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C.J. Whatley's Steer Auctioned For \$30,000 At Houston Show

C.J. Whatley, a senior at Groom High School, ended his stock showing career at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by selling his Reserve Breed Champion Polled Hereford Steer for a whopping \$30,000. C.J., the son of Charlotte and Darrell Whatley, has been exhibiting animals in 4-H and later FFA since he was 10 years old.

"Showing animals is probably one of the most rewarding and educational activities I have participated in," he said. "It has taught me how to set priorities, budget my time and money and how to dedicate myself to a goal. Things that have and will continue to benefit me in many other areas of my life."

C.J. began showing pigs

at the age of 10, adding steers to his repertoire in the eighth grade.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo could be called the Super Bowl of the stock showing world. Grand and Reserve Breed Champions compete with each other for the revered title of Grand Champion, as they do in all stock shows. But in Houston they do it in true Texas Style! All the Breed and Reserve Champions are led into the center of the AstroDome during the final performance of the Rodeo. There in front of approximately 50,000 people and no telling how many viewers on pay-per-view television the Grand Champion of the Cadillac of all Stock Shows is chosen. The judge, who

has looked at literally thousands of cattle to get to this point, walks to the center of the ring, letting the tension build. He then walks up to the animal he has chosen and slaps it on the rump roast. With this action, the nearly 50,000 fans go crazy, as well as half the animals in the arena.

The next day these animals are auctioned off to the highest bidder. The Houston Stock Show has one of the largest scholarship funds of any organization of this type. While C.J.'s calf sold for \$30,000. He will keep only \$12,500. The rest of the money will go into a scholarship fund. C.J. will be able to apply to that fund, if he chooses too.

Congratulations to C.J.

on this awesome event as his career as a Junior Stock Exhibitor comes to an end.

Kori Brown, who recently won a \$6,000 scholarship with her heifer in San Antonio was named Reserve Senior Champion with her Angus heifer.

April Burton was named one of the top 10 Chianina Heifer exhibitors in the state. She was presented a "Top Ten" jacket at the Texas Junior Club Calf Association end-of-the-year banquet. She also showed a 7th place Chianina steer that sold for \$2,000.

Jason Prather, another senior exhibitor from Groom, ended his stock showing career at Houston. Jason, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Prather, has also

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Resignation Causes Domino Effect

The Groom City Council may see a "fruit-basket turnover" as a result of the upcoming resignation of City Secretary, Debbie Anthony. Due to nepotism laws that prevent members of the same family voting on the hiring of a family member as a city employee, more than one member of the Council may be required to resign.

Already, Mary Sue Lyles has resigned and Jimmy Britten has been appointed to replace her. Danny Ashford resigned over the weekend and he will be replaced at a special called meeting on Wednesday.

The Council hopes to hire a secretary before the deadline for candidates to

file so that at least some of the members that may resign can apply for a place on the ballot after the new employee is chosen.

The following are minutes from the official meeting.

Groom City Council

The Groom City Council met in special session with all members present on February 28.

Letters of resignation were accepted from City Secretary, Debbie Anthony and Groom Economic Development Corporation Board member, Johnny Brumley.

Mayor, Greg Lamb, also

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Sustaire Named to All-District

Brad Sustaire was recently named to the 6-1A All-District Basketball Team. Brad is a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Sustaire. He has been playing basketball most

of his life.

Justin Ritter, also a senior, was named to the second team. Juniors Jimmy Chavedo and Toby Burgin were named honorable mention.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GIRL SCOUT BOOTH
Cookie Sale, Sat. 9-12 at the Groom Grocery Store.

CHOW LINE is Friday, March 7 at the Community Center.

BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT
meeting, March 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Groom Community Center.

ALPHA MU XI will meet Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 pm at Nancy Patterson's home.

SPRING BREAK is set for March 10-14 for Groom ISD.

GROOM'S TENNIS team will compete at Canyon on March 7th.

ALPHA MU XI will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 23 at 3:00 p.m. Preschool to 3rd grade.

GROOM'S TRACK team will compete in Panhandle on March 8.

TEXAS DEPT. of Health is offering a Clinic for immunizations on March 19 from 2 to 4 pm at the Groom Community Center.

THE PANHANDLE Track Meet will be held on March 8.

TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO.
Wheat-\$4.18
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No Moisture was Reported This Week

Track-sters Open Season

Groom tracksters competed at the Highland Park relays.

The boys competed in the JV boys division and placed 3rd overall with 63 points. The boys placed as follows: shot put, Dusty Crump 3rd; discus, Dusty Crump 2nd; 3200 meter run, Josiah Scott 4th; 100 meter run, Abdon Carrillo

2nd; 400 meter, Josh Evenson 6th; 300 meter hurdles, Wade Ritter 5th; 200 meter run, Othon Carrillo 2nd, and Abdon Carrillo 5th; long jump, Brad Sustaire 4th; 800 meter, Trae Kopley 4th; 1600 meter, Alberto Vega 2nd, and Josiah Scott 4th; 400 meter relay, Dean Fields, Brad Sustaire, Josh

Evenson, and Abdon Carrillo 6th; 1600 meter relay, Wade Ritter, Othon Carrillo, Trae Kopley and Alberto Vega 6th.

Other boys participating were Chris Ollinger and Evan Crowell.

The girls competed in the varsity competition against a

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Commissioners Set Salary For Jailer

The Carson County Commissioners Court met in regular session with all members present on February 27, 1997.

Kent Satterwhite met with the court on behalf of the Canadian River Water Authority to discuss the installation of a 52" water line in the northwest portion

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Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder visited in McLean Saturday with Truman Goodlett and M.L. Rowan and with Bill and Dorothy McKee and at the Palo Duro Home in Claude, they visited Les and Dora Neal.

Allie and Norris Hoyt recently spent a week at the lake home in Howardwick. The weather did not cooperate enough for them to get outside much, but they said they enjoyed the peace and quiet.

Juanita Calloway of Channelview visited her mother, Julia McGee this past week. She flew home Saturday with the news of her husband, Don, having emergency surgery for serious injuries received in a fall from a ladder while pruning trees.

Thank you our friends for having shown so much kindness following the death of our loved one. Your visits, cards, memorials, care and prayers meant so much to us.
 The Families of Walker F. "Ace" Parker

Ill Or Recovering
 Eileen Brown, Lavesta Barnett, Margie Stephens, Lottie Burk (Charles Burk's Mom), Jack Spencer, Wayne Strop, Mary Ellen Schaffer, Lucille Case, Monica Weinheimer, Alice Kuehler, Evelyn Hubbard, Marion Kendrick, Mert Kendrick, George Clark.

Rip and Joy Snyder were Panhandle visitors Monday.

Nellie Painter and Allie Hoyt recently attended a baby shower in Clarendon for the former Angela Reed. They topped their outing off with lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Card Of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls and food brought in after my recent back surgery. How blest we are to live in a community of such caring people! I am glad to be back on the mend and ask God's blessings on each of you.
 Alice Kuehler

Mother of Local Woman Passes Away

Mary F. Hughes, 64, died Wednesday, February 26, 1997.

Services were in Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Hughes was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma. She married Thomas B. Hughes, Jr. in 1958 at Hale Center. He died in 1990. She also was preceded in death by two sons, Todd Hughes in 1987 and Terry Hughes in 1991.

She moved from Plainview to Pampa in 1977.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas B. Hughes III of Elk City, Oklahoma, and Tony Kris Hughes of Clarendon; a daughter, Connie McMahan of Groom; a brother, Glen Noland of Keller; four sisters, Leta McAnally, Tommie Ann Shannon, Turlene Reed and Jackie Sue Harrell, all of Plainview; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, Potter/Randall Chapter, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, Texas 79159.

A DRIVER SAFETY Course will be held in Clarendon at the college on Sat., March 22. Call (806) 874-3571 for information.

**AG DAY
 MAR. 20**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- March 6 - Michael W. Fraser, Dedra N. Spear.
- March 7 - Terri Rose, Mary Ann Koetting, Mary Head.
- March 8 - Grant Weinheimer, Mrs. Raymond Ruthardt.
- March 9 - Pam Ashford.
- March 10 - Jeffrey Weinheimer.
- March 11 - Mrs. Martin Hermesmeier, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Weller (A).
- March 12 - Stacy Lynn Bertrand, Mrs. Gregory G. Lamb, Mrs. Larry D. Brown, Toby Ray Burgin, Krisanne Davis.

Card of Thanks
 Our sincere thanks to all of you for your flowers, cards, visits, calls, prayers and every expression of sympathy in the loss of our loved one, Lela Jones.

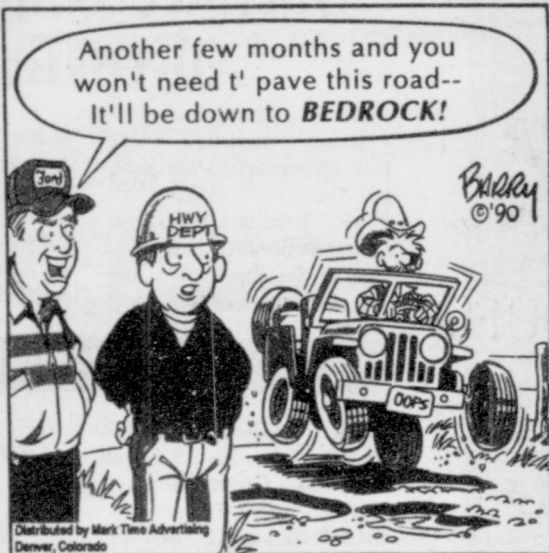
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Participants Attend UIL Practice Meet

Several Groom students attended a practice meet for U.I.L. competition. Mary Hutsell placed 3rd in Newswriting competition. She also placed 4th in Poetry competition. Sarah Hutsell placed 4th in Editorial Writing. Brenda Fields placed 5th in Poetry. In Persuasive Speaking, Joe Britten placed 6th. Also participating were Trisha Broadway, Tami Ashford, Maggie Thomas, Caleb Pool and Dustin Babcock, Josiah Scott and Kristi Barkley. The U.I.L. participants next competition will be the District meet on March 25 and 26 at Amarillo College.

Grandview-Hopkins Honor Roll

Fourth Six Weeks
All A's
Grade 6: Lauren Acker, Sara Blankenship, Cody Babcock.
Grade 5: Chance Bowers, Collin Bowers, Jake Hopkins, Justin Jouett, Erin Norris, Drew Jaegle.
Grade 4: Kenneth Mort, Chera Chavedo, Roger Johnson.
Grade 3: Abbie Aderholt, Will Jaegle, Megan Jouett, Bradley Smith.
Grade 2: Maggie Hopkins, Shawn Johnson, Haley Acker, Hope Coutts.
Grade 1: Ricky Davis, Sarah Spaulding, Lateasa Wheat.
All A's & B's
Grade 6: Courtney Echols.
Grade 5: Michael Dominguey, Calvin Schaffer.
Grade 4: Chafen Wilson.

Grade 3: Ryan Spaulding, Chandon Wilson.
Grade 1: Lucas Almanza. Special Effort Award
Grade 6: Courtney Echols - 100 Science; Sara Blankenship, Cody Babcock and Lauren Acker - 100 Science & Health.
Grade 5: Chance Bowers - 100 Health; Collin Bowers, Michael Dominguey and Justin Jouett - 100 Science; Jake Hopkins - 100 Spelling, Science, Soc. Studies, & Health; Erin Norris - 100 Science & Health; Drew Jaegle - 100 Science, Social Studies and Health.
Grade 3: Abbi Aderholt - 100 Reading, 101 Science, 102 Spelling.
Grade 1: Lateasa Wheat - 100 average in Science and Social Studies.

St. Francis To Host Dinner

St. Francis Catholic Church is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 9, 1997, in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving time will be from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and those under six years of age eat free. All you can eat! The menu includes traditionally cooked or smoked German sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade bread and homemade cobbler. Take out dinners are available.

A Country Store will feature a great variety of homemade and baked items. Sausage will be sold and a drawing held.

St. Francis is located 10 miles east of Amarillo on U.S. Highway 60 or one mile east of the Iowa Beef Packing Plant.

City

read, for the Council, a resignation from alderman Mary Sue Lyles. Don Case, Jay Lamb, and Ronny Fields approved the request. Danny Ashford, Jr. abstained.

Jimmy Britten was approved to fill the seat left vacant by Mary Sue Lyles by Don Case, Ronny Fields and Jay Lamb. Danny Ashford, Jr. abstained.

At the end of the meeting Danny Ashford, Jr., resigned effective March 1. The next called meeting is scheduled for March 5, 1997.

T.E.A.M.S. Compete

Groom's T.E.A.M.S. competing group (formerly called J.E.T.S.) attended a competition at West Texas A & M University over the weekend.

Justin Ritter, Courtney Burgin, Sean Crowell, Toby Burgin, Jimmy Chavedo and Michael Stephens comprised the team. While the team did not place in the top two, Sponsor and Science teacher Mrs. Sloan stated that it was a really good warm-up meet.

Stock

shown for many years, beginning with pigs and later adding calves.

Justin Homen and Cody Britten exhibited pigs at the Houston Show this year. Cody placed 11th.

Congratulations to all the participants and to those who will continue, Good Luck next year.

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Clint Babcock

School Board Candidates Sought

The Grandview-Hopkins Independent School system is needing to fill three positions on it's Board of Trustees in the May 3 election.

Currently, Charles Bowers and Gary Babcock hold two of the seats up for grabs. The third slot is currently vacant after the resignation of Marshall Hopkins.

Joe Smith is the only candidate to apply for a place on the ballot at presstime.

Those interested may pick up an application during regular business hours at the school office.



Track

very large field of track-meeters. Sara Britten had a very busy and productive day, placing in three events, triple jump, 5th place; 100 meter dash, 6th place; and the 400 meter dash, 6th place. Other tracksters competing were Karen Conrad, Carrie Sue Davis and Stephanie Ollinger.

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Irish Inn Restaurant

Linda Cox - Owner

For that special occasion or just an evening out, this Review suggests you take your guests to Irish Inn Restaurant for some of the very best food. Irish Inn Restaurant is located at I-40 & U.S. 83 in Shamrock, phone 256-2332. Delicious steaks, cooked to order to suit the most discriminating tastes are featured here along with fried chicken, chicken fry, seafood and lunch buffet, Sunday through Friday. Great atmosphere and service are also good reasons for recommending this fine restaurant to our many readers. For the best in dining pleasure, for the best steak you ever ate, for a meal that is unforgettable, you owe it to yourself to make the short drive to Shamrock and see for yourself.

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For all your pharmaceutical needs, be they prescriptions, over the counter drugs or medication information, see your registered pharmacist at Martin - Tipton Pharmacy located at 1422 S. Tyler St. in Amarillo, phone 373-2812. Service is the most important factor in the success of a local pharmacy. In this case, the principle of service has been applied by maintaining all the essential departments satisfying the most exacting consumer's requirement. They offer prompt prescription service, over the counter medications, diabetic and health care supplies as well as health and beauty aids. The second feature of service is displayed by their competent personnel. They can be depended upon for prompt and reliable prescription service. If you are new in the area don't hesitate to call these professionals. Knowledge, prompt service and the best in pharmaceutical needs are the reasons people in this area make them their full service pharmacy. They welcome Texas Medicaid, Blue Cross, PCS, PPO, PAID and others.

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Allen's of Amarillo

Celia Allen - Owner

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Commissioners

of the county. The line will carry well water from Roberts County fields to an existing line which is already in place in Carson County. The line services several municipalities in the Panhandle, and the southern region around the Plainview, Lubbock, and Lamesa area. A more specific detailed plan will be presented to the court for review in the future.

Discussion was held concerning compliance with the anti-drug and alcohol program and testing. Commissioner Britten will report to the court what action Carson County needs to take in order to stay in compliance.

The court discussed the disposal of concrete material

which will need to be disposed of due to a recent fire which destroyed the First Baptist Church in Panhandle. The court agreed that a county pit located approximately four miles east of the church site, would be suitable for the disposal.

The court approved responsibility for a guard light which is located at the White Deer 4-H project pens.

The court approved the release of \$341,342.00 of safekeeping receipts from the First Bank and Trust of White Deer.

A safekeeping receipt from SunBank in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 was also released and replaced with another security of like value.

The court acknowledged the hiring of Gary Robinson as Chief Jailer/Deputy and set the salary at \$20,781.76 per year.

Jamboree To Be Held

The Saints' Roost Jamboree will be Saturday, March 8. The talent show will begin at 6:30 pm and bands will start at 7:00 pm. The Jamboree will be held at the Bairfield Building on the Clarendon College Campus.

Bands for this month include West Texas Ranch Hands, The Panhandle Goodtimers and the Saints' Roost Jamboree Band.

If there is a band out there that would like to come and play on one of the shows, please call 806-874-3373 or 874-3942.

Recycling On Hold, Again

[Editors note: This letter comes to us from the desk of the City Secretary regarding the recycling efforts recently passed by the Groom City Council.]

The letter was dated February 26, 1997, addressed to County Judges, Mayors, City Managers, and City Secretaries, from John Kiehl, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Some while back, PRPC staff began a process intended to revive the regional recycling program. For a brief time, the program had provided the region's local governments with no-cost collection of their recyclable materials. Until last July, CEG Industries had been performing this service under a regional contract with the PRPC. It was in July that CEG notified the PRPC that the regional contract was being

terminated due to financial misfortunes. PRPC staff then began soliciting proposals from other companies who might be able to fill the void left by CEG's departure. Simultaneous to that, PRPC staff prepared a solid waste grant application to obtain funds needed to ensure the continued availability of no-cost recycling opportunities to the region's local governments.

Following an elongated proposal process, the PRPC, under the advisement of the Regional Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (RSWMAC), accepted the offer submitted

by an Amarillo-based waste hauling company, Amarillo Waste Management (AWM). AWM was the only company to submit a proposal to pick up materials directly from each recycling collection point as once had been done by CEG.

Though the company had no previous experience with large-scale recycling operations, the owners felt that they were prepared to branch off into this new venture. The owners also believed that the company would be able to provide a level of service that would adequately satisfy the recycling needs of the region's local governments.

It is with deep regret and much disappointment that I must now report to you that the contract that had been tendered to Amarillo Waste Management has been canceled. In other words, the paper recycling programs that were offered to you several weeks ago will not be available at this time. However, the oil and oil filter recycling programs are still being made available since those services will be provided by another recycling company.

However, the RSWMAC is not abandoning the regional recycling program concept. In fact, the Committee has already taken measures to strengthen the possibilities for the creation of a self-sufficient program in the not too distant future.

In the meanwhile, I do apologize for any inconvenience this decision may cause you or your residents.



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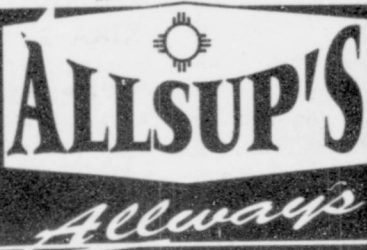
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By Trooper Gary Davis
On 02-25-97 the accident bug hit again. Trooper Jeremy Wallace and myself worked four accidents in the ice. Trooper Wallace worked the first accident at 7:28 a.m. on IH-40, five miles west of Groom. A Ellen Horn of Clarendon rolled her car, after losing control on the ice. No citation was issued out of

this accident. Then around 8:50 a.m. there was a report of two overturned vehicles on IH-40 east of Conway. Trooper Wallace worked the accident at the 101 mile marker and I worked another at the 98 mile marker. A van driven by a Carlos Cabera of San Diego, California overturned, after going too fast on the ice covered road.

I worked the accident at the 98 mile marker, where a pickup driven by Flavio Ramirez of Phoenix, Arizona overturned after going too fast on the ice covered roadway. Panhandle Ambulance service transported five injured people to Northwest Texas Hospital. One girl, age 7, and a man, age 32, were riding in the back of the pickup. Both were thrown out, but neither were hurt seriously. Ramirez was issued a citation for Unsafe Speed. I was then called to an accident north of Panhandle on Tx 207. A Bennie Douglas of Claude overturned her Explorer after losing control on the ice. She was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital by private vehicle. A citation was issued for Unsafe Speed. Then there was a lull for awhile when the temperature warmed up. But at 8:43 p.m. it started over again. Trooper Wallace was called out to the 113 overpass by the old truck stop. A Ford Explorer was westbound on IH-40 and lost control on the ice covered overpass. The driver, Bruce Wilson of Parker, Arizona was thrown from the vehicle after it rolled at least four times. He was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital by the Groom Ambulance Service. Citations were issued for Unsafe Speed.
On 02-26-97, Trooper Wallace was called out to work another accident at the 111 overpass west of Groom. A 1997 Ford driven by John Johnson of Oakland, California hit a

sign after losing control on the ice covered overpass. No one in the vehicle was injured and Johnson was issued a citation for Unsafe Speed. At 6:05 A.M., Trooper Wallace worked another accident at the 111 overpass. A car driven by a Tiffany Dick of Magna, Utah overturned throwing her out of the vehicle. Dick was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital by Groom EMS. A citation was issued for Unsafe Speed. At 7:40 a.m., Trooper Wallace worked an accident at the 112 overpass when a pickup driven by John Nedwick of Tahlequah, Oklahoma lost control on the ice. The U-Haul trailer overturned. At 9:00 a.m., two accidents occurred at the 84 overpass. The first was a pickup towing another pickup which hit the guard rail. The driver Harry Davis of Sahuorita, Arizona was issued a citation for Unsafe Speed. The second accident occurred at the same time when a TTST jackknifed trying to miss the first accident. The truck almost hit David Britten who was directing traffic at the first accident. The truck driven by Gurbax Jadour of Glendale, Arizona hung up in the guardrail. The driver was issued a citation for Unsafe Speed. In a 26 hour period the Groom Highway Patrol worked nine accidents in which ten people were injured. People from Arizona and California can not drive on ice.
On 03-01-97, Trooper Wallace stopped a vehicle on IH-40, when the driver

was observed not wearing a seat belt. The driver, Jeremian Johnson of Tucson, Arizona, who at first gave a false name was arrested for Failure to I.D. A search of the vehicle turned up a large sum of money. After counting the money, there was over 29,000.00 dollars. The driver had an extensive history of drug violations and had just gotten out of the Arizona prison. The money was seized after the DPS drug dog hit on several places in the vehicle showing recent drug use.
On 03-02-97, Trooper Wallace stopped a vehicle on IH-40. The driver a John Thompson of Bogaluse, LA was arrested for DWLS. At the Carson County Jail, about two ounces of marijuana was

found hidden on the subject and he was charged with DWLS and Possession of Marijuana.
And so this ends another busy week in the lives of the Groom Highway Patrol and the saga continues...

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6th Grade Cagers End Season

The 6th grade girls basketball team has ended an undefeated season in the Panhandle basketball league. The girls who participated are Brin Burgin, Lauren Crowell, Amanda Conrad, Jill Britten, Stephany Fraser, Staci Britten, Amanda Martin, Amber Moore, Kira Broadway, Lainie Britten and Penny Jo McMahan. The team is coached by Stephanie Ollinger and Jessica Friemel. The games and scores are listed below:

- JANUARY 19
PANHANDLE A
WON 42-7
AMANDA M 8
AMANDA C 6
LAUREN 6
JILL 6
BRIN 4
STACI 4
KIRA 4
AMBER 2
STEPHANY 2
- JANUARY 25
PANHANDLE C

- WON 42-7
AMANDA C 8
LAUREN 8
BRIN 7
AMBER 5
STACI 4
JILL 4
KIRA 4
STEPHANY 2
- FEBRUARY 1
PANHANDLE D
WON 49-15
BRIN 16
AMANDA C 13
STACI 6
AMANDA M 6
STEPHANY 4
LAUREN 2
KIRA 2
- FEBRUARY 9
PANHANDLE B
WON 67-2
JILL 14
BRIN 10
KIRA 9

- STEPHANY 8
STACI 6
LAUREN 6
AMANDA M 6
AMANDA C 4
AMBER 4
- FEBRUARY 16
PANHANDLE C
WON 35-5
LAUREN 11
AMANDA C 9
BRIN 4
STEPHANY 4
STACI 2
AMANDA M 2
KIRA 2
JILL 1
- FEBRUARY 22
PANHANDLE A
WON 57-6
JILL 16
LAUREN 11
KIRA 10
BRIN 8
AMANDA C 4

- STACI 4
AMBER 2
STEPHANY 2
- FEBRUARY 23
PANHANDLE D
WON 41-9
AMANDA C 9
LAUREN 8
BRIN 7
JILL 6
STEPHANY 4
AMBER 3
STACI 2
KIRA 2
- MARCH 1
PANHANDLE B
WON 61-0
LAUREN 14
STEPHANY 10
AMANDA C 8
STACI 6
AMANDA M 6
AMBER 5
BRIN 4
JILL 4
KIRA 4

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"Of Winners, Losers and Games" To Perform In District Competition

The McLean High School One Act Play will compete in District competition at Follett High School on March 18, 1997. The cast will compete against other casts from Allison High School, Ft. Elliott High School, Higgins High School, Miami High School and Follett High School.

There will be a practice for the plays on March 17 at Follett High School. The plays are to begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 18 at the

Follett High School Auditorium. Anyone wishing to attend the plays should be there before the scheduled starting times as the doors will close for each performance. McLean High School's play "Of Winners, Losers, and Games," by O.B. Rozell and published by I.E. Clark Publications is scheduled to be the third play and will be presented at 1:00 pm.

Those in this year's cast are Tammy Cole, Toby Purcell, Charles Harris,

Tanna Shipman, Shanna Dent, Kristi Tidwell, Derek Glass, Chad Richards, Jessica Rich, Moriah McCracken, Shaley Stalls, Traci Seitz, Bonnie Hauck, and Lorin Hall. The crew and alternates for the play are Brian Fuller, David Fuller, Francine Abdalla,

Rachel Galley, and Chris Flores. This play along with several short scenes will be given at the annual dinner theater at a date and time to be announced.

Dollie Buckhaults Inducted Into Phi Alpha Theta

Dollie Haynes Buckhaults, a 1989 graduate of McLean High School, was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta during ceremonies at the Railroad Crossing in Canyon last week. Phi Alpha Theta is a history honor society at West Texas A&M, open only to history majors who maintain a 3.0 grade point overall and a 3.25 in history. She was

one of nine inductees. Following dinner and the induction ceremony, the group heard a lecture by Dr. Bruce Brasington, former faculty adviser of the group.

Buckhaults, who has a double major in English and history and a minor in Spanish, has been listed on both the Dean's Honor Roll and President's Honor Roll at WTAMU. She plans to receive her Bachelor of Arts

degree in December and then begin work on a Master's degree. She plans to teach on the college level.

She and her husband, Tex Buckhaults, a math education specialist at Region XVI Education Service Center, have one daughter, Minnie Caroline. Mrs. Buckhaults is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Haynes.

Armilla Shipman Completes U.S. Air Force Basic Training

Air Force Airman Armilla A. Shipman has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Shipman is the daughter of Catherine R. Roberts and sister of Crystal M. Roberts, both of McLean.

Her husband, William, is the son of Monica F. Shipman of Rural Route 1, McLean.

She is a 1994 graduate of McLean High School.



Chapter Attends Houston Stock Show

Three members of the McLean FFA Chapter recently attended the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and participated in the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Department.

David Fuller, Jonathan Bailey, and Chad Richards along with Bill Fuller and FFA Advisor Bill Layman spent three days in Houston taking part in the show.

The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Show is to encourage 4-H and FFA members to participate in a practical beef production program.

The students purchased

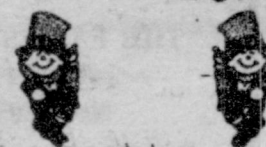
There are four parts to the contest that the exhibitor can earn points towards their total score. The yield grade and quality

grade assigned the steers by the three judge committee are 25% of the score. A detailed set of records that have been kept on the steers are checked for accuracy and completeness and account for 25% of the total score. A quiz is taken by each student over their and put on feed, a pen of three steers in September and fed and cared for them for about 150 days, the steers are then taken to Houston to be graded as part of the contest.

general knowledge of the cattle feeding industry, and accounts for 25% of the score. Also an oral interview is conducted by a committee that determines the exhibitors knowledge of his pen of steers, their

See Houston pg.9

Reminders



THE PIONEER Study Club will meet Thursday, March 6, 4:00 at the Library.

THE 1997 McLEAN Livestock Boosters Appreciation Dinner will be March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Gerald Tate Barn.

SPRING BREAK for McLean ISD will be March 10-14.

SCHOOL WILL dismiss for Spring Break, Friday, March 7 at 1:30 pm.

THE McLEAN Chamber of Commerce will meet for their regular meeting March 19 at 8 pm at B&B Turbine.

**McLean School Board
Candidates**
John Holland
City Council Candidates
Gary Jackson
Charlie McClendon

Briefs

Apologizes to Wayne Ennis for leaving his name off the Birthday list. It is on the main list now.

Visiting with the Ricky Jasper family this past weekend were Ester Mae Jasper, Ricky's Mom; Ronnie Jasper, and wife Judy and children, Matt and Shannon. Rick's Mom is from Roswell, New Mexico and his brother lives in Lubbock.

Dennis Meador spent some time with his father-in-law, J. Boyd Smith. Dennis is from El Paso.

Fayette Bell Barton spent a few days in the hospital this past week, but is home recovering nicely.

Mary Ann Carpenter and Emma Jean McDonald made a trip to Shamrock on Thursday the 27th. They stayed a littler longer than planned. The keys got locked in the van. Joe Daniels came to the rescue, but Kirk Clay unlocked the van. Thanks for good Samaritans.

Helen Black is in the Columbia Medical Center of Pampa.

Bob Glenn is having some heart problems. Rachel, their daughter is here to help out.

Luann Mantooth and Mary Drennon attended a retreat February 28 and March 2.

Vernon Turner made a trip to Amarillo on Thursday the 28th to visit his doctor for a yearly check-up.

Eighty-two people attended the "Eatin Meetin" at the Trinity Baptist Church Wednesday the 26th. After a delicious pot-luck meal, Bro. James, Luann and Caitlan had the honor of a "pounding."

Linda McAnear is home from surgery and doing very well.

Lavern Back is home from the hospital for observation, doing very well.

Kelly McClellan is home from his treatments of chemotherapy.

Muriel Moore received a good report last week from her doctors.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 6 - Chuck Pierce, Holly Crystal Myers, Sarah Holland, Ande Shank, Wanda Sharp, Linda Syfrett, John Dickinson.

March 7 - Murrell Emmitt Hill, Mary Davis, Lena Carter, Mary Ann Carpenter.

March 8 - Joe Bidwell, Lorene Brown, Billie Kingston.

March 9 - Jack Odom.

March 10 - Bill Kingston.

March 11 - Barbara Richards, Valerie Bradley, Angie Purcell, Wilbur Lee Wilson.

March 12 - Elmer Ware, Rick Reeser.

Marvis and Gladys Godfrey are home from Dallas. Marvis has several by-passes and stayed in Dallas to recuperate.

Cliffie Heasley is spending a few days with her family in Groom.

Trew Addresses Pioneer Club Members

The Pioneer Study Club met on February 20, 1997 in the Conference Room of the Lovett Memorial Library. Jenny Stubbs introduced her program which was a talk presented by Delbert Trew. Delbert gave an entertaining story of part of his early life.

President Mary Dwyer welcomed the members and guests. Margaret Grogan gave a treasurers report and Bonnie Nell Fabian reported that the flowering plum tree has been replaced.

Loyce Murray served delicious refreshments to Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Margaret Grogan, Ruth Magee, Beverly Odom, Lynn Reeves, Ruth Trew, Mary Emma Woods, Irene Pakan, a new member, Luann Mantooth, and guests, Helen Cullers, Irene's niece from Shamrock, Miro Pakan and Delbert Trew.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday, members of the Assembly of God Church came to conduct a worship service.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Dick Wheeler, Eula Morrow, Truman Goodlett, Thelma Hopkins, Florence Drake, M.L. Rowan, Sue Cubine, Teresa Richardson, Phyllis Bailey, Sylvia McClellan, Dorothy Patterson, Vernee Bowling, Leon Tate, Lean Bailey, Jessie Watson and Thelma Finson. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club. Bill Hulsey came from Pampa to cut the mens hair and the men also had manicures.

Tuesday morning the residents started making Easter bunny baskets for the up and coming Easter party. Ladies working in crafts were Truman

Goodlett, Sue Cubine, Phyllis Bailey, Imogene King, Sylvia McClellan, Helen Glass and Dorothy Patterson. Following the craft session Phyllis Bailey shared her box of chocolates with the residents.

Wednesday morning the residents enjoyed the donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon they watched a movie and had popcorn.

Thursday Inez Trostle was here to style the ladies hair and several ladies had manicures. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo: Thelma Hopkins, Thelma Finson, Florence Drake, Dorothy Patterson, Truman Goodlett, Sylvia McClellan, Dick Wheeler, Leon Tate, Teresa Richardson, Eula Morrow and Phyllis Bailey.

UMW Hold "Week Of Prayer"

The McLean Methodist women met February 25 at the church for their special "Week of Prayer" program. Katie Graham presided. Loyce Sherrod gave the treasurer's report. Mary Dwyer led the program assisted by Wilma Barker and Loyce Murray. After the dedication of gifts the ladies were served bean soup.

Others attending were Fern Boyd, Maybell Nash, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Ruth Magee, Molly McDowell and Mary Powell.

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Bill Reeves

More Briefs

Jaylene Watkins, in a formal ceremony, was inducted into the Frank Phillips College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. The ceremony took place on Sunday, February 23.

Jaylene was installed as President of the chapter for 1997-1998.

Houston

performance and the cattle business in general. This also is 25% of their score. Extra points are earned based on the steers cost of gain, average daily gain, and feed conversion ration.

The cattle are sold at auction and premium money is paid each contestant based on their total score. The winner of the commercial steer show wins a Dodge pickup and \$1,000 cash. Second place wins a gooseneck stock trailer and \$500 cash.

Flippin' Farm Gymnasts Competes In Dumas Contest

Members of the Flipin' Farm's 1997 Competitive team traveled to Dumas for the first meet of the year. This year's team consists of 24 athletes from Shamrock and the surrounding communities of McLean, Wheeler, Samnorwood, Briscoe and Memphis.

Saturday, February 15, 1997, Dumas Gymnastic School hosted the first of three Division One meets that will be held in the Texas Panhandle at the District level. Nine teams attended this competition including teams from Amarillo, Plainview, Friona, Dalhart, Dumas, Boise City, Fritch, and Shamrock.

All of these teams and athletes will be coming to Shamrock on March 22nd for the second competition to be held at the Shamrock High School Gymnasium.

All athletes represented their teams and communities well, including those representing the Flipin' Farm. The results for the participants from McLean are as follows:

Power Tumbling - Gold Medalist, Dashae Tolleson. Silver Medalist, Brooke Seymour and Shaley Steel. 6th Place, Shelby Terry. Trampoline - Gold

Medalist, Dashae Tolleson. Bronze Medalist, Shaley Steel. 7th place, Shelby Terry. 8th place, Brooke Seymour.

Alanreed News

By Lena Carter
The Alanreed Cemetery Association met February 28th in the Crockett dining area for their quarterly meeting at 6:45 pm. The meeting was opened by Olin Weldon, President of the board. Minutes were read by Lena Carter, Secretary and approved as read. The financial report was given by Olin. Old business was renewing the contract for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. It was decided to sell the cemetery owned mower as the contractor uses their own equipment. Jake asked for permission to do several odd jobs about the lots and was given authorization.

A motion to adjourn was made by Emmitt Allen and seconded by Jake at 7:45 pm. Members present were Olin Weldon, Emmitt Allen, Jake Bible, Sid Keese, Billy Bob Adams and Lena Carter. The next meeting will be in June.

Denva Tidwell made a trip to Fairfield this week. Nora Drago was in Pampa on Thursday for medical attention.

Ruth and Brenda McLain visited in Oklahoma this week with Ruth's mother, who was ill.

In spite of inclement weather the Gouge Eye 3D Archery met Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2nd at the old gravel pit north of McLean for their first tournament. 20 shooters participated in the 360 point course.

Top shooters in each MBO class were Rickey

Reed, Erick, Oklahoma 244; MBR Richard Patterson, Pampa 258; F.B.O. Minnie Reed, Erick, Oklahoma 249; Bush hunter, Billie Giles, Jr., Pampa 102; Dot Shoot Kelley Dewey, Pampa.

The next meeting will be April 5 & 6 at the same place. Spectators bring your walking shoes and observe some serious archery competition. Sounds like fun. Congratulations to the Keese boys for making possible a range close to home.

First Baptist Church will have their monthly luncheon after church on Sunday the 9th in the basement.

Words Of Wisdom
What a wonderful life I've had! I only wish I'd realized it sooner. (Colette)

Antique Show To Be Held In Amarillo

The Antique Show is comin' to town! This weekend (March 7-8-9) Continental Shows Ltd. is staging its Antique Show & Sale extravaganza at the Amarillo Civic Center. Since dealers come from all around the country, visitors to the show can find that antique they've been wanting or perhaps even find that under-valued "sleeper" present in every large collection.

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Continental Shows is a local Texas production company - the largest in our state. Producer Keith Kuehler says, antiques will appreciate many times over a course of years providing a valuable nest egg for retirement "as always", he says "our past determines our future."

Show hours for the weekend are Friday 12-8, Saturday 12-8, Sunday 12-5. One price admission \$3.00 covers all three days of the event. Children are free when accompanied by parent.

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McLean Honor Roll
Fourth Six Weeks
90 & Above
 12th Grade
 Francine Abdalla, Tammye Cole, Shanna Dent, Kristi Tidwell.

11th Grade
 Jennifer Barker, Moriah McCracken.

10th Grade
 Rachel Galley

9th Grade
 Brian Fuller

7th Grade
 Sara Hall, Nikki Hefley, Randi Riley, Teddra Simmons.

Hommel's Class
Hatches
Butterflies

Mrs. Hommel's class at McLean Elementary School recently received a butterfly kit containing everything needed to hatch five painted lady butterflies. Upon arrival the larvae began eating the special food provided in the kit. Within seven days they made a fascinating change into chrysalides. After approximately seven to ten days five beautiful butterflies emerged. The whole process was very interesting and enjoyed by the entire elementary student body.

Grandview Honor Roll

6th Grade
 Robert Brass, Trent Cadra, Erin Coffey, Jeffery Lee, Josh Seymour, Shaley Steel.

5th Grade
 Jaelyn Grigsby, Robyn Weaver.

4th Grade
 Ashley McClendon, Zane Richardson.

3rd Grade
 Russell Anglin, Talitha Newton.

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Thought For Today
 What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for others. (George Eliot)

Home Equity Legislature Not All It Seems

By Bob Stallman, President, Texas Farm Bureau

It sounds real simple on the surface. Allow Texans to borrow against the equity in their homes, something currently prohibited under Texas law. This will free up an untapped source of collateral that would bring new life to the credit market. Suddenly, there is money for education, medical bills, business startups or whatever. It's a financial magic bullet, at least until the bills come due. After all, that value belongs to the homeowner, right? Of course it does, and that's exactly why the Texas Farm Bureau opposes changes in the home equity lending law. Proposals under consideration in the Texas Legislature would change the law to allow homeowners to borrow against their equity. It would be a mistake.

The pitch for changing the law says that allowing **It's All Trew...**

A Mother's Horror Story

By Delbert Trew
 Countless stories, books, and movies have been based on the plot where a rough cowboy woos and weds a fair "gentle" lady from the big city. Her heroic fight to maintain her gentle ways and raise her family as ladies and gentlemen has provided reading enjoyment for all.

A modern version of this plot was enacted on a neighboring ranch a few years ago. Of course we will not use real names.

Miss Cory, from Boston, fell madly in love with young Jake from Texas and agreed to marry him. Forewarned and confident she fought hard to maintain her Boston demeanor on the west Texas ranch she called home.

Her young son was raised with discipline and polite mannerisms. He was four years old when Cory went to the hospital to deliver her second child, leaving her son with his father and the ranch cowboys.

Because of the mild complications during birth and some typical Texas weather her hospital stay lasted several days.

At last the weather cleared letting Cory and her new daughter return home to the ranch. There to greet her were the two grandmothers, some neighbor ladies, and the new minister and his wife.

As her car door opened, her little man rushed to her side, hugged her neck, and peeped at his new baby sister. Then he stepped back and helped his Mother from the car. She was so proud of him as he held her arm to help her to the house.

At that moment, in a loud clear voice he announced, "Watch where you step Mother, there's fresh cow everywhere."

loans against home equity would create new choice and flexibility for potential borrowers. Our members believe that changes in the law would have the opposite effect. Once the barriers to collateralizing homesteads are removed, we believe that inclusion of the home's value will become almost automatic in virtually any loan that carries substantial risk.

Bankers are not bad guys here, but they have an obligation to protect the interests of their shareholders, and to satisfy bank examiners. They will ere on the side of caution and get every bit of collateral they can before making a loan. You may have the choice to use your home equity, but you may not have the choice to do anything else.

A recent conversation with a banker friend of mine drove this point home for me. He posed a hypothetical situation of a farmer with limited financial options. He described the mythical but bleak financial picture, and said, "If I could have the house for collateral, I could go with him for another year."

This situation has happened often enough in real life and there is plenty of heartache associated with it. I had to tell my friend, "Don't you think it would be better to say no now, and leave this person with his house and maybe enough assets to start over?" As long as a fat pool of equity exists in the form of a house, many bankers will be tempted to extend loans when they probably should not.

Farmers and business owners who got loans last year will suddenly find that the same loans will not be renewed unless they put up their homes as collateral. What a choice. Lose the farm now, or lose everything next year, balanced against the hope of making enough to save it all.

At such a time, judgement often fails. How many bankers will call a halt to unworkable financial risk? Some, to their credit, probably will. Others will go "one more year, as long as we have the house." Next year, however, eventually comes and loans always become "due and payable." "Next year" could, in fact, be the last year, but if we change the law, the house will be gone.

As the law is currently written, a family always has a home, as long as the payments are made. With the proposed changes in the home equity laws, that security could quickly disappear. This is not flexibility. It's a potential disaster.

As I've made this argument in public forums across Texas, I am often told, "I can decide for myself whether to use the equity in my home as collateral." I certainly agree with that, but I think it is far more likely that you will be required to use the home equity for virtually any substantial loan you seek. The choice and flexibility you anticipated will quickly become secondary as lenders scramble to protect themselves.

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