

# The Groom News

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## Hurricane Like Winds, Rain Surprises Groom



**Double  
Take!**

### WE SAW . . .

Jack Spencer mowing some heavy grass Sunday. . .

The Don Lyles with some extra hands helping with the damaged roof caused by Friday night's storm. . . . .

The Groom News spent time mopping the back shop after the rain as well as the Groom Grocery replacing plastic where a window once was. . . . .

Monica Howard and girls helping mop up water after the storm at St. Mary's Church. . . . .

Barbara & Joe Homer's car after the beating it took in the storm. . . . .

Trey Britten holding a well built bird's nest with 3 little baby birds all cuddled up, waiting on Trey to feed them. . . . .

Kade Brown having quite a time playing in all the water in his front yard. . . . .

Sybil Brown bringing tomatoes to The Groom News staff in preparation for a trip to Las Vegas. . . . .

Jeremy Chavado loading and unloading and loading a van to move to Alabama. . . . .

Pictured right are recent Library winners see story on page 2. (left to right) Chad Barkley, Kade Brown, Thave Barkley, Penny McMahan, Amanda Conrad, Jessica McMahan, Chance Barkley and James Reid. Winner's not pictured are Jennifer Jenkins, Brandon Jenkins, and Malorie Homen.

Hurricane force winds took the City of Groom by surprise Friday afternoon. The storm seemed to come from nowhere as the rumble of thunder and the flash of the approaching lightning was the only warning that Groom received. Area television stations were so preoccupied with an impending concert that little, if any warning was given to the town of 650 residents.

1½ to 2 inches of rain fell in sheets and seemed to come from every direction. Pea to marble sized hail was

driven like bullets by the 90 mile per hour winds.

The storm, which lasted maybe 45 minutes from beginning to end, is one of the most expensive in recent years.

Many residents lost tree limbs, shingles and windows. At least one tree was completely up-rooted at the home of Barney Davis. Vehicles were pelted with flying debris. Several reported broken windows and lots of dents and pings. Max Wade lost the plate glass windows at his office. The Groom Grocery store lost a window as well.

Chris Britten lost a barn just south of town. A truck trailer blew over on Old Route 66.

Allsup's may have sustained the greatest loss.

The store was in the process of undergoing some remodeling. The roof was totally destroyed and water damage was apparent on the inside ceilings. The powerlines were severed by flying debris and county officials had to rope off the area to keep someone from being injured by the live lines.

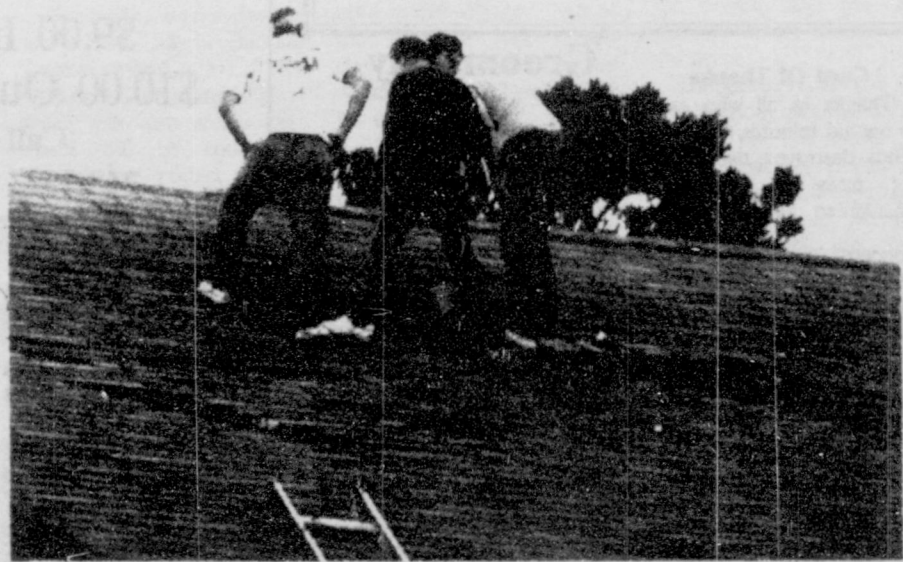
Bonnie Terbush, store manager, stated that the store will be closed for a few days while they push ahead with their remodeling plans.

"This is not the way we would have preferred to do this," she stated. "But we will have a whole new look when we are done."

Groom School weathered fairly well. Windows on the south side leaked a little. South facing outer doors leaked as the 90 mile per hour wind drove water through every tiny crack. The roof was ripped from the old hog pens and cattle

feed was lost to the driving rain.

Concluding it all, no one has been reported to have been injured, although there may have been several tired backs after spending the weekend picking up tree limbs. Groom sweeps up awaiting the new blow that Mother Nature plans to dish out.



Danny Ashford, Forrest McLaughlin and Jerry Ashford pitch in and repair their sister, Mary Sue Lyles' roof.



This big limb was just one of hundreds that broke during the storm Friday night.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CLASS OF '77 will meet Friday, Aug. 1 for their 20th year reunion at the Community Center after the track meet.

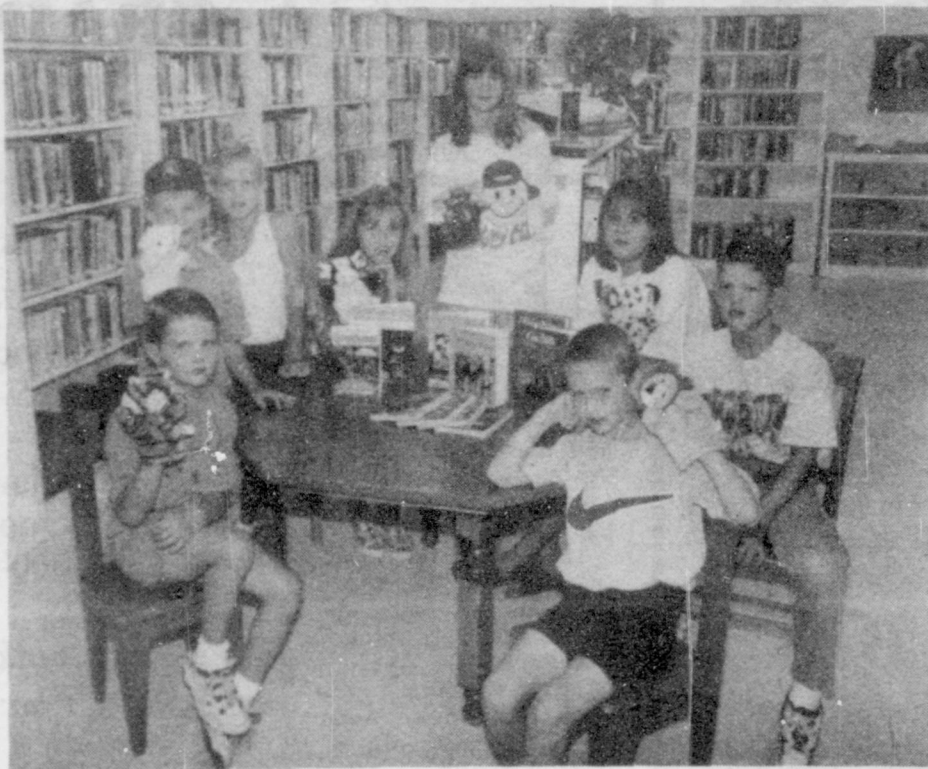
THE 40TH REUNION for the Class of '57 will be on Groom Day (Saturday). They will meet at the school.

**GROOM DAY DUTIES**  
Methodist Church - Beans  
Church of Christ - Apricots, Onions & Pickles  
First Baptist Church - Potato Salad  
Christian Mothers - Potato Salad  
Sorority - Cole Slaw

THE CLASS OF '37 will celebrate their 60th reunion at 11:30, Sat., August 2 in the Home Ec Room at the school. Class members will also be asked to meet before the parade to ride on a float.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
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### Card Of Thanks

Thanks to all who came to my aid minutes after high winds destroyed two of the big trees in my yard. Thanks so much for your

concern and help. I've always felt like the best people in the world lived in Groom, Texas.

A "Special Thanks" to Buddy and Kenneth Weller. Barney Davis

### Correction!

We ran a picture of cutie, Mattie Wieberg and labeled the picture wrong last week. Sorry!

## Groom Day '97 Event Contacts

- Shirley Fields - Tennis - 248-7435
- Larry Reid - 3 on 3 Basketball - 248-7616
- Dondra Downs - Parade 248-7435
- Sandra Britten - Arts & Crafts 248-7226
- Tim Case - Volleyball 248-7290
- Lonny Brown - Round-Up 248-7310
- Ernie Blount - Chili Cook-Off 248-7913
- Donna Barnett & Karen Brown - Tent 248-7058 or 248-7210

# Local Happenings

Betty and Alton Flinchum from Oklahoma City visited their Uncle Rip, and Joy Snyder on Sunday.

Virginia Snyder of Amarillo visited Rip and Joy Monday.

**On The Sick List**  
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**Library News**  
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**Alpha Mu Xi Sorority Dress-Up Tea Party**  
 Alpha Mu Xi Sorority added a little spark of fun to their July 10th meeting by having a "Dress-Up Tea Party."

Members and Rushees arrived at the home of Barbara Homer in their Sunday dresses, and proceeded to "dress-up" in vintage hats, gloves, and costume jewelry, a lot of which was on loan from Points West Antique Store here in Groom.

The hostesses, Barbara, Linda Lee Richardson, and Michelle Bohr went all out with a delectable menu of almond tea, bubble tea, pecan meringues, cake and jelly bonnets, crumpets, cream stuffed strawberries and giant cookies smothered with chocolate icing.

Unfortunately, the president, Nancy Patterson, had to break up the party so they could finalize plans for Groom Day.

The Sorority will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 31st to make cole slaw in the school cafeteria. At 4:00 p.m., they will meet in the school auditorium to decorate for the Night of Music. All sorority members are asked to be at the school no later than 7:15 on Friday, August 1st to help with the 2nd annual Night of Music featuring local amateur talent.

Saturday morning will find them with an entry in the parade, and in the afternoon the ladies will have a booth at the City Park, one in the Community Center, and one at the Ranch Rodeo.

The benches have been installed in the Gazebo and people are invited to enjoy the Groom Day Parade from that location.

The meeting was adjourned with many thanks to the hostesses for a delightful evening.

## NOTICE:

Please do not dump limbs in the alleys or in the dumpsters. The BFI truck will not pick up the trash if there are tree limbs in it and the city will not pick up limbs placed in the alley. Metal and concrete should not be placed in the woodpile as these items cannot be burned. Please help us to continue to provide these services by following these guidelines. Failure to comply will result in the closing of the tree dump.

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Joe Britten got an Eagle on a Par 5, Hole No. 1 in golf at Clarendon's Country Club.

**Ritter & Crowell Play In All Star Game**  
 Justin Ritter and Sean Crowell participated in the Six-Man Coaches All-Star football game last week in Lubbock. The East team held the West defensively allowing them only one touchdown. Ritter and Crowell were members of the West All-Stars.

Justin was credited with 9 yards rushing on one carry.

The game ended with the East 24 - West 8.

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### Card Of Thanks

The family of Howard Williams wants to thank all the dear friends who came to our aid in our time of sorrow. For every kindness; visits, phone calls, flowers, food, and especially your prayers, we are all so very grateful. We love you and may God bless you!

Lillie Mae Williams  
 Charles, Ann & Karen  
 Larry, Linda & Erica

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

July 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wakefield (A).

July 18 - Sybil Brown, Glen Smith, R.J. Kuehler, Mrs. Tom Reed.

July 19 - Nadyne Lee, Ellen Gray, Bonnie Peters.

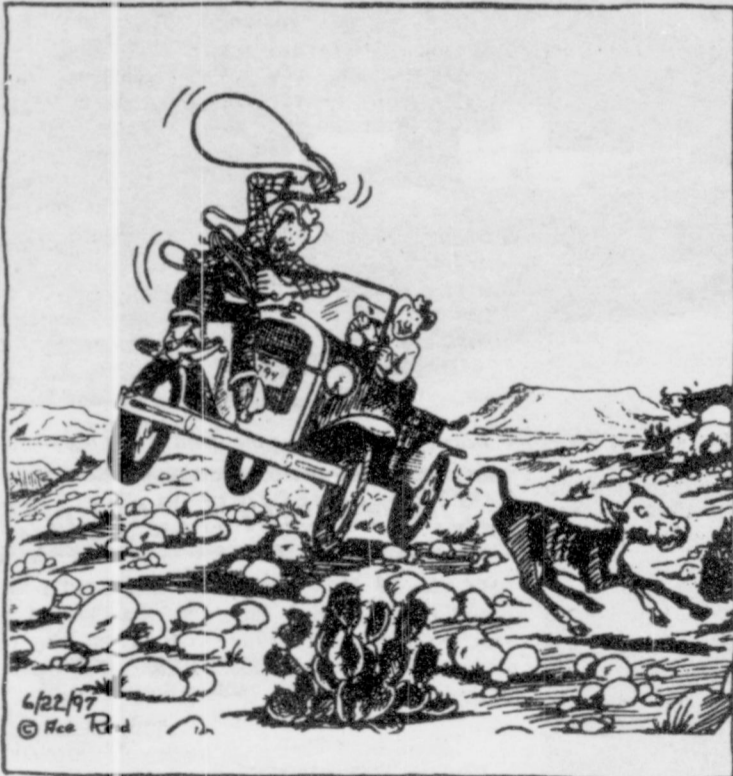
July 20 - Trey Daniel Britten, Michael Anthony Lewis, Melanie Renee Friemel, Lainie Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Babcock (A), Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ashford (A).

July 21 - Irma Blackwell, Randy Sustaie, Harris Howard, Steven Hutsell, Allie & Norris Hoyt (A).

July 22 - Kenneth Black, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bivens (A).

July 23 - Darcee Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Q. Rose (A).

## COW POKES By Ace Reid



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## Area Obituaries

Roy Carl Simmons

WHITE DEER - Roy Carl Simmons, 73, of El Paso, a former White Deer resident, died Thursday, July 10, 1997.

Services were Monday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dorn, pastor, officiating. Burial was in White Deer Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Simmons was born in Wichita Falls. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served in Operation Infantry in Belgium and Germany with the 89th Lightning Division. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

He retired in 1985 after 39 years of service as a teacher, coach and counselor. He was a longtime teacher and coach in White Deer.

Coach Simmons will be missed not only by his family and friends but many members of his varsity basketball teams. Philip J. Miller was a member of Coach Simmons' team in the 1967-68 season. "He was as good a basketball coach as in the Texas Panhandle."

He married Margaret Bates in 1943 at Hollis, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Melanie La Bree of Humble; a son, Roger W. Simmons of Bryan; a sister, Velma Decker of Abilene; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials be to the United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or the White Deer Cemetery Association.

## City Of Groom Approves Charge Offs, Caller I.D. For Emergencies

The Groom City Council met in regular session with the following members present: Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Don Case, Ellis Stapp, Mary Margaret Brooks, Jay Lamb and Jimmy Britten. Also attending were employees Mary Sue Lyles, Donnie Evans, Jody Ball and Donna Burton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with a typo correction.

Monthly bills were approved for payment. Don Case abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Insurance for city property was discussed at length. The Council will set up a special meeting, requesting that interested parties attend to discuss specifications and special

insurance needs of the city.

The Council unanimously voted to table discussion of the possibility of condemning buildings at this time.

The council agreed with the exception of Ellis Stapp who was against the measure, to charge off past due accounts belonging to John Bennett for \$10.48; Lloyd Mulkey for \$15.67; and Gary Werfelman for \$906.93. These accounts will be kept on file and should they move back to Groom these accounts must be cleared up before service can be restored. The Council members were in agreement that anyone who is 60 day delinquent with their bill will have their services cut off until their bill is paid in full, with a \$5.00 reconnect fee.

Jay Lamb abstained from voting on an otherwise unanimous decision to put

caller ID in the fire hall. This will enable emergency workers to locate the source of calls that come to the local emergency number. The fire department will purchase the device that displays the numbers while the city will pay the monthly fee. Lamb abstained due to a conflict of interest.

The Council went into executive session at 9:25 to discuss employee evaluations.

Executive session ended at 9:53. Mayor Homer commended all the employees for doing a good job. He also stated that raises will be considered during the budget setting process.



Michele Merrick is a frequent visitor to the Groom Branch Library.

## Carson County Commissioners Approve Request For Library

Carson County Commissioners' Court met on July 14, 1997 with Judge Roselius, Commissioners, Jerry Strawn, Kevin Howell, and Mike Britten present. Commissioner C.F. "Choc" Smith was absent.

Minutes were read and approved.

The court acknowledged a request by G.T.E. to replace existing communication cable on Road "V" and north of F.M. 2385 in Precinct #4. An amendment was also approved to a previous request by G.T.E. to install a communication line on county Road "T" in Precinct 4.

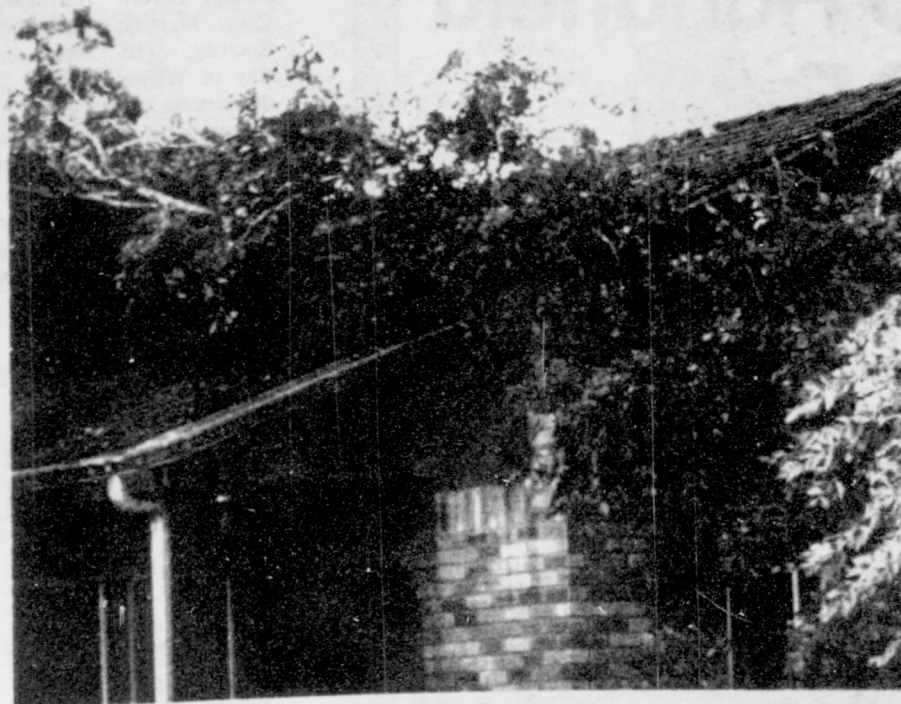
A request to place a 4" gathering line across county road "cc" in Precinct #4 was also granted. The work is to be done by K.N. Energy, Pampa, Texas.

Election judges for the August 9th Constitutional Amendment Election were

approved by the county commissioners present at the meeting. Commissioner Choc Smith was absent.

Court appointed of each election precinct one qualified voter as presiding judge of elections held at

the expense of the county that precinct and one qualified voter as alternate See Commissioners, pg. 4



More tree damage! This one is at Mary Kelly's home.

## County Sheriff's Report

By Loren Brand, Sheriff Sgt. Ray Davis and Deputy Fred Herrick assisted the Amarillo Police Department Tuesday evening in the investigation of the armed robbery of an Amarillo jewelry store. Our department was called by a Conway resident and told of items being placed in a garbage dumpster by persons matching the description of the Amarillo robbery suspects. When

Sgt. Davis and Deputy Herrick arrived at the dumpster they found various clothing items, some jewelry and several firearms which are believed to have been used in the robbery. All of the evidence was turned over to an officer from the Amarillo Police Department for further testing.

Our department is investigating allegations of a parental-kidnapping or violation of court order case which has been forwarded to us from the State of Missouri. We are working with Missouri authorities and investigators from Children's Protective

Services to verify the allegations and take the appropriate actions.

Sgt. Ray Davis, Fred Herrick and Deputy Jeff Oldham responded Friday evening to Groom where straight winds in excess of 80 mph uprooted trees and damaged windows and roofs on residences and business property. Electric and telephone companies had to be called to deal with downed lines, but there were no injuries reported.

Deputy Jeff Oldham is investigating the burglary of a residence in Fritch. Along with personal property taken in the theft, it appears that the burglar also has been cashing checks taken from the home.

Our office received a 9-1-1 call Friday from a cellular phone on Interstate 40 reporting a vehicle traveling westbound and driving in an erratic manner. Trooper Gary Davis of the Texas Highway Patrol located the vehicle and arrested the driver, a Missouri man, for DWI.

## Jail Found In Compliance For Jail Standards

State Law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities (VTCA, Local Government Code, Chapter 351 & 511 and Chapter 297 of the Texas Commission of Jail Standards). The Carson County Jail was inspected on July 10, 1997 and found to be in compliance with the Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

"The Carson County Jail was built in 1952, yet it still has to comply with the standards of 1997 or we run the risk of expensive corrective measures or even closure by the State. We have an inmate housing capacity of 24 and an average daily population of 8 prisoners. We have the ability to hold felony, misdemeanor, female and segregation prisoners and we process between four and five hundred persons a year through our jail. There have been no escapes, natural causes deaths or suicides in the facility for the past five years."

"Keeping a 45 year old facility in compliance with 1997 regulations is a difficult matter, but we are fortunate to have Deputy Sheriff Gary Robertson and Corrections Officers Brenda Turpin, Misti Beck, Chris Richardson, Shauna Holtgrewe and Bonnie Flood working to keep the prisoners contained while

operating within the confines of the jail regulations. In addition to jail duties, our Corrections Officers handle all 9-1-1 calls for Carson County, all radio dispatching for the law enforcement, fire and ambulance services in the

county and all evening and holiday telephone calls for the Panhandle Police Department. All of our Corrections Officers bring a variety of talents to our department and I'm very proud of the way they handle the volume of calls that they do while still being able to deal with people on a personal level."

"We've been particularly fortunate to have Deputy Gary Robertson supervising the operation of the jail. Gary came to work for us in February of 1997 and has been instrumental in tightening up our operation and making the jail run more professionally and efficiently. No one can accuse us of running a country club for criminal offenders, but neither can we be accused of operating a dungeon. Our officers are well trained professionals who meet the certification and training demands of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education and our jail meets 1997 certification standards."



Elizabeth Wallace gallops into the sunset on her dinosaur! She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Wallace.

### Commissioners

presiding judge, each of whom shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed. Also boundaries of the various elections were defined in Carson County.

The judges, precincts, and alternate presiding judges are as follows:

Precinct 101: Nila Burgin, presiding judge; Teri Rose, alternate presiding judge.

Precinct 102: Janet Grange, presiding judge; Tam Terry, alternate presiding judge.

Precinct 201: Joyce Hoffman, presiding judge; Clara Jane Kelly, alternate presiding judge.

Precinct 202: Mary Ann Labus, presiding judge; Frank Wink, alternate presiding judge.

Precinct 301: Doris Robinson, presiding judge; Jeri Osborne, alternate presiding judge.

Precinct 302: Ester Gaines, presiding judge; Thelma Dugan, alternate presiding judge.

Precinct 401: Linda Kalka, presiding judge; Gary Kirby, alternate presiding judge.

Precinct 402: Walt Barnett, presiding judge; Captolia Lynch, alternate presiding judge.

Absentee: Gracie Langehenning, presiding judge; Linda Purvines, alternate presiding judge.

A resolution concerning the Panhandle Community Services (P.C.S.) was approved by the court. P.C.S. provides assistance to qualified county residents in housing, weatherization of homes and transportation as well as other programs which become available from time to time. P.C.S. has worked to assist low-income residents in Carson County along with 26 other counties of the Texas Panhandle for over 30 years now.

The court approved a request from Carson County Library Supervisor, Terri Koetting, to form a Building and Planning Committee to aid in the establishment of a new branch library in White Deer. Members of the committee are as follows: Elice Sailor, Treasurer, Brandi Hefner, Cindy Brown, Kay Haiduk, Nina Grilley, Beverly Warminski, Cathy Martinez, and Terri Koetting. The County and City of White Deer are in the process of executing the proper paper work in order to obtain the needed property which has been so graciously given by the City of White Deer. The proposed property is located behind the City offices of White Deer.

### Kids, Inc. Deadline Is July 21st

Entry deadline for the 1997 Streetball Challenge is Monday, July 21, at 5:00 pm. The region's largest 3-on-3 basketball event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27, in the streets of downtown Amarillo. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.

Kids, Incorporated has produced the event for the past five years under the trademarked name HOOP IT UP. The brand name was not an option for the Amarillo market, according to Streetball Partners of Dallas. Therefore, Kids, Incorporated opted to produce the event locally and terminate its relationship with the Dallas-based company.

"The 1997 Streetball Challenge will be produced using the same tournament format and rules used in previous years," states Jimmy R. Lackey, executive director for Kids, Incorporated. "Instead of paying a company from Dallas to rent their equipment, we purchased our own supplies from our local merchants and will produce the event locally."

The event is open to individuals ages eight and older. Teams will be placed in divisions with players of similar age and ability. Entry forms are available at any Toot'n Totum location in Amarillo, Buck's Sporting Goods, the offices of Kids, Incorporated (820 W 8th)

or via the internet at [www.kidsinc.org](http://www.kidsinc.org). You may call for information at Kids, Inc., 806-376-5936.

### Does Anyone Ever Really Kick The Bucket?

Yes indeed, though the phrase originally described dying by suicide.

In medieval times, suicide victims usually did themselves in by tying a rope to their neck, slinging it over a rafter, and then leaping off a water bucket or milk pail. Most of the victims writhed and convulsed as they strangled - and, more often than not, they kicked the bucket during their struggles.

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## Vote On Constitutional Amendment August 9

Texas members of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and other senior citizens are being urged to vote August 9, 1997 on a number of Constitutional Amendments which will be offered as a result of action taken by the 75th Legislature.

Of particular interest to homeowners will be a proposal for an increase in the school property tax homestead exemption to \$10,000 and limiting the school property tax rate increases to eight cents above the rollback rate and transferring the over 65 tax freeze to a new homestead.

If this measure is passed, it will apply to the tax year beginning January 1, 1997.

A related bill, Senate Bill 841, addresses concerns dealing with appraisals. Appraisal procedures are defined and voting is required for rate increases. Tax deferrals or abatements are allowed for the elderly at 8 percent interest under this measure. An annual

appraisal increase may not exceed 10 percent. Public hearings are required if the effective tax rate is increased more than 3 percent, and the appraisal appeal process is simplified.

Another tax measure, SJR 43, to be voted on November 4, 1997, is a Constitutional Amendment to limit increases in appraisals and to make property tax freezes portable.

Property tax reform was a priority for AARP's state legislative committee during the 1997 session. AARP is the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and over. It serves their needs and interests through legislative advocacy, research, informative programs and community services provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country. The organization also offers members a wide range of special membership benefits, including "Modern Maturity" magazine and the monthly "Bulletin."

## Tentative Football Workout Schedule

Aug 6 7am - 12 noon	Aug 11 4pm - 6:30 pm
Aug 6 7pm - 8:15 pm	Aug 12 4pm - 6:30 pm
Aug 7 7am - 12 noon	Aug 13 TBA
Aug 7 7pm - 8:15 pm	Letters will be sent out next week.
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Aug 9 8pm - 12 noon	

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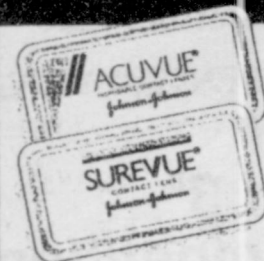
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# Farmers, Ranchers May Apply For Programs

**Sign-Up**  
**TEMPLE - July 9, 1997 -** Farmers and ranchers may apply for the new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) July 14, 1997, through August 1, 1997. The new conservation program, a result of the 1996 Farm Bill, offers a limited number of producers who have serious soil, water, and other natural resource problems with technical, financial, and educational assistance.

According to John P. Burt, State Conservationist for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), "EQIP is not like the former Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP) or Agricultural Conservation

Program (ACP). This program is extremely limited and is for persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production who would provide the greatest environmental benefits at the least cost to the program.

"Applications will be prioritized after August 1, 1997, according to specific criteria," Burt continued. "After Farm Service Agency (FSA) determines producer eligibility, NRCS conservationists and the producer will make an inventory of the natural resources, identify natural resource problems and concerns, determine treatment needs, and agree upon the land management and structural practices the producer will install." Burt

added that the extent of the conservation practice fields and acres to be treated, and cost-share rate and incentive payment levels the producer will accept, as well as the total program payments, are included in a ranking formula.

Twelve Geographic Priority Areas (GPA), encompassing 167 counties, are the primary target for over \$8.7 million EQIP funds allocated to Texas. Each GPA has similar natural resource problems and concerns which EQIP can address. Water conservation, excessive wind and water erosion, limited water supply, and brush invasion are a few of the specific resource concerns identified in the GPAs.

Producers in counties

outside of a GPA are also eligible for the remaining \$4.7 million EQIP funds provided it will solve identified statewide natural resource concerns such as excessive erosion and ground and surface water quality. Carson County is considered in this area.

Each application will compete with other applications in their GPA, while those outside of the GPAs will compete against each other. "Contracts will be awarded based on their ranking, regardless of location," cautioned Burt. "That means some counties may not have any contracts, even though they are located inside a GPA," he said. Burt added that applications for a single conservation practice on an

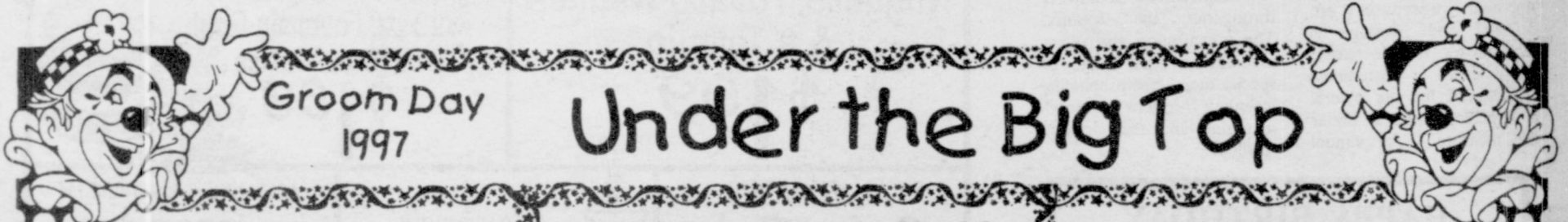
individual field addressing a single natural resource concern may not be competitive in a GPA or with the statewide natural resource concerns.

Acceptance into EQIP will require a 5 to 10 year contract, even if only 1 year of cost-share is needed. Contracts are for a maximum amount of \$50,000 with a maximum 75 percent cost-share. Though entire farms or operation units are not required to be included in a contract, the proposed area must include that portion with the identified resource concerns which meets the goals and objectives of the GPA or statewide natural resource concerns. Producers may increase their chances of acceptance by submitting a

lower than maximum cost-share rate, enrolling entire operating units in the contract, and by agreeing to fully meet treatment needs of all identified natural resource concerns on the farm or ranch.

For more information about EQIP, contact your local USDA-NRCS office, Soil and Water Conservation District office, or FSA office in your county.

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 News**



## Groom Day Fun Walk

"A friendly stroll around town visiting with old friends & neighbors"

2 mile course  
 \$7.00 per person  
 FREE T-SHIRT  
 7:00 a.m. at the School

Tim Case - 248-7290

## Chili Cook-Off

AMATEUR

Cooking Begins Sat. Aug 2, 4 pm at the Park

**\$10.00 Entry**

\* All Locals Welcome

\* No Wild Meat

\* No ready-made mixes  
**Free Tasting At 8:00**

**Everyone's Welcome**

Trophies will be awarded  
 Call Ernie Blount 248-7913

## Volleyball Tournament

Min. 8 person mixed team

Enter anytime up through  
 Aug 3 at 1:00

Contact : Tim Case at 248-7290

## Groom Day Dance

Starring

**SUTHERN  
 COMFORT**

9:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M.

No School Aged Children  
 Admitted Without Parent

**\$5.00 Per Person**

Raffle Drawn At 10:00 p.m.

## Groom Day Round-up

Calcutta - 1:30

2300 & Old Rt. 66

Team Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking,  
 Steer Dressing, Double Mugging,  
 Team Penning, Branding, & a 12  
 and Under Calf Scramble

**Round Up - 2:00**

Contact Lonny Brown

Limit 10 teams

## Basketball

"3 on 3"

**Competition**

Mixed Teams

Adults -\$25.00

Fri., Aug 2, 9:00 p.m.

4th - 12th Grade - \$10.00

Sat., Aug 3, 11:00 a.m.

Contact Larry Reid  
 248-7616

Outdoor

## TEEN DANCE

Tennis Courts  
 '97-'98 School Year  
 Grades 7th - 12th  
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## BINGO!

Saturday, August 2

1:30 - 4:00 P.M.

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## Groom Day T-Shirts Will Be Here Jul. 23

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# The McLean News



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## McLean Council To Decide Landfill Fate

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, July 11, 1997 in City Hall. The meeting was called to order and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mary Dwyer, Sam Haynes, Charles McClendon, Gordon Sheplor, and Ford Smith Jr.

Others present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Joe Billingsley, Roger McCracken and Royce Gooch.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read.

Royce Gooch with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper presented the Council with options and estimated figures on keeping the landfill open or closing it.

A decision must be made by October 9, 1997. Due to cost involved and several options, the Council asked

Fred Smith and Gordon Sheplor to research all options and present them at the next meeting.

An Executive session was called by the mayor at 8:15 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:22 p.m.

No action was taken. (All votes were unanimous, unless otherwise listed).

It was decided to advertise for bids for the City's grass lease property, with bids to be opened at the September Council meeting.

Bob Martin was nominated by Mary Dwyer and Gordon Sheplor nominated Don Hauck to fill the unexpired alderman term. A motion was made by Mary Dwyer to appoint Bob Martin, seconded by Sam Haynes, with Dwyer, Haynes and Smith voting for and Sheplor voting against.

Mr. Sheplor will seek written approval from the State allowing the City to use the gravel and asphalt left by the State off of Old Route 66.

Two water tanks, that had not been insured, were added to the insurance policy at a cost of approximately \$800.00 per year.

A letter was received from El Paso Natural Gas, presented by Toni Bohlar,

informing the City that El Paso could now charge their customers a Risk Sharing amount, retroactive back to January 1996, bringing the cost the City now owes to \$10,188.39 which would be offset by the amount of \$6000.00, which is a refund due to the City from El Paso. The City will pay monthly on the remaining amount of \$4189.39.



## Future Farmer Delegates Attend Leadership Skills Conference At Clarendon

Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters from across the Texas Panhandle met at Clarendon College for the 1997 Area I FFA Leadership Conference.

According to Jerry Hawkins, CC Agriculture Chairperson, 216 FFA members attended the 17th annual leadership conference, June 23-25 in Clarendon.

Throughout the conference, Area I, district and state FFA officers led educational programs focusing on improving student leadership skills. Chapter members also participated in a variety of fun-filled workshops, dances and a banquet. Skills learned by FFA members and advisers will be applied to local, district, area and state FFA levels throughout the 1997-98 school year, according to Hawkins.

"The Agriculture Science instructors also use our conference to plan their activities for the year," said Hawkins. "Plus, the conference provides the

chapters an opportunity to fine-tune and prepare for the upcoming State FFA convention."

Fifty-one FFA chapters were represented at the 1997 Area I Leadership Conference. Chapters included Abernathy, Amarillo Tascosa, Amherst, Boys Ranch, Canadian, Childress, Claude, Cotton Center, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Dumas, Floydada, Frenship, Friona, Gruver, Guthrie, Hale Center, Hart,

Hereford, Idalou, Kress, Lazbuddie, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Coronado, McLean, Memphis, Morton, Motley County, Muleshoe, Nazareth, Olton, Pampa, Panhandle, Patton Springs, Petersburg, Plainview, Roosevelt, Ropes, Shallowater, Shamrock, Slaton, Spade, Springlake Earth, Spur, Sunray, Valley and White Deer.

Texas' Area I is comprised of the entire Texas Panhandle, extending

See Farmers, pg. 8

## McLean Schools Offer Reduced Priced Or Free School Lunches

The McLean School Cafeteria will serve nutritious meals every day. Students in grades K-5 may buy lunch for \$1.75 and grades 6-12 for \$2.00. Breakfast is 50 cents for all grades. Children from families whose income falls within the level shown on the income scale are eligible for either free or reduced price meals at 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast. Meals may be paid for in advance. Charges will not be allowed without the consent of the parents and all charges must be paid weekly.

Household size and income criteria to be used in determining eligibility are included in the chart on page 8 of this issue of The

McLean News.

Application forms are being sent home with a letter to parents and guardians. To apply for free or reduced meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school at the earliest date possible.

The complete schedule for the determination of

benefits is available at the school and should there be any questions concerning the program, contact John Griffin at the business office. An income guideline is listed.

In the operation of the child feeding program, no child will be discriminated

See School Lunches, pg. 8

### HELP WANTED!

The McLean News is looking for someone to work not only for your hometown newspaper but someone who is willing to work for the people of McLean and the area. The work is part-time and has an office in the Bank of Commerce building. Anyone interested or who knows someone who would be the ideal person for the job call Phil or Donna at 248-7333 or 248-7570.

### McLean

### Reminders...

**THE BANK OF Commerce in McLean** always has your interest in mind. See ad page 10.

**TWO-A-DAYS** for football will begin August 6th.

**SCHOOL IS SLATED** to begin August 14 at McLean.

**FIRST VARSITY** Football scrimmage will be in McLean at 6 pm August 21.

**TEACHER WORKDAY**, August 11, in service days for teachers Aug. 12 & 13.

**FAMILY HEALTH** Care Clinic has new hours: Mon, Wed., and Fri. 8:00-1:00. 2:00-5:00. Call for appointment.

**McLean Birthdays  
Anniversaries**

July 17 - Jeanette Fish, Nikki Bockmon.

July 18 - Jim Bible, Shandon Stalls, Betty McCurley, Dorinda Haynes, Janie Marie Jackson.

July 19 - Lee Erin Stubbs, Johnny Day, Jr.

July 20 - Vernon Turner, Mrs. W.A. Davis.

July 21 - Thelma Holman.

July 22 - Bill Holmes, Clyde Holman.

July 23 - Dan Fish, James Barker, Jeanie Williams, Sarah Cunningham, Gelema Back.

**School Lunches**

against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.

**Farmers**

southeast to Childress and Guthrie, south to Lubbock and southwest to the New Mexico state line.

Zelda McCellan is home and doing well.

**Troopers Foil Travelers With Load Of Drugs**

Troopers John M. Holland and Chad Estes netted 445 pounds of marijuana recently, after making a traffic stop on Interstate 40.

The 1984 Ford Econoline van was originally pulled over for speeding, following too close and a defective tail light. As officers approached the van a strong odor of marijuana could be smelled.

When the driver could not say who owned the van the investigating officers obtained permission to search the vehicle.

The drugs were found under a built in bed wrapped in 23 cellophane bundles.

The man, Samuel Eugene Woods of North Carolina was read his rights and placed into custody.

**It's All Trew . . .  
The Unexpected**

By Delbert Trew

With four sons at home, ranging in age from eleven to nineteen years, we learned to expect the unexpected. Pranks and retaliation were ongoing and it was hard to stay out of the line of fire at times.

One outstanding prank started with son Steve shooting a coyote early one morning while swathing alfalfa hay on McClellan Creek. I don't know the details but somehow the coyote carcass showed up east of McLean where son David was plowing.

When he went to work early the next morning, he spied a coyote standing in some tall weeds. After six shots, during which the coyote never moved, he became suspicious and went to investigate. He found the carcass wired up to wooden stakes and literally shot to pieces. We all had a good laugh at David's expense and each became alert for retaliation.

Several days went by without incident and we relaxed our vigil. One day at lunch, I made some changes in our regular work duties. One change put Steve hauling hay and I would run his tractor for him. David was still plowing east of McLean.

After lunch I drove to Steve's tractor, checked the equipment, and climbed up the steps to the tractor cab. I reached upwards opening the door of the cab, and found myself eyeball to

eyeball with the biggest snake I had seen in some time. As killing rattlesnakes was an everyday occurrence my reactions were instantaneous.

With a yell of terror I leaped and flung myself backwards through the air, landing in a very uncomfortable position. I looked back at the tractor trying to get my heart to start beating again. The big bull snake was crawling out of the hot tractor cab where he had been placed by son David, and slid into the weeds.

Once again I renewed my promise to watch out for the unexpected.

**Local Golf Tournament Held Here**

July 12 and 13, last Saturday and Sunday, the McLean Golf Association had a two-day golf tournament. The format was a two person event, 9 hole scramble and 9 hole low-ball, each day.

The following are results:  
First Flight: 1) Clay Cooper, Jason Thomas 133; 2) Bob Glass, Bob Martin 135; 3) John Haynes, Sam Haynes 138.

Second Flight: 1) Darel Lee, Monty Joiner 137; 2) Donny Basham, Flea Simpson.

Third Flight: 1) Ruben Flores, Cathy Hembree 159; 2) (Won Playoff) Buddy Payne, Fred Smith 162.

**McCracken And Hall Take Trip Of Lifetime**

Senior National Honor Society members, Moriah McCracken and Lorin Hall, are about to take the trip of a lifetime. These two officers are going to take part in a National Leadership Camp at Maritime Maine Academy in Castine, Maine from Tuesday, July 15 until Sunday, July 20.

While in Maine the girls will learn leadership skills, organizational skills, self-esteem, and self-discipline. They will be following a strict itinerary along with 130 teenagers from all across the United States.

"I can hardly believe it is already time for us to leave. Lorin and I have worked hard for this opportunity,

and I have a feeling Maine will not disappoint us. This is a chance of a lifetime and it has been well worth the hard work. We will never be able to thank the citizens enough for helping us do this," McCracken said.

"This trip could not have been successful without the support of our community throughout our numerous fund-raisers. It will be great to get out and see the country, but coming home and sharing all we learned will be even better," Hall said.

The girls asked that the community pray for their safety in the flights and be with them while they are away.

**Notice**

The City Of McLean now has an Ordinance requiring 48 hour notice, a permit, and proof of personal or business liability insurance before digging in any street, alley, public roadway or any other public property in the City of McLean. Any questions concerning this Ordinance may be directed to City Hall at 779-2481.

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2	13,793	19,629	1,150	1,636	266	378
3	17,329	24,661	1,445	2,056	334	475
4	20,865	29,693	1,739	2,475	402	572
5	24,401	34,725	2,034	2,894	470	668
6	27,937	39,757	2,329	3,314	538	765
7	31,473	44,789	2,623	3,733	606	862
8	35,009	49,821	2,918	4,152	674	959
9	38,545	54,853	3,213	4,572	742	1,056
10	42,081	59,885	3,508	4,992	810	1,153
11	45,617	64,917	3,803	5,412	878	1,250
12	49,153	69,949	4,098	5,832	946	1,347
For each additional family member add:						
	+ \$3,536	+ \$5,032	+ \$295	+ \$420	+ \$68	+ \$97



# Council

No action was taken on the General Ordinance Punishment issue which was put on the agenda by Attorney Rick Harris. No information was received because Attorney Harris was unable to attend the meeting.

Gordon Sheplor informed the Council that the Economic Development

Corporation has to first elect approximately three people to be the incorporators to get the by-laws and incorporation papers in order before the Corporation could have members. The Council was informed that Sheplor, Gabe Parsons and a third party, to be named later, will start the incorporation process.

All voted to pay current bills and the meeting adjourned.

## Trout Reunion Held At Lake McClellan

Relatives and friends attending the Trout Reunion at Lake McClellan recently were Susie Trout, Myrtle Halloway, Bertie Lee Smith, Vada Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Richardson, Zane and

Zackery, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Richardson and Kendra, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Cooper, Casey and Robert Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cooper, Britney and Braxton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kingston, Mrs. Amber Kirkland, Jeremy and

Mrs. Rhonda McAdams, Tamera, Erin and John of Dalhart, James Trout and Barbara of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Woolfin of Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Johnson, Sam, Sean and Jackie of Borger.

Everyone had a great time together with a total of 117 present.



## McLean Care Center News

The Fourth of July party began with Tammy Syfrett leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Residents sang patriotic songs. Tammy sang a solo of "You're a Grand Old Flag". Heidi and Scotty Gamble sang a duet to "God Bless America." The dining room was decorated with a large American flag with small American flags on each table. After the singing there was a watermelon social. Serving were Betty Lowe, Mary Dwyer, Heidi and Scotty Gamble and Tammy Syfrett. Jack Syfrett video taped this event.

Sunday school was held by the Methodist Friendship Sunday school class. In the afternoon Bro. David

Drennon, pastor of the First Baptist Church came to conduct a worship service.

Residents working in crafts Monday morning were Imogene King, Teresa Richardson, Dorothy Patterson, Phyllis Bailey and Helen Glass. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo: Thelma Finson, Emma

Graham, Thelma Hopkins, Vernee Bowling, Ruby Ayers, Eula Morrow, Ora

Billingsley, Teresa Richardson, Lena Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Bud Simpson, Dorothy Patterson, Dick Wheeler, Sue Cubine, Florence Drake and M.L. Rowan. The volunteer

helper was Betty Lowe. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Wednesday morning the residents gathered in the dining area to enjoy a donut social. The donuts were furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon they watched a movie and had an exercise program.

Thursday morning Inez Trostle came to style the ladies hair and they had manicures. In the afternoon residents played bingo.

On Saturday, July 19 at 2:30 p.m. there will be a birthday party for the following residents: M.L. Rowan, Duella Beverley, Betty McCurley, Dorothy Patterson, Lena Bailey, Pat Seymoure and Rosemond Winborn.

## FARM EQUIPMENT & CATTLE AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1997 9:30 A.M.

Location: Nobelet, Tx. - Nobelet is 30 Miles east of Pampa, Tx. on Hwy. 152. Intersection Hwy 152 & F.M. Hwy. 48 go 2 Miles North or from Wheeler, Tx west Hwy 152 11 Miles to F.M. Hwy 48 North 2 Miles.

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1 John Deere 1961 4010 Diesel Tractor W/4020 S.H. S.H. A/R.  
1 Kubota B7100 Diesel Tractor 4 Wheel Drive w/ Deer Blade  
1 1951 Case 841 L.P.G. W.F. Salvage  
1 Jacobs 72" Mower w/3 cy Kubota Diesel Eng

### EQUIPMENT

1 Kubota Ditcher Model Bk-7A Attachment  
1 Krause 15' Tandem F.S.C.C.  
1 Case 4 Bottom Braking Plow  
1 Jeffrey 3pt. C/S 13 Shank  
1 Heane 8 C/S Plow 3 P.T.

### TRACTORS and MOWER

1 Krause 15' One Way  
1 Case 2 Bottom Rollover Plow  
1 Dearborn 4' Disk 3 pt.  
1 2 Row Lister 3 P.T.  
1 2 Row Planter Parts  
1 S.M. 5' Sweep Plow D.T.  
1 Wilbeck One Way 3 pt.  
1 Springtooth Harrow 3pt.  
1 Servis 4' Shredder 3pt.  
1 John Deere Grain Drill D.R. 16X10 w/P.W. L.C.  
1 John Deere Grain Drill D.R. 16108 C.C. for parts  
1 John Deere Grain Drill D.R. 16X18 L.C.  
1 3pt. Shredder 6'  
1 Miller Welder M. AEAD 200 LE  
3 Electric Air Compressors - need repairs  
1 John Deere Grain Drill  
1 Small Enslager Feed Cart

### HAY EQUIPMENT

1 Hesston 5500 Hay Baler  
1 Hesston 1014 Sweater  
1 Case 9' Sweater  
1 John Deere 224 WS Hay Baler  
1 Massey Ferguson Hay Rake Model 36  
1 John Deere 7 Hay Rake

### TRACTORS and MOWER

1 Graves Trailer Big Bale Mover  
1 Pop-up Hay Loader  
1 John Deere 14T Hay Baler Parts

### CATTLE EQUIPMENT & TRAILERS

100-14' Stock Panels  
1 S.M. Cattle Working Shute  
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2 Graves Cattle Feeders - Needs Repairs

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### Obituaries

**Jimmy Don Anders**  
**CHILDRESS** - Jimmy Don Anders, 54, died Wednesday, July 2, 1997.

Memorial services were in the Rotary Bowl at Fair Park in Childress. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, Inc., 4100 S. Georgia St., Amarillo.

Mr. Anders was born in Shamrock and raised in McLean. He had lived in Childress for six years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served two tours. He retired from the Army after 22 years. He received numerous awards including the Gallantry Cross. He was employed at the T.L. Roach Prison Unit at Childress for six years as a corrections officer.

He married Leta Burleson in 1965 at Clarendon.

Survivors include his wife;

two sons, Charles Don Angers of Childress and Michael David Angers of Mangum, Oklahoma; a sister, Jeanne Caho of St. Louis, Missouri; and a brother, Johnny Anders of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105-9975.

**Mary Lou Throckmorton**

Mary Lou Throckmorton, 83, died Saturday, July 12, 1997, in Wheeler.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Dean Driver, pastor of Samnorwood Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Throckmorton was born in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. She moved to McLean from Samnorwood

in 1968. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She married James D. Throckmorton in 1968 at Pampa.

Survivors include her husband; a son, James Throckmorton of Shamrock; two sisters, Juanita Burks of Palm Springs, California, and Jack Sneed of Pataskala, Ohio, and Cecil Sneed of Samnorwood; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Howard Williams**

Howard Williams, 82, died Friday, July 11, 1997. Services were in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Buel Wells, retired Baptist minister and the Rev. David Drennon officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Williams was born at Benjamin in Knox County, Texas. He moved to the Pagan Community in 1917, married Lillie Mae Pharis in 1936 at Wheeler, Texas. They lived in Kingsmill, Texas for several years where he worked for Cabot Carbon Company. Later they moved back to Wheeler County and stayed a couple of years then moved to McLean in 1941.

He owned and operated Williams Appliance Store for 38 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of First Baptist Church where

he served as a deacon for over 50 years. He was a valued member of his church and served on many

committees.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie; two sons, Charles Williams of McLean and Larry Williams of Denver,

Colorado; three sisters, Jessie Watson of McLean, Betty Bush of Bentonville, Arkansas, and Bernice Holms of Amarillo.



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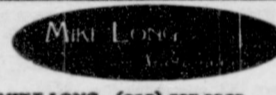
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| <p><b>TRACTORS, LOADERS, COMBINE &amp; GRAIN CART</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 1981 John Deere 4840 Diesel Tractor Cab A/C Htr. Radio, P.S., D.H., 3P.T. Ax. Duals</li> <li>1 1987 John Deere 4440 Diesel Tractor Cab A/C, Htr., D.H. 3P.T., D.R., w/Infront End Loader</li> <li>1 1983 John Deere 8650 Diesel Tractor Cab, A/C, Htr., T.H. Ax. Duals, G.R.</li> <li>1 1976 John Deere 2040 Diesel Tractor, 3PT S.H. Less than 400 Hr. Very Nice</li> <li>1 1975 John Deere 6600 Diesel Combine W/24' Header &amp; 20' Header w/Humme Reel</li> <li>1 John Deere 653A 6 Row Corn Header</li> <li>1 Big 17 Grain Cart 400 BU.</li> <li>1 Round Bale Mover</li> <li>1 Corn Loader</li> </ul> <p><b>TRUCKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 1991 Ford F250 4X4 Flat Bed w/SpI Hyd. Hay Mover Bed &amp; Storage Boxes, V 8 Eng.</li> <li>1 1979 Chev 1 Ton 4X4 w/Flat Bed Ser. Unit Needs Repair V 8 350</li> <li>1 1973 Ford F 6000 Gran Truck w/Hoist, 40.890 Miles V 8 Eng. 5 &amp; 2 Speed</li> <li>1 1975 Ford F700 2 1/2 Ton Gran Truck Tan. Ax. w/Hoist, 25,322 Miles V 8 5 &amp; 2 Speed</li> <li>1 1969 Chev. C 50 Gran Truck w/Rollover Tarp W/ Hoist 38,910 Miles V 8 5 &amp; 2 Speed</li> <li>1 1951 Ford Gran Truck Flat Head 6 Eng. w/Hoist Ready to go to work</li> </ul> <p><b>EQUIPMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 John Deere Field Conditioner 39'</li> <li>1 Krauss 14' Tandem Disk</li> <li>1 Graham Home 15' c/s Plow</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Double Dia. 1 B. 20' W/Gauge Wheels &amp; Farrow Opener</li> <li>1 15 Shank c/s Plow w/Mulchers</li> <li>1 Big Ox 11 Shank Chisel Plow</li> <li>1 13 Shank Far. Rig</li> <li>1 John Deere 400 Rotary Hoe 8 Row</li> <li>1 8 Row Cut. T. 4X4 Bar</li> <li>1 John Deere 71 Planter 8 Row w/Marker &amp; Disk John Monitor</li> <li>1 1 1/2 20'Drw 3Pl.</li> <li>1 S.M. Tool Bar Carrier</li> <li>1 Bush Hog, 4 Row Shredder</li> <li>1 Wyle Spray Buggy Self Propelled</li> <li>1 4X4 Tool Bar 20' WIG W. &amp; Hyd. Marker</li> <li>1 5X5 Shank Blade Plow on 4X4 Bar 3Pl.</li> <li>1 Krauss 32' D. F. Tandem</li> <li>2 John Deere 8300 16X10 Gran Drif's w/factory Hitch</li> <li>1 Flex King 42' Sweep Plow w/Pickers</li> <li>1 Set 8 Row Roll-A-Cone</li> <li>1 Set of 8 Row Marker</li> <li>1 Mayrath 12' X 3" Electric Auger</li> <li>1 3Pl. Spray Rig 200 Gal Tank w/ 40' Booms</li> <li>1 3Pl. 7' Blade Plow</li> <li>1 1 Home 15' C/S Plow D.</li> <li>1 3 Sec. Harrow</li> <li>5 S &amp; H Diskers</li> </ul> <p><b>HAY &amp; CATTLE EQUIPMENT &amp; GRAIN STORAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 John Deere 1424 Hyd Swing Swather</li> <li>1 My D-Han D Round Bale Spike W/Hyd. H Lift 3Pl.</li> <li>1 My D-Han D Round Bale Trailer</li> <li>7 Round Bale Feeders</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Set Winkel Portable Pens w/25 Panels</li> <li>1 Powder River Calf Table</li> <li>1 Powder River Big Squeezer</li> <li>4 15' Portable Cattle Feeders W/Fiber Glass Bottom</li> <li>1 200,000 lb. Hopper Car. to be moved. For appointment to see before sale call Melvin May (806) 665-0806</li> </ul> <p><b>TRAILERS, TANKS &amp; IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 S.M. 8' Stock Trailer 2 wheel</li> <li>1 Gossensack 20' Xs Stock Trailer T.A.</li> <li>1 WW 16' Stock Trailer F.C.T.A.</li> <li>1 WW 2 Horse Trailer T.A.</li> <li>1 2 Wheel Trailer w/Marker Welder, Acetylene Gages &amp; Tool Boxes</li> <li>1 500 Gal. Fuel Tank on 4 Wheel Trailer W/12 V. Pump</li> <li>1 500 Gal. Water Tank on 4 Wheel Trailer Hitch</li> <li>2 200 Gal. Side Mount Spray Tank's</li> <li>4 Chrysler 413 Irigation Engine</li> <li>3 Chrysler 413 Engine Cores</li> <li>130 Joints A/c. Pipe 30' X 8' X 30' Rows</li> </ul> <p><b>TOOLS NON CLASSIFIED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Lot Parts &amp; Tool &amp; Tool Make up</li> <li>1 Toledo 110 Electric Pipe Die 1" 2 1/2"</li> <li>1 Sengmode Banding Mach W/5 Rolls Banding</li> <li>1 ErenPac 110 Electric Hyd Pipe Bending Machine 1 1/4" to 4" Pipe.</li> </ul> <p><b>PATIO FURNITURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Rocker Chairs w/Pads</li> <li>1 Metal Table - white</li> <li>1 Lounge W/Pads</li> </ul> |
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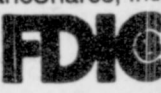


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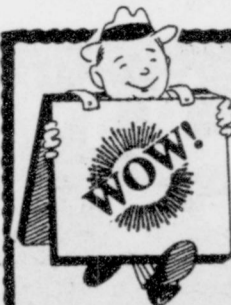


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