# The Groom Rews

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# **Amarillo Diocese Names** New Bishop, John Yanta

Bishop John W. Yanta has been named the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Amarillo. He will replace Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen, who has served as bishop since May 30, 1980.

Installation for Bishop Yanta will be Monday, March 17, which is also the 41st anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

John Walter Yanta was born Oct. 2, 1931, in Runge, the fifth of eight children born to John Andrew and Mary Pollok Yanta.

He attended St. John's Preparatory Seminary and Assumption Seminary in San Antonio and was ordained to the priesthood on March 17, 1956 by Archbishop Lucey at San Fernando cathedral in San Antonio.

He comes, from his position as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of San

Antonio, to the Diocese of Amarillo. He is a native Texan and member of the Archdiocese of San Antonio all his life. Bishop Yanta said, "God has blessed me already with some Amarillo and Panhandle connections. First, my Polish kinsmen from Panna Maria and Karnes County came to White Deer in 1909; I follow 88 years later. Second, I was baptized in St. Anthony's Church, Runge, Texas, October 11, 1931 by then Father Laurence J. FitzSimon, who later became the third bishop of Amarillo."

"I am pleased to welcome fellow Texan with a farming and ranching background to the Diocese of Amarillo and the High Plains as my successor in the office of bishop," Bishop

Leroy Matthiesen said.

School Board Election

February 17th is the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the Groom School Board and Groom City Council elections.

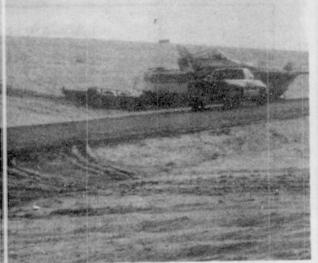
The Groom-School Board will have two seats up for grabs; the seat vacated by Joe Longway and the position currently held by Barry Fields.

In the City Election; the mayors slot, currently held by Greg Lamb and two alderman positions, now seated by Ronny Fields and Danny Ashford will be in question.

Anyone interested may contact the business office at the school or city hall to find out more about these positions.

Candidates must be residents of the entity in which they intend to run.

The election is scheduled



As The Interstate Turns...

# Weather Causes Accidents On I-40 Area G.T.E. customers in the "248" exchange will be

As The Interstate Turns By Trooper Gary Davis Well its been a very busy week, lots of accidents worked and criminal arrests made.

Lets start with 125 pounds of marijuana seized Troopers on 2-4-97. Chance Collins of Perryton and Oscar Esqueda of Borger were east of Groom on IH-40, when they stopped a vehicle from New Mexico. A consent to search was obtained from the driver and the marijuana was locating in the trunk. The estimated \$85,000.00. The two men and one female were placed in jail in Clarendon and were charged with Felony Possession of Marijuana. The driver gave a false name to the troopers and his fingerprints were faxed to Austin DPS. The new finger print data base showed the true name of the subject and he had several arrests for smuggling

Trooper Jeremy Wallace arrested a James David Penny of Shawnee, Oklahoma on 2-2-97.

street value is over Penny was wanted by the Navarro County Sheriff's Office for a Probation Penny was Violation. placed in jail in Pampa.

Trooper Wallace arrested Hector Nevarez in Amarillo on 2-7-97 for DWI. Nevarez was placed in the Potter County Jail.

Trooper Wallace was in an arresting mood for the first week of February. On the first a Russell George Mann was arrested for Misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Mann was placed in jail in Panhandle

See Weather, pg. 6

# **Ettes Bi-District Bound**

The Tigerettes will face the Miami Lady Warriors in Bi-District action.

"Miami is good, but they don't have a big dominating post," stated Head Coach Yelverton. "We have to shut down their outside shooting. They use a zone defense."

The Ettes are hoping to pack the house at the game, tentatively set for Wheeler at 7:00 p.m. on Friday.

They played to a full house at Hedley last week. The girls started off a little slow according to Coach Yelverton.

"I think our slow beginning showed serious the girls knew this game to be," he said, "after halftime we came back, and made some minor adjustments. The girls responded well. We had a 6 point run in the third quarter. The girls kept increasing their lead and just played their hearts out."

They won the game 65-46, beating Hedley for the No. 2 playoff seed. Mary Hutsell earned 18 points as top scorer. Jessica Stapp and Angie Conrad each added 12 points. Jessica Friemel had 10; Melissa Anthony 5, Sara Britten 4, Stephanie Ollinger 3, and Martie Phillips 1.

The Tigers lost to Hedley in a white knuckle nail biter 56-62.

"All I can say is, if only we had had another quarter," sighed Randy "The boys Yelverton. played their hearts out and came so close. This was the

> Phone Ballots To Come Soon

receiving ballots in the mail Canyon and Clarendon to our list of toll-free expanded calling areas. additional exchanges will not increase the fee the G.T.E. customers already pay.

However, 70% of the subscribers must mark their ballots, sign their names and phone numbers and return the ballots to the Public Utility Commission of Texas in order for the measure to

If you have questions about the vote, contact Debbie Anthony at 248- school on February 21.



Stephanie Ollinger and Angie Conrad fight for the ball against Hedley last Friday night where they won to claim a playoff spot in the district. Tentative time for the playoff game with Miami is Friday night at Wheeler beginning at 7:00 p.m.

best game they played all

"We knew going in that this year would be a struggle, after losing our height last year. These kids have gained an enormous amount of experience

playing a pretty tough schedule this year. While the record may not reflect it, I think these boys have had a really good year and have come a very long way. I know this doesn't console See Ettes, pg. 3

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GROOM G.E.D.C. will be meeting on February 20.

THE GROOM SCHOOL Board will meet Thursday at for Parenting: The 7:00 p.m.

has tentatively been set for March 6, 1997.

FEBRUARY 18-20 has been scheduled for the 4th Six Weeks Tests.

GROOM SCHOOL will be on their regular schedule

AMARILLO COLLEGE will present Shakespeare's "Macbeth" on Feb. 13 at 9:00 am at the Groom School auditorium.

THE TEXAS Department of Health will have an Immunization Clinic at the Groom Community Center Feb. 19, 2:00-4:00 pm.

THERE WILL BE no

Parenting Seminar Announced

The tenth annual seminar Underdeveloped Skill, will be presented at St. Paul THE GROOM Tigerettes United Methodist Church in play-off game with Miami Amarillo on Thursday, Friday night at Wheeler at information call 358-1757 or 7:00 p.m. Contact the 352-3724 or 354-4357. Preschool for schedule changes. registration deadline is February 26th.

> ALPHA MU XI will meet Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 in the home of Charlotte Whatley. Meleny Martin is co-hostess for a Valentine gift exchange.

> > TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO. Wheat-\$4.20 Mila.\$4.01 Corn-\$4.82 Snow Flurries Were Reported This Week

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Groom Bir hdays Anniversaries

February 13 - Jessica Odell Baggerman, Karen and Scott Fields (A).

February 14 - Susan Elaine Harp, Surie Martin, Lynn Y. Britten, Mr. and Mrs. James A. V/einheimer (A).

February 15 - Tom Reed, Courtney Candace Burgin, James S. Miller, Robert Evenson, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Crump (A).

February 16 - Ricky Shuck, Donna Watson.

February 17 - Mrs. D.A. (Hap) Watson, Berklee Ruthardt.

February 18 - Martin E. Hermesmeyer, D. Leon Schaffer, Loyd D. Littlefield, Sheridan Michelle Koetting, Jess Baker.

February 19 - Suzy Delight Pool, Michael Bradley Sustaire, Josh

# Local Happenings

Groom Ex-Students Named On Lists At WTAMU

Two hundred fifty-three West Texas A&M University students were named to the President's List, and 816 students earned mention on the Dean's List for the 1996 spring semester.

Students earning President's List recognition achieved a semester grade average (GPA) of 3.85 (of a possible 4.0) or better with a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Listed from Groom on the President's List were Rebecca Conrad, junior Kinesiology-PE major, and Stacy Fields, sophomore Science major. Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Conrad and Stacy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fields.

Named to the Dean's List from Groom were Bart Britten, sophomore Chemistry major; Bruce Britten, senior Environmental Science Chisum. major; Kenda Kinesiology-PE; senior Jeffrey Couch, senior Kinesiology-PE; Matt Fields, senior PLSC-Agronomy; Nick Kuehler, Post Bachelor Non-Grad, Chemistry; Aimee Lyles, junior English; Krista Percival senior Environmental Science; and Karen Reid, senior General Studies major.

### Card Of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks for the thoughts, prayers, cards and visits sent our way during Johnny's illness and surgery. Also a great big thank you to the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service for their speedy response.

Johnny & Nancy Brumley

### Lunch And Breakfast Menu

February 17 - 20 Monday

Breakfast: Cold cereal. blueberry muffins, juice,

Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, brownies, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch: Nachos, refried beans, shredded lettuce, sopapillas, milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Breakfast burritoes, hash browns. juice, milk

Lunch: Corn dogs or chef salad, pork & beans, crackers, applesauce, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy,

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Michele has an overall GPA of 3.69 and she will graduate this May from the Associate Degree Nursing program at Amarillo College. Michele plans to continue serving Groom and surrounding towns in Home Health Care.

Windbreak Trees Available From Local SWCD

Windbreak trees are available from the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District. The trees will be ordered from the Texas Forest Service and the Colorado State Forest Service. Landusers who reside in Carson County may obtain these trees.

### Ettes

the seniors much, but I think next year will be a great year."

Jamie Shuck was high point in the Groom vs Hedley game with 15 points. Todd Gray had 13, Trae Varsity Tigers scored 102 points to Lakeviews 66. Jimmy Chavedo led the scoring with a whopping 27 points. Josh Evenson Kepley and Jimmy Chavedo had 9 each. Toby Burgin had 5, Brad Sustaire had 3 and Daniel Treadwell had 2.

In Tuesday nights game against Lakeview Groom's scored an also impressive 19, and Justin Ritter had 15. Marcus Miller put in 9, Toby Burgin 8, Brad Sustaire 8, Trae Kepley had 5, Joe Britten and Daniel Treadwell each had 4, Jamie Shuck had 2 and Scott Weinheimer had 1.

The Junior Varsity Tigers beat Lakeview 57-50.

Evan Crowell was high point with 12. Chris Ollinger added 10, Dean Fields 9, Wade Ritter 8, Justin Homen 7, Wyatt Weinheimer 6, Dustin Babcock 3, and Dusty Crump 2.



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### Nick Kuehler Graduates With WTAMU Honors

Degrees were conferred on 397 West Texas A&M University graduates at the December 12 commencement ceremonies in Canyon.

Nick Kuehler from Groom received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with a Cum Laude designation. Cum

On The Sick List Helen Winkcompleck Lucille Case Wayne Stroope

G.E.D.C. Looks At Health

"The Groom Economic Development Corporation has been meeting with officials from two hospitals concerning health care for the Groom area," announced President Ben Ingham.

The Columbia Health Care System and Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital have contacted the group regarding opening clinics in the area. The group will

the area. The group will take their proposals into consideration in upcoming meetings.

Laude (3.50-3.74 GPA) graduates were recognized as honor graduates and were eligible to wear gold honor cords.

Nick is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuehler and joins 10 sisters and one brother who have each earned a college degree.

West Texas A&M University and the Pantex Thursday, February 13, 1997-THE GROOM NEWS-Page 3

Plant established a fully functional research lab at the Carryon campus and Pantex developing four student internship positions.

Nick is one of the four students and will earn class credit and work with Dr. Bill Moddeman, a surface science spectroscopist, in the surface science lab at Pantex running tests on how different materials interact with one another. He will be working on the only High-Resolution Auger Electron Spectrometer and

X-ray Photoelectron Spectrometer currently residing in the Texas Panhandle.





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# Panhandle's First Baptist Church Destroyed In Early Morning Fire

volunteer department as well as Pantex firefighters Deer and Skellytown were called to the First Baptist 4:40 a.m. Thursday, said suspect arson. Fire Chief Ricky Hamilton. The devastating fire completely destroyed the complex leaving only the

fifteen feet away. The church, different portions of which were constructed in the 1960s and 1970s, was estimated as a \$2 million loss.

"Something like this is very tough on the celebration will go on". community," Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand said. "It's a very fam ly oriented community," and the fire affects residents regardless

of their church affiliation.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Allen Neighbors and volunteers from White said he received conflicting reports on where the fire may have started. But he Church in Parhandle at said he had no reason to

People were at the church on Wednesday night as late as 10:45, said the Rev. Jim Perkins, First parsonage which is only Baptist pastor.

Perkins credited the firefighters for saving the parsonage.

Planning for the Church's 100th anniversary was to begin on Thursday. Rev. "the Perkins said,

"We will have it. We will celebrate 100 years of being a church that worships Jesus Christ as Lord. We just won't have a building.

including a written outline of major events in the church's history and photos from a recent church directory.

Many members of the community have come to church members' aid. The church will set up offices at Sun Bank. Sunday services, usually attended by about 230 people, will be at a yetto-be-determined site supplied by the Panhandle school system.

The minister said he doesn't consider the loss of the church to be a significant test of faith.

"We're West Texas people," he said. "When we're faced with a challenge, we get up and get going. We still have a church, just not a church building."

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# Area Obituaries

Billy Charles Minkley CLAUDE - Billy Charles "Doc" Minkley, 70, died Saturday, February 8, 1997.

Services were Monday in Claude Church of Christ with Kent Watson, minister, officiating. Burial was in Claude Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mr. Minidey was born in Young County and moved to Armstrong County in 1935. He married Peggy Lawler in 1946 at Goodnight. He had been a farmer and rancher most of his life.

He attended Goodnight schools and Texas A&M University. He was an Army veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of Claude American Legion, Claude Masonic Lodge and Claude Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara, in 1993.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Don Minkley, Ray Minkley and Joe Minkley, all of Claude; a sister, Dorothy Simmons of Roswell, N.M.; a brother, Nolan Sanders of Claude; and 11 grandchildren.

#### **Obituaries**

Walker F. Parker CANYON - Walter F. "Ace" Parker, 75, died Saturday, February 8, 1997.

Services were in Wallace Funeral Home Chapel at Tulia with the Rev. Richard Bales, of First United Methodist Church at Canyon, officiating. Burial was in Happy Cemetery at Happy.

Mr. Parker was born in Tulia. He married Nancy

in 1950 at C. Woods He attended Groom. schools at Union Hill and Tulia and graduated from Tulia High School in 1940. He was in the Army from 1942 until 1943.

He retired from maintenance work at Consumer Fuel at Happy, WTSU, and Erwin Greenhouse. He began raising registered Angora goats in 1982 and was owner and operator of the Happy Ace Angora Farm near Canyon.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Frances Ann Parker.

Survivors include his wife: two daughters, Cathryn P. Young and Jeanne G. Day, both of Canyon; a son, Aaron W. Parker of Canyon; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Happy Cemetery; Cal Farley's Boys Ranch; American Heart Association; American Cancer Society; or a favorite charity.

Proxie Haiduk Warminski WHITE DEER - Proxie Haiduk Warminski died Monday, February 3, 1997.

Rosary was recited in Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel at Pampa with Monsignor Kevin Hand, pastor of Heart Catholic Sacred Church at White Deer, officiating. Funeral Mass was celebrated in Sacred Heart Catholic Church by Monsignor Hand and Monsignor James Gurzynski of St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery at White Deer.

# Weather

and on Monday he pled guilty and paid a \$300.00

On 2-5-97, I stopped a car for speeding 89 in a 70. The passenger a Matthew Smith of Hugoton, Kansas was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Some people never seem to learn

On 2-7-97 I was called out at 2:45 am to work an accident on I-40. A van driven by a Margarita Valencia of Sunland Park, New Mexico slid off the road at the 112 mile marker and hit the guard rail. Citations for Unsafe Speed and No Liability Insurance.

On 2-7-97 at 8:30 am a pickup towing a very large boat lost control on the Dairy Queen overpass and ran off the road. The boat came off the trailer and a crane had to be called in to put the boat back on the trailer. Trooper Chris Ray from Panhandle worked this accident, plus another that could have been very deadly. I was drinking coffee and looked up to see a blue van sliding sideways and overturned in the middle of I-40. The van contained nine adults and one infant. The Groom and McLean Ambulance Services transported three people to Amarillo out of

And while this wreck. Trooper Ray was working this accident, I was notified of another one at the 111 overpass. A van towing a foot travel trailer jackknifed and slid into the center median. No injuries resulted in this accident. After the accidents Trooper Ray and myself assisted Trooper Ronald Shank in arresting a drinking. California man. This man was driving a stolen car out of Missouri and he was caught at the KOA campground east of Groom. And all this before noon. Saturday night we worked

an accident at Love's in Conway. An Arkansas woman missed the brakes and crashed through the windows where folks sat eating. Thank goodness that no one was sitting in any of the booths. And it has come to my

attention by several people, that underage drinking was going on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Two people were issued citations for Minor In Possession of Alcoholic Beverage. And it looked like a party had taken place in front of Attebury's by the beer cans on the ground. And we noticed several cans in the streets around town, which tells us that we had some drinking and driving going on. Make no mistake, if we catch an underage driver you will be filed on. If you're driving, tests will be given and possible DWI charges could be filed. The legislature is in session and I know of several bills that have been filed to get very tough with underage Driver license suspensions, jail terms, large fines and this is not only for driving but also being caught as a minor in possession. Texas leads the nation in fatalities for people under the age of 21. So something has got to be done. We will be working very hard to find out where the kids are getting the

# LOCAL HAPPENING

U.S. Navy Seabee, Chris Martin, was home on leave before heading off to Guam.

Jane and David Burroughs and Josiah of Abilene visited her father, Leldon Hudson, this past weekend.

> St. Jude's Math-A-Thon

The Groom 6th and 7th graders will hold a Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's Hospital for children. participants will solve between 200 and 250 math problems. The children will be requesting sponsors for the program.



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# Historical Marker Approved For McLean Museum

The application for the McLean-Alanreed Museum Historical Marker has been approved by the Texas Historical Commission of Texas.

The local committee is working diligently on get ing their part of the planning taken care of. The Texas Historical Commission is working on the wording for the marker. This will be sent to McLean for the approval of the wording, then back to Austin for final approval.

The site for the marker and area will be located on

the corner of Gray County Rd. Z and the County Line Road.

### School Board

February 17th is the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the McLean School Board. City offices will be closed on February 17th so the first day to file for a place on the City Council's ballot will be February 18.

The McLean School Board will have two vacancies to fill; the positions currently held by Neal Odom and John Holland.



# Feral "Wild" Hogs Rampage The McClellan - Hackberry Creek Area

Feral hogs are running wild on McClellan Creek.

According to Johnny Carpenter they are ranging from the mouth of McClellan back to Hackberry Creek. They are doing lots of damage in the hay meadows. Dick Everett, land owner, is not

### Little Dribblers

### Begin

Little Dribblers is starting up once again. Practice has already began. Most of March is scheduled with tournaments.

This year's coaches are Cathy Hembree for 4th & 5th grade girls; and Rose Steel for 6th grade girls; Marshall Hanes will coach 4th grade boys; and Bill Terry coaches 5th & 6th grade boys.

# City Election

In the City Election; the mayors slot, currently heid by Sam Haynes and two alderman positions, now being filled by Gary Jackson and Casper Smith will be in question.

Anyone interested may contact the business office at the school or city hall to find out more about these positions

Candidates must be residents of the entity in which they intend to run.

The election is scheduled for May 3.

too happy with the damage received from the hogs.

Johnny Carpenter recently trapped a sow and her babies. The little ones still have their stripes and dots for carnouflage.

Feral hogs are domestic hogs that have either escaped or were released for hunting. After a few generations the hogs domestic characteristics fade and they develop traits for surviving in the wild.

The feral hog is an unprotected, nongame animal. They may be hunted by any means and at any time of year. There are no seasons or bag limits, although landowner permission and a valid hunting license are needed.

Feral hogs are more muscular than domestic hogs. Their eyesight is poor but they make up for poor sight with a keen sense of hearing and smell.

Feral hogs are found throughout most of Texas, with the highest population being in South Texas.

The Texas Panhandle has very low populations. However, reports indicate populations may be on the rise.

Feral hogs are prolific breeders. They can breed at eight months old. Sows may have two litters a year which may be born throughout the year.

The average life expectancy in a wild hog population is about 4 to 5 years. See Feral Hogs, pg. 9

# years. See Feral Ho McLean D.P.S. Report

By Trooper Ron Shank

On February 6, 1997 at 8:15 a.m. an El Paso, Texas resident lost control on the slick road 4 miles west of McLean. The TTST he was driving jackknifed and slid into the south ditch of IH-40. The driver was not injured.

At 8:40 a.m. a Pampa man rolled his pickup three miles north of McLean. Neither the driver nor his wife were injured.

February 7, 1997 at 9:20 a.m. a Tulsa, Oklahoma man lost control on an icy overpass and struck the guardrail. His vehicle received heavy damage but he was not injured.

At 11:30 a.m. on the 7th a San Diego, California resident was arrested for stealing a car in Kansas City, Missouri. He was placed in jail in Pampa.

On February 8 at 12:30 p.m. a Needles, California man was arrested for probation violation out of Dallas County, Texas. The original charge was for DWI. He was placed in jail in Pampa to await the Dallas officials.

# Sam Haynes Sworn In For Appraisal District

Swears in Directors
McLean Mayor Sam
Haynes and Gray County
Judge Richard Peet were
sworn in recently to serve a
two-year term on the Gray

County Appraisal District

Board of Directors.

Board chairman, Neil Quattlebaum was re-elected to head the directors. After approving the minutes of their November and December meetings, the chief appraiser, Pat Bagley, spoke to the board about

homestead exemptions.

Every year, he said, the appraisal district receives about 300 late registrations from residents wishing to receive homestead exemptions.

He stated that "this is a problem."

Many residents, he said, do not know about the exemptions they can take advantage of.

The appraisal board members also approved their December 1996 expenditures.

Anyone wishing to obtain information about homestead exemptions, may contact the Gray County Appraisal District at 815 N. Sumner in Pampa.

# McLean Reminders

SCHOOL WILL BE closed Monday, Feb. 17.

CITY HALL will be closed for President's Day, Feb. 17

TRINITY BAPTIST Church will be having their Sweetheart banquet in Pampa, Sat., Feb. 15 at 6:00

McLEAN ALCOHOLICS Anonymous will meet at 7:00 pm, Monday at the Bank of Commerce.

THERE WILL BE No School for McLean students on February 17.



# Watkins Named January Student of the Month

Jaylene Watkins was named a January 1997 Student of the Month at Frank Phillips College in Borger. She was listed from the Health, Physical Education and Athletics Division and took part in a Presentation Ceremony on January 30 in the Frank Phillips College Auditorium.

Jaylene is a freshman agriculture communications major. She is the daughter of Jesse and Judith Wathins

of McLean. Jaylene is a recipient of a livestock judging scholarship and a dorm scholarship. She is involved in many different activities at Frank Phillips College. She is a member of the 1996-97 livestock judging team and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and is the secretary of the music club and the regional bulletin advisor of the student government association.

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# McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 13 - Burl Stubbs, Ada Simmons.

February 14 - John Glass, Josh Acuna, Shaley Steel.

February 15 - Tony Polito, Georgia Durham, Donna Kingston.

February 16 - Martha Van Huss, Joetta Bailey, Rose Steel, Sarah Dorsey.

February 17 - Dedra Watson, Fahoma Ladd Holder, Oleta Harris.

February 18 - Ruth Ware, Moriah McCracken, Mark Simmons.

February 19 - Tonue Brown, Ann Long, Thelma McCarty.

### Card Of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks for the thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and food sent our way during James' recent illness. God's richest blessings to

you.

James & Pa Barker



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### **Briefs**

Ruth Ware's tests showed some heart damage, but she was at church Sunday.

Myrtle Allen remains in serious condition in Wheeler Hospital.

Johnny Day's brother, Lonnie underwent lung surgery last week.

Muriel Moore has had surgery in Pampa and will return to her doctor Wednesday for further treatment.

Any student living in Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Gray, Roberts or Wheeler County is eligible to apply. Each applicant needs to have a 2.5 high school average and have an agriculture, nutrition or health related field as a major in their college plans.

Jasper Induced Into

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membership ranks. McLean

resident Holly Jasper was

among those inducted into

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### Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson
January was a very slow
month at the Devil's Rope
Museum and Old Route 66
Exhibit. We had only 126
visitors. Those included 11
people from five foreign
countries, England, Canada,
Japan, Switzerland and

were represented.

We closed for half a day on January 11 due to snow. Seemed like a good day to be home by the fire since there was no activity in our part of town.

Poland. Twenty-three states

Several citizens met with Warren Chisum the morning of January 6 for coffee and visitation.

We look forward to February hoping it will yield more visitors.

February 3rd was the day to enjoy the chili and stew dinner hosted by the Alanreed-McLean Area Museum in the Heritage Room. A large crowd turned out for this event.

The Assembly of God Church plan their Valentine Candlelight Dinner at 6:00 PM, Saturday, February 15th in the Heritage Room.

The Soil and Water Conservation Board have the room rented for their meeting February 18th. If the roads are bad that day, they will meet the following week, February 25th.

9-1-1 In The
Good Old Days

By Delbert Trew 1997 911 In The Good Old Days

A telephone call I made recently required six minutes, during which I responded to instructions pushing sixteen numbers, heard three different tunes, got a message machine, left a message, and have never received a call back. Somehow this is not progress in communications.

In the old "crank telephone" days you always got at least one person to speak to you, and if the conversation lasted several minutes you had everyone on the line to visit with.

When you rang a number and no one was home, a neighbor answered and told you where your party was located. There was no need to listen to goofy machine messages and beeps.

In the past, if the phone went dead you saddled your horse, tied on some extra telephone wire and within the hour your phone was working. Today, when our phone quits, we have to drive to town, dial San Angelo, push twenty buttons, listen to a weird

tune, wait patiently, finally tell our story, answer lots of questions and in a day or two, if you are lucky, your phone will be fixed at exactly 12:03 PM.

Why do we really need a private line? Grandma Trew used to say, "Don't fuss about eavesdroppers. We are Christians, obeying the Ten Commandments, we have nothing to hide, and they are our friends and neighbors."

Strange as it may seem, we had a good 911 emergency system. If you got hurt, had a fire, or needed help quickly, just crank out a long continuous ring. When you let up the operator and everyone else on the line would be ready to help you.

You could save a lot of money on invitations and mailing. Just let the word slip and everyone on the line would be at the party or meeting.

The price back then was OK too, as our phone bill was about \$4.00 most months. And the most wonderful part of all, no one ever called up wanting us to change service.



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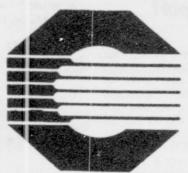
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Saturday was the

Valentine party at which

time a King and Queen was

crowned by the former

escorted by his sister, Bonita

Myers and the Queen,

Phyllis Bailey was escorted

the Queen with an arm

bouquet of long stem roses

and a boutonniere for the

King. A sweetheart cake

was made by Evelyn

Pennington. Each resident

received a decorated sack of

Ladies serving at the

party were Inez Trostle,

Wilma Barker, Sue Marsh

and her girls Tamie and

Jerry Ferguson furnished

by her son, Rocky Bailey.

The King, Leon Tate was

Queen, Truman Goodlett.

McLean School Menu February 17 - 21 Monday - No School Tuesday

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Bar-B-Q ribettes on bun, celery, carrot sticks, oven fries, dessert, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Toast, gravy, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, cake, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti, meat sauce, oven fried okra, cornon-the-cob, bread sticks, dessert, milk.

Friday Breakfast:

Cinnamon toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chili dogs, fries, ranch style beans, rice krispie bars, milk.

McLean Church Has Valentine Banquet

The United Methodist Church had a Valentine Banquet, Sunday, February 9th. Almost 100 people came out to enjoy a catered meal by the North Forty Steak House.

The entertainment was provided by Mason Jars from Wheeler. They came ready to provide a delightful evening with songs from the 50s and 60s era and they dressed in the 50s-60s style.

A very special song was provided by Trenton Todd Darsey.

Six door prizes were given out during the evening. Beverly Odom took individual and couples pictures for the group. The Methodist youth served and cleaned up afterwards.

Everyone is looking forward to next year's Valentine Banquet as this year's party was deemed a big success.

Patty Brass was kind to give the News the information on the banquet.

# Feral Hogs

Feral hogs have tough shoulder hide that is formed through continuous fighting and it hardens as the hogs

Feral hogs can be dangerous when wounded. Their razor sharp tusks can cause serious injury. Caution should be taken news on her bone surgery when handling or tracking

Dr. Robert Galutia Family Physician

Dr. Robert Galutia of Wheeler was named Outstanding Family Physician of the Year by the Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians at the Fall Convention in October. Dr. Robert Galutia has been in private practice for 20 years in Wheeler County. He practiced for one year in Durant, Oklahoma before moving to Wheeler in August of 1977.

Alanreed News By Lena Carter

Denva Tidwell and Nora Dragoo shopped in Pampa on Saturday.

Members of First Baptist Church met in the basement after services for a pot-luck dinner. delightful lunch was enjoyed and much visiting.

Shirley Armbrister was in Borger with her church group on Saturday.

Visiting Lena Carter on Monday was Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce of Amarillo.

Denva Tidwell and Nora Dragoo were in Pampa on Monday for medical attention for Nora.

Former resident Lester Carter now of Rotan, Texas has a very ill wife in hospital at present. Our prayers go with them.

Former resident Jerry Carter's wife received good after a return check in Oklahoma City on Monday.

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The Children of Thelma Stephens

Invite You To Her 90th Birthday Party

February 15, 2:00-4:00 pm Everyone Is Invited

> At Thelma's Home 4th & Wheeler 419 East 4th Street McLean, Texas

Pioneer Study Club

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, February 6 in the Hospitality Room of the Lovett Memorial Library. President Mary Dwyer conducted the business meeting. Martha Parker and Bonnie Nell Fabian were appointed to see about replacing the flowering plum tree that died in front of the library. Members were reminded that homecoming is to be the third week-end in June. The committees for the Senior Tea were discussed.

Mary Emma Woods

TIGERS

presented a very interesting program on the life of Charles Goodnight. Ruth Trew was hostess and served cream cheese sandwiches, dried apricots dipped in white chocolate. spiced nuts, lemon tea cakes, coffee and Russian spiced tea to Mary Dwyc Bonnie Nell Fabian

Margaret Grogan, Ruth Magee, Loyce Murry Beverly Odom, Parker, Lynn Reeves, Jenny Stubbs, Mary Emma Woods and one guest, Zelda McClellan.

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The McLean News

**Cubs Compete At Hedley Tournament** 

Tournament at Hedley the McLean Cubs played Samnorwood in the first game beating the Eagles 52 to 8. Scorers for the Cubs points, Randy Floyd 10, Terrell Hembree 8, Brad Sawyer 6, Gabriel Vega 4, Josh Logan 4, Ben Ridgley 2, Ricky Smith 2 and Coy Tolleson 2.

In the second game the score of 66 to 40 over the Hedley Owls. Terrell Hembree and Randy Floyd each scored 15 points for the Cubs while Robbie Bradley added 11, Brad Sawyer 7, Gabriel Vega 6,

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In the recent Junior High Josh Logan 6, Ben Ridgley 4 and David Swafford 2.

In girls action at the Hedley Tournament the Lady Cubs scored 32 points over Samnorwood's 23 in was Robbie Bradley with 14 the first round. Randi Jo Riley scored seven, Teddra Simmons 4, Nikki Hefley 2, Austin Williams 4, Twila Williams 2, Cesily Cadra 2, and Veronica Fite 2.

The Lady Cubs lost to Hedley in the second game Cubs were victorious with a of the tourney with a final score of 42-31. Lauren Williams and Twila Williams each scored 8 while Randi Jo Riley had 6, Teddra Simmons, Jessie Daniels, Austin Williams and Vernonica Fite each had 2 points.

TIGERS

Cagers End Season

By Moriah McCracken & Lori Hefley with 2. Traci Seitz, Tiger Rag Staff The Tigers and Lady

Tigers ended their 1996-97 basketball season in a double defeat at Samnorwood Friday night with the Tigers losing 94-49 and the Lady Tigers 40-22.

The Lady Tigers fought hard, but remained behind in the first half 23-11. The Ladies outscored them in the third quarter, but were once again repressed by the Lady Eagles. Lead scorers for McLean with 7 points were Senior Tanna Shipman and Sophomore Rachel Galley, Sophomore Vanessa Glass with 4, and Senior Shanna Dent and Junior

The Tigers didn't break the playoff hex, but instead remained suppressed throughout the game. With their number of persona fouls outnumbering the Eagles, the Tigers sacrificed a few points. It was a clos race in the first quarter, bu at the end of the first hal the Tigers were under 50-24. Leading scorers for McLean were Senior Tobe Purcell with 18, Seni Chad Richards with Freshman Bret Montgomery with 6, Junio Anthony Albus and Freshman Ike Hanes with 3 and Junior Chris Flores with

# Cubs Beat Lefors

McLean Junior High boys Randy Floyd added had a large score win over Gabriel Vega 8, and Bra the Lefors team. the Cubs. Terrell Hembree Smith each added 2 points. was high point with 22.

They Sawyer 7. Ben Ridgley claimed a 58-20 victory for David Swafford and Ricky

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#### McLean Volunteer Fire Department Report

On January 14 at 11:20 twelve personnel responded to a wreck call at mile marker 124. A Yellow Freight Liner truck turned over in the bar ditch.

On January 14 at 12:02 twelve personnel responded to a wreck call at mile Three semimarker 140. trucks jack-knifed.

On January 17 at 5:56 sixteen personnel responded to a structure fire call on county line road. The J.D. Roth place. It was a total

January 25: Grass fire 2 miles north of Alanreed. Ten personnel and 5 units 40 responded. burned

February 2: One vehicle rollover at the 148 mile marker. No injuries. Six personneland 2 units responded.

February 2: Grass Fire at the 132 mile marker on I-40. Ten personnel and four units responded. 4 acres burned.

### Happy Birthday Dashae Tolleson

Dashae Tolleson is six years old. Mammy and Pappie John Carpenter, Grannie Tolleson, Mom and Dad, Jacob, and Coy were family members, Jim and Emma Jean McDonald, Sarah Fox and Haley Fox were the friends that helped celebrate her birthday at the North Forty on Friday night.

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February 2: One vehicle roll over 11/2 miles west of 273 on 2473. 18 wheeler LP Tank. One injury. Seven personnel and 4 units responded. Also set up loading zone for Medivac.

February 3: Assisted Shamrock Fire Department on a grass fire one mile south and 2 miles west of Twitty. Two units and 5 personnel responded.

February 3: Grass fire 6 miles south on 273. Burned 20 acres. Seven personnel and 3 units responded.

The McLean Fire Department was called, on February 6, 1997, to a one car roll three miles north on Hwy. 273. One unit with 2 personnel responded.

# Agriculture Scholarship Available At Clarendon

College

High school seniors who plan to major in agriculture at Clarendon College are encouraged to apply for the Malouf and Iris Abraham Agriculture Scholarship. This scholarship is available only to high school seniors graduating from a high school in Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Robert or Wheeler counties.

Scholarship applications by calling are available Clarendon Financial Aid Office at 1-TERESCENE RESCENCE CACE

800-687-9737. Scholarship deadline is April 1, 1997.

Completed Malouf and Iris Abraham Agriculture scholarship applications should be mailed to: The Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore #700, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Clarendon College also offers agricultural scholarships for livestock, meats and horse judging, as well as, a variety of academic scholarships. Many general scholarships are available without a specific major stipulation. General scholarship deadline is May 1, 1997.

For more information call CC Financial Aid at 1-800 = -687 - 9737.

### Obituary

Florence Cunningham Florence Cunningham, 75, died Saturday, February 8, 1997.

Graveside services were Monday in Memory Cemetery at Gardens Amarillo with the Rev. J. Alan Ford, pastor of Southwest Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Directors, at Funeral Amarillo.

Mrs. Cunningham was born in Woodson and had lived in McLean for more than 50 years. She married Luther Norris Cunningham in 1940 at Haskell; he died in 1981.

She was a homemaker and a member of Southwest Baptist Church at Amarillo.

Survivors include a son, Luther Norris Cunningham Jr. of Arlington; two daughters, Alice Brown and Dora Faye Smith, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Myrtle Underwood of Longview and Leona Martin of Beckville; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

### Briefs

Floyd Laxton is making a remarkable recovery from a car accident.

Bro. James Mantooth, Luann and Caitlan arrived McLean Saturday afternoon with all their belongings. They are now moved in and a part of our

Randy Stalls made a trip to Pawhuska, Oklahoma on

Haley Fox spent two days in the hospital in Canyon.

# **Obituaries**

Lillian Johnson Bush WHEELER - Lillian Johnson Bush, 86, died Sunday, February 9, 1997.

Services were in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Toby Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bush was born in Cookville and moved to Wheeler in 1935. She married J.D. Johnson in 1928 at Mount Pleasant; he died in 1968. She then married Edward Bush in 1970 at Wheeler.

She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She also was preceded in death by a son, David R. Johnson, in 1953.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, June Tipton of Borger and Helen May of Pampa, a son, J.T. Johnson of Wheeler; three stepdaughters, Mary DeBusk of Corryton, Tenn., Barbara Fagan of Soldotna, Alaska, and Carole Phillips of Panama City, Fla.; a niece, Imogene Shirley of Perryton; a brother, Joe Brown of McLean; eight grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; 16 greatgrandchildren; and six greatgreat grandchildren.

Edith Bybee To Travel To See New Great-Grand-Baby

Edith Bybee is going to Wisconsin to see her new great-grand-baby. She will be traveling with her daughter, Shirley from Houston. Makenzie Paige weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

A DRIVER SAFETY course will be held in Pampa on Sat., Feb. 15 at the Clarendon College Pampa Center at 900 North Frost, and on Sat., Feb. 22 in Clarendon at the CC Administration Building, Room 103.

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