

Meet the press
Muleshoe senior Dustin Cleavinger talks with TV reporters from Amarillo and Lubbock Wednesday after
Muleshoe now on recruiting trail
Muleshoe is becomi
fotball 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 . linebackerffullback Greg Pena land at a Division II or NAIA school.
"It speaks very highly for the program," Muleshoe

MEDC offering grants

The Mules Cocono ic Development Corporation is offering area small busines owners cash incentives to improve their operations.
The economic development branch of the City of Muleshoe s offering a total of $\$ 50,000$ in grant money for expanding an xisting business or for possibly starting a new one.
MEDC is holding a break fast at $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on Thursday, Feb 8 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 helpthem," said Susie Pierce, ant in charge of economi development. "It's also an opportunity for entrepreneurs who have an idea and would to ex lore it." Texas Tech University will conduct the seminars and serve as consultants. Steve Ander on, director of the developmet center, will answer question at the kickoff breakfast.
Pierce said the free seminar can benefit all business own
ers. "We encourage all busines owners to attend the seminars whether or not they plan on entering the contest," Pierce entering
said.

## IRS changes

 include child tax creditDrawing 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 he Confederacy (1861).
Feb. 10 - Postage stamps first came into use in Britain (1840

## LOCAL, WEATHER High low Pre Tuesday 4820 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Wednesday } & 51 & 21 & - \\ \text { Thursday } & 57 & 26 & -\end{array}$ Prec to date 11 inches (snow)

## Extended FORECAST

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


Tooley turns trifecta at Three Way Show

MAPLE - Neither rain nor sleet nor snow could pre vent 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 Satur day the school ag barn. day 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
petitive field
petitive field.
Tooley, the daughter of Howard and Jan Tooley, had the grand and reserve champion in both the steer and goat classifications.
She also was named champion showman in the steer goat and sheep competitions goat 1,290-pound English A 1,290-pound English steer shown by the Three Way 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, lso a Medium Wool
James was also named reserve champion showman. In was during the afternoon's junior market swine show when the action
see STOCK SHOW on page 7

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## Around Muleshoe

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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)


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## IRS

in a business plan.
Pierce said the grants will be split as judges seefit. They can range from $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 50,000$. The program is similar to one conducted by the highlysuccessful Amarillo Economic Development Corporation. Development Corporation. A four-part workshop for starting a new business will be
held from 6-9 p.m. on March 89 and March 15-16 at the coliseum.

A two-part marketing and
from page 1

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 otherchanges have occurred this past year. Another new Individual Retirement Account is the Roth IRA. It differs from the traditional IRA in many aspects. Capital gainstax rules have changed and may reduce the amount of taxes owed on investments. The rules for getting installment agreements, offers in compromise,
and innocent spouse relief are now less stringent. The IRS also has a taxpayer advocate program for those people who have not been able to resolve their problems through normal IRS channels.
Local tax preparers have

## GRANTS

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The funds will be awarded through a contest in which ap plicants 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 bo the Enal to be paid back. Entries will judged prima rily on the basis of the viability of the business as demonstrated
tax season. Pat Angeley advises everyone to keep good records to help themselves or a professional prepare theirtaxes. When choosing someone to prepare your taxes, pick someone who is knowledgeable advises Frank Wiseman. If you decide to prepare yourown
return, be careful with your arithmetic, and make sure your Social Security number is included on your return and any other forms stresses the IRS.
For more information, con tact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or visit the IRS website at www.irs.ustreas.gov.
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 progra
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ters, and milk.
Wers, and milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast - Breakfast pizza or Breakfast - Breakfast pizza or
assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice and milk. Lunch-Chickenfriedsteak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans,
wheat rolls, fruit cobbler, and milk. wheat rolls, fruit cobbler, and milk.
Thursday Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls \& Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls \&
mini link or assorted cereals graham mini link or assorted cereals graham crackers, juice and milk. Lunch - Fish with tarar sauce,
cole slaw, macaroni and cheese cole slaw, macaroni and chees baked beans, peaches, an
Friday
Breakfast-Sausage biscuit or Breakfast -Sausage biscuit or
assorted cereals, graham crackers, assorted cereals,
juice and milk.
Lunch - Sub sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries

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

'Food Check-Out Day' celebrated on Tuesday

WACO - Texas Farm Bureau will recognize "Food
Check-Out Day" - the date Check-Out Day" - the date the average American has earned enough money to pay for his or her food supp
1999 - on February 9
"We work only about 40 days to pay for an entire year's supply of food. Without the ply 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
sary to purchase a year's worth $\begin{aligned} & \text { many local Farm Bureau's } \\ & \text { across the state plan to spread }\end{aligned}$ sary to purchase a year's worth of food with the amount of time the word.
it takes to pay a year's worth of Some County Farm Bureaus taxes. In 1998, the average are working with grocery stores American worked until May and their customers to collect 10, more than three additional food for Ronald McDonald months or 130 days, for state Houses, a non-profit operation and local tax bills. located in many large cities that "That shows that food is quite gives parents of sick children a a bargain," he said. place to stay while their chilFood Check-Out Day gives dren are in the hospital:
America's farmers and ranch- In areas where there are no ers an opportunity to take the Ronald McDonald Houses, message of efficient, afford- food banks will get the benefit able food production to the of the County Farm Bureau's public, Stallman said. And collection efforts.

Sign here
Muleshoe senior Dustin Cleavinger (left) signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play college football at West Texas A\&M University in Canyon. Pictured with Cleavinger are (from left) coach David Wood, Flint Bigham, Ralph Mason, Johnna Cleavinger, Ron Welch, Cindy Harrison, Jeff Armstrong, Neleen Dent and Joe Pat Wright.


## Sign here II

Muleshoe senior Matt Turney (left) signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play college football at North Texas in Denton. North Texas in Denton.
Pictured with Turney are Pictured with Turney are
(from left) coach David (from left) coach David
Wood, Ralph Mason, Martie Cardwell, James Dewbre, Flint Bigham, Kenneth Turney, Ron Welch, Joe Pat Wright and Chance Turney.


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## Lady Mules clinch state playoff berth

Muleshoe didn't earn many
style points Tuesday in a 55 35 District $2-3 \mathrm{~A}$ win against last-place Lubbock Roosevelt. Buttheharder-than-expected Bery didearnthe Lady Mules victor firstar plat heir 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 losstoShallowater, clinched at least at tie for second-place in the district for the Lady Mules with two games remaining. A win against No. 4-ranke Shallowater Friday would vaut 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-thanenergetic effort by the Lady

MULESHOE HOO Kala Johnson and Tommie WJHS 8th-graders a 50 -20 loss Hemandezscored8pointseach 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.
RendiHodge scored a game high 20 points for the Lady Mules. Jessica Carpenter and Candace Hullo added 6 points each.
Muleshoe (11-5) won the first eeting 62-60

| District 11-1A |  |  |
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| GIRLS |  |  |
| Team | Dist | All |
| x-Happy | 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's games |  |  |
| Amherst at Cotton Center |  |  |
| Lazbuddie at Spade |  |  |
| x-Happy | 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 |  |  |
| $x$-clinctied playoff berth |  |  |

Kala

| District 2-3A |  |  |
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| 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 result |  |  |
| Muleshoe 55, Roosevelt 35 |  |  |
| Friona 59, Cooper 30 |  |  |
| Shallowater 67 , Littlefield 23Friday's games |  |  |
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| Shallowater at Muleshoe <br> Friona at Littlefiel |  |  |
| Cooper at Roosevelt |  |  |
| x-Muleshoe | 7-0 |  |
| Friona | 5-2 | 15-10 |
| Shallowater | 4.3 | 18-10 |
| Littlefield |  | 18.9 |
| Roosevelt | 1-6 | 11-14 |
| Cooper | $1-6$ |  |
| Tuesday's results |  |  |
| Muleshoe 98, Roosevelt 43Shallowater 50, Litlefield 49 |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Shallowater 50, Littlefield Friona 66, Cooper 52 |  |  |
| Friday's games |  |  |
| Shallowater at Muleshoe |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Cooper at Roosevelt x-clinched playoff berth |  |  |
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Mules contributed to a sluggish outing.
"You talk to them about i they need to benvince the every game, especilly 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 shots.
Debra Rojas scored a game WJIGHLIGHTS Monday
Eva Pylant, Tiffany Flores, Bailey Barrier and Gradee Adrian scored 4 points each for - 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
49 romp over R 49 romp over Roosevelt. points for the Mules (12-7, 6-1) points who roared
time lead. - Linco

Lincoln Riley scored 16 of his game-high 18 points in the first half Monday as Muleshoe handled Shallowater 59-42
Kyle Atwood added 14 points and Michael Norman chipped in 11 as Muleshoe improved to 11 -

- Shallowater beatWJHS 4942 Monday in an 8 th-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 hall
time. 9 in a 7 th 9 in a 7 th-grade game.
Ryan Marricle led WJHS with 3 points.


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 victo


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 fromeight 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 col lected 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. for the state playoffs the last two seasons under coach


| 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 |  |  |
| Whitharral | BOYS |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| Whitharral at Ropes |  |  |
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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 6-6all-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 trict play before Tuesday. Carlton Lewis added points, eight assists and five steals for Muleshoe and Mason Sinclair chipped in 16 points. The Mules finished with 27
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 Maoroh by saying Muleshoe drough by ang
"We're still taking it one game don't want to lose momentum. 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, MuleRoosevelt a $7-3$ lead, Mule
shoe ripped off the next 14 points to take control. Up 31-19 early in the second and Cleavinger drained and Cleavinger drained 3 trips down the floor to bump the Mules' lead to 16 . Cleavinger added three 3 s in
Muleshoe's 28 -point thir quarter.
one thing, other than we shot the ball well," Mason said of Muleshoe's most dominating "The kidshave handledteam well in terms of not overlook ing them," Mason said. "A that we're still getting better. Lance Hallum, a 6-5 junior 6 Roosevelt (1-6, 11-14) wit 16 points, but only three came utscored the Eagles 51-13. Roosevelt (43) - Clark $00-00$
Sherman 0000 , Harris 0000 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Sherman } \\ \text { Collins } \\ 3 & 0-0 & 0 \\ 6\end{array}$, Philpott $31-29$ Collins 3 0-0 6 , Philpott 3 1-2 9
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I loved last weekends snow!
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absolutely beautiful.
absolutely beautiful.
I've always loved the white T've always loved the white
stuff. Some of my fondest memosies of childhood have to do with
rien snowy days at home in Amarillo. Were the snows there really as
deep as I remember? Was I just a deep as I remember? Was I just a
lot smaller? Both? lot smaller? Both?
In any case, we got great snow


Focus On Faith Curtis
Shelburne in Amarillo. 1 remember drifts piled high, all the way up to the
window of the bedroom 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! 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!
the wheels and the opportunity feel the particular joy that comes from crafting a perfect "donut" 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. my childhood.
but our snows for the last few but our snows for the last few
years have been generally pretty
my. And one of the problems with growing up is that as we get igger and taller it takes bigge he big ones when we were kids But last weekend's snow was mpressive by anybody's stan We had a wonderful neighbor hood snowball fight at Dillman Elementary early Saturday afteragainst Under-thirty-yr-olds. The because they took the time to
count "hits" while the younger
folks were too busy throwin snowballs to count the ones that were connecting.).
Then Joshua and I built a snowThen Joshua and I built a snow
dragon in the front yard. Wonder-
ful, wet snow, perfect stuff for ful, wet snow, perfect stufr
snowballs or snow-anythings! Late Saturday night, I woke up in the middle of the night, tiptoed into the living room, and peeked world was alive with the calm, beautiful, bluish-white glow of moonbeams on snow. The dragon yard as if calmly and quietly, but strongly, guarding our castle (or t least, our casa The giver of all good blessings, 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 beauty. For snow.
Curtis Shelumue is minister of
Church of Chnis in Mulestroe.

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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 Pois, a has been on digs in Patch has been on digs in Penn sylvania, New Mexico, Ver-
mont, North Carolina, and mont, 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 archaeologistdoes át a site.
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 Jennyslippe 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 Anth 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 activi ies. These projects include Financial Aid Seminade the Thas Aid Seminar, Toas Texa, KENW Auction, the irs PUSH (People UnHandicapped 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, In stitute 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 7 th 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 Univer sity, 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

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 Presi-dent-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 Bobbie Harrison(whect Bobbie 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. Greenchallenged the group to greater accomplishments Billie Downing gave the benediction.

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Jennyslippers officers installed 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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Kasey Davis showed the grand champion swine last week at the Three Way Junior Livestock Show.


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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

from page
Davis' 236 -pound heavy Davis 236-pound heavy weight cross edged out seven other breed champions for the grand champion ribbon
Davis, the son of Murray and oann Davis, also had the reserve champion Berkshire. He
is a junior.
Swine judge Kit Pettigrew, an science teacher at (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 re erve showman award
Bred champions and reserve champions in the swine show were
Champion Berkshire, Cenee Hood; reserve champion, Kasey Davis; Champion Chester, Kara



# Pickup dreams 

## Im not sure what it is about

 pickups that make men drool. Maybe it's because women drool ver men in pickups. But someimes 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 bad case of hiccups and nothin' but washboard between the washouts. It' gotta be able to pull a loaded twenty foot gooseneck up the face of Gybralter without grabbin' com pound," 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 pric 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 lead ing 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 nother 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 breakfast!'
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 bent frame. "Can you bring the new on back?" they asked.
Dave gulped, and much to their surprise, said "Gas mine up, r'll be there by noon!"
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## Farmers learn about alternative crops


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HEREFORD-Growers atVegetable Conference here on an. 19 were attentive and in quisitive when universit specialists presented informa tion on improving profit potential and marketing options by growing alternative crops. George Dickerson, New Mexico State University Extension horticulturist, told growers they could enhance heir profit potential by pro ucing seasonal alternativ orn such as blue corn, sweet 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 the field or to processors "Ornamental corns and gourds, on the other hand, are grown mainly for the craft market. These crops will re quire intensive management a


#### Abstract

healthy seasonal income generat first find a niche market for them." Chiles are another crop op tion 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 mar keting outlets can be difficult


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"If you decide to do direct to-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 market ing is to have produce ready to sell throughout the growingmarketing season," Dickerson said. "Crops that can help you fill that void include asparagus, squash, garlic, radishes, gus, squash, garlic, radishes, tomatoes, gourds, and even

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"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, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, explained the workings the Texas Watermelon

TEMPLE-USDANatura Resources Conservation Service is celebrating Feb. 8-12 as Natural Resources Recognition Week in Texas.

In a statement issued by USDA-NRCS State Conserva tionist John P. Burt, the week is designed to encourage all Tex ans to reflect on the importance of natural resources in our daily lives.
"Our abundant natural re sources of soil, water, air plants, and animals continue to provide us with a healthy env ronment,"Burt said. "The wis
use of these re apart from every other country in the world. We are fortunate 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 con-
servation tours, displays,
educational progra 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.



CHAMPION DUROC Shown by Jennifer Kirby (Stephanie Kirby is pictured)

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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 granddaugher 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 car ried 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
owed was her garter which belonged to the bride's which belonged to the bride's mother garter.
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 feafuring a circle cut out in the back of the gown. The best man was Weldon Fritz father of the groom, and groom were Ruben Juarez and Aaron Fritz, brother of the groom. The Groom and groomsmen wore black Perry Ellis Southridge fuxedos with black and silve silhouette vests and bow ties. Ushering the wedding guests were Jay Kingston and Cade Gentry
Lori was escorted down the aisle by her father to Canon in Striayed by the John K. Moon tring Quartet.
As the couple lit their unity candle, the minister read scrip ture 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, reception was held in the church parlor. Serving the guests were

## NURSING HOME NEWS

Peggy Hicks lavished the Care Griffin, Harold Burge and EdCenter with two beautiful cut ward Orozco made and serve flower bouquets Thursday. The Muleshoe A ARP gave a ionthe Care Centerlast week
Mattie Grimsley's daughter visitedher last week. They played dominoes with Grace 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
ward Orozco made and served breakfast for the men. The menu consisted of bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, gravy and pan cakes
On Wednesday, Mr. Barber returned to the Care Center, having been a patient in the local hospital.
Thursday afternoon, at the January Birthday Celebration, Webb Watts and Janette Hukild werepresented boutonviereand corsage by Lasting Impressions. Melvin and Wanda Griffin had beautiful cake made. The Espinosa brothers, Camilo and Al , entertained with country western music.
Tuesday afternoon Beverly


Lori Hodges married Donald Fritz on Jan. 9 in Austin Kingston, Molly Suzanne Gentry, and Stacey Texas A\&M University in DeMiller, cousin of the bride.
Following the reception Following the reception the employed by American Fire couple left to honeymoon a and Safety in Bryan, while Lori few days in New Braunfels, and then returned to their home in Bryan.
gree in May from the University Lori graduated from Mule- rently employed by the Bryan/ shoe High School in 1994. College Station Public LibrarDonald graduated from ies.

Wagnon and Nancy Kidd came to set and comb the ladies hair. Anna B. Lane came by and also gave us ahelping 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 Sing spiration/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

## BIRTHS

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

Happy February Birthday to August Edd Edmiston born 2-51916; Dee Clements born 2-5-1908; John Barber born 2-14-1908; Zaoda Gibbs born 2-26; and Kathryn Hancock born 215. 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
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## RUTH C. EURANKS

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

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IRTHS
DUSTIN STEARMER
Jason and Brittany Stearme birth of a son, Dustin Stearmer.
He w
He was born at 12:04 a.m. on Jan. 25, 1999 at the Lew County Regional Medical Center in z. and was 21 inches long Grandparents are Craig and Grandy Kirby of Stegall, and Ernest and Bobbie Stearmer of Hobbs, NM.
Great Grandparents are Reve and Betty Kirby of Stegall• E and Betty Kirby of Stegall; E.G and Jerry Jackson of Jal, NM nd Mardell Morgenthaler Kermit, Texas.
Great Great Grandparents Great Great Grandparents ar Muleshoe.

Memorial Park under the direc tion 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 Lubock 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 OxBankson of Midland, Karen Ox ford of Lubbock and Joy Jugo o


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children 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 memorialsbesenttothe 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
diedon Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999
at a hospital in San Antonio Services were held on Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo.
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Spaghetti ..... $89^{6}$
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Cream Soups ...... 10.75 ..... $5 / 54$
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