pictured on the left, firefighters look on as the high winds carry the flames across Hwy. 303. east of the Tolk Plant. Pictured below, the flames roar as the Wisian residence east of Muleshoe is destroyed.

As he did at the previous week's regular meeting, Commissioner Juan Chavez voted against the burn ban, restating his belief that a burn ban wasn't necessary because the wildfires that have struck other areas of Texas weren't intentionally set.

However, Chavez' vote was again in the minority with the remaining commissioners in attendance and County Judge Sherri Harrison approving the amended burn ban with the apparent belief that anything that can

be done on their part to help protect the county from catastrophic fire damage should be done.

Also in January, the Muleshoe Independent School District welcomed Texas State Commissioner of Education Dr. Shirley Neeley during a luncheon that followed a meeting with MISD faculty and administrators Thursday.

The event, which was triggered a month ago by a visit to Texas School Board member Bob Craig of Lubbock to discuss education and TAKS

preparation concerns, allowed educators to voice their concerns face-to-face with the education commissioner.

While talking about the Texas Education Agency, Dr. Neeley said she was trying to make it a "kinder, gentler agency," and said the TEA needed to be service oriented.

"The kind of dialogue to day is what's needed across the state," Neeley said.

Neeley praised MISD and its employees, saying she would carry a report about the successes here to

others, noting there was a "real sense of family" in the school district.

"I applaud you with what you're doing," she said. "Keep on going, you're doing it right. ...You're keeping the real thing... the real thing."

At the City of Muleshoe, the Muleshoe Economic Development Cooperation approved a revised policy during its first regular meeting of the year.

At Muleshoe Independent School District, the board of education met with administrators, architects

and financial advisors on Jan. 12 for an opportunity to "think outside the box," discussing preliminary drawing and getting an idea about possible construction costs.

"Right now, we're trying to decide on a square footage to determine construction costs," Stephan Faulk of MWM Architects explained to the school board and administrators prior to speaking about the preliminary drawings that had been prepared for the meeting.

And at the Muleshoe Area Hospital District, the board members expressed concerns about the amount being spent by the administrator at Park View nursing home.

The purchase of Medicare software for Park View Nursing Home brought sharp words of concern from the board members during

Board member Ronnie Dent indicated that while the program may be needed, he was concerned about the purchase being brought to the board after the fact, and said he had a problem "rubber stamping" such purchases, and urged the administration to at least contact the board president before making large purchases.

Former board president Mike Miller expressed similar concerns. "We're spending money like we have a lot of money," he said.

Miller said the hospital and nursing home were spending money, but the "top line" wasn't getting any better.

While Miller said the hospital district's financial condition was sound, it wasn't that long ago when the district's cash flow was in trouble.

February

The top story at the beginning of February 2006 was about the needs of Muleshoe ISD, and meetings held by the district's facilities task force.

The "Dream Team," formally known as the Citizens' Facilities Task Force, — later re-named the "Needs Team" — met Jan. 26, in the first of a series of meetings intended to make recommendations concerning the facility problems facing the school district.

"I think if we can get this group to agree on anything... I think we can make it happen," Superintendent Gene Sheets said during his

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Local Weather

Thursday

Pt. Cloudy..... 55/26

Friday

Snow/Shwrs... 42/21

Saturday

Pt. Cloudy..... 46/21

Sunday

Sunny..... 52/23

Monday

Pt. Cloudy..... 51/21

Tuesday

Sunny..... 48/24

Wednesday

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Give It A Thought

New Years Day should be a celebration and not a requiem. Don't drink and drive.

Words to ponder from Beverly

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Holiday weekend starts with tragedy

Tragedy struck a Muleshoe family heading into the holidays, when a pickup truck being driven by Tyler Sheets, 19, of Muleshoe, hit a tree in the center median, southeast of Farwell on Hwy. 84, shortly before 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21.

According to a law enforcement official, Sheets apparently overcorrected after entering the median, causing his truck to slide sideways, striking the tree with its passenger door.

Sheets — the son of Dr. Kyle and Bernits Sheets — was transported to Muleshoe Area Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 4:30 p.m.

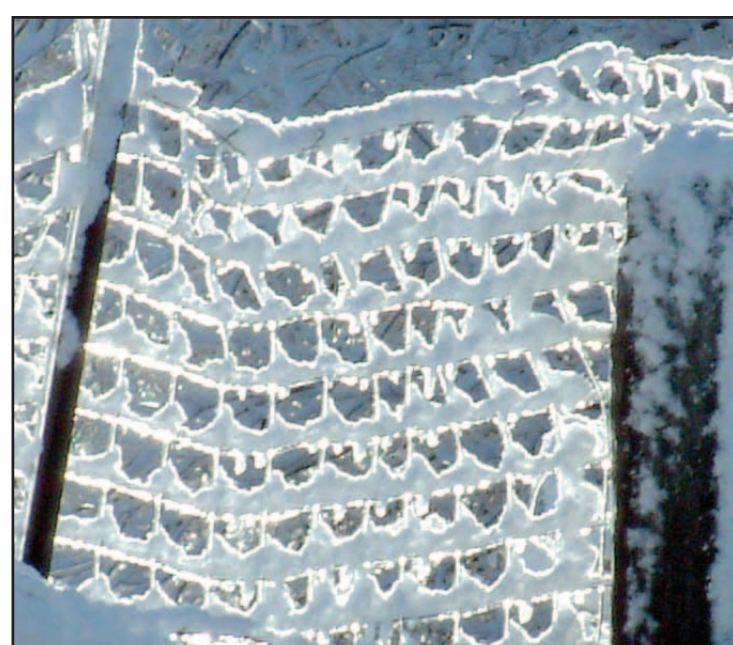
Sheets, a 2006 graduate of Muleshoe High School, was attending Abilene Christian University.



Snow bling...

This past week's snow storm left Muleshoe's trees — such as the pictured above — sparkling in the sun as if they were decked out in their finest jewelry for the holiday season, while even an old fence — pictured on the right — located on the east side of town was converted into a delicate piece of snow lace.

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Extension agent offers tips for quitting tobacco

Submitted by Mandi Seaton, Bailey CEA-FCS

Do you make New Year's resolutions? With the new year just around the corner, it is time to start thinking about those changes you want or need to make in the coming year.

Your New Year's resolutions may include losing weight, spending more time with family and friends, getting organized, or quitting tobacco.

If you have made the decision to quit tobacco — be it smoking or smokeless tobacco — because of your health, health of a loved one, no smoking policies in places you frequent, and/or other reasons, follow these recommendations to begin that process in 2007.

Set a quit date. Whatever date you choose, mark it on the 2007 calendar and circle it.

Get ready to quit. This is your time to prepare. Take two to three weeks to prepare before you quit tobacco.

• Choose the method you

feel will make you the most likely to quit.

• Keep a journal of your tobacco use for at least three days to two weeks to notice what triggers your use of tobacco.

• Plan how you will deal with obstacles to quitting (withdrawal, cravings, social situations, etc.)

• Begin thinking about or making changes in your environment/surroundings to help you quit.

In other words, post your top five reasons for quitting in obvious places; find all of your packs of tobacco so you can dispose of them; and think about what changes need to be made in your routine to eliminate tobacco use triggers).

Get support. Support can help increase your chances for quitting tobacco. Try any or all of the following types of support:

- family,
- friends,
- one-on-one support program,
- group support program,
- support from a non-smoker,

• support from another smoker who is trying to quit tobacco, and/or

• telephone quitline support and/or counseling.

Get medication. Talk to your health care provider about whether or not medication might help you in the quit process.

Stayquit. Make plans for maintaining your quit status. Decide how you will deal with offers to use tobacco and what you will do if you "slip" and use tobacco once you've quit.

Though quitting tobacco can look different for each individual in terms of strategies for coping with withdrawal, cravings, and

maintenance of your quit status, these are some steps that tend to be the same for most people. These steps will help you be successful in your attempt to give up tobacco.

For more information on quitting tobacco, contact your health care provider or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences, 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, 806-272-4583.

Sources: American Cancer Society (2005), Quitting smoking.

United States Department of Health and Human Services (2000).

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.

SPC-Muleshoe registration

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

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

Alzheimer's Support Group

Bailey County Aging Services and Texas Cooperative Extension, Bailey County, have formed a support group for the care givers of Alzheimer Disease patients. The next meeting will be Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death in adults after heart disease, cancer, and stroke. Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common form of dementia — a brain disorder that seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities.

Most primary caregivers for the Alzheimers disease patient are family members. Many other people also participate in the care of those with AD.

Research has shown that caregivers are often at an increased risk for depression and illness, especially if they do not receive adequate support.

For more information contact Debbie Crabtree, Bailey County Aging Services, 272-3647, or Mandi Seaton, Bailey County extension agent — Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, 272-4583.

Movie tickets help 4-H

You can support 4-H programs in Texas when you purchase tickets to Paramount Pictures' and Walden Media's new live action movie version of "Charlotte's Web."

For every ticket purchased through the national 4-H council Web site (www.fourhcouncil.edu) \$1 will go to support the 4-H youth development program in Texas.

After typing in the number of adult and child tickets needed, pricing is determined by the local theater.

Hollywood Movie Money will make a \$1 donation to 4-H for each ticket purchased online. Visitors to the site may also choose to make an optional tax-deductible donation to 4-H. Once the purchase is complete, a ticket certificate will need to be printed for each ticket purchased. Certificates will need to be redeemed for a ticket to an available showing of Charlotte's Web at any time until Jan. 31.

For more information, contact the Bailey County Extension office at 306 West Second, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-272-4583.

Beef symposium set for January

Texas and New Mexico Cooperative Extension agencies will present the third annual "Southwest Beef Symposium" on Jan. 16-17 at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo.

Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock specialist at Fort Stockton, said the symposium is tailored for Southwest beef producers. The event centers around three educational sessions and trade show.

"The first session will target critical success factors in ranching and beef production," said Carpenter. "Key leaders in the beef industry will speak on aligning visions and goals, cow type and the environment, reproductive management, and how they've created flexibility in their own southwestern range operation."

The second session on day-two will address current

issues affecting the industry including the impacts and opportunities from ethanol production, source verified markets, the occurrence and management of trichomoniasis, and a new way to pregnancy test ruminants."

"The final session will look into beef market trends from the consumer, producer and packer's viewpoints. Notable meat processors and meat retailers will discuss consumer trends in the markets place, and buyers will speak on some of the challenges and opportunities producers will face when placing feeder cattle into verified source programs; as well as current trends in packer cow marketing,

Individual registration in (\$50) by Jan 5. and (\$60) thereafter.

For more information call Carpenter at 432-336-8585 or Clay Mathis at New Mexico State University at 505-646-8022.

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presentation to the committee.

Sheets explained that while the final decision was required to be made by the school board, the school district's governing body wanted "input" from the community and had formed the Dream Team from a wide cross-section of the community, including business and community leaders, parents, students and educators.

"Timing is critical if we're going to apply for state help," Sheets said.

The task force later voted unanimously recommending that the school board seek passage of a \$25 million bond issue to replace and renovate buildings.

Out in rural Bailey County there were other needs as well, as the commissioners noted that area farmers and ranchers needed to dispose of their dead cattle properly rather than in the county's ditches.

"This is getting to be a serious problem," County Commissioner Butch Vandiver said, while talking about the potential problems with disease spreading from the cattle and calves that are being illegally dumped in Bailey County.

Vandiver said it isn't uncommon for the carcasses of four to eight calves to be dumped at a single site along the road.

While some of the cattle discarded in this manner are beef cattle, of late the majority have been dairy calves.

In some instances,

county work crews have been forced to bury some of the calves at the scene, but the county commissioner said it didn't solve the problem.

According to Bailey County Sheriff Richards Wills, his department receives an average of two complaints a week, and his deputies are actively investigating the complaints.

"If we catch them, we're going to prosecute," Wills said.

At February's MEDC meeting, the board approved an inducement resolution during Thursday's regular meeting, calling for the MEDC to act as the "conduit issuer" of up to \$2.5 million in industrial revenue bonds for a Deaf Smith County dairy.

During MEDC Director Janet Claborn's presentation to the board members, she explained that PPP Dairy would be using the revenue bonds to expand the existing facility.

She also noted that she had accompanied Muleshoe City Manager to Hereford, where they discussed the issue with the Deaf Smith County commissioners, who approved the MEDC acting as the conduit issuer.

"This does not say we are going to be the issuers of the bonds," Claborn reminded the board members.

Prior to the vote, MEDC board member Mark Morton explained why the economic development corporation in Muleshoe

was being asked to serve as the conduit issuer for a Deaf Smith County project. "Most communities are not as progressive as Muleshoe," he said.

Also in February, Muleshoe area students and adults gathered at the Bailey County Coliseum Saturday to listen to Craig Scott speak of the tragic shooting at Columbine High School and the prayers of his sister Rachel Scott, who became a symbol of love and compassion in the days that followed the incident.

Scott talked about how Rachel was executed for her faith in Jesus Christ, referring to a statement from a witness to the incident who said her killer raised her head by the hair and asked, "Do you still believe in God?"

According to the witness, Rachel — who had already received multiple gunshot wounds, replied defiantly, "You know I do," before being shot a final time.

Craig spoke of his personal faith in God, and how God gave him the strength to help other students in the Columbine High School's library flee to safety only moments after two of his friends were shot to death just inches away from him and just seconds before the gunmen returned to the library.

At the commissioners' court, divided opinions over the burn ban were joined by the issue of racial profiling and the annual report from the sheriff's office.

The topic of racial profiling took a "hot turn" at

the Bailey County Commissioners Court Monday as Commissioner Chavez spoke out against the annual racial profiling report which was presented to the court.

"What I'm saying is 'that's nothing'," Chavez said, pushing his copy of the report roughly to the side. "You can't approve something that's nothing!"

During the discussion that preceded the reports acceptance vote, Chavez took issue with the inclusion of Hispanic under the race of Caucasian or White, as defined by Senate Bill 1074 which requires the annual report be prepared.

According to the information presented by Chief Deputy Joe Balederrama, who made the presentation due to the absence of Sheriff Richard Wills, in calendar year 2005 the law enforcement officers with the sheriff's department made a total of 30 traffic-related contacts, of which 29, or 96.67 percent, were listed as Caucasian and one, or 3.33 percent, was listed as African.

February also brought tension to the Muleshoe City Council meeting as local resident Todd Shipman appeared before the council requesting consideration for the damages to his residence on Dec. 23, 2005, when his home was flooded by municipal sewage for the second time in about a month.

Shipman presented a packet to the councilmen which included an itemized list of damages, and

provided them with a DVD presentation of the incident prior to addressing them. He later stated that the damages totaled approximately \$12,000.

"We're asking that the city do the right thing for the citizens and my family," Shipman said.

Shipman, whose family has operated Shipman's Body Shop in Muleshoe for the past 37 years, indicated that he was extremely disappointed with how he and his family had been treated over the incident, and said he had given thought to moving both his business and his residence to a location outside of Muleshoe.

"I feel the way this was handled wasn't proper," Shipman said, referring to actions by both the city's insurance carrier and his own personal insurance carrier, which had claimed his damage was due to a "flood" and was therefore would not pay the damage claim.

During his defense of the city and its position, Mayor Cliff Black said, "This is one of the things that makes sitting up here difficult."

The city did not reconsider its position, and the Shipmans have since moved from Muleshoe.

March In March, the big news was the decision by the Muleshoe ISD Board of Trustees to call for a two-part, \$25 million bond issue to be placed before the district's voters at the May 13 election.

"The hard work begins

now, and will continue for many years to come," said Douglass Whitt of Southwest Securities, the school district's financial advisor, after the board's action.

"What's taken place here is truly remarkable," Whitt added, referring to the long hours the school district's Facilities Task Force members have put in prior to formally presenting its recommendation for the bond issue election to the school board.

There were also tense moments at the Bailey County Courthouse, where Precinct 2 incumbent C.E. Grant Jr. narrowly edged out opponent Rex Harris in Tuesday's Republican Primary.

Grant received a total of 154 votes to Harris' 152 votes.

Of all the county elections on the March 7 Primary ballot — both Republican and Democrat — the race for the Precinct 2 commission seat was the only one in which candidates faced off.

A total of 306 votes were cast in the Precinct 2 election, which means that of the 350 Republican ballots cast in the Precinct 2 race, only 87.4 percent cast a vote for either candidate.

In other election news, at the hospital district, there are three positions up for election: Place 3, currently held by Ronnie Dent; Place 1, currently held by Lary Hooten; and Place 5,

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PERHAPS THE OLIVE GROVES WERE THE BEST PLACES FOR WOOD GATHERING, ALTHOUGH IT DID MEAN A LONG TRUDGE DOWN INTO THE KIDRON VALLEY AND A HARD CLIMB UP THE MOUNT OF OLIVES TO GET THERE! BUT WHEN THE TREES WERE PRUNED, ALL FALLEN TIMBER BELONGED TO THE WOOD-GATHERERS, FOR THIS CAME UNDER THE MOSAIC LAW OF GLEANING, AS STATED IN DEUT. 24:19-21. LIFE WAS HARD FOR THE POOR BUT AT LEAST THESE LAWS GAVE THEM SOME HELP!

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Obituaries

Tyler Sheets

A church service for Tyler Blake Sheets, 19, of Muleshoe, was held on Saturday, Dec. 23, at the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with Mike Cope of Abilene, and Steve Friskup, Stacy Conner and Curtis Shelburne, all of Muleshoe, officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Sheets was born on June 11, 1987, in Abilene. He died on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, in Muleshoe.

Sheets graduated from Muleshoe High School in 2006 and was attending Abilene Christian University. He was a member of Highland Church of Abilene.

Survivors include his parents — Dr. Kyle and Bernita Sheets of Muleshoe; six sisters — Terah Ott of Phoenix, Ariz., Heather Sheets of Galveston, Sarah Jo Sheets of Abilene, Virginia, Shelley



TYLER BLAKE SHEETS

and Cori Layne Sheets, all of Muleshoe; three brothers — Zachary Sheets and Landon Sheets of Abilene, and Ben Sheets of Muleshoe; grandparents — Alta Burkhalter of Amarillo, Harry and Mina Sheets of Farwell, and Oles and Bernice Pinson of Comanche.

Memorials may be sent to Physicians Aiding Physicians Abroad, P.O. Box 489, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

Joe Ferris

A memorial service for Joe Ferris, 84, of Muleshoe, was held on Friday, Dec. 22, at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery in Muleshoe with the Rev. Monty Leavell officiating.

Ferris died on Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, in Lubbock Heart Hospital. He was born on July 26, 1920, in Marlin to Tom A. and Effie B. Ferris. He married Verna Mae Owen in Muleshoe on Nov. 27, 1947. She preceded him in death on Oct. 2, 2000.

Ferris was a long-time resident of the Muleshoe area, a farmer and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Muleshoe.

He was an active member of the AA of Muleshoe.

Survivors include two



JOE FERRIS

sons and their wives — Leland and Ann Ferris of Lubbock and Lonnie and Lavelle Ferris of New Braunfels; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 505, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Stockholder participates in farm credit young leaders program

Ricky Barnett of Friona recently traveled to Washington, D.C., and New York City as part of the Farm Credit Young Leaders Program, a week-long event sponsored by the Tenth District Farm Credit Council.

Barnett is a stockholder of Great Plains Ag Credit, one of 20 rural financing cooperatives that make up the district.

The Young Leaders Program is designed to give young Farm Credit stockholders an overview of the Farm Credit System and an opportunity to interact with System leaders and decision-makers in Washington, D.C. Each lending co-op in the district had the opportunity to select a participant for the program.

The trip included meetings with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, officials of the Farm Credit Council and congressional leaders in Washington, D.C. The group also traveled to the New Jersey/New York City area for a briefing at the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation and a tour of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

"We put this program together to show our appreciation to a few of our young stockholders and all they do to support agriculture and their rural communities," said Jimmy Dodson, chairman of the Tenth District Farm Credit Council.

Barnett, a farmer and rancher from Friona, began farming in 1991, and currently raises feeder cattle and farms wheat, corn



JUDITH CASTILLO

Muleshoe; a sister — Edith Castillo of Muleshoe; grandfathers — Telesforo Castillo and Daniel Gardea; and grandmothers — Leonarda Munoz and Genoveva Gardea.

Judith Castillo

A church service for Judith Castillo, 22 months, of Muleshoe, was held on Friday, Dec. 22, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe with the Rev. Fr. Leo Pahamtang officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rosary was said on Thursday, Dec 21, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Judith died on Dec. 18, 2006, in Ft. Worth. She was born on Feb. 23, 2005 in Clovis, N.M.

Survivors include her parents — Romelia Gardea and Pilar Castillo of

Muleshoe 'Mule Bucks' Christmas contest winners are announced

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• Mohawk — Walt Sain of Muleshoe, registered at United.

• Something Special Gifts — Debbie Kemp of Muleshoe, registered at Western Drug & Something Special Gifts.

• Fry & Cox — Peggy Prater, registered at Carolyn's Christmas Creations.

• Williams General Store — Deborah Kettner of Muleshoe, registered at Muleshoe Metal Art.

• Muleshoe Metal Art — Steve Neal of Muleshoe, registered at Williams General Store.

• Family Hair Salon — Mario Flores of Muleshoe, registered at Carolyn's Christmas Creations.

• Big Valley Auto — Brenda Melcher of Lubbock, registered at Carolyn's Christmas Creations.

• La Joya — Sharla Smith of Farwell, registered at Williams General Store.

• Lowe's Marketplace — Roseann Gloraa of Muleshoe, registered at United Supermarket.

• United — Rhonda Myers of Muleshoe, registered at Williams General Store.

• Country Daisey Design — Sherri Harrison of Muleshoe, registered at unknown.

• Radio Shack/ Connection Warehouse — Donna Black of Muleshoe, registered at Williams General Store.

• Muleshoe Ford Mercury; Juan Ciriveria, registered at Williams General Store.

• Art Loft/ Tres Chic — Dean Sasser of Friona, registered at Williams General Store.

• Alco — Charles Hoover, registered at Carolyn's Christmas Creations.

• Carolyn's Christmas Creations — Lonnie Adrian of Muleshoe, registered at Panda Chinese Buffet.

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Sports

Local ladies end 2006 at 3-0

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

The Lady Mules ended the 2006 portion of their district season at a perfect 3-0 by defeating the Tulia Lady Hornets. Tulia came into the contest off a 60-point win over the Dimmitt Bobbies.

The Lady Mules came back from a 12-point deficit in the second frame to wallop Tulia 42-36. The first period was a dead heat as the Lady Mules tied the game at 12 before the quarter ended.

The Lady Hornets worked

the ball inside to their much taller post players to jump in front of the Lady Mules by 12 in the second period. The Lady Mules struggled to score for most of the frame.

CiCi Reyna hit a 3-pointer from the wing with just over two minutes remaining in the half. Her trey seemed to ignite the Lady Mules and they trimmed the Tulia margin to seven by the intermission but left the floor with momentum on their side.

The Lady Hornets had shown an inability to handle the ball in the first half. The

Lady Mules returned to the floor with the momentum and really turned up the defensive heat on Tulia as they attempted to move the ball down the floor.

The Lady Mules shooting woes continued but their defense gave them enough scoring opportunities to take a 27-26 lead with 2:36 left in the period. The Lady Mules held Tulia scoreless until the 1:19 mark. The game was tied at 30-30 going into the final eight minutes.

The Lady Mules held Tulia to six points in the final

quarter and only the Hornets post players could find the hoop. The tenacious Lady Mule defense had completely exhausted the Hornets and put 12 on the board for the win.

Eight Lady Mules had scored in the contest with Kate Lepard leading the way with eight points. Chelsi Hawkins and Chi Hernandez dropped in seven each. Hawkins made all seven of her points in the second half and made five of six from the charity stripe.

Kelsey Tipps added six points, Reyna and Sarah Johnson made five each, Kyra Kimbrough had three and Morgan Smith chipped in one.

Bad weather had postponed the game to Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. and the JV Lady Mule game with Tulia was cancelled.

The Lady Mules will take the Christmas break and the UIL mandatory five day closing of all facilities. They will play away any extra Christmas turkey in the Littlefield Holiday Tournament Dec. 28-30 before returning to district action in Dimmitt on Jan. 2. The game is set for 6 p.m.



Lady Mule Kelsey Tipps shoots during the recent game against River Road. Photograph by Norm Brantley

Mules defeat the Hornets

By Delton Wilhite
Sportswriter

Daniel Subealdea may well be one of the best point guards the Mules will face all season. He led his much improved Tulia Hornets into the Muleshoe Athletic and Convocation Center Wednesday afternoon.

The Hornets jumped on the Mules early and had opened a 34-22 lead by the intermission. Subealdea led the Hornets with 11 points at the half and Koby Washington had made three treys and eight points.

The Mules began to chip away at the Hornet lead in the third period after Patrick Precure checked in and drained a 3-pointer from the corner. Precure's trey seemed to light the fuse for the Mules. The Mules finally took the lead with just under four minutes left in the game and squeaked by the Hornets 55-52.

TJ Brantley helped keep the Mules in the game in the first half with 10 points. He only had two in the first quarter but hit a trey and was three of four from the line in the second period.

Dustin Barker dropped in a trey after Precure as the

Mules out scored Tulia 14-10 in third period to chip away at the lead. The Mules trailed 44-36 going into the final eight minutes.

Subealdea scored six of the Hornets eight points in the final quarter. The Mules took their first lead with 3:52 left in the game. Tulia would not go away and the score was tied with under three minutes left.

The Mules finally began to pull away and made seven of eight from the line to clinch the win. Brantley had a trey and was four of four from the line in the final period. Precure hit his second 3-pointer and Eric Washington, Colby Carpenter and Brian Poynor each added a deuce. The Mules poured in 19 in the final period and held Tulia to eight.

Seven Mules put points on the board with Brantley leading the way with 21. He had two treys and was nine of 10 from the line. Poynor dropped in nine points and Barker added seven. Precure made two treys for six points and Washington made six with two buckets and a pair from the line. Carpenter made four points

and Garrett Riley chipped in two.

The Mules will break for the holidays and return to action in the Littlefield Holiday Tournament Dec. 28-30.

The Mules will be back in loop action in Dimmitt Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Bad weather had forced the game to be postponed from Tuesday until Wednesday afternoon.

The JV Mules game was cancelled and they will return to action in Dimmitt Jan. 2.

Senior Citizen News

By Laverne Winn

We trust everyone's Santa was good to them. We are looking forward to the new year.

Our sincere thanks go to all our volunteer help. They have been a blessing to help any time they were needed. They gave of their time and contributions with open hearts. For this we are sincerely grateful.

We will continue to have our play days on Tuesday, the senior dance on Tuesday night, bingo on Thursday and maybe a program or two for you.

Our December birthday party will be Thursday, Dec. 28. All you December senior birthdays come join in the

fun.

The center will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1. We will open on Tuesday, Jan. 2, for our daily activity.

We sincerely hope any of you senior citizens in Muleshoe that have not visited with us, you will come and join us. We are really proud of our Center and the fun and fellowship it provides.

We have increased from an average of 40 to 50 participants a day in 2005 to sixty and seventy per day in 2006. We hope to increase this to seventy to eighty in 2007.

The menu for the lunches are sent to us from a nutritionist from Texas Tech

Health Science Center in Lubbock.

The lunches are a good balanced meal, prepared by our great cooks; the servings are adequate, and the food is very good. If you are eating by yourself come join us at the center. You might see an ole' friend or two.

The blood drive on Dec. 21 was very successful. Thanks to all who came and gave to this good cause. United Blood Service was very pleased to have received 45 units.

Menu for Jan. 1-5:
Monday, Jan. 1 — Closed
Tuesday, Jan. 2 — Baked Ham, baked beans, tossed salad, cornbread, pineapple

cake.

Wednesday, Jan 3 — Chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Thursday, Jan. 4 — Beef stew, salad, cornbread and banana pudding.

Friday, Jan. 5 — Fish or chicken strips, gravy, tator tots, hush puppies, coleslaw and fruit salad.

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held by Mike Miller.

Prior to March 6, incumbents Dent and Miller had filed for re-election.

Other candidates for the MAHD positions include Bob Donaldson of Muleshoe, who has filed for Place 1, and Zona Gatewood, who has tossed her hat in the ring for the Place 5 position.

March was also a time for problems at the senior citizens' center in Muleshoe.

Someone once said, "You're as young as you feel," but events at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center makes one wonder if its current slogan shouldn't be: "If you're as young as you feel, you may be too young for us," the story in the Muleshoe Journal said, about center participants who were feuding over the inclusion of guests under the age of 60 at the various functions held at the center.

During a March open meeting, these problems came to a head when a group of about 15 participants confronted the center's board of directors and the center's director Lavern Winn after guests of participants who were under the age of 60 were apparently asked to leave the center's Tuesday night dance.

Also in April, the Muleshoe Area Hospital District voted to halt operation of its Home Health unit as of May 1 during Thursday's regular meeting.

At previous MAHD meetings during the past fiscal year it had been noted that the Home Health unit didn't appear to be cost effective, primarily because its services were being provided by other organizations, some of which were based as far away as Lubbock.

"There's only so many slices of the pie," Mason said.

With the declining number of patients being received into the program, increasing fuel costs and other expenses, according to MAMC Administrator Ray Mason, the program was costing much more than could be recuperated. He said the unit had lost about \$20 thousand so far this year, and if it continued was expected to cost three times that by the end of the fiscal year.

"It's better to cut our losses," Mason said. "We got to a point that we had to make a decision."

April brought a renewal of the county's burn ban as grass fires fanned across the Lone Star State.

Firefighters from Muleshoe and the surrounding area were kept running from fire to fire in an effort to keep both life and property safe.

Muleshoe's volunteers have responded to 13 major fires during the week in question. Nine of the calls were grass fires in which an

estimated 3,250 acres were burned, the remaining four involved structures and vehicles destroyed as a result of the wildfires on adjacent properties.

The large number of fire calls the department has been receiving, and the size of the fires involved places Muleshoe's 30-man department at a disadvantage, especially when they may have to travel 30 to 40 miles to the scene of a fire, according to Muleshoe Fire Chief Richard Ronnek.

April also marked the resignation of Police Chief Don Carter.

May In May, fourth grade students from area schools helped pick the Muleshoe Journal's Mother of the Year, giving the winning nod to the mother of Nathan Stanford, Sharla Stanford, who said his mother should win because she "keeps my mind and I safe by not letting me watch bad stuff. Let's just say she keeps my mind out of the gutter."

But May's big story was the passage of the bond issue by Muleshoe ISD voters.

In her story about the election, *Journal* general manager Leah Bell said, "Citizens of Muleshoe moved their school system into the 21st century by passing both critical bond election propositions over the this past weekend."

About 67 percent of voters gave Proposition 1 — a Maintenance Tax as limited by the provisions of Chapter 45 of the Texas Education Code, as amended — a positive nod while about 65 percent of the voters said "OK" to Proposition 2 — the issuance of \$25,000,000 of

school building bonds and the levying of a tax in payment thereof.

There were 788 total votes cast for Proposition 1 — 527 in favor of, 261 against; and 805 total votes cast for Proposition 2 — 523 in favor and 282 against.

In the MAHD board election, 279 participated, with the majority of ballots electing Bob Donaldson and Zona Gatewood.

Donaldson told the *Journal*, "I hope and pray to God that I'm the board member I'm supposed to be. I can't wait to work for Muleshoe's hospital and make sure it's the best I can help make it possibly be."

He continued by encouraging everyone to attend board meetings, saying, "When you show interest, we can do a better job."

Gatewood told the *Journal* she is looking forward to working with the board and trying to find "unity between the employees, doctors, board and administration."

In other news at Muleshoe ISD, longtime board member Curtis Shelbourne resigned from the school board.

In the letter of resignation he submitted, Shelbourne explained that his decision to leave the school board had been difficult. However, state law required him to step down due to the conflict created by his son's application of employment with the district.

The school board appointed Bruce Barrett to fill the vacancy left by the Shelbourne's resignation.

Also in May, Cami Jo Vandiver, the daughter of Monti and Lyn Vandiver, was honored as Valedictorian, while Monica

Posadas, the daughter of Hector and Lucy Posadas, was honored as the Salutatorian of the graduating class of 2006.

The Muleshoe Police Department also made the news in May by participating in the arrest and seizure of a large amount of methamphetamine.

According to Lt. Otis Carpenter of the Muleshoe Police Department, on May 25, Texas State Trooper Isabel Carrasco requested assistance from the Muleshoe Police Department's canine unit at a traffic stop inside Parmer County.

Muleshoe Police Officer Shane Kirk and canine Kaiserhofe responded to the request for assistance, and during the search of the vehicle located a ziplock bag containing almost 1-1/2 pounds of the illegal drug hidden on the left rear quarter panel of the vehicle.

According to Carpenter, Donna Marie Gonzales, 36, and Veronica Gonzales, both of Lubbock, were arrested on drug possession charges, and were being held in Parmer County jail.

And at the end of May, the Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation approved a \$49,462 grant request from the Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation.

The MEDC board's action was later approved by the Muleshoe City Council, the foundation will use the grant funds for the South Plains

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not run from the secular; rather we try to transform it. It is our mission to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas just as the early Christians baptized the Christmas tree. And we do this by being holy people—kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people—no matter how maddening is the Christmas rush . . ."

Amen! Greeley's on to something, I think. Something big. Something that colors completely the way God's people look at life and the faith which is part and parcel of life.

Ah, there is indeed a time to retreat to a place and a season of quietness and solitude and reflection, a time to retreat for awhile from the hustle and bustle not just of the busy Christmas season but the busyness of life (some of which actually matters).

Those ancient Christians were on to something. Good "Campbellite" kid that I was, I didn't have any idea what Advent was until I was a good ways into adulthood. Along

with a lot of the Protestant church, I've learned now the wisdom of having a time of preparation and reflection before celebrating the Birth, a time when we prepare our hearts in faith for the Second Advent (coming) of Christ as well as reflecting on the first.

The Twelve Days of Christmas were just what we sang about, right? No. Those ancient Christians celebrated Christmas not just as a day but also as a season. Twelve days beginning on Christmas Day. The world we live in is not conducive to such, but our family tries consciously during those days, since the shopping and hustle and bustle have slowed down, to bask in the glow of Bethlehem and Christ's coming, to especially enjoy each other and consciously and intentionally focus on His joy. It was a good idea centuries ago. It's a good idea now.

For God's people, joy is genuine and deep, deeper than just lights and tinsel but redemptive of and thankful for such. For those who follow Christ, peace is more than just a word on Christmas cards, though we joyfully give thanks for such good sentiment and the well wishes of good friends and scenes of peaceful beauty. Peace is pervasive and real, deeper than just the absence of conflict, rich with the Presence of His sovereignty and love, present even in the midst of real difficulty and sorrow

You see, for God's people, laughter can be more rich and joyful and frequent. Tears should be more meaningful and precious and pure. God not only redeems sinners through His precious Gift, he redeems life and every aspect of it

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

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A Happy, Healthy New Year...

New Year's Day is a wonderful time. This first day of January and of the new year is a time to remember the past, celebrate, and hope for a happy, healthy future.

Almost every person in the world celebrates the ringing in of a new year. We all do it in our own way, following our own beliefs.

In our country, some people have parties or attend church services at midnight. Others go to Times Square in New York to listen to music, enjoy the crowds and wait for the magical stroke of midnight.

In other countries people exchange gifts or open their homes to neighbors or visitors. Many people honor parents or relatives and try to pay all their debts so they will not owe anything at the start of the new year.

New Year's Day is a time to think back - and ahead!

Can you list four things that you will always remember about 2006?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Now list four things you think will be important in 2007.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Ask your Mom or Dad to slip this page in with your holiday decorations when you pack them away. Next year, when you help unpack the decorations you will find this page with your lists. Do you think you'll remember all the things you listed for 2006? Will all of your ideas about 2007 be correct?

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I love drinking eggnog and staying up until midnight!

New Year's Eve is a lot of exciting fun. Do you get to stay up until midnight to usher in the new year with your family? **See the words numbered 1 to 20? Circle them in the puzzle above, then match them to their descriptions:**

- New Year's Day
- resolution
- calendar
- Auld Lang Syne
- party
- church
- horn
- bells
- whistle
- celebrate
- music
- health
- gift
- January
- midnight
- toast
- old
- new
- visit
- beginnings

- chart of the months, weeks and days of the year
- beginning again, for the first time
- worn out, time gone by
- first day of January
- a start
- building for religious services
- pleasing sounds for voices or instruments to make
- to raise glasses to drink in honor of a person or thing
- to honor or praise something
- a promise or decision
- first month of the year
- present, something given
- hollow, metal objects that ring when struck
- condition of your body and mind
- twelve o'clock at night
- instrument, makes a loud noise
- song (sung to remember old friends)
- people getting together to have a good time
- a high, shrill sound
- to call on or stay with someone

Happy...

Follow this color key to find out!

Y = Yellow (or gold)
P = Purple
B = Blue

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Third grade UIL participants, from left to right: Back row — Mia Clapp, Ryan Watt, Tony Castillo, Simon Chavez and Diego Benavides; middle row — Lisett Mojica, Abby Jesko, Taylor Winchell, Chasity Quezada, Payal Patel and Matthew Flores; front row — Terran King, Desiree Gutierrez, Brooklyn Beall and Imelda Salcido; Not shown — Brenna Jarman and Jonathan Caraveo.

DeShazo UIL results announced

The following are DeShazo Elementary's UIL results at Dimmitt:

Second grade
 Storytelling — 1st; Blake Parker; 4th, Kameron Newberry.
 Creative Writing — 1st, Abriana Espinoza; 3rd, Gage Brockman; 4th, Leti Loya.

Third grade
 Ready Writing — 5th, Brenna Jarman.
 Spelling — 4th, Matthew Flores.
 Storytelling — 2nd, Mia Clapp; 5th, Ryan Watt; 6th, Tony Castillo.
 Oral Reading — 1st, Abigail Jesko; 5th, Simon Chavez; 6th, Taylor Winchell.
 Music Memory — 3rd Place Team (Brooklyn Beall, Desiree Gutierrez, Terran King, Imelda Salcido).

Fourth grade
 Art — 3rd Place Team (Daniela Diaz, Miranda DeBruin, Ruby Andrade, Gabi Chavez).
 Music Memory — 4th Place Team (Kari Mendoza, Samantha Rogers, Ruby Andrade, Thomas Eagle)
 Ready Writing — 3rd, Jadye Rodriquez; 4th, Blayne Shipman.
 Oral Reading — 3rd, Michelle Chavez.
 Number Sense — 5th, Triston McCallough.
 Spelling — 4th, Idali Cruz.

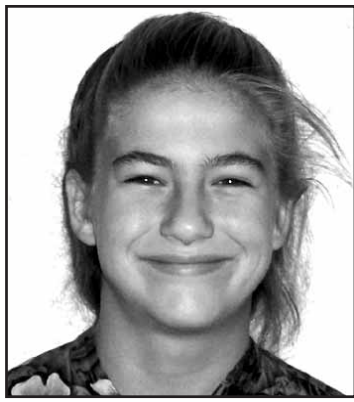
Fifth grade
 Art — 3rd Place Team (Shaylee Winchell, Mercedes Morin, Alexix Cortez, Hadlea Geissler)
 Listening — 5th, Elliot Reyes; 6th, Bailey Bales.
 Dictionary — 2nd, DonAnn Rempe; 3rd, Adrienne Precure; 4th, Marian Gutierrez.
 Oral Reading — 1st, John Ryan Isaacson; 2nd, Kaylie Lovell.
 Number Sense — 3rd, Diana Salcido; 4th, Arthur Recio; 5th, Marion Gutierrez.
 Spelling — 4th, DonAnn Rempe
School rankings
 Dillman/DeShazo Elementary — 283 points, first place.
 Tulia Elementary — 266 points, second place.
 River Road Elementary — 226 points, third place.
 Friona Elementary — 187 points, fourth place.
 Dimmitt Elementary — 166 points, fifth place.



Fourth grade UIL participants, from left to right: Back row — Michelle Chavez, Christian Mora, Blayne Shipman, Roman Villegas, Miranda deBruin and Gabi Chavez; middle row — Braden Bessire, Triston McCallough, Jasmin Cardenas, Christian Reyna, Adriana Loya, Jayde Rodriquez and Ruby Andrade; front row — Samatha Rogers, Grey Johnson, Thomas Eagle, Brittany Cabrera, Idali Cruz, JJ Gandara, Daniela Diaz and Kari Mendoza.



Fifth grade UIL participants, from left to right: Back row — Mercedes Morin, Diana Salcido, DonAnn Rempe, Emanuel Morales, Keenan Wilson, Nathan Stanford, Lilliana Vasquez and Javier Velasquez; middle row — Elliot Reyes, Alexix Cortez, Arthur Recio, Eli Leal, Marian Gutierrez, Zachary Murphy and Isaac Ballenger; front row — Branden Wright, Kaylie Lovell, Julissa Hernandez, Adrienne Precure, Shaylee Winchell, Hadlea Geissler, Sierra Arnold, Jordan Villalobos and MaCoY Ruthardt; not shown — Bailey Bales and John Ryan Isaacson.



Lazbuddie students honored

Pre-Kindergarten student Miranda Salazar, the daughter of Jaime Salazar and Elizabeth Galaviz de Salazar, pictured on the left, and Justina Neufeld, the daughter of Isac and Justina Neufeld, on the right, were honored by the Lazbuddie ISD this week.

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Nursing Home News

Zona Gatewood played the piano for a music program, in the Day Room and Meadows Park Thursday Morning.

W.T. and Pat Watson entertained and directed a music and song program Friday morning. Pat read poetry and directed a reminiscing session.

Saturday afternoon Butch Vandiver called the numbers for the Bingo Bash!

The Muleshoe Church of Christ directed the communion services Sunday morning.

Ruth Hall, from the First Baptist Church taught the Sunday school class.

Sunday afternoon Curtis and Juana Shelburne, Wes and June Conway, Paul and Betty Poyner, Clara Harbin, Janet Claborn, from the 16th & D Church of Christ and Cathy Wilson, Pete and Marita Thomas, Stanley and Pat Wilson, James and Dianne Brown, Frank and Johnnie Parker all sang hymns and Christmas songs with the residents.

Le Shay Mason from Veri Care and G. R. Lasiter called Bingo at the Bingo Bash Monday afternoon.

The open house at Park View was very successful, and just a lot of fun, Tuesday. We do appreciate everyone that attended, and our open house chair person, Peggy Dent and the employees of Park View. The surprise visit from Santa Claus delighted folks

of all ages. Where was Bill Barrett when old Santa visited? We just couldn't seem to find him, I wonder?

John Hadley was taken out for lunch on his birthday Tuesday by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith of Farwell.

Velma Howell's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Howell and grandson visited this week.

John Carter's grandson Darrell McCamish of Germany visited Mr. Carter Monday.

Lela Crawford did a great job being Park View's greeter, at the open house Tuesday.

Tennie McCormick received visits from Van and Betty McCormick, Curtis and Juana Shelburne, Joyce Clements, and others this week.

Jewel Peeler was visited by Laverne James Tuesday morning.

Nathan Beemer attended the music program and Open House Tuesday morning.

Art and Edna Freeman directed the music and devotional program Tuesday morning.

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

April Smith's computer lab class from Muleshoe High School made the flyers for the open house Tuesday.

Buster and Wanda Kittrell served coffee and donuts at the Second Cup Café Wednesday morning.

Following coffee time, Buster Kittrell, Loyce Killingsworth, JoEllen Cowart and Bro. Bennie Wright, directed our singspration and devotional.

Mary Johnson received a visit from Evelyn Ellington and Bro. Wright on Tuesday.

Morris Nowlin and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Shafer visited Park View Wednesday.

Glenda Jennings came Wednesday afternoon to sing for and with the residents.

Merry Christmas to you and yours, from the residents and staff of Park View Nursing Care Center.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gladys Wilson. We shall miss her too.

We are anticipating the arrival of our new van any day now. We continue to receive donations toward

the van. We are still greatly appreciative of the donations received and are still in need of receiving more donations.

The Christmas Card project is still underway. Joyeline Costen, chairperson, is very hard at work with this project. Thank you for participating.

Lona and Dwight Waldo, from Clovis, N.M., donated stuffed toys for all of the residents.

Thank you to Jack and Anna B. Lane for the donation.

From God's Holy Word
"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
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DATED the 19th day of December 2006.

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Sale of Real Property Invitation to Bid

OLTON — Olton Independent School District is accepting sealed bids from individuals interested in purchasing the house and real property, located at 2771 FM 54 in Spade, Texas. The property identification reference number is R15341 and the legal description is T.A. Thompson Block T. Tract #20-21 Out of SW/4 Section 64 Lamb County, Texas. The house is brick consisting of approximately 1,872 square feet of living space with a double car garage of 506 additional square feet. There are approximately 10 rooms with 2.5 baths. All bids submitted must be above \$30,000, in order to be considered. All bids submitted must be on an official Olton ISD bid form. Bids submitted on any other format will not be considered. The individual approved by the Board of Trustees to purchase the house, must make cash payment for the full amount within five business days or put up an escrow payment of 15% of the purchase price within five business days, with the balance to follow at closing or within 45 days. The transfer of the property will be by warranty deed and subject to approval by the Commissioner of Education. The buyer will be responsible for paying all costs relating to the conveyance

of the Property, including any applicable legal expenses. The house will be available for viewing by appointment only beginning January 8, 2007. Bid packets may be obtained by calling the Olton ISD Business Office @ 806-285-2641 x232 or at the Olton ISD Administration Office, located at 7th and Avenue G in Olton, Texas. Sealed bids marked "Spade Real Property Bid" must be submitted to the Olton Independent School District Business Office; Attn: Jeff Rowland/Business Mgr. P.O. Box 388, Olton, Texas 79064-0388 no later than 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007. Bids will be considered by the Olton Independent Board of Trustees during the regular board meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2007. Olton Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and accept the bid that will best serve the needs of the district. *Published in the Olton Enterprise on December 28 and January 4, 2006.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Muleshoe Independent School District is accepting applications for a custodial position. Applications may be picked up at the M.I.S.D. Maintenance office, information on the position can be obtained by calling Sam Whalin at 806-272-7330 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Muleshoe I.S.D. is an equal opportunity employer. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on December 21 and 28, 2006.*

BEES NEED HOME

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Commercial — 1202 W. American Blvd. - Prime location in Muleshoe, off Main thru way. \$90,000.
Commercial — 623 W. American Blvd. Muleshoe, TX 79347 - A thriving business in a progressive rural city. The business currently includes tree and plant sales, landscaping projects of all sizes, yard sprinkler planning and installation, and yard and tree spraying. Also included are approximately 700 growing trees on five acres south of Muleshoe that will be maintained by the current owners for five years. The land does not convey. Great opportunity!
Commercial — 311 W. American Blvd. Muleshoe, TX 79347 - An established business that carries everything for your farm animals needs. Currently, this business carries hay, Hi-Pro feed for large and small animals and a wide variety of animal care essentials. It is located in an area surrounded by feed yards, dairies and farmsteads.
Hart — CR 522 & CR 619 — 661 acres Northwest of Hart, TX in a very good water area. 4 wells. Great Farm! *see other listings in Farms & Land

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether cotton growers shall continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. This referendum will be the final referendum on continuation for the Northwest Plains Zone. However, Texas Agriculture Code, §74.112 (f), provides that if 30 percent or more of eligible cotton growers in a zone

present to the commissioner a petition calling for a referendum of the qualified voters on the proposition of discontinuing the program, the commissioner shall conduct a referendum for that purpose. The Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer counties; and that part of Randall County that lies north and west of a line running along Highway 60 from the Deaf Smith County line east to Interstate 27; then running north along Interstate Highway 27 to the Potter County line. Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas. The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by January 20, 2007. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than February

13, 2007, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in the year 2006 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Northwest Plains Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm. Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election that resides in the Northwest Plains Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination

forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by January 10, 2007, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area. For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-7553. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on December 28, January 4 and 11, 2006.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Muleshoe I.S.D. is seeking applicants for Bilingual Special Education Teacher Assistant at Dillman Elementary and Teacher Assistant/Library Aide at Watson Jr. High, Bilingual preferred. An application may be obtained by call Superintendent's Secretary, at 806-272-7404. *Published in the Muleshoe Journal on December 21 and 28, 2006.*

FOR LEASE OR RENT

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 - Lamb County - 156 acres north of Springlake, center pivot, 3 wells, 54 acres in CRP.
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 - 309 acres - Near Priddy - 84 frontage, 1/2 mile of pavement. Good schools, good depreciable assets.
 - Lamb County — Southeast of Amherst 922 acres, 310 acres of alfalfa. 5 center pivots, 42 acres of drip irrigation.
 - Northwestern Lamb County — 160 acres, 2 wells, Center pivot, perimeter fence, 1/2 circle of improved grasses, good allotments.
 - Lazbuddie Area — Brick home, 3 BR/2 BA, 2 park garage, on 1.3 acres. Well. Large plus large enclosed patio. Large fenced back yard. ON PAVEMENT.
 - West of Muleshoe 300 acres irrigated with 2 wells. Lays good. Good dining area.
 - Lamb County, North of Springlake — 2800 square foot home on 3.46 acres. 3 beds, 2 bath, den, large living - dining area, large kitchen. \$60,000.
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- VERY NICE 5-5 1/2-2 Home, split-level, open concept, 5100' lv. area, geo-thermal heat pump, built-ins, FP, workshop, numerous other amenities!! \$220K!!
- LENAU - COUNTRY CLUB AREA
• VERY NICE 4-2 Mobile Home, Cent. A&H, built-in, 28' x 56', Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, vaulted ceiling, storm windows & doors, large lot!! \$63K!!
- HIGH SCHOOL AREA
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- COMMERCIAL
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- 150' x 100' tract with an approx. 1600 building +approx. 1440' storage on corner of Hwy. 70, 84, & 214!! PRIME LOCATION!! \$45,000!!
- 100' x 140' tract, corner lot on Hwy. 84, 1760' Bldg., 1076' Bldg., 308' storage, & 2-56' x 22' metal canopies w/paved area!! \$49.5K!!
- 413' Frontage on S. Hwy. 214, 24' x 50' shop, 24' x 30' office, chainlink fence!! \$21K!!
- 4.2 acre tract at edge of town, 40' x 60' metal insulated bldg., 2 other sheetiron bldgs., chainlink fenced area, numerous uses!! \$59K!!
- Approx. 1274' Building, 75' x 140' lot, U.S. Hwy. 84!! \$35K!!
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- CLAY'S CORNER - 320 acres, 2 wells, 2 circle sprinklers, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 carport home!!
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• SUDAN-NICE 4-2 Mobile Home on 94' x 140' lot, 1848' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, Mstr. bath has garden tub & separate shower, 1 car detached garage, deck w/hot tub!! \$49.9K!!
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- NEEDMORE - Gin Building, office, well on 26 acres (Hwy. 214 & FM 2917) \$220K!!
- PROGRESS - NICE 3-2 Mobiohome on 1.24 acres, approx. 1876 sq. ft., Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, 5 fans, 2 carport, 1250' Metal shop, 160', 480', & 96' stor. bldgs., domestic well, fenced yd.!! MORE!! \$75K!!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
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Commentary



By Leah Bell
General Manager

We should leave this world a better place. Such a simple phrase with such awesome possibilities.

Just emphasizing different words in this phrase changes it's meaning.

We SHOULD leave this world a better place almost sounds like an escape route. Emphasizing should makes it sound like the sentence is just part of a larger, unsaid thought... we should leave this world a better place, but who's gonna care anyway.

I don't know about you, but I don't want that to be my legacy — knowing I could have done something for the world, but never doing it because I may not get the recognition I deserve.

We should leave THIS world a better place. This version sounds as though I've been visiting other planets and just prefer to grace the earth with my good deeds. Also not the lasting impression I want to leave behind — crazy....

We should leave this world a BETTER place. Not bad, but there isn't a standardized meaning of better and so who would (or could or should) be the judge of just how much better someone has made the world.

God of course directs us to love one another and The Golden Rule says to do unto others as you would have them do unto you, but what if my better isn't as good as someone else's. For instance, my better can't compete with Mother Teresa's better — they're not even on the same playing field.

So, while emphasizing better stresses an important point, it still doesn't stress the idea I believe should be stressed.

Every day, this is how I say it — WE should leave this world a better place.

A better place depends on group effort.

I do believe my actions make an impact on the world around me, but just think how large that impact is when amplified by masses acting in union.

If you don't believe me, just consider the current state of religion in schools and government.

The majority has, for the most part, remained silent while small groups of individuals against religion have loudly voiced their opinions, virtually wiping religion off the map in schools and on government property.

Talk about David slaying Goliath. Our voices in union might make this situation better.

In addition to saying thank you and opening doors for one another and not throwing garbage out your car window and not burning your trash when the wind is blowing in your neighbor's direction and other such trivial matters, a better world in my eyes means freedom to worship wherever and whenever I please.

A simple prayer before a basketball game isn't big in the scheme of life, but I believe it makes this world a better place.

Celebrating Christmas with my family this week prompted this commentary. I admire my family for revering God and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

I appreciate all of them for pitching in to help clean up my home after the festivities.

I'm glad they helped carry each other's gifts to the car and supported and encouraged each other as we played board games.

Not only did all these things make my first Christmas without my mom better, in the long run, I believe it might help make the world a better place.

Such simple acts, all with such awesome possibilities.

Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures continued to do little more this week than mark time as the New Year approaches, sources said. Pre-holiday doldrums set the scene for the lackluster trading of cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade.

USDA's export sales for the week ended Dec. 21 were, at first glance, impressive. Net sales for the week totaled 326,400 bales, 76 percent more than the previous week and 24 percent more than the four-week average.

Analysts noted that Mexico purchased 179,100 bales while China came away with only 31,900 bales. El Salvador and Turkey rounded out the list of the week's top four buyers.

"While sales to Mexico are very important, they represent little more than past sales to domestic U.S. mills that now operate in Mexico," one analyst said.

Global physical activity has been light as the end of the year draws near. Market watchers say Mexico has been a big buyer, but sales to other countries have been little more than just "fill-in business."

China remains on the sidelines as it continues to appraise the size of its 2006 crop in an attempt to determine if it will climb above 32.0 million bales.

Export shipments were weak at 132,400 bales, down 31 percent from the previous week and 16 percent lower than the four-week average. Primary destinations included

Mexico, Turkey, Indonesia, and Colombia.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in the week ended Dec. 21 totaled 31,646 bales compared to the previous week when 31,991 bales were sold.

Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 49.10 to 51.05 cents per pound compared to 46.16 to 50.57 cents per pound the previous week.

In other news, the Census Bureau reported this week that seasonally adjusted daily cotton consumption in November fell to 18,108 bales from 18,665 bales in October and 21,147 bales in the comparable year-ago period.

Total consumption for November was pegged at 349,587 bales, down from 388,707 in October and 415,495 bales at the same time one year ago.

Meanwhile, the American Cotton Shippers Association on Tuesday asked U.S. lawmakers to explore legislative and administrative alternatives to provide a safety net for U.S. cotton producers while creating incentives to move cotton out of the loan program and into the market.

"In recent months, some U.S. cotton merchants, unable to supply their foreign customers with U.S. cotton, have been meeting current export demand by selling West African and Uzbek cotton," ACSA

president Manfred Schiefer said in a press release. "Anticipating no immediate resolution to this problem, some of our member firms are now booking sales of new crop Australian and Brazilian cotton for spring delivery," Schiefer said, adding that U.S. exports are running "well behind" last year's levels.

On the farm level, harvesting now is drawing to a close in many states; however, work continues to lag behind the normal pace in the Carolinas. Mostly sunny, warm conditions

remain in the near-term forecast which will allow final harvesting activities there to rapidly draw to a close. Ginning will continue at a steady pace as processing plants work through backlogs of modules.

Some farmers in South Texas have been applying fertilizer in advance of the upcoming planting season. Some rain was received in the area this week, and soil moisture levels are nearing normal; however, water table supplies still are considered short.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Ward
are celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary
with a reception
at the Bailey County Civic Center
Saturday, January 6, 2006
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
All friends are invited. No gifts please.

The former Ruby McMahan and Cleo Ward were married Jan. 19, 1957 at the Northside Church in Muleshoe. The event is being hosted by their sons and daughters-in-law: Cecil Ward of Niles, OH, Dan and Toni Ward and Odessa, and Marvin and Tammi Ward of Amarillo.

Year in review...

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College Muleshoe Center and School of Nursing.

After making the motion to approve the grant, Mark Morton said, "This project will be of tremendous benefit to the area. It is probably the best money we have spent."

June
In June, Muleshoe ISD's Board of Trustees discussed the bond issuance and construction timeline they would need to follow during its regular meeting.

Superintendent Gene Sheets explained that the district's IFA application has been filed and it was thought that an answer could be received regarding it as early as July 15.

"We should know in July if we're getting the \$5

million," Sheets said, referring to state funds the district hopes to obtain to offset a large portion of the construction costs.

"We should start planning for Dillman in July," the superintendent added. "Even if we don't receive the money, we're going to do something at Dillman using the \$5 million the district already has."

During the many meetings leading up to the district's voters approving a \$25 million bond issue, was the fact that overcrowding at Dillman Elementary was the problem that needed to be solved first.

Also in June, the Muleshoe City Council approved the appointment of Brian Frieda as the new police chief in a 3-1 vote.

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