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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

TASB developing profile

A series of meetings were held Feb. 4-5 in Muleshoe to gather input from different parts of the community for the creation of a profile for superintendent of the Muleshoe School District.

Clyde Grear, associate executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards, conducted the meetings.

Some of the groups giving input included the principals, teachers, central staff, school board, community, and students from all schools. Input from these meetings will be sent to the TASB where it will be compiled into a community and school profile for distribution to candidates.

The brochure is scheduled to be printed and mailed by Feb. 16.

Six more weeks of winter?

If Prairie Dog Pete is right, the Muleshoe area is in for six more weeks of winter.

The Lubbock cousin of the more famous Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow when he crawled out of his den Tuesday morning, which according to superstition means bad weather is coming.

When Phil emerged for his hole in Punxsutawney, Pa. on Groundhog Day, he didn't see his shadow according to the Associated Press, which means an early spring.

Since there are no groundhogs in West Texas, Lubbockites have looked to prairie dog meteorologists since the 1960s.

MISD schools closing

Schools in the Muleshoe Independent School District will be closed on Feb. 11-12 for "ski break."

Schools will reopen on Monday, Feb. 15 and return to their regular schedules.

SERVICES

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Services offered include computers with internet access, a large meeting room with TV/VCR/computer (free use for non-profit organizations), FAX service, laminating, interlibrary loan program, and state and federal tax forms.

Librarian Dyan Shipley can be reached by phone at 272-4707 or e-mailed at dshipley@fivearea.com.



Drawing date: Saturday, Jan. 30
Winning numbers: 09-25-27-28-30-50
Estimated jackpot: \$4 million
Winners: none

Next drawing: Wednesday, Feb. 3 Estimated jackpot: \$7 million

On this date in history

Feb. 8 — The Boys Scouts of America is incorporated (1910).

Feb. 9 — Jefferson Davis is elected president of the Confederacy (1861).

Feb. 10 — Postage stamps first came into use in Britain (1840).

LOCAL WEATHER

Tuesday 48 20 —
Wednesday 51 21 —
Thursday 57 26 —

Prec to date 11 inches (snow)

EXTENDED FORECAST

Mostly sunny Monday and Tuesday turning partly cloudy and windy Wednesday. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Lows in the mid to upper 30s.

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JOURNAL PHOTO BY RICK V

Meet the press

Muleshoe senior Dustin Cleavinger talks with TV reporters from Amarillo and Lubbock Wednesday after signing a letter of intent to play fooball with West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Muleshoe now on recruiting trail

Muleshoe is becoming a regular stop on the college football recruiting trail.

Lineman Matt Turney and defensive end Dustin Cleavinger signed national letters of intent Wednesday to play football with Texas schools.

About 50 family members and students attended the signing ceremony held in the high school library.

Turney (6-feet-4, 285-pounds) signed with Division I North Texas in Denton while Cleavinger (6-6, 215) chose West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The two were key members of a senior class that helped Muleshoe go 10-2 this season and win its first district title since 1979.

The Muleshoe coaching staff is also trying to help linebacker/fullback Greg Pena land at a Division II or NAIA school.

"'It speaks very highly for the program," Muleshoe

head coach David Wood said. "We're proud of what's going on here."

Wood believes there are several players on next year's team and underclassmen that will also get a chance to play college football.

"It's great motivation for the kids," Wood said. "They can see that hard work does pay off." center, will answer questions at the kickoff breakfast.

Last year, Ricko Aguirre signed with West Texas and saw considerable playing time at defensive tackle.

Wood said if Muleshoe players pan out at the college ers. level the recruiters will keep coming back to Muleshoe.

Turney, an offensive guard and defensive tackle, started three years on offense and the past two on defense. He was recruited to play defense. Turney was selected All-South Plains and second-team all-state.

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MEDC offering grants

The Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation is offering area small business owners cash incentives to improve their operations.

The economic development branch of the City of Muleshoe is offering a total of \$50,000 in grant money for expanding an existing business or for possibly starting a new one.

MEDC is holding a breakfast at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room to kickoff its "Quest for Cash" campaign.

"We want to let existing businesses know that we're looking to help them," said Susie Pierce, the city's administrative assistant in charge of economic development. "It's also an opportunity for entrepreneurs who have an idea and would to explore it."

Support staff from the Small Business Development Center at Texas Tech University will conduct the seminars and serve as consultants. Steve Anderson, director of the developmet center, will answer questions at the kickoff breakfast.

Pierce said the free seminars can benefit all business owners.

"We encourage all business owners to attend the seminars whether or not they plan on entering the contest," Pierce said.

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Grand

IRS changes include child tax credit

By PATTI DRIVER
Journal staff writer

There have been many changes in the tax laws for this year.

Taxpayers need to be aware of these changes which could mean the difference between getting a refund and paying more taxes than necessary, according to the IRS.

These changes include a new child tax credit, many different educational incentives, two new types of IRAs, changes in the capital gains taxes, and a new taxpayer advocate program.

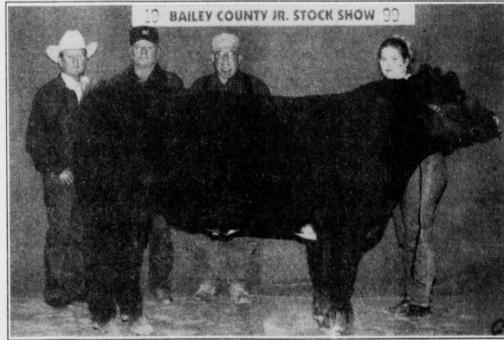
Depending on their income, people may be able to claim up to a \$400 credit for each child that qualifies under the age of 17.

Frank Wiseman of H&R Block in Muleshoe has found this particular credit has benefited more people than they had anticipated this year.

There are several new educational incentives available. The Hope credit lets people below certain income levels claim a credit for the first two years of post-secondary education up to a limit of \$1,500 for qualified tuition and expenses. The lifetime learning credit applies to qualified tuition and expenses for undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs. The credit is 20 percent of expenses up to \$1,000 per return.

In addition to these credits, people can set up

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champion Robin Tooley showed the grand champion steer at the Three Way Junior Livestock Show. Also pictured are (I-r) Jim Pat Claunch, Travis Bessire and Ted Harrison.

Tooley turns trifecta at Three Way Show

MAPLE — Neither rain nor sleet nor snow could prevent the Three Way Junior Livestock Show from going on during last weekend's storm.

Braving nearly 10 inches of snow, more than two dozen competitors took part in the annual livestock show Saturday at the school ag barn.

Coming through like one of the nation's finest postal workers, Robin Tooley delivered the grand champion steer, goat and sheep.

Kasey Davis prevented Tooley from a clean sweep by showing the grand cham-

pion swine in a highly competitive field.

Tooley, the daughter of Howard and Jan Tooley, had the grand and reserve cham-

classifications.

She also was named champion showman in the steer, goat and sheep competitions.

pion in both the steer and goat

A 1,290-pound English steer shown by the Three Way junior was selected grand champion by judge John Senter, an extension agent from Garza County. Her 1,260-pound exotic steer was the reserve grand champion.

In the junior market lamb

show, Tooley had both the champion Southdown and champion Medium Wool. The Medium Wool was then selected as the grand champion junior market lamb by judge Senter.

Seventh-grader Kaylie James, daughter of Danny and Lonita James, showed the reserve grand champion lamb, also a Medium Wool.

James was also named reserve champion showman.

In was during the afternoon's junior market swine show when the action

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AROUND MULESHOE

Hodges on North Texas dean's list

Suzy Hodges was named to the dean's list at University of North Texas in Denton for fall semester 1998.

She is the daughter of Mack and Rhonda Hodges of Earth and a 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High School.

Friona Boosters holding supper

The Friona Booster Club will be holding a Chili & Stew Supper at the High School cafeteria prior to the Muleshoe/ Friona Basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 9

The supper will be served from 5-7:30 p.m. and the cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

St. Ann's sausage dinner on Feb. 14

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 14. Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina.

The menu includes German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread and butter, desserts, tea, and coffee. Donations will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 8 and under.

Take-out plates will be available at no extra charge. Sausages will be available by the pound the day of the dinner.

Lazbuddie 3-on-3 hoop tournament

The Lazbuddie Senior Class is sponsoring The Lazbuddie Shoot-Out 3-on-3 Basketball Festival on April 22-24 at the Lazbuddie High School gymnasium.

The entry fee is \$40 per team with divisions consisting of elementary, junior high, high school, adult, and coed (2 men, 2 women). The entry deadline is April 16.

For additional information contact: Lazbuddie High School, PO Box 9, Lazbuddie, TX 79053 or 806-965-2152, Debbie Weir at 806-965-2302, or Sarah Black at 806-965-2149.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items can be mailed (PO Box 449), called in (272-4536) or faxed (272-3567).

Area school lunch menus

MULESHOE High School & Junior high

Monday Breakfast — Breakfast taco, fruit

or juice, and milk. Lunch — Ham sandwich, lettuce and tomatoes, french fries, applesauce, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast — Breakfast on a stick, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch —Foot long chili dogs, tator tots, baked beans, cherry cobbler, and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast — Biscuit with gravy, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Chicken Tetrazzini, corn, hot roll, Valentine cake, and milk.

Thursday NO SCHOOL Friday NO SCHOOL

> Dillman & DeShazo Monday

FOR WEEK OF FEB. 8-12

Breakfast - Breakfast taco, fruit or juice, and milk.

Lunch — Ham sandwich, lettuce and tomatoes, french fries, applesauce, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast - Breakfast on a stick, fruit or juice, and milk.

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Thursday NO SCHOOL Friday NO SCHOOL

LAZBUDDIE

Monday Lunch — Chicken teriyaki, pizza, subs, rice pilaf, English peas, okra gumbo, fruit, salad, jello, and milk.

Tuesday Lunch — Enchiladas, PK-1 burritos, tuna, pinto beans, spanish rice, hominy, fruit, salad, jello, and milk.

Wednesday Lunch —Fish, hamburgers, egg

rolls, Macaroni and cheese, blackeye peas, spinach, fruit, salad, jello, and milk.

Thursday

Lunch — Taco salad, pizza, pigs in a blanket, ranch beans, corn, asparagus, fruit, salad, jello, and milk. Friday MANAGER'S SPECIAL

> THREE WAY Monday

Breakfast — Cinnamon spice muffin and sausage or assorted cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk. Lunch —Pepperoni pizza, green

salad, corn, fruit cup, and milk. Tuesday

Breakfast — Donuts and mini links or assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk.

Lunch — Tamales, refried beans, spanich rice, corn bread, orange quarters, and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza or assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk.

Lunch—Chicken friedsteak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat rolls, fruit cobbler, and milk. Thursday

Breakfast — Cinnamon rolls & mini link or assorted cereals graham crackers, juice and milk.

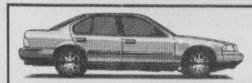
Lunch —Fish with tartar sauce, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, peaches, and milk.

Friday Breakfast -Sausage biscuit or assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk.

Lunch - Sub sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, and milk.

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IRS

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Education IRAs for a named beneficiary under age 18. People can tap into their other IRAs to pay for qualified higher education expenses. A limited amount of interest paid on higher education loans is deductible. All of these benefits have restrictions and limits. Pat Angeley, CPA, of Muleshoe, has found the student loan interest deduction to be beneficial to people she has seen this year.

Many other changes have occurred this past year. Another new Individual Retirement Account is the Roth IRA. It differs from the traditional IRA in many aspects. Capital gains tax rules have changed and may reduce the amount of taxes owed on investments. The rules for getting installment agreements, offers in compromise,

program for those people who have not been able to resolve their problems through normal IRS channels.

Local tax preparers have been extremely busy so far this

now less stringent. The IRS vises everyone to keep good arithmetic, and make sure your also has a taxpayer advocate records to help themselves or a Social Security number is inprofessional prepare their taxes. When choosing someone to prepare your taxes, pick someone who is knowledgeable advises Frank Wiseman. If you decide to prepare your own tax

and innocent spouse relief are tax season. Pat Angeley ad- return, be careful with your cluded on your return and any other forms stresses the IRS.

For more information, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or visit the IRS website at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

GRANTS

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The funds will be awarded through a contest in which applicants will have to attended a required number of workshops and submit a business plan.

The award money comes from the Muleshoe economic development fund. The awards are grants, not loans, so they don't have to be paid back.

Entries will judged primarily on the basis of the viability

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in a business plan.

Pierce said the grants will be split as judges see fit. They can range from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

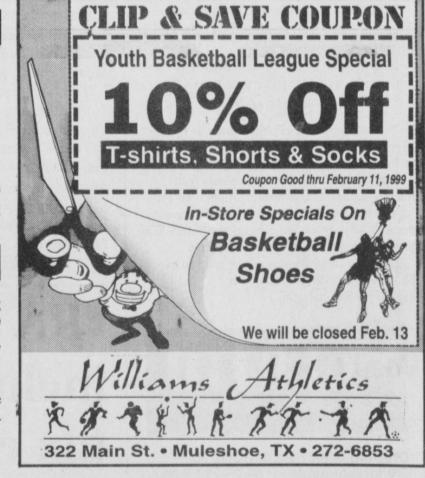
The program is similar to

one conducted by the highlysuccessful Amarillo Economic Development Corporation. A four-part workshop for starting a new business will be

held from 6-9 p.m. on March 8-9 and March 15-16 at the coliseum.

planing workshop for existing business will be held from 6-9 p.m. on March 9 and March 15,

also at the coliseum. Reservations are required. For more information on the program, contact Pierce at 272-4528.





Read It First In The Journal!



Taking flight

Hundreds of SandHill cranes near the Enochs Gin take to the air Thursday after being spooked by a passing truck.

Sign here

Muleshoe senior Dustin

to play college football at

sity in Canyon. Pictured

left) coach David Wood, Flint Bigham, Ralph Ma-

son, Johnna Cleavinger,

Harrison, Jeff Armstrong,

Muleshoe senior Matt

of intent Wednesday to

play college football at North Texas in Denton. Pictured with Turney are

(from left) coach David Wood, Ralph Mason,

Martie Cardwell, James Dewbre, Flint Bigham, Kenneth Turney, Ron Welch, Joe Pat Wright and

Ron Welch, Cindy

Wright.

Sign here II



'Food Check-Out Day' celebrated on Tuesday

WACO — Texas Farm Bureau will recognize "Food Check-Out Day" — the date the average American has earned enough money to pay for his or her food supply for 1999 — on February 9.

"We work only about 40 days to pay for an entire year's supply of food. Without the affordable food produced by America's farmers and ranchers, the nation's standard of living would be greatly reduced," said Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Our farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world."

Statistics compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service indicate American families and individuals currently spend, on average, just 10.7 percent of their disposable personal income for food. That percentage is down from the 10.9 percent figure from last year. As much as \$547 billion annually is spent by consumers for food produced on U.S. farms and ranches. However, out of every dollar consumers spend on food, a farmer's share is about 23 cents.

Stallman urged consumers

to compare the 40 days necessary to purchase a year's worth of food with the amount of time it takes to pay a year's worth of taxes. In 1998, the average American worked until May 10, more than three additional months or 130 days, for state and local tax bills.

"That shows that food is quite a bargain," he said.

Food Check-Out Day gives America's farmers and ranchers an opportunity to take the message of efficient, affordable food production to the public, Stallman said. And many local Farm Bureau's across the state plan to spread the word.

Some County Farm Bureaus are working with grocery stores and their customers to collect food for Ronald McDonald Houses, a non-profit operation located in many large cities that gives parents of sick children a place to stay while their children are in the hospital.

In areas where there are no Ronald McDonald Houses, food banks will get the benefit of the County Farm Bureau's collection efforts.

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Lady Mules clinch state playoff berth

Muleshoe didn't earn many style points Tuesday in a 55-35 District 2-3A win against last-place Lubbock Roosevelt.

But the harder-than-expected victory did earn the Lady Mules their first state-playoff berth in five years.

Senior post Erin Wilhite collected 17 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots for the Lady Mules, who used an 11-1 run at the start of the fourth quarter to finally put away the pesky Lady Eagles. Junior Lindsey Field added 14 points for MHS, including five in the game-breaking spurt.

Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhlkey was kind of sheepish about the way the Lady Mules played, but he said it didn't take anything away from the big picture.

"It's nice to accomplish our first goal, which was making the playoffs," Gruhlkey said. "It's nice to be in this situation again. The kids have worked hard and deserve it."

It will be the Lady Mules' second playoff appearance under Gruhlkey.

Muleshoe's fourth-straight win, coupled with Littlefield's loss to Shallowater, clinched at least at tie for second-place in the district for the Lady Mules with two games remaining.

A win against No. 4-ranked Shallowater Friday would vault the Lady Mules (12-15 overall, 7-1 in district) into a first-place tie with the Filles.

Gruhlkey said Roosevelt's sometimes unconventional style coupled with a less-than-energetic effort by the Lady

District 2-3A

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	All
x-Shallowater	8-0	25-4
x-Muleshoe	7-1	12-15
Friona	5-3	18-8
Littlefield	3-5	11-15
Cooper	1-7	8-18
Roosevelt	0-8	5-20

Tuesday's results Muleshoe 55, Roosevelt 35 Friona 59, Cooper 30 Shallowater 67, Littlefield 23

Friday's games Shallowater at Muleshoe Friona at Littlefield Cooper at Roosevelt

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x-Muleshoe	7-0	19-7
Friona	5-2	15-10
Shallowater	4-3	18-10
Littlefield	3-4	18-9
Roosevelt	1-6	11-14
Cooper	1-6	3-24

Tuesday's results Muleshoe 98, Roosevelt 43 Shallowater 50, Littlefield 49 Friona 66, Cooper 52

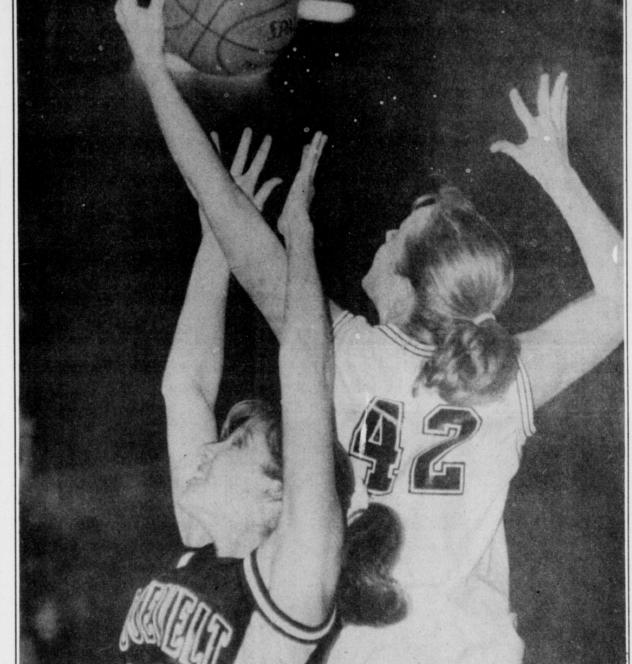
Friday's games Shallowater at Muleshoe Friona at Littlefield Cooper at Roosevelt x-clinched playoff berth

Mules contributed to a sluggish outing.

"You talk to them about it, but it's hard to convince them they need to be focused for every game, especially when we've got Shallowater on Friday," Gruhlkey said.

Wilhite helped carry Muleshoe through some of its early offense struggles, scoring 13 points through three quarters. The 5-10 post, showing more confidence in her mid-range jumper, connected on 7 of 11

Debra Rojas scored a game-



Tall timber

Muleshoe's Ellen Wood collects a rebound over the back of a Lubbock Roosevelt defender Tuesday during the Lady Mules' playoff-clinching 55-35 victory.

high 19 points while keeping Roosevelt (0-8, 5-20) within striking range through the three quarters.

Going to full-court pressure at the start of the fourth quarter

pushed Muleshoe over the top.
"We tried to push the tempo
the whole game," Gruhley said.
"Finally in the fourth quarter

high 19 points while keeping we took over the tempo and Roosevelt (0-8, 5-20) within that got us some easy baskets."

0 0-0 0. Totals 9 14-22 35.

Muleshoe (55) — Black

Muleshoe's 11-1 run at the start of the quarter bumped an eight-point lead to 44-26 with three minutes left in the game.

Roosevelt (35) — Durham 0-0 0, Jones 0 0-0 0, Marshall 1 0-0 2, Chitwood 0 1-6 2, Rojas 5 6-9 19, Runyan 1 0-0 2, Newport 0 0-0 0, Torres 1 6-7 8, Woods 0 0-0 0, Harris 0000 T 1 011000

Muleshoe (55) — Black 3 2-2 8, Field 4 5-5 14, Torres 2 3-3 7, Heathington 0 0-0 0, Gartin 2 0-1 4, Williams 0 0-2 0, Wood 2 1-2 5, Wilhite 7 3-6 17. Totals 20 14-22 55. Roosevelt 10 3 10 12 35 Muleshoe 14 7 10 24 55

Muleshoe 14 7 10 24 55 3-pointers—Roosevelt 3 (Rojas 3), Muleshoe 1 (Field). Records: Muleshoe 12-16, 7-1.

Eagles playing 'em tight

ROPESVILLE — Monty Kirby hit a game-winning 3-pointer with eight seconds left and Three Way kept its playoff hopes alive in District 13-1A Tuesday with a 64-63 victory against Ropes.

The Eagles rallied from eight points down in the fourth quarter to pull out the win.

Three Way's last three district games have been decided by a total of four points. The Eagles have gone 2-1 in the nailbiters.

Whitharral leads the district at 3-1 with two games left. Three Way and Ropes are tied for second at 2-2.

Senior post Gerald Perez collected 22 points and 12 rebounds and Jonathan Kindle added 14 points and seven boards as the Eagles earned a split with Ropes.

Three Way (11-12 overall) won the game at the free throw line by making 26 of 42 shots.

The Eagles have qualified for the state playoffs the last two seasons under coach

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District 13-1A

GIRLS		
Team	Dist	All
x-Meadow	4-0	20-7
Whitharral	2-2	16-9
Ropes	2-2	6-20
Three Way	0-4	3-18
Friday	's games	

Three Way at Meadow
Whitharral at Ropes
BOYS

Whitharral at Ropes

 Whitharral
 3-1
 10-12

 Ropes
 2-2
 12-14

 Three Way
 2-2
 11-12

 Meadow
 1-3
 13-13

 Friday's games

 Three Way at Meadow

MULESHOE HOOP HIGHLIGHTS

Mala Johnson and Tommie Hernandez scored 8 points each as the Muleshoe JV topped Roosevelt 40-29 Tuesday.

Melissa Flores added 6 points on a pair of 3-pointers for the Lady mules, who improved to 6-2 in District 2-3A and 13-8 overall.

Shallowater avenged an earlier defeat by edging Muleshoe 45-38 Monday in a freshman game.

Rendi Hodge scored a game-

high 20 points for the Lady Mules. Jessica Carpenter and Candace Hutto added 6 points each.

Muleshoe (11-5) won the first meeting 62-60.

Shallowater handed the

District 11-1A

GII	LLO	
Team	Dist	All
х-Нарру	6-1	9-17
Lazbuddie	5-1	21-4
Amherst	3-3	16-10
Cotton Center	2-4	10-14
Spade	0-7	2-18
Friday		

Friday's games Amherst at Cotton Center Lazbuddie at Spade

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х-Нарру	6-1	176-6
Lazbuddie	5-1	19-8
Cotton Center	3-3	16-01
Amherst	1-5	9-15
Spade	1-6	9-16

Friday's games
Amherst at Cotton Center
Lazbuddie at Spade
x-clinched playoff berth

WJHS 8th-graders a 50-20 loss Monday.

Eva Pylant, Tiffany Flores, Bailey Barrier and Gradee Adrian scored 4 points each for the Lady Mules, who fell to 10-6.

Shallowater held off the

WJHS 7th-grade despite 13 points by Sara Benham.

Laura Perez added 5 points

for the Lady Mules (7-6) and Latasha Glover chipped in 4.

BOYS

Darrell Lewis scored 21 points Tuesday as the Muleshoe JV boys rebounded from their only district loss with a 84-49 romp over Roosevelt.

Moises Garcia added 15 points for the Mules (12-7, 6-1), who roared out to a 47-23 half-time lead.

Lincoln Riley scored 16 of his game-high 18 points in the first half Monday as Muleshoe handled Shallowater 59-42 in a boys junior varsity game.

Kyle Atwood added 14 points and Michael Norman chipped in 11 as Muleshoe improved to 11-5.

Shallowater beat WJHS 49-42 Monday in an 8th-grade boys games despite a strong second half rally by the Mules.

Ryan Powell scored 17 points and Philip Field added 15 for the Mules, who trailed 25-11 at half-time.

Shallowater beat WJHS 65-

9 in a 7th-grade game. Ryan Marricle led WJHS with 3 points.



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MHS ends long playoff drought

Mules hunting first district title since 1956-57

Dustin Cleavinger regained his 3-point shooting touch in time to lead Muleshoe to its first playoff berth in 41 years.

Led by its 6-6 all-district post, Muleshoe shot a sizzling 61 percent from the field and rolled to a 98-43 District 2-3A win Tuesday against Lubbock Roosevelt.

Cleavinger hit 8 of 11 shots from the field (5-7 from 3-point range) and was one of four Mules in double figures with 26 points. Cleavinger was 1 of 15 from 3-point range in district play before Tuesday.

Carlton Lewis added 17 points, eight assists and five steals for Muleshoe and Mason Sinclair chipped in 16 points. The Mules finished with 27 steals.

Muleshoe (19-7 overall, 7-0 in district) can clinch its first district title since 1956-57 by winning two of its last three games starting with Friday's game against Shallowater.

Muleshoe coach Ralph Mason downplayed the long title drought by saying Muleshoe still has some unfinished busi-

"We're still taking it one game at a time," Mason said. "We don't want to lose momentum. Winning the district title is important but we want to win it by going 10-0."

After spotting outmanned Roosevelt a 7-3 lead, Muleshoe ripped off the next 14 points to take control.

Up 31-19 early in the second quarter, Lewis, Mitch Mason and Cleavinger drained 3points on three consecutive trips down the floor to bump the Mules' lead to 16.

Cleavinger added three 3s in Muleshoe's 28-point third quarter.

"I don't know if it was any one thing, other than we shot the ball well," Mason said of Muleshoe's most dominating performance of the season.

"The kids have handled teams well in terms of not overlooking them," Mason said. "And the most encouraging thing is that we're still getting better."

Lance Hallum, a 6-5 junior, led Roosevelt (1-6, 11-14) with 16 points, but only three came after halftime when Muleshoe outscored the Eagles 51-13.

Roosevelt (43) - Clark 0 0-0 0, Sherman 0 0-0 0, Harris 0 0-0 0, Collins 3 0-0 6, Philpott 3 1-2 9, Turner 1 0-0 2, Levels 0 0-0 0, Jackson 1 0-0 2, Chiles 3 0-0 6, Hallum 6 4-4 16, Forkner 0 2-4 2. Totals 17 7-

Mount, Spradling, Hancock, Turney.

(Hughes 2, Blair), Muleshoe 4 (Riley

2, Norman 2). Records: Muleshoe

GIRLS

4, Carpenter 6, Hodge 20, Wood 2,

Barrett, Messenger, Felan, Herington,

Shallowater (45) — Sewell 7,

3-pointers — Shallowater 2

8TH GRADE

Monday

BOYS

Shallowater (49) — Cherry 5,

WJHS (42) - Hunt 2, Broyles 8,

Powell 17, Field 15, Sanchez, Pena,

3-pointers—Shallowater 5 (Darden

3, Nowlin 2), WJHS 3 (Powell 3).

Kitchens 15, Darden 11, Simmons 2,

(Saldivar, Alvarado). Records: Mule-

14 4 10 10 38

10 14 12 9 45

13 12 14 10 49

2 9 20 11 42

Timms 11, Saldivar 9, Alvarado 4,

Rempe, Magby, Bell.

Barbare 14.

Muleshoe

shoe 11-5.

Shallowater

Purdy 2, Wilson 8.

Dale, Colunga.

Shallowater



Two of 98

Muleshoe junior Mitch Mason glides in for a layup Tuesday in a 98-43 romp over Lubbock Roosevelt.

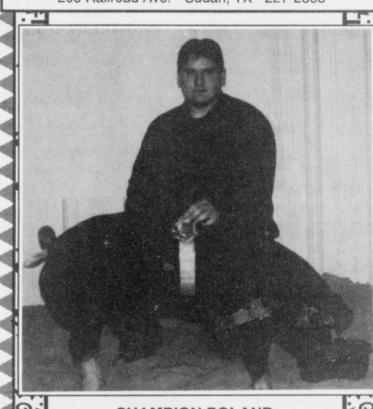
Muleshoe (98) —Lewis 8 0-1 17, Bruns 1 0-0 3, Sinclair 6 2-2 16, Black 24-48, Latham 00-00, Mason 50-011, Clements 31-17, Hahn 10-2 2, Cleavinger 8 5-6 26, Turney 4 0-0 8. Totals 38 12-16 98.

13 17 6 7 43 22 25 28 23 98 Muleshoe 3-pointers — Roosevelt 2 (Philpott 2), Muleshoe 10 (Cleavinger 5, Sinclair 2, Lewis, Bruns, Mason). Records: Roosevelt 11-14,1-6; Muleshoe 19-7, 7-0.

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Roosevelt (49) — C. Johnson 2 2-4 8, J. Sue 3 2-4 8, Kelso 1 0-0 3, Gleghorn 2 2-3 6, Lawless 4 1-3 9, Davis 1 1-2 3, Kimball 1 0-0 2, E. Johnson 0 0-1 0, Carson 5 0-0 10. Totals 19 8-17 49.

Roosevelt 12 11 10 16 49 Muleshoe 26 21 17 20 84 3-pointers — Roosevelt 3 (C. Johnson 2, Kelso), Muleshoe 4 (Garcia 3, Vaughn). Records: Muleshoe 12-7, 6-1.

GIRLS

Roosevelt (29) — Bynum 3 2-2 8, Taylor 2 1-1 5, Campbell 1 0-0 2, Buxkemper 0 0-1 0, Hood 4 0-3 8, Rojas 0 5-6 5, Washintgon 0 1-2 1. Totals 10 9-15 29.

Muleshoe (40) — Flores 2 0-0 6, Johnson 4 0-0 8, Benham 0 2-4 2, Robertson 1 0-0 2, Gonzales 0 0-0 0, Locker 1 0-0 3, Garcia 0 0-0 0, Hancock 10-02, Tipps 20-04, Scott 01-21, Toscano 20-04, Hernandez 4 0-0 8. Totals 17 3-6 40.

6 8 5 10 29 Roosevelt 12 8 10 10 40 Muleshoe 3-pointers - Muleshoe 3 (Flores 2, Locker). Records: Muleshoe 13-8, 6-

FRESHMAN Monday

Shallowater (42) - Blair 3, Branum 4, Cristy 1, Hughes 8, Neiman 4, Goen 0 0-2 0, Sanders 1 0-0 2, Bewley 4 2-2 10, Kerr 2 0-2 4, Howell 1 0-2 2, Crosthwaite 1 1-1 3, Mullins 0 1-4 1. Totals 15 9-23 42.

Muleshoe (59) - Atwood 14, Riley

18, Lopez 2, Norman 11, Buhrman 2, Luna 2, Shelburne 2, Johnson 8, Mount, Spradling, Hancock, Turney. Shallowater 11 4 9 18 42 Muleshoe 13 16 15 15 59 3-pointers — Shallowater 3 (Hughes 2, Blair), Muleshoe 4 (Riley

2, Norman 2). Records: Muleshoe

SIGNINGS

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West Texas A&M and Eastern New Mexico also recruited Turney.

Cleavinger, a defensive end and tight end, started three years on defense and two years on offense. He was also an all-district punter.

He was recruited to play defense and might get a shot at punter.

GIRLS

W.IHS (20) - Pylant 4, Kitchens 2, Flores 4, Barrier 4, Henderson 2, Adrian 4, Rasco, Allison, Hawkins, Cleavinger, Locker, Bailey.

Shallowater (50) — Castilleja 6, Lucus 6, Martinez 2, Mannin 1, Kerr 15, Moses 7, Broom 10. WJHS

Muleshoe (38) — Hutto 6, Glover Shallowater 3-pointers —Shallowater 4 (Kerr 4). Records: WJHS 10-6.

7TH GRADE BOYS

Shallowater (65) — Howell 4, Morris 20, Cristan 2, Molando 2, Stoker 6, Smith 7, Arencibia 8, Vonberg 6, Martinez 8, Cody 2, Rodriguez 2.

WJHS (9) — Hall 2, Heathington 2, Marricle 3, Gear 2, Campolla, Scott, King, Winkler.

27 18 14 6 65 Shallowater 2 2 2 3 9 WJHS 3-pointers—Shallowater 1 (Smith). GIRLS

WJHS (29) - Mason 2, Hancock 2, Black 1, Benham 13, Glover 4, Perez 5, Rudd 2, Whalin, Lopez.

Shallowater (36) — Rojas 6, Ellis 4, Vasek 4, Dreasher 6, Neighbors 2, Dudley 5, Blair 4, Infante 6.

5 6 7 11 29 WJHS Shallowater 8 11 7 10 36 3-pointers—none. Records: WJHS

THREE WAY

from page 4

Shawn Harrison.

Three Way (64) — Perez 6 10-13 22. Kindle 4 6-9 14. Valderas 3 5-6 11, Reeves 1 1-2 3, Pollard 1 0-0 2, Kirby 1 0-0 3, Soliz 1 3-7 6, McCaul 11-53. Totals 1826-4264.

Ropes (63) — J. Sigala 1 0-0 2, Knight 6 6-12 18, S. Sigala 2 0-0 6, Thomas 0 1-3 1, McNabb 0 0-1 0,

Medrano 4 0-0 11, Escobedo 3 4-5 10, McCrummen 3 5-6 11, Mendez 2 0-2 4. Totals 21 16-28 63.

Three Way 11 16 13 24 64 17 10 21 15 63 Ropes

3-pointers — Three Way 2 (Soliz, Kirby), Ropes 4 (S. Sigala 2, Medrano 3). Records: Three Way 11-12, 2-2; Ropes 2-2. JV score: Three Way 55, Ropes 36.

Thank God for Life, for Joy, for Beauty, for Snow!

loved last weekend's snow! Not only was it very welcome and much-needed moisture, it was absolutely beautiful.

I've always loved the white stuff. Some of my fondest memories of childhood have to do with snowy days at home in Amarillo. Were the snows there really as deep as I remember? Was I just a lot smaller? Both?

In any case, we got great snows



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in Amarillo. I remember drifts piled high, all the way up to the window of the bedroom my younger brother and I shared. We soon discovered that opening the window and diving headlong out of the bedroom down the natural snowslide was loads of fun! I remember one particularly deep snow when the snowdrifts on each side of our shoveled sidewalk towered a good bit higher than my head. It was great!

I loved snow even before I had the wheels and the opportunity to feel the particular joy that comes from crafting a perfect "donut" in pristine, unmarked snow.

I still love snow, but for years I've found myself longing for the really good ones I remember from my childhood. I love Muleshoe, but our snows for the last few years have been generally pretty

wimpy. And one of the problems with growing up is that as we get bigger and taller it takes bigger snows to be as impressive as were the big ones when we were kids.

But last weekend's snow was impressive by anybody's standards. Yes!

We had a wonderful neighborhood snowball fight at Dillman Elementary early Saturday afternoon. (Thirty-and-over-yr-olds against Under-thirty-yr-olds. The older folks won, you see, largely because they took the time to count "hits" while the younger folks were too busy throwing snowballs to count the ones that were connecting.)

Then Joshua and I built a snowdragon in the front yard. Wonderful, wet snow, perfect stuff for snowballs or snow-anythings!

Late Saturday night, I woke up in the middle of the night, tiptoed into the living room, and peeked out the window. The nighttime world was alive with the calm, beautiful, bluish-white glow of moonbeams on snow. The dragon sat on his haunches in our front yard as if calmly and quietly, but strongly, guarding our castle (or, at least, our casa).

The giver of all good blessings, snows included, never sleeps. Not a dragon, he's the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the One who watches over our "coming and going," our winters and springs, our snows and our harvests, "both now and forevermore."

Thank God for life! For joy. For beauty. For snow.

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

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ENMU archeology students rock Watson JH

PORTALES, NM - Archaeologists Jim Pomfrey and Shawn Patch, graduate students at Eastern New Mexico University, recently presented a program to Mrs. Chitwood's eighth grade science classes at Watson Junior High.

Pomfrey and Patch, who have been to numerous dig sites, shared some of their many adventures with the students. Pomfrey has been on digs in Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Kenya, Africa, while Patch has been on digs in Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Vermont, North Carolina, and Texas.

The class has been studying geologic time and fossils. The presentation complemented the unit and offered insight as to what an archaeologist does at a

Archaeologists study anything used by humans, such as stone, artifacts, ceramics, bones, and campfires. The archeologists take the pieces they recover and try to reconstruct a picture of what the people looked like, what they ate, where they got their food,

Jennyslippers install officers for 1999

The annual Jennyslipper Banquet and installation of officers was held January 25 in the Bailey County Coliseum.

Lonnie Merriott sang, "How Great Thou Art" to begin the program, followed by the invocation given by Thursie Reid. Cari Ann Kidd led the Pledge of Allegiance and everyone enjoyed a pot luck meal.

President Nelda Merriott welcomed everyone and recognized the guests, which included James Wedel, Lonnie Merriott, June Green, Tommy and Felicia Green and their children, Trista and Niclas. Special certificates of appreciation were presented to 20 Jennyslippers who spearheaded the various Jennyslipper activities. These projects include the Financial Aid Seminar, Toast to Texas, KENW Auction, the bicycling PUSH (People Understanding Severely Handicapped) group, the Tour de Muleshoe rest stop, Muleshoe pitching sets, scholarship, Garden Spot of the Week, pa-

Tech to host Super spring sessions

Texas Tech University, Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners (IDEAL), will host the spring session of Super Saturdays, beginning February 13 through March 13, 1999.

Super Saturdays is designed to provide students in kindergarten through 7th grade with academic and creative experiences beyond the regular school curriculum. Classes offered include aerodynamics, animal science, art, biotechnology, cooking, computers, creative writing, geology, theatre and others. For more information or to register for Super Saturdays, contact Tina Vecchio, Program Coordinator for IDEAL, Texas Tech University, Box 42191, Lubbock, Texas 79409 or call (806) 742-2352, ext. 241.



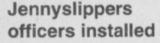
They can dig it

Jim Pomfrey (left) and Shawn Patch, archeology graduate students at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, gave a presentation to Mrs. Chitwood's 8th grade class at Watson Junior High. Pomfrey and Patch related their experiences while working on various digs around the world.

water, tools, and artifacts, and even what trade routes they

This was a fantastic opportunity for the eighth grade students to interact with the sci-

entists and learn from first hand experience what an archaeologist does.



Installed during the annual Jennyslipper Banquet were the officers for 1999. They are (from left) Ruby Green, president; Bobbie Harrison, standing in for president-elect Ellen Ladd; Alene Bryant, secretary; and Joy Williams, trasurer.

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rade floats, the annual Holiday Dinner, and other endeavours as they present themselves during the year.

Merriott presented each retiring officer with a gift and a plaque (or year bar) and expressed appreciation for a job well done. They included President-elect Ruby Green, Secretary Alene Bryant, Treasurer Joy Williams, and Past President Doris Wedel.

Nancy Kidd conducted the installation of the incoming officers with a flower talk. She presented each new officer and the five new members with a

bouquet of flowers and compared the attributes of the flowers to the duties of each office. Roses were presented to incoming President Green, President-elect Harrison (who was represented by Ellen Ladd in Bobbie's absence), Secretary Bryant, and Treasurer Williams.

Doris Wedel presented a silver bracelet engraved "Jennyslippers" to Merriott as outgoing president. Green challenged the group to greater accomplishments in 1999. Billie Downing gave the benediction.

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1. Colton Heinrich, 2. Caleb Heinrich, 3. Cassie Kirby, 4. Nathan

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Heavyweight 1. Kasey Davis, 2. Scott Pollard, 3. Kasey Davis.

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1. Monty Kirby, 2. Robin Tooley, 3. Scott Pollard, 4. Cannan Heinrich. Heavyweight

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1. Trevor Hood, 2. Robin Tooley, 3. Cale Heinrich, 4. Jennifer Kirby. Grand champion

Monty Kirby Reserve grand champion Robin Tooley Spots Lightweight

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Heavyweight 1. Tiffaney Davis, 2. Cassie Kirby, 3. Lauren Layton, 4. Kasey Davis, 5. Chris Kindle

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Grand champion lamb

Robin Tooleyshowed the grand champion junior market lamb last week at the Three Way Junior Livestock Show.

STOCK SHOW

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Davis' 236-pound heavyweight cross edged out seven other breed champions for the grand champion ribbon.

Davis, the son of Murray and Joann Davis, also had the reserve champion Berkshire. He is a junior.

Swine judge Kit Pettigrew, an ag science teacher at Dora (N.M.) High School, Scott Pollard's mediumweight Hampshire as the reserve grand champion.

Pollard, the son of Murray and Joann Pollard, also earned the swine champion showman award. He is a junior.

Cody Kirby earned the reserve showman award.

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Champion Berkshire, Cenee Hood; reserve champion, Kasey Davis;

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Heinrich; reserve champion; Cody Kirby;

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Champion Hampshire, Scott Pollard; reserve champion, Tiffaney Davis;

Champion Poland, Monty Kirby; reserve champion, Robin Tooley;

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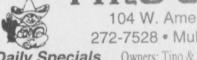
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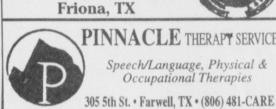
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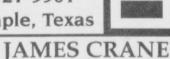
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Pickup dreams

I'm not sure what it is about pickups that make men drool. Maybe it's because women drool over men in pickups. But sometimes a cowboy will over reach.

Dave, and Jan came by our house on the way to the city. They were goin' pickup shoppin'. "I need one that can handle those steep, rocky canyon roads with switchbacks like a bad case of hiccups and nothin' but washboard between the washouts. It's gotta be able to pull a loaded twentyfoot gooseneck up the face of Gybralter without grabbin' compound," explained Dave.

"I'm thinkin' a 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive diesel with manual transmission." That afternoon they shopped and shopped. Four big dealerships, each with 25 to 50 new pickups... but not one 4 speed manual transmission.

"Everybody wants an automatic," said the dealer.

Dave stuck to his guns, but with each subsequent shiny macho ma-



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chine he was shown, the sticker price began to weigh heavier on his mind.

They had dinner in a restaurant then stopped at one last car dealer. Twentyeight trucks on the lot. Twenty-seven has an automatic transmission. His dream truck flexed before him. The adrenaline rushed surged through him, washing away all budget concerns. He smelled the new grease, felt the gear shift sorta click around the H. He sat tall. He became General Patton leading his calvary across the Alps.

A couple times the dark cloud of doubt darkened his glittering vision but Jan encouraged him, "You can do it," she cooed.

They drove it off the lot. Back home in bed Dave dreamed of

shackles on his ankles. He was carrying the truck on his shoulders as the dealer heaped optional accessories in the bed.

As he wound his way through the next day's chores he had visions of his children begging on the street, his mother coming out of the nursing home and his wife selling Tupperware, all to help make the payments. "It's only \$15 a day for six years," the dealer had said, "Just skip

Dave tossed and turned that night unable to sleep. Desperation frayed his mind.

Next morning the dealer called with a problem. Seems Dave's trade-in has a bent frame. "Can you bring the new on back?" they asked.

Dave gulped, and much to their surprise, said "Gas mine up, I'll be there by noon!"

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Farmers learn about alternative crops

HEREFORD—Growers attending the annual West Texas Vegetable Conference here on Jan. 19 were attentive and inquisitive when university specialists presented information on improving profit potential and marketing options by growing alternative

George Dickerson, New Mexico State University Extension horticulturist, told growers they could enhance their profit potential by producing seasonal alternative crops such as blue corn, sweet corn, ornamental corn, chiles and grapes.

"Each of these alternatives are niche crops. They can add seasonal income to your operation, but none are likely to replace your main production crops," Dickerson said. "Blue corn and new hybrid sweet corns can be grown on the Texas High Plains and sold directly from the field or to processors.

"Ornamental corns and gourds, on the other hand, are grown mainly for the craft market. These crops will require intensive management at times, but they can generate healthy seasonal income if you first find a niche market for

Chiles are another crop option for High Plains producers, he said. They can be grown and marketed for food purposes or as ornamentals. French or American hybrid grapes also can be a profitable alternative crop, although the initial investment to establish a crop often is high and marketing outlets can be difficult tomatoes, gourds, and even Project.

"If you decide to do directto-the-públic marketing, such as at farmers' markets, I would advise you to hire good sales help so you don't have to be your own public spokesperson. The other key to direct marketing is to have produce ready to sell throughout the growingmarketing season," Dickerson culturist with the Texas said. "Crops that can help you fill that void include asparagus, squash, garlic, radishes,

"The best way to branch out into alternative crops is to identify a market or buyer, nail down a sales contract or direct sales outlet, start small at first and then work your way into more acreage through better contracts and sales options."

Dr. Frank Dainello, horti-Agricultural Extension Service, explained the workings of the Texas Watermelon

esources Week Feb. 8-12

Natural Resources Recognition Week in Texas.

In a statement issued by USDA-NRCS State Conservationist John P. Burt, the week is designed to encourage all Texans to reflect on the importance of natural resources in our daily

"Our abundant natural resources of soil, water, air, plants, and animals continue to provide us with a healthy environment," Burt said. "The wise

vice is celebrating Feb. 8-12 as in the world. We are fortunate events. to have a conservation ethic that encourages landowners and all citizens to conserve and protect those things which benefit all of us."

In Texas, NRCS works with 216 local Soil and water conservation Districts to address local resource issues. As part of the local celebrations. Various activities are planned at each USDA-NRCS office in Texas. These will include conservation tours, displays,

TEMPLE — USDA Natural use of these resources sets us educational programs, environ-Resources Conservation Ser- apart from every other country mental awareness, and other

> Each office will participated in its own program," Burt said, "which will be tailored to local natural resource issues or concerns. We have a real opportunity to have people across the state become better aware of our environment and the work of our conservation programs in Texas."

> For more information, contact your local USDA-NRCS office or visit our website at http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.



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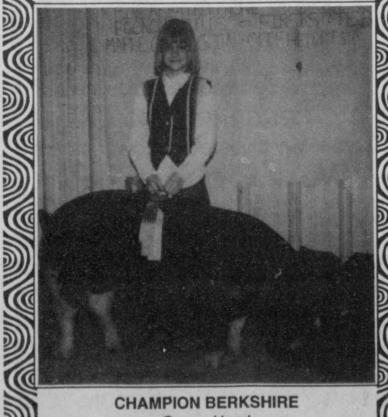




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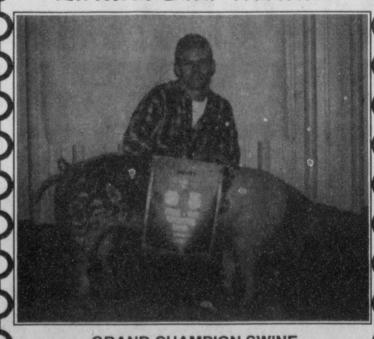




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Hodges, Fritz united in marriage in Austin

Lori Diane Hodges and Donald Ray Fritz were united in marriage Jan. 9, 1999 at the Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ in Austin.

The wedding was officiated by Silas Short, minister of O'Donnell Church of Christ in O'Donnell.

Lori is the daughter of Mack and Rhonda Hodges of Earth. Donald is the son of Weldon and Helen Fritz of Rockdale, Texas. Lori is the granddaughter of Joe and Claudine Embry of Muleshoe. Donald is the grandson of Lois Fritz of Rockdale, and Faye Goldfinch of Galena Park, Texas.

Lori's gown was a Priscilla of Boston creation made of silk shantung. It featured an off the shoulder cap sleeve and low back of Denice lace over illusion for a see through effect. The bodice had a basque waist which was also accented with Denice lace. The silk skirt had a chapel length train. She carried a bouquet of Stephanotis and Orchids set in greenery with candlelight ribbons. In her shoes, the bride's father placed pennies in the year of both Lori's and Donald's birth to fulfill the luck tradition. Something old were the pearls she wore that once belonged to her paternal grandmother. Something new

was her gown. Something borrowed was her garter which belonged to the bride's mother. Something blue was also the

The maid of honor was Emily Mallard and the bridesmaids were Suzy Hodges and Jill Hodges, sisters of the bride. The bridesmaids wore light blue princess style gowns featuring a circle cut out in the back of the gown. The best man was Weldon Fritz, father of the groom, and groomsmen were Ruben Juarez and Aaron Fritz, brother of the groom. The Groom and groomsmen wore black Perry Ellis Southridge tuxedos with black and silver silhouette vests and bow ties. Ushering the wedding guests were Jay Kingston and Cade

Lori was escorted down the aisle by her father to Canon in D played by the John K. Moon String Quartet.

As the couple lit their unity candle, the minister read scripture from Ruth 1:16. Following this part of the ceremony the couple left to the traditional "Oh Perfect Love" also played by the John K. Moon String Quartet.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlor. Serving the guests were



Lori Hodges married Donald Fritz on Jan. 9 in Austin

Kingston, Molly Drew, Suzanne Gentry, and Stacey Miller, cousin of the bride.

Following the reception the couple left to honeymoon a few days in New Braunfels, and then returned to their home in Bryan.

Lori graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1994. Donald graduated from

Bonnie Dittmer, Martha Rockdale High School in 1993. They both graduated from Texas A&M University in December 1997. Donald is employed by American Fire and Safety in Bryan, while Lori will complete her masters degree in May from the University of Texas, Austin. Lori is currently employed by the Bryan/ College Station Public Librar-

by Joy Stancell

URSING HOME NEWS

Peggy Hicks lavished the Care Center with two beautiful cut flower bouquets Thursday. The Muleshoe AARP gave a donation to the Care Center last week.

Mattie Grimsley's daughter visited her last week. They played Scarbrough and Aline Locke. Aline Locke and Grace Scarbrough peeled apples and put together an apple cobbler Friday morning. Fannie May Black, Mattie Grimsley and Melvin Griffin gave their support. Donna Locker played a game of chicken foot with Aline Locke, Grace Scarbrough and Minnie Underdown on Friday afternoon.

Thursday morning Melvin

Griffin, Harold Burge and Edward Orozco made and served breakfast for the men. The menu consisted of bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, gravy and pan-

On Wednesday, Mr. Barber returned to the Care Center, having been a patient in the local

Thursday afternoon, at the January Birthday Celebration, Webb Watts and Janette Hukill were presented a boutonniere and corsage by Lasting Impressions. Melvin and Wanda Griffin had a beautiful cake made. The Espinosa brothers, Camilo and Al, entertained with country western music.

Tuesday afternoon Beverly

Wagnon and Nancy Kidd came to set and comb the ladies hair. Anna B. Lane came by and also gave us a helping hand. Wednesday morning, Buster and Wanda Kittrell, and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee, juice, and donuts to the residents. Harold read words of wisdom to those gathered around the table. Kittrell, Nancy Kidd and Steve Claybrook directed the Singspiration/Devotional Time.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins entertained Wednesday afternoon with their music and songs. Ruth Clements, Tennie and Betty McCormick, and Melvin Griffin were our guests for the sing-a-long.

The Truth Seekers Sunday

School Class of the First Baptist Church gave a donation to the Care Center. On Wednesday, Betty Ramage delivered quarters for the Saturday bingo game. The resident's Valentine party is scheduled for Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. You are invited.

Happy February Birthday to August Edd Edmiston born 2-5-1916; Dee Clements born 2-5-1908; John Barber born 2-14-1908: Zaoda Gibbs born 2-26: and Kathryn Hancock born 2-15. The February Birthday celebration is scheduled for Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. You are invited.

Gladys Wilson brought a big sack of home made brittle and cookies Tuesday. "It's like Christmas all over."

RIRTHS

ALICIA VICTORIA DAMRON

Randall and Jamie Damron of Sarasota, Fl. announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Alicia Victoria.

She was born Jan. 29, 1999 at 1:19 a.m. at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She weighed 5 lbs. and 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Damron of Circle Back, and Mr. and Mrs. James Schultz, DDS, of Sarasota, Fl.

Greatgrandparents are Mary Kindle of Maple; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Damron of Needmore, and Agnes Schultz.

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BITUARIES

RUTH C. EUBANKS

Ruth C. Eubanks, 83, of Lubbock died on Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999 at her residence.

Services were held Feb. 6 at South Plains Church of Christ with Rev. Jim Brewer officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven

BIRTHS

DUSTIN STEARMER

Jason and Brittany Stearmer of Lovington, NM, announce the birth of a son, Dustin Craig Stearmer.

He was born at 12:04 a.m. on Jan. 25, 1999 at the Lew County Regional Medical Center in Hobbs, NM. He weighed 7 lbs. 3

Grandparents are Craig and Carolyn Kirby of Stegall, and Ernest and Bobbie Stearmer of

Great Grandparents are Revel and Jerry Jackson of Jal, NM; and Mardell Morgenthaler of

J.G. and Verda Nell Arnn of Muleshoe.

Memorial Park under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1915 in Earth County, Texas. She married W. H. "Bill" Eubanks on March 23, 1936 in Morton.

Mrs. Eubanks was a member of the South Plains Church of Christ, past president of the Lubbock Chapter of AARP and

active in the Senior Citizen's Center. She was also active in the church, PTA and the New Mexico Children's Home in Portales, NM.

She is survived by her husband; a son, W.C. Eubanks of Maple; three daughters, Maudine Bankson of Midland, Karen Oxford of Lubbock and Joy Jugo of Pearland, Texas; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; three brothers, Lowell B. Davis of Pflugerville, Texas, Richard L. Davis of Maple and James E. Davis of Lee's Summit, Mo.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Children's Home of Lubbock, Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408 or the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, HC 68, Portales, N.M. 88130.

VERTIS PLOTT

Vertis Plott, 86, of San Angelo died on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999

at a hospital in San Antonio.

Services were held on Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in San

She is survived by a son, Coy Plott of Muleshoe; and a daughter, Myra Fox of San Antonio.

oz. and was 21 inches long.

Hobbs, NM.

and Betty Kirby of Stegall; E.G. and Roxie Stroud of Enochs; J.D. Kermit, Texas.

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