## Around Muleshoe

Marine Lance Cpl. Joe L. Gutierrez was recently promoted to his presentrank while serving with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Submarine Base Bangor, Silverdale, Wash.

His wife Rachel is the daughter of Enriquez Toscano and Mary Vasquez of Muleshoe.

Computer record keeping for beginners will be taught in Muleshoe on April 1. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Farmer's Home Administration will sponsor the one-day course designed to make bookkeeping easier.

Quicken 7 for DOS is an easy to use, inexpensive software program that produces reports, keeps a check register and categorizes by type of income and expense.

Jackie Smith, Extension Serviceeconomistof Lubbock, will teach participants how to enter transactions, writechecks with Quicken and split and memorize transactions.

The class will be from 8 a.m. to $4: 30$ p.m. Participants must bring theirown computer and printer.

Contact Curtis Preston, Bailey County Extension Agent, if you need more information or would like to sign up.

For the fall 1993 semester at Baylor University, 869 students were named to the Deans ${ }^{\prime}$

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WINTER BLANKETS COUNTY - Mary Davis of Muleshoe safeguards her home against the slushy snow and ice that swept into Bailey County on Tuesday by sprinkling salt on her sidewalk.

## Productive citizens proposed

By Helena Rodriguez
Three groups of students were recognized Monday night by the Muleshoe Independent School Board of Trustees. A warded for their outstanding work and representation of the district were the Lady Mules, participants in the Odyssey of the Mind Program and the recent spelling bee winner and runner-up, Steven Madrid and Lincoln Riley.
Laine Meek, director of
Food Services for Muleshoe

Schools, reported to the Board of Trustees Monday night that the snack bar at the high school had a phenomenal month due to high inventory and high profits.
He said, "Participation has been great. We are continuing to try new things at the high school such as daily specials two or three times a week so we can get kids in. We try to stay in touch with the kids."

Following an executive session, the board approved
resignations for Lily Snitker, a kindergarten teacher at Dillman Elementary School; Pat Watson, a high school English teacher and Jeff Cheney, a history teacher and coach at Muleshoe High School.

The board on Monday night also continued discussion on 1994-95 goals and objectives for the schools.

According to Muleshoe
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## Athletic dept. searches to fill slots

## By Helena Rodriguez

The Muleshoe High School Athletic Department will be busy this spring as it searches for two new coaches.
The department now has two slots to fill because Jeff Cheney has announced his intentions to resign at the end of the current school year.

The Board of Trustees accepted Cheney's resignation at a meeting Monday night.
Cheney is an assistant football coach for varsity football. He also coaches 9th grade boy's basketball and is an assistant coach for track, working with shot putters.

Leon Hagerman, Muleshoe High School headboy basketball coach, announced his intent to resign a couple of weeks ago.

Cheney has worked at Muleshoe High School for a year. Cheney said he has accepted an assistant football coach position at El Paso High School in El Paso.
In leaving Muleshoe, Cheney said, "I think we have great faculty here, excellent coaches and staff. Coach Adair is an excellent coach to work for, Mr. Bishop is an excellent school man and Mr. Moore."

He added, "I think the situ-
ation here is good and keeps getting better."

Cheney's resignation will also be effective at the end of the current school year.

According to Randy Adair, athletic director for Muleshoe High School, a search has already begun to find a replacement for both Hagerman and Cheney.

Our current priority is to get a head boys basketball coach, " Adair said. "So we will direct all of our efforts to that end."

Adair said that since Cheney
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## Downing defeats McCamish; Claunch, Bates win

Bailey County voters placed two county incumbents and one new comer on the ballot during election primarys on Tuesday.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8.
In the Democratic Party, Billie Redwine Downing won a spot on the ballot for county
clerk by nine votes. She beat incumbent BarbaraMcCamish iwith 404 to 395.
McCamish will retire her seat as county clerk after 12 years of service.
In the primarys race for Justice of the Peace, Precinct \#1, incumbent Jack Bates defeated opponent Jaime A.

Olivarez. Bates had 201 while Olivares received 32.
Bates has been Justice of the Peace for Precinct \#1 for 12 years.
Another county incumbent, Bennie Claunch, will also be on the Nov. 8 ballot. Claunch garnered 144 votes while his opponent, Dario Dominguez
ceived 57 votes. There were no Republican candidates running in any Bailey County primaries Tuesday.
According to the Bailey County Clerk's Office, voter turnout in the primaries was very low. Out of an estimated 3,463 registered Democratic
voters, only 827 voted.
Ballots for the Bailey County Democratic primaries will be canvassed Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the District Court Room at the Court House.

Republican primary ballots will be canvassed Thursday

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## Community Blood drive scheduled

Trinity Baptist Church will sponsor a community-wide blooddriveon Tuesday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the church, located at 312 East Ave. B.

United Blood Services is the nonprofit community blood provider in west Texas and eastern New Mexico, serving patients in more than 30 hospitals.

Blood cannot be manufactured or synthesized and can be stored only 42 days. Currently, more than 2,400 donations must be collected each month to meet area demands.

A safe and adequate blood

# Cindy Purdy of Muleshoe 

 was among 30 Texas school board members who met in Houston Feb. 18-19. Purdy is president of the Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees.The meeting was held to discuss the impact of communication and technology in
supply depends upon generous volunteers who donate blood so that others may live. Most people age 17 to 80 are eligible to donate, even while taking many medications.

Blood pressure medication, hormones, birth control pills and even allergy medicine usually does not prevent a person from being able to donate

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Glenda Powell at 2725676.


MULESHOE BLOOD BOARD - Members of the Muleshoe Blood Board are pictured left to right, Ben Sheek, director of Community Relations; Jana Belew, Community Relations Representative; Chuck Smith, Carol Cox, Dwayne Dale, Glenda Powell, and Pam and Dale Berry.

MISD School Board president attends training seminar
local districts. The trustees were in Houston for the third of five training sessions in the Texas Association of School Board's (TASB) leadership development program, Leadership TASB.
The school board members attended sessions on the board's role in curriculum

Aldine Independent School District hosted a tour of two district schools for leadership TASB participants. A view on bilingual programs was provided and participants ob served classrooms in action.
Board members also heard about two innovative progams SASI(Schools Adm

Student Information), which is a new technology system and ESM (Educational Service Managers), which is a new concept at Eisenhower High. Participants also attended a session on responding to confrontation, and workedon team projects, which are part of the
quirements. Working in teams, the Leadership TASB partici-
pants teached issues that confront districts across the state.
The year-long curriculum consists of five training sessions that provide participants knowledge on critical educaknowledge
M.I.S.D. to dismiss school for scheduled spring break
Muleshoe I.S.D. will dismis school March 14through March 28 for the scheduled Spring Break holidays.
March 25 th is the next scheduled holiday. The District UIL Contest for One Act Play will be held in Muleshoe on that day, so will be dismissed for that event.
April 1st is a scheduled bad weather makeup day. The district schedules makeup days to replace days missed during winter storms. Therehave been no days missed yet this year therefore this day will become a holiday.

Remember, March 23 is the deadline to file application for a place on the ballot for school trustee election.

Educator of the week at Watson Junior High is Barbara Turner, 6th grade math; 6th grade student is Tyson Purdy; 7th grade, Melissa Lozano; and 8 th grade, Brenna Farley.

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Compusaurus Rex
By Baxter Black, DVM


ONTHE EDCE OFCOMMON SENSE

Dwain observed that the world is goin' so fast as a result of computers that we have to buy more computers just to catch up.
Agriculture, like other businesses has taken advantage of computers to speed up research in fields as diverse as genetic engineering and leveling a field. Mankind has reaped the harvest of this technology

As urban encroachment continues to force producers off the best farm ground,
farmers and ranchers move to less and less productive land. And yet, weaning weights and bushels per acre surpass expectation. Computers have a lot to do with that.
I've always been an advocate of computers. I am personally a Compusaur (as in dinosaur) Even though I can't turn one on I realize how much they affect my life. I benefit from their contribution to my business, health, gas mileage, in correct billing, air line sched ects.

Computer technology has made Einsteins out of graduate students but they aren't the only farm boys who have learned to click on an icon and move a mouse. Many Compusaurs old enough to remember Haldeman and Erlichman have overcome their compuphobia. Often they started with the PC. personal computer. I admit the logic always escaped me that somehow if a person can't bal-
ance their checkbook with a your farm than you do! Well, pencil, that they could do it with a computer. But the Compusaur bought his PC which the wife and kids imme diately mastered and I only assume they eventually taught him.

The biggest obstacle in accepting computers, I think, is the acceptance that your experience and good judgement are threatened by the computer. The idea that a "desk jockey knows more about how to run
we we know now that the computer only keeps track of stuff. It doesn't think, it only reminds you of your mistakes and can help you avoid them.
But Dwain is right about us becoming dependent on them. How many times have you called the bank, the insurance agent, the parts man, the travel agent, the store clerk or the consultant for something and been told, "Sorry, the computer's down."

So what, you think. Look it p, use your abacus, figger it out! But the computer literate computer dependent genera tion only looks at you with a blank stare. They can't re member the days when people looked up the answers or the nventory in books, or calcu ated the percent by hand. So everything stops, includin their brain until the electricity comes back on
I guess we've come full circle and now the tail's waggin' the dog.

## School Board

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School Superintendent Bil Moore, each campus and department will write an action plan to meet the goals and objectives. A plan for the whole district will then be submitted to the school board in the summer

The school administration will also get input from a committee made up of parents teachers and community members.

The mission statement in the Muleshoe School's proposed goals and objectives states that,
"The Mission of the Muleshoe Independent School District is to graduate life-long learners and productive citizens by providing an instructional progam and educational environment that develops the skills, attitudes and ethics
necessary to meet the needs of changing society.
In order to meet the needs, the proposed plan will include an exemplary level goal for student performance by 1998 , a well-balanced and challenging curriculum, parental and
business involvement, an ef fective external and internal communication plan and adequate educational facilities. Other goals include the recruitment, retention and development of quality personnel and to foster a positive and
supportive environment for Foaching and learning.
Following an executive session, the board voted to give Superintendent Bill Moore a raise of $\$ 2,000$ for the 1994-95 school year.

## Athletics

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was a history teacher and Hagerman was a math teacher, the high school will have two eaching fields to offer.

Adair said, "And we will
use that as a means to enhance our ability to attract the person we want for head coach."
"After that, we will aggres-
sively pursue to fill the assis
tant football coach position with the remaining teaching field."
Adair said the selection process for a replacement for

Cheney will be the same as for Hagerman. He will make recommendation to the super intendent after top candidates have been interviewed. The

## Election

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morning at the District Court Room at the Bailey County Courthouse.
There was no information on the voter turnout for the Republican party primaries as of press time on Tuesday.
In major primary races for state offices, Bailey County voters chose Governor Ann Richards over opponent Gary Espinosa in the Democratic primaries by a vote of 536 to prim

## Muleshoe

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Academic Honor List.
To be named to the Deans' list, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and be enrolled in a minimum of 15 semester hours (including 14 semester hours of academic courses.
Among these top honor students were James A. Crawford, a sophomore, and Rebecca Anne Greene, a freshman. Both students are from Muleshoe.


George W. Bush received the Republican nomination for governor during the election primaries, beating opponen Ray Hollis, in a vote of 72-5,

Bush and Richards will face each other in the Nov. 8 general election, as they also received the most votes throughout the state.

In the race for U.S. Senator Bailey County voters chose Jim Mattox for the Democratic
primaries and Kay Bailey Hutchison for the Republican primaries.
Mattox and Fisher will face each other again in a run-off election on Tuesday, April 12, since neither candidate received a required 51 percent of the vote to be placed on the ballot.

For attorney general, Dan Morales was unopposed in the Democratic primaries, receiving 555 votes in Bailey County.

superintendent will then make a recommendation to the school board.
"We will try to have some-
body located for both positions


Billie Downing
prior to the end of school, but the great priority is finding the right person for the job," Adair said.

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Applications are now being accepted for early voting ballots to be voted by mail for the May 7 School Trustee Election. The voting clerk began accepting applications on Tuesday.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on April 18 at the school Administration Office. April 29 will be the last day for the schools to receive early voting ballots by mail.

## WATCH

## From the Heart: A Tribute to

## Lawrence Welk and

 the American Dream Saturday, March 12th at 7:10 p.m. Floyd Jamboree Night hosted by Floyd Lion's Club
## Baxter Black and Friends

Tuesday, March 15th at 8:10 p.m.
Portales Night hosted by Roosevelt
County Chamber of Commerce

Tricia Underwood of Muleshoe is a student sched uled to participate in the firstever Student Research/Scholarly Activity Fair.
The fair will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The public is invited to attend.
Underwood will be doing a poster presentation on sceening of local and area water supplies for presence of organic chemicals. Count chamber Commerce

On KENW-TV Channel 3, Public Television Eastern New Mexico University

Victor Borge: Then and Now Monday, March 14th at 7:05 p.m. Muleshoe Night hosted by Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce

Dvorak Concert from Prague
Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m Tucumcari Night hosted by Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce

## Stallman elected State

 Farm Bureau PresidentVoting delegates of the Texas Farm Bureau elected Bob Stallman as the organization's eighth president on December 1, 1993. Stallman joined the TFB board as District 11 Director in December of 1987, and was elected vice-president in 1991. A third generation rice farmer, Stallman began farming in 1975. He formed a family partnership with his father and brother. In 1989, he took over the family farming operation when the partnership was dissolved.
Stallman has been an active Farm Bureau leader since the '70s and served the Colorado

County Farm Bureau as direc tor, secretary-treasurer, vice-
president and president. He served on the TFB State Resolutions Committee, the Blue Ribbon Goals Committee, and the state Health Advisory Committee. In January of 1994, Stallman was elected to the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors. The Colorado County farmer graduated from Columbus High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science from the University of Texas.
He is a past member of the Columbus ISD board of trustees, serving six years, and was

## Senior Citizens meet

## for covered luncheon

The Senior Citizens met at the Depot Feb. 28 for our regular covered dish luncheon. Buster Kittrell called the meeting to order. Twenty five were present. Wanda Kittrell led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.
The invocation was by Katie Roubinek.
After a delicious meal, Margaret Collins introduced Mr . Gene Lowe, who brought a very good program, on the importance of having smoke alarm detectors in our homes. A 2 bedroom house needs 4 alarms. He explained many things we need to know about a fire in our homes; itcan mean the difference between life and death.
Georgia Lowe read these five steps from the National Safety Council. 1) Most fires happen
between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. 2)
Every home should have a IL or F.M. labeled smoke detector. 3) Families should discuss and train and practice a fire escape plan. 4) Special attention should be given to older persons and children during a fire. Children often become afraid and hide under beds or in closets. Making itextremely difficult for rescue workers to locate them.
Our president, Buster Kittrell had charge of the business, the minutes were read and approved.
No birthday this month. A card was sent to Avis Williams. No further business. We had an old fashioned sing along, led by J. C. Shanks and Buster Kittrell. Everyone enjoyed it. We were dismissed in prayer by Clara Coffman.

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Rhythm Country \& Blues
When public television brings Neville and Trisha Yearwood, "I Fall
together together the greatest artists of country to Pieces"; Natalie Cole and Reba music with te legendary best of rhythm McEntire, "If I Fell For You"; George

\& blues, the result is an unusual | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { e blues, the result is an unusual } & \text { Jones and B.B. King, "Patches"; Little } \\ \text { performance special featuring first-time } & \text { Richard and Tanya Tucker, "Something }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | duets rooted in diverse cultural traditions Else"; Chet Atkins and Allen and history. As featured in the album of the same Staple Singers and Marty Stuart, "The name, Rhythm Country \& Blues Weight"; Patti LaBelle and Travis $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{l}\text { melds the talents of notable country } \\ \text { artists with their R\&B counterparts: Al }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Tritt, " "When Something Is Wrong } \\ \text { With My Baby"; and Conway Twitty, }\end{array}\end{array}$ Green and Lyle Lovett, "Ain't It Funny and Sam Moore, "Rainy Night in How Time Slips Away"; Vince Gill and Georgia."

Gladys Knight. "Ain't Gladys Knight, "Ain't Nothing Like the Rhythm Country \& Blues airs Real Thing"; Clint Black and The Wednesday, March 9th at 9:00 p.m.
Pointer Sisters, "Chain of Fools". Aron

The Last Cowboys

| Part legend and partreality, the image of the cowboy has a century-old grip on the American imagination; in popular mythology, the solitary, rugged individualist represents freedom and adventure. These icons of the Old West, however, may well be an endangered species. The Last Cowboys is a captivating view of this vanishing lifestyle. <br> The Last Cowboys provides a historical look at cowboys, whose golden age spanned the post-Civil War years to the turn of the century. Since then, the essential cowboy lifestyle has changed little. As rancher A. C. Ekker asserts," those of us that were raised as cowboys still have the same respect for nature and for God and our animals that the old cowboys had." <br> The program visits three western | ranches to illustrate the cowboy's legacy: the historic Dugout Ranch in the scenic redrock country of southern Utah; the legendary Robber's Roos Ranch, once the hideout of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid; and the huge Fish Creek Ranch in the sagebrush flats of Nevada. <br> Archival stills and paintings. including many by Frederic Remington, intercut with interviews of ranchers and cowboys, demonstrate that the essential lifestyle - even clothing style - is largely unchanged. The program dispels some of the myths about the cowboy way of life, but in uncovering the reality, does nothing to diminish the romance. <br> The Last Cowboys airs Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, March 18th at 11:00 p.m. |
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| Channel 3 <br> Eastern New Mexico U | sion from <br> , Portales, New Mexico |



Bob Stallman
president and vice-president. Stallman was a member of the Colorado County ASCS Rice and Soybean Committee, and was selected as 1986 "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Columbus Rotary Club.
In 1989-1990, Stallman represented TFB on the General Land Office's Coastal Management Plan Advisory Committee. He currently serves on

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the Colorado County Agricul are Advisory board. Bob and Connie Stallman have two daughters, Angela and Kimberly. The Stallmans are members of the First United Methodist Church in Columbus, where Stallman serves on the administrative board. The Texas Farm Bureau is the largest farm organization in Texas, with more than 290,000 family members.

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## U.S. Department of Agriculture News

Applications for cost share assistance are now being taken on a continuing basis. The Bailey County COC will be considering costshare requests on a monthly basis
Please Note: If you receive cost share assistance on a farm, you must not perform any type of burning on the farmin the same year that you received cost share assistance. You willneed to request permission to burn the applicable crop from both the Bailey County COC and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) at 796-3494. Failure to do so will violate your ACP contract and you will be required to refund all payments.

The final dates to request 1993 loans are as follows: Wheat, Barley, and Oats, 3/31/ 94; Corn, Sorghum, Cotton, Soybeans, and Cotton Loan Deficiency payments, $5 / 31 / 94$.

Target prices for the 1994 program are the same as for 1993. They are Wheat $\$ 4.00$, Corn $\$ 2.75$, Sorghum $\$ 2.61$, Cotton, 7290, Barley $\$ 2.36$, and Oats $\$ 1.45$. The $15 \%$ nor mal flex and $10 \%$ optional flex provisions will also be in effect for 1994. The 0/92 option has been replaced by the $0 / 85$ option therefore reducing payment acres by another $7 \%$ for $0 / 85$ producers.

As of today, we have not received any sign up dates or advance payment rates. However, we are asking that you call the office, and speak to Helen Bickel, to set up an appointment to signup for the 1994 program.

Bailey County was declared eligible for Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) di-
saster emergency loans on January 14, 1994. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least $30 \%$ of their production due to hail, high winds, and tornado on January 1-July 14, 1993 are eligible for FmHA loans. Proceeds from the crop insurance program will be taken into account when determining eligibility

FmHA supervisor, Joyce Thompson is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to file their application with FmHA as soon as possible. Thompson said, We hope farmers will get their application in early rather than waiting until near the deadline which is June 8, 1994.
Final 1993 deficiency payments for UPCN were mailed the week of February 7th. The final paymentrate for UPCN is \$1860 a pound forplanted acres and $\$ .2055$ a pound for $0 / 92$ acres.
The final date to purchase crop insurance in Bailey County is April 15 for corn, cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, potatoes, and soybeans.
Producers are reminded to file an ASCS-574 to obtain P \& CP credit for failed or prevented planted crops. The acreage must be checked by a county office representative prior to destruction of the crop for failed acreage. In order to qualify for prevented planted credit you must file an ASCS574 within 15 days after the final planting date for the crop; The final planting dates are as follows: Wheat, Barley, and Oats 11/15/93; Corn 5/15; COtton 5/31; and Milo 6/30/ 4.

Applications for Dairy Re-

## Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department News

Eleven fires took place during the month of February. *On the 10th, 19 firemen re sponded to a house fire. *The 13th, 10 firemen responded to a grass fire. *On the 19th, 10 firemen responded to a smoke scare. *3 firemen responded to a hay fire on the 19th.
*Also on the 19th, there was a Right of Way fire, with 5 firemen responding.
*On the 23rd there was a smoke scare.
*On the 28th we had five different grass fires, which were caused by lightening.

Training on the 9th, 12 new members trained on new pumper truck. Other training took place on the 23 rd and 8 firemen trained on use of Rescue tools.
On the 12th, J.O. Parker, Jack Dunham and Charles Lorance went to the Floydada planning conference. Also on the 19th, J.O. Parker, Jack Dunham, Charles Lorance and Tony Scolly attended the Sudan planning conference.
We would like everyone to know that the Firemen are selling candy for $\$ 1.00 \mathrm{a}$ bar, your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Coming Friday, March 11<br>To

## Muleshoe Country Club

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fund Payments will beaccepted from January 1 through March 5, 1994.
Producers who suffered a crop loss in 1993 have until March 4, 1994 to file for benefits. You are reminded that you must bring in all productien for all crops and farms before the application can be approved.
In order to qualify for deficiency forgiveness on a crop you must do the following: Have an approved CCC-441, CCC-441 Income ASCS-574, and an ASCS-658 on file. You must also have made less actual production than was expected for the farm. An example woul be 100.0 acres of corn planted with a 45 bushel yield. $100.0 \times 45$ bu. $=4500$ bushels expected production. In order for deficiency forgiveness to apply for a crop the final deficiency payment rate for a crop must be less than the payment rate used to make advance payments for the crop.

If you are unsure as to whether or not your farm will qualify for advance deficiency forgiveness, please come by and let us figure your loss for you.

Signup period for the 1994 program will be March 1-April 29, 1994.
Producers will be allowed until the final certification date for each applicable participating crop to withdraw their intentions to participate for that crop, and not be assessed liquidated damages.
Advance payments will be made at a rate not less than $40 \%$ of estimated total deficiency payment rate for wheat and feed grains, and no less
than $30 \%$ of the estimated de ficiency payment rate for cot
Estimated deficiency payment rates are Wheat 0.85 Corn, 0.40; Grain Sorghum, 0.46 ; Barley, 0.52 ; and Cotton, 0.160 .

ACR requirements for all crops is Zero (0) with the exception of UPCN which remains at $11 \%$.
$0 / 85$ provisions have re placed the $0 / 92$ provisions with the following exceptions:
The crop is prevented from being planted, or fails, and the producer has made every reasonable efforttoplant the crop, he/she then has the option to he/sie then has the option to
designate that acreage as $0 / 92$ and receive payment on the $92 \%$ rather than the $85 \%$.
The acreage must be reported as payment acres for the crop that failed or was prevent from being p lanted to qualify, and cannot tbe used as payment for another crop.
Bailey County ASCS has been authcrized to conduct a second Wetlands Reserve Signup. The signup will be held Monday, February 28 through Friday, March 11, 1994.
Eligible land includes wetlands farmed under natural conditions, altered land as determined by the Soil Conservation Service, or prior converted wetlands. These lands must be at least 2 acres in size and have been annually planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity in at least 1 of the 5 years 1986 through 1990, and have been capable of being cropped in 1992 or 1993.
Interested land owners must have owned the land for at least

12 months prior to the end of ing a permanent easement afsignup period unless the land ter restoration pactices are was acquired as the result of a complete. ASCS will pay not death of the previous owner, or more than $10 \%$ of te total the new owner did not acquire it with the purpose of putting it into the QRP, as determined by our office.
A "permanent" easement will be required from the landowner. A right of access to the wetland area for management and inspection activities will also be granted.
Cost share assistance wil be the lessor of $75 \%$ of the actual or average cost of establishing
the wetland practices.
Landowners will not be submitting bids. Easement payments for all but small parcels of land will be based on appraisals that will evaluate the agriculture value of the land. The owner will receive a lump sum payment for grantpurchen purchase price for the ease restoration practices After th restoration is complete the balance of the lump sum payment will ten be paid.
ASCS may establish maximum per acre easement payment rates and will not inlcude purchase of water rights.
USDA prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national ori gin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.

> Muleshoe First!

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## Watson Junior High Honor Roll

6th Grade
Christi Adrian, Melissa Aguirre Sammy Baeza, James Barrett, Bobbie Benham, Kamal Bhakta, Landon Black, Lynsie Black, Jeffrey Bruns, Audra Clarkson, Bret Clements, Ashley Crawford, Jason Crawford, Lindsey Field, Rosario Flores, Leesa Gable, Blake Gartin, Chris Gatewood,

Rhett Green, Nick Hale, Lela Hancock, Ryan Hodge, April Kelley, Toby Kitchens, Stacy Locker, Michael Lopez, Michelle Lopez, Elizabet Lozano, Stephanie Marlow, VickiMartinez, Laticia Morris, Ronnie Orozco, Eric Posadas, Jessica Rank, Ebony Russ, Michelle Toscano, Kristi Villalobos, Brandy Whitt.

## 7th Grade

Tarrah Bell, Deepa Bhakta, Amber Bruns, Amanda Carpenter, Dustin Cleavinger, Rhonda Copley, Robin Cowart, Aaron Faver, Becky Flores, Steven Garcia, Krystal Heathington, Jill Hodges, Jacoby Jennings, Nathan Keller, Amy Marricle, Joseph Mata, MattMcClanahan, Kyle

McDaniel, Amanda Messenger, Kellie Morris, Bobby Padilla, Makayle Payne, Larkin Price, Dusty Ramage, Amy Ronek, Blair Saylor, Jon Keith Turner, Erin Wilhite, Melissa Williams, Ellen Wood, Lacee Zornes.
8th Grade
Ricko Aguirre, LeAnn Altman, Gabriela Barrera, Kendra

The Muleshoe Art Asso- retired in 1985. ciation has chosen Beth Martin of Anton as artist of the month for March. Her work will be on display at Muleshoe Public Library throughout the month of March and early April.
Martin is a newcomer to the art scene in west Texas.

Herinterestin artbegan with drawing lessons with H.V. Greer at the Garden and Arts Greer at the Garden and Arts
Center in Lubbock in 1987. In Center in Lubbock in 1987. In
1989, she began painting with Vera Griffin from Spade in Littlefield.
She has won seven 1st place six 2nd place and three 3rd place awards in competition and has sold paintings in Tulsa, Ond has sold paintings in Tulsa,
Okla. and Ruidoso and Okla. and R
Portales, N.M.

She grew up in Elk City, Okla., and received a bachelor of arts degree from HardinSimmons University. She did graduate work at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales and at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.
She spent 32 years teaching English and sometimes speech, physical education and coached basketball in Matador, Floydada, Artesia, N.M.; Brownfield and Anton. She


## Beth Martin

School prayer proposal swaps liberty

School prayer resolutions approved by more than half of the counties in Texas show that some politicians are willing to trade religious liberty for socîal and religious control, according to a Texas Baptist public policy expert.

In affect, the resolutions propose that children in public schools be exposed to the prayers of whatever religious majority may control that school's board, said Weston Ware, citizenship associate with the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, the social concerns agency of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.
"Preserving religious liberty in our country is a lot more important than any perceived benefits believed to come from schoolroom prayers deter-
mined by some political majority," he said.

Resolutions urging that prayer be reinstated in public schools have been approved by commissionerscourtsin 134 Texas counties, city councils in more than 50 municipalities and the boards of several school districts.

Scott Armey, Denton County Commissioner, introduced the first such resolution last June 22 and has spearheaded the effort to get other counties and local governing bodies to endorse the measure.

While there are genuine problems in public education, the absence of classroom prayers is not their cause and the inclusion of such prayers would not be their solution, Ware said.
"It is unfortunate that the issue has becomie politicized to the degree that many people feel that some form of politically determined religious guidance, perhaps including prayer, would save our schools," he said.

The religious free speech rights of students already are protected under the Equal Access Act of 1984, according to Ware. Under the act, uppheld by the U.S.Stupreme Coutc if schoo ir a pubic secirary groups to meet on campus groups to meet on campus
during non-instructional time, the school cannot discriminate on the basis of the religious, political, or philosophical content of the speech at such meetings.

The act allows secondary school students to join together voluntarily for prayer, Bible study, devotions and religious instruction.
"How much better to call
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ers Association, the Muleshoe Art Association and Tri-State Amateur Artists' Association. Her favorite pasttimes include traveling, collecting stamps and coins, visiting her grandchildren and painting.

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She married Quinn K. Martin, a rancher and farmer, in Matador in 1952. They had two sons, Norman, who is editor of "Automotive Industries" Magazine in Radnor, Pa.; and Quinn, who is a lawyer and lives in Austin. Her husband died in 1957.

Beth has worked as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, the Antique Division of the South Plains Fair, the Lubbock Literacy Tutoring Program and ordering talking books from the Texas State Library for the Blind or Handicapped.
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## Wind erosion problem grows with lack of moisture on High Plains <br> acres of land was damaged and

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Large numbers of acres are either damaged or destroyed each year because of this problem. The acres susceptible
to damage each year increases with the amount of low residue producing crops such as cotton and rainfall patterns.
Solutions to this problem are not easy but several different conservation practices can be used to keep soil losses to a minimum.
Some of these include planting a cover crop such as wheat
to protect fields from blowing during months when wind reosion is at its peak, conservation tillage or minimum tillage, windstrips, and rotating high residue crops such grain sorghum or corn with a low residue crop such as cotton.

The wind erosion period is
usually from November 1 to

June 1. The major contributing factors to wind erosion this year have been the dry cold Fall, which has limited cover crop growth, and the number of days with high winds. According to recent figures compiled by Soil Conservation Service personnel here in Bailey County, approximately 12,000 acres were in condition
to blow from November thru December.
During that same period appoximately 5,500 acres of land was damaged and 1,000 acres of crops or cover were destroyed.
From January thru February approximately 25,000 acres were in condition to blow. Of those approximately 11,500

3,500 acres of crops or cover were destroyed. Land in condition to blow is based on field width, amount or lack of surface residue and moisture conditions.

For more information on controlling wind erosion, contact the Soil Conservation Service at 272-5124.

## People

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"Agriculture generates about $\$ 36$ billion in economic impact to the state's economy and accounts for 20 percent of our jobs," said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry "Agriculture is the second largest industry in the state so keeping agriculture thriving is vital to a prosperous Texas."

National Agriculture Week (March 14-20) provides the ag community with a chance to remind people how important agriculture is to the country.

Many people are generations removed from the farm and don't realize how much agriculture affects their daily lives. We think it's important to remind them so they understand and take an interest in issues that affect the future of agriculture," Perry said.
"Texas is the second-largest ag producing state in the nation, but we have a poor record for turning our raw agricultural wealth into more valuable consumer-ready goods. By adding just one percent to our 8 percent processing rate, we would add $\$ 2.2$ billion in economic activity to Texas," Perry said, noting that most states process 20 percent of what they produce.
"Money from farm sales filters through the economy, multiplying as it goes from the equipment dealers, to the bank, to the grocery store. Everyone is affected by the ag economy, profitting when prices are up and suffering if they're down," Perry said.
Farmers and ranchers purchase feed and seed, machinery,fertilizer and other supplies to run their businesses.

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## Mule baseball team opens 2-0

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The Muleshoe High School baseball team is 2-0 heading into this weekend's 16 -team tournament in Plainview.

The Mules opened the 1994 season at home March 1, beating Lubbock Roosevelt 13-3 in a game shortened by the 10 run rule.

Muleshoe improved to 2-0 on March 4, beating Tahoka 101 on the road.
The Mules open tournament play Friday when they take on the Frenship JV in the first round of the 16 -team tournament. All of the District 2-3A teams are entered iin the tourney, with the exception of Friona, as well as JV teams from Plainview, Hereford and Levelland. Idalou is also competing.

The Mules had been scheduled to host Seminole Tuesday (March 8), but the game was postponed due to weather. The two teams will play a doubleheader when Muleshoe travels to Seminole March 25
Muleshoe pounded out 10
hits against three Roosevelt pitchers in the opener, scoring four runs in the first, five in the third and four in the fourth.
Roosevelt got just three hits and two earned runs against Muleshoe pitching, scoring single runs in the second, third and fifth.
Mule starter Robert Toscano struck out six, walked four and gave up a pair of hits in $32 / 3$ innings of work. Andy Perez came on in relief, striking out three of the four batters he faced and giving up a single hit.

Jimmy Gauna and John Embry paced the Mules at the plate, both going 2 for 3 and driving in a pair of runs each.
Roosevelt starter Rusty Gregory, who got the loss, was lifted in the third inning.
"I was very pleased for a first game," said Muleshoe coach Ted Lepps. "Robert hrew strikes, we played decent defense and I though we hit pretty well for as early as it

Against Tahoka, the Mules

## CCC Vehicle Will Test Natural Gas Fuel

The Auto Mechanics program at Clovis Community College is participating in a statewide project to promote using compressed natural gas (CNG) as an alternative fuel The grant was provided by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Depart ment. The CCC vehicle will be one of approximately 400 natural gas-powered vehicles now operating in New Mexico many of which are funded by the state.
Red Nevins, instructor in auto mechanics, will coordinate the project at CCC which will include maintaining detailed records of operating costs and maintenance on the converted vehicle. Nevins completed the CNG certification course held recently at Santa Fe Community College.
Nevins viewed more than a dozen vehicle conversion systems when the "Clean Across America" caravan stopped briefly in Clovis. The converted cars in the caravan were provided by General Motors, Chrysler, and the Ford Motor Company.

The converted college vehicle will be used as a dem-onstration-training project for CCC students as well as for car dealers, independent garages, area high school automotive programs, and other interested parties. The Gas Company of New Mexico is opening a CNG refueling station in Clovis to provide an ample fuel supply The New Mexico Public Utilities Commission has granted approval for the Gas Company to establish 62 natural gas fueling stations statewide by 1998 . There are currently 11 public and/or private fueling stations in the state, and the Gas Company plans to build 18 more within the next year.

CNG is carried in a storage tank within the vehicle. The weight reduces the efficiency of the system, but with CNG refuel there is a savings of 40 60 percent at the pump.

Louise Martinez, program manager with the NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Re-
sources Department noted that concerns associated with importing petroleum have made the use of CNG a viable option. The gas shortage in the

1970s alerted the country's leaders to its dependency on foreign-produced fuel. New Mexico is a major pro-

## Texas

## Angler

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My last trip to Falcon found fishing had slowed down considerably. We managed to catch some nice fish, but it was obvious something had changed. Dozens of fishermen who have tried their luck recently on Falcon all agree that fishing has gotten tough.

Certainly there are some people who have done extremely well on recent trips. But they are the exception, not the rule.
Ipersonally don't think there's a problem at Falcon. Fishing is still pretty good. Where else can you go and consistently catch a 5 pound bass or larger every day?
Those of us who fished this great lake in the last few years have become spoiled. Even then I thought to myself, one of these days we'll look back and realize that these are the good old days.
ot a strong mound perfor mance from Perez, who tossed a two-hitter and struck out 12 . He gave up his only run on a homer that broke up his nohitter in the fourth. His 12 strikeouts was one short of the MHS school record.

Muleshoe backed Perez with 6 hits - all doubles breaking up a scoreless game with two runs in the third, fourth and fifth. Muleshoe put the game away with four in the sixth.

Embry had a pair of doubles in a 2 for 4 day and added two RBI, while Amerigo Aguirre added three RBI with a 1 for 3 performance at the plate.
Leps again had good things to say about his team
"We didn't have an error and Perez threw well for us," said Leps. "If we had a negative, it was that we left eight guys on base."
Following the Plainview tournament, the Mules will re turn home to host Plainview in a single game Tuesday, March 15 , beginning at 1 p.m.
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