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Haynes Named "Sports Legend"

Between the wrestling Funk family and Clarendon's Super Bowl star Kenny King on the list is Sheri Haynes of McLean - one of the Top 100 Sports Legends of the Panhandle who were honored in Amarillo Saturday night.



42.4 points. She qualified in three running events to the regional track meet, and won the IA state golf medalist title.

Haynes, who graduated from MHS in 1975, also went to regional in tennis. She scored 3,614 points in her high school basketball career, including 71 in one game.

She was recruited to national champion Delta State in Cleveland, Miss., where she was on another national title team before transferring to Wayland Baptist in Plainview. Despite knee problems, she started for the Flying Queens as a senior when the team came within two games of the national title. She played in such locations as Madison Square Garden with Delta State and in China with Wayland.

Haynes had made the top 12 of a new pro team in New Orleans before another knee injury ended her playing career.

She has been head
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Ninety-two of the sports figures were either present or represented at a banquet at the Amarillo Civic Center attended by about 700 people, including King and one of the Funks (Dory Jr.). Haynes had about 15 family members present from McLean, Pampa, Amarillo, Lubbock and Koswell, N.M., to see her honored at the four-hour event.

They lined up for barbecue with the likes of Stinnett's Texas Tech and Green Bay football star Donny Anderson; Pampa, Texas A & M and Olympic shotput legend Randy Matson; and Canadian, West Texas State and pro football speedster Bill Cross.

McLean was one of 32 area communities represented among the honorees. Haynes who

teaches at Cavazos Middle School in Lubbock has an almost three year old daughter, Maria, is the daughter of Johnny and Joyce Haynes of McLean.

The Amarillo Globe-News, which sponsored the event, wrote, "During her senior season at McLean High School, Haynes was the most dominant player, possibly athlete, in the state. In basketball, she averaged

Pinewood Derby Held By Scouts



The Boy Scouts in McLean held a Pinewood Derby for the pack to prepare for the big events this weekend.

The boys take a piece of pinewood and with the help of a parent, design their racer.

In the speed competition, Evan McMordie took first place, Dustin Lee raced for second and Tucker Adams placed third.

In Showmanship, Tucker Adams placed first, Travis Fish placed second and Caleb Crawford placed third.

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Five Qualify For Regional UIL Meet

McLean High School students participated in U.I.L. academic competition at Clarendon College on March 27 and 28.

Five students will travel to Levelland as regional qualifiers. Veronica Fite achieved

first place in Ready Writing and Creative Writing. Bethany Rogers earned first in Literacy Criticism. Chris Hauck earned first in Computer Applications. Jessi Fish will go as an alternate in Computer Applications. Nikki Hefley placed third in Spelling.

Others participating were Valerie Joiner, Mandy Delgado, Julie Marsh, Terrell Hembree, Teddra Simmons, Brian Fuller, Katrina Routon, Shaley Steel, Randi Riley, Sara Hall, Annie Weaver, Ike Hanes, Brodey Carter, and Katrina Routon.

"Weather Awareness" Program Held By VFW Ladies

Do you live alone and have a cellar or basement under your house that you seek shelter in during bad weather? If the answer is yes, then you need to contact the fire department and inform them, so if a tornado strikes the city they will know to look for you in the event you might be trapped. This was only one of the valuable pieces of information that McLean Fire Chief, Clifford McDonald, told to the many people in attendance at the VFW sponsored Weather Awareness program held at the fire department on March 29.

The crowd was also informed about the sirens. The first three minute blast means to be ready to take shelter. If a second blast occurs, it means to take cover immediately.

Robbie Sanderson from the ambulance service

took people on tours of the ambulance. She explained procedures and the use of some of the equipment.

Two ladies from the Red Cross in Pampa attended the meeting to inform the crowd of the

purpose and accessibility of the Red Cross. Mindi Reeves of McLean has accepted the role as the city's new Red Cross representative.

"We had a great turnout and the Fire

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Reminders

PRE-ENROLLMENT for Kindergarten will be April 27 & 28.

THE CITY Council will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m.

THE CHAMBER of Commerce will meet on April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

THE PTA will have a regular meeting on April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

APRIL 11-14 the kids will take TAAS tests at school.

THE GRAY County Clerk's office is accepting applications for ballots by mail for the April 11, 2000 run-off election for the Democrat and Republican primaries. Applications will be accepted through April 4, 2000. Please call the Gray County Clerk's office at 669-8004 if you would like an application.

Briefs

Nancy Billingsley and her daughter Melanie (who graduated from McLean) and are former residents, were in McLean recently visiting with friends.

Minnie Erwin is home after an extended stay with her daughter and son in law, Pauline and Butch Pierce. Her stay included visiting family and helping baby sit great-grand babies.

Jem Ann Freeman, an alumni of McLean High School and the daughter of Mary Ann and Johnny Carpenter won the teacher award recently at the Regional Science

Fair. Jem Ann teaches Jr. High Science at White Deer and Skellytown. She took 18 students and their projects to the fair and 13 placed. There were seven first place winners. She had one student win the Most Creative award, one student won the Air Force award and one student won the Most Original award.

White Deer also won the School Award. Jem Ann will take seven of her students to state and four of her students to regional.

Area Obituaries

Jay T. Wallis

Mobeetie - Jay T. Wallis, 68, died Friday, March 31, 2000.

Services were in First Baptist Church of Mobeetie with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of the First United

Methodist Church in McLean, officiating. Burial was in Mobeetie Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Wallis was a rancher and cowboy. He worked for the Britt Ranch in Wheeler, the Webb Ranch north of McLean and the Theis Ranch near Chama, N.M. He was a veteran of the Korean War, where he served in the Army as a corporal.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Wallis.

Survivors include a son, Larry Wallis of McLean; two daughters, Jaylene Fairless and Donna Wallis, both of Amarillo; two brothers, Wayne Wallis of Amarillo and Autry Wallis of Mesquite; three sisters, Marvella of Port Charles, La., Vondell of Mesquite and June of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Morris A. 'Slim' Mason

Morris A. "Slim" Mason, 69, died Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services were Saturday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Norman Jones officiating. Burial was under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Mason was born October 14, 1930, at

Throckmorton, to Levi Mason and Willie Tapper Mason. He had been a lifelong resident of the Texas Panhandle prior to moving to Oklahoma eight years ago.

He was a rancher, a cattleman, and a U.S. Korean War veteran.

Survivors include two sons, Elden Mason of Sayre, Oklahoma, and Allen Mason of Elk City, Oklahoma; a sister, Mildred Edins of Abilene; two brothers, Malcom Mason of Oregon and Melvin Mason of Vega; and four grandchildren.

department and the ambulance service to prepare for emergencies that may arise due to the weather, etc.

Mrs. Reeves is currently working with the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and the McLean Ambulance Service to get address numbers on every house in McLean. Due to the lack of house numbers it is sometimes difficult for the two services to locate the house immediately during an emergency.

The services and Mrs. Reeves request that all houses in McLean have

their street number placed on the front wall of each home (near a porch light if possible). The number should be clearly visible from the street.

If you are unsure of your number, or need help in doing this, please contact Toni Bohlar, City Secretary, at 779-2481 for assistance. The goal is to have every house numbered by April 30, 2000. Your help with the project is appreciated and will greatly help the departments in their venture to serve the community.

Salute To EMS Workers

Sue Burrow

Sue Burrow is another of McLean's volunteers in the ambulance department. She has 18 years of service and her title is Paramedic.

She is employed as a hairdresser at Alberta's Hair Fashions, is a member of a prayer group, loves reading, decorating and art.

In answer to the question of reasons for serving as a member of the ambulance crew she said, "I have always loved the medical field and enjoyed helping people. Since McLean is so far from any hospitals and there is only a one hour window for some accident victims and sicknesses, if I can be of help to make a difference in some one's life, then I

feel like that is what God wants me to do. Some times we have non-emergency calls that



are just as important as accident victims because we all need TLC and I get great satisfaction from being able to help others in their time of need."



Red Cross Names New Coordinator

Mindi Reeves has accepted the position of Red Cross Coordinator for the City of McLean. She has several ideas on how to work with the local churches, the fire

Card Of Thanks

The family of Loyce Sherrod would like to thank the many friends who have done so much during the illness and death of our lovely wife, mother and grandmother. The many cards, flowers, food and visits were a source of comfort and inspiration for her during the last year of her life. The overwhelming responses of friends who have called, visited, sent memorials, sent flowers, brought food and/or celebrated her life with us on Tuesday of last week is almost unimaginable. You have honored us in ways that words cannot capture. For all of this, we are grateful. Know that you are loved.

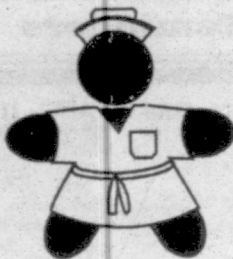
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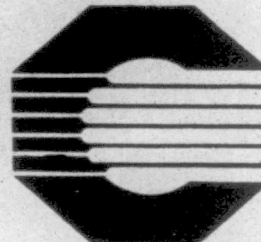


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Haynes

Weather

Department and Ambulance Service did a great job," stated Mary Dwyer, a VFW auxiliary member.

The VFW and auxiliary held a bake sale during the program to benefit the Fire Department and Ambulance Service. The sale raised \$145.00. The money will be divided equally between the two.

girls' basketball coach at Lockney and Lubbock Roosevelt and an assistant coach at Lubbock Monterey. She has been active with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Other legends attending Saturday were Pampa, University of Texas and NFL player Randall Clay; Pampa and University of Houston receiver Kenny Hebert; Amarillo Tascosa, Texas A&M and NFL star Billy Hobbs; Borger, SMU and CFL lineman

Jon LaGrone; West Texas State and Baltimore Colts player Jerry Logan; White Deer and Oklahoma linebacker Carl McAdams; Perryton and

Texas Tech basketball star Del Ray Mounts; West Texas State halfback "Pistol Pete" Pedro; Clovis and Texas Tech basketball shooter Bubba Jennings; Borger and Texas Tech basketball legend Gerald Myers; Amarillo High

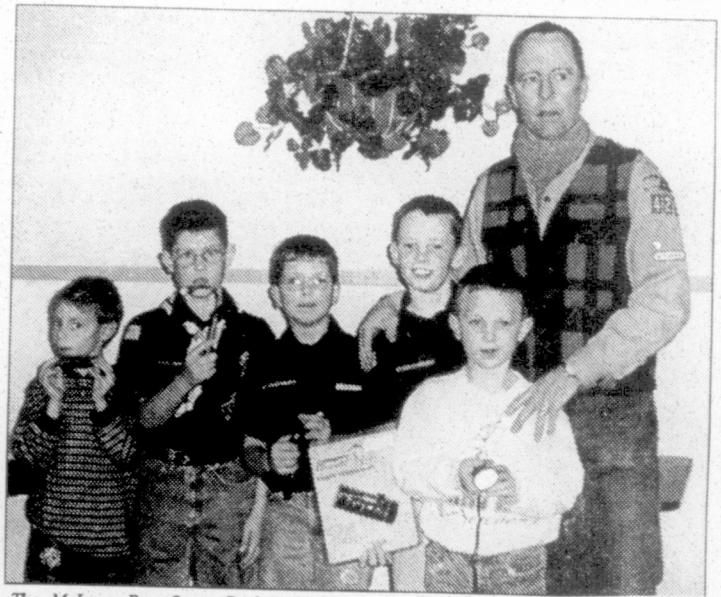
and WT volleyball star Sarah Butler; and Childress football coach Charlie Johnson, among many others.

Some of the legends present are longtime friends of Haynes: Jill Rankin Schneider of Phillips, Wayland and Tennessee, who was Haynes' teammate at Wayland; Wayland Flying Queens coach and pilot Harley Redin; Estelina and Wayland basketball and tennis star Cheri Rapp; Canyon and West Texas State basketball and track star Merry Johnson Byers; area football coach and athletic director Greg Sherwood, who is Haynes' athletic director in Lubbock; Spearman and Texas Tech basketball guard Krista Kirkland/Gerlich, who helped the Lady Raiders win the 1997 national championship; Nazareth and Canyon basketball coach Joe Lombard; Spearman, Wayland and Levelland basketball coach Dean Weese, who was Haynes' coach at Wayland; and Canyon and WT basketball coach Bob Schneider, who coached in McLean in the 1960s.

Garet von Netzer, Globe-News publisher, welcomed the audience. In the 1970s, he was a sports writer who interviewed Haynes many times when she was playing for the Tigerettes. The banquet closed after short talks by Jill Rankin Schneider and Randy Matson.

Rankin Schneider said one advantage of playing in the Panhandle was the support of family and friends who grew up in an atmosphere where God was important.

Emcees for the event were Globe-News sports columnist Lance Lahnert and sports editor Jon Mark Beilue, a native of Groom.



The McLean Boy Scout Pack #425 top popcorn sales awards went to Dustin Lee, Chase Bohlar, Travis Fish, Lucas Webb and Caleb Crawford. Pictured with the boys is pack leader L.H. Webb.

Derby

Others who participated were Zachary Odom, Trey Skipper, Lucas Webb, Stephen Ingle, Chase Bohlar, Hogan Ketcherside, Trenton Darsey and Ben

Thompson.

The next race will be April 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Celanese plant in Pampa. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Boys Place 2nd in Golf

McLean boys placed 2nd in the golf invitational held at Memphis. Brian Fuller, Brett Montgomery, Ike Hanes, Frankie Sparling and Brad Sawyer were members of the boys team.

The McLean girls placed 1st in the meet at Memphis.

Girls on the team were Valerie Joiner, Amanda Cline, Lacey Steel, Nikki Hefley and Shaley Steel.

Individuals placed as follows:
Amanda Cline 1st,
Valerie Joiner 3rd,
Lacey Steel 5th.
In the District Golf

tournament the boys team placed 4th. Members of the team were Brian Fuller, Brett Montgomery, Ike Hanes, Brad Sawyer and Frankie Sparling.

Brian Fuller was named 5th individual. The girls team came in with 2nd place. Valerie Joiner, Amanda Cline, Lacey Steel, Nikki Hefley and Shaley Steel were members of the team.

Valerie Joiner placed 2nd individual.

The girls' golf team will be going on to the Regional meet as will Brian Fuller of the boys team.

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Sunday School 9:45 am - Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun Sr High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
James Mantooth 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Livestock Judging Event Held



The top seller for Girl Scout cookies in McLean is Kristin Ellis who sold 416 boxes. She will have the opportunity to attend a special overnight party at Camp Kiwanis in Amarillo on April 14. Kristen Odom came in second by selling 311 boxes. Both girls are 4th graders and members of Junior Girl Scout Troop #128 led by Susi Thompson. The local Girl Scouts sold a total of 2148 boxes with the support of family, friends and cookie lovers.

Three McLean 4-H Club members braved the cold, rainy weather Saturday, April 1st to participate in the Clarendon College Livestock Judging contest. Anna Shackelford and Travis Fish competed in the junior division and both did a great job. Approximately 100 junior division 4-Hers were entered in the contest.

Senior Jessica Fish was 9th high individual. Jessica was 3rd high in sheep, 8th high in cattle and 8th high in reasons. There were 50 contestants in the senior division. Jessica and Pampa 4-Hers Alan Parker, Carrie Hamilton and Lindsey Price placed 7th overall as a team.

Tuesday morning was craft time. Projects include getting ready for Easter.

Wednesday the residents attended the Wednesday morning circle.

Thursday morning residents played several games. In the afternoon was bingo.

Friday was nail care and beauty shop.

Everyone appreciates J.B. Brown for his thoughtful contributions. He built a porch glider for the residents and a bird house for their enjoyment. Thank you J. B.

The birthday party will be at 2:30 on Saturday, April 15.

Make plans to let your children participate in the Easter Parade Saturday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m. The residents always enjoy seeing the children.

A new resident was welcomed, Lawrence Kurtz of Pampa.

We regret the loss of longtime resident, Duella Beverly, who passed away. We will miss her.

Care Center News

Monday activities included beauty shop, nail care and bingo in the afternoon. Betty Lowe was the much appreciated volunteer helper. The residents enjoyed bananas furnished by the Lions Club.



Candidates Apply For Place On City Ballot

Two more civic minded towns people have signed up for a place on the ballot for the one-year unexpired term for McLean City Council.

Joe Billingsley and Diana Roosa's names will appear on the ballot for the May 6 election.

To The Voters in the District Attorney's Race In Gray County

"Thanks for your support in the primary election. We now must choose between the two remaining candidates."



District Attorney John Mann accepts endorsement by Phil Pendleton (right) of Shamrock.

I have known John Mann for over ten years. He's a tough competent and highly qualified prosecutor. In fact, he's the only candidate who has the knowledge and qualifications to hold and run the office.

I strongly encourage all of my friends and supporters to ensure that the District Attorney's Office remains in the capable hands by voting for the better man,

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Students Of The Week March 20 - 24. Kindergarten Ashley Russell, 1st Grade Trexy Roberts, 2nd Grade Sheri Haynes, 3rd Grade Nikki Alvarez, 4th Grade Kristen Odom, 5th Grade Samantha Krueger, 6th Grade Dustin Kirkland, 7th Grade Andria Keelin, 8th Grade Emily Bolen.

Museum Host Visitors

By Dorthey McKee
The McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 3rd graders from Miami the first of the month. They were well behaved and an enjoyable group.

The McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 54 visitors for the month of March from ten different states and three foreign countries, New Zealand, Switzerland and Czech Republic.

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Republican Party
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100th Judicial District
Stuart Messer

District Attorney
31st Judicial District
Rick Roach

Carson County Sheriff
Gary Robertson

Gray County
Tax Assessor/Collector
Sammie Morris

Constable Precinct 4
Frank Sparling

Democrat Party
Carson County District
Commissioner Precinct 1
Mike Britten

Carson County
Tax Assessor/Collector
Barbara Cosper

District Attorney
100th Judicial District
Randall Sims

District Attorney
31st Judicial District
Charles Kessie

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Six Groom Students Qualify For Regional UIL Competition



Six academic students qualified for regional last Monday and Tuesday in 12 events. The contest was conducted at Clarendon College with Allison in charge.

Senior Josiah Scott and junior Brooke Britten garnered the only first places. Scott placed first in persuasive speaking and third in headline writing. Britten placed first in news writing and second in poetry.

Senior Allison Eatmon qualified for regional in three different events, second in editorial writing, second in informative speaking, and

third in current events. She was also alternate in headline writing.

Junior Macie Britten placed in two events, second in ready writing and third in persuasive speaking.

Senior Jessica Kepley placed second in news writing, and senior Carrie Davis placed third in poetry.

The first three places advance to regional at South Plains College in Levelland on April 14.

Besides Eatmon, other alternates were senior Evan Crowell in persuasive speaking, junior Marci Babcock in accounting, junior Michele Stephens in news writing, sophomore Garrett Britten in editorial writing, and freshman

Lainie Britten in poetry. Sophomore Wyatt Britten placed fifth in informative speaking.

Placing sixth were sophomore Luke Pavlovsky in informative speaking, Garrett Britten in science, and Brooke Britten in feature writing.

Others representing the school were seniors Chris Ollinger, Dustin Babcock, Trisha Broadway; juniors Skye Brown, Claudia Neugebauer, Russell Conrad, Kristina Tjarks, Liz Vega; sophomores Candace Bohr and Cassie Ashford; and freshmen Laurissa Noack, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin, Jill Britten and Lauren Crowell.



"Cross" Will Hold Holy Week Events, Bishop To Attend



Diocese Bishop John Yanta presiding "The Seven Last Words."

3:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross.

4:00 p.m. Rea Noah Singing Ministry - Geary, Oklahoma.

5:00 p.m. Eddie Hastings Music, White Deer, Texas.

5:30 p.m. Home Grown Kids - Sing & Sign Language, Elk City, Oklahoma.

6:00 p.m. Loretta Hall, Sing Language, Elk City, Oklahoma.

6:30 p.m. Steve & Diane Dampier - Praise & Worship Team, McLean, Texas.

Music during the day includes: Old Voice, Panhandle; Groom Youth, St. Mary's; Dolly Cowen,

Panhandle; Gene Harris, Church of God, Pampa; Bob Kelly, Methodist Church, White Deer, Texas.

Easter Sunrise Service will be April 23 at 6:00 a.m. with Dee Martinez of the Cross Ministry, Pampa, Texas, and Sharyn Morrow, Music, Clarendon, Texas.

During the week of April 17th through April 23rd The Cross Of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Groom will hold Holy Week services. The following is a listing of upcoming events.

Holy Thursday: April 20: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Trinity Fellowship.

Good Friday: April 21: 12:00 p.m. Rosary of Sorrowful Mysteries. 2:00 p.m. Amarillo



Staci Britten and Nichole Barnett have a smooth handoff in a recent track meet.

Scheduled For This Week At Groom

On your mark, get set, go to the District Track Meet in Groom on Friday for High School and Saturday for Junior High.

Action kicks off at 8:30 a.m. on April 7 with the High School prelims and the 3200 meter run finals. At

10:30 field events will begin with girls shot put, long jump, and high jump and boys discus, triple jump and pole vault.

At 11:30 boys shot put, long jump, and high jump will begin. The girls discus, triple jump

See Track, pg. 3

COMMUNITY CALENDER

PARENTS of Groom ISD students are invited to pick up their student's report cards at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7.

They may visit with any teacher at that time. Students will be released at 1:00 p.m. as well. Any child, whose parent cannot make it on Friday, will be allowed to bring their report card home on Monday.

THERE WILL be no classes at Groom ISD on April 21 & 28.

SENIOR Citizens will eat lunch at the Dairy Queen on each and every Thursday. All are welcome to join us.

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ALPHA MU XI members please take note, the Founders Day Banquet has been changed to April 15.

EASTER EGG Hunt April 15, Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the City Park. Bring cameras and see the Easter Bunny.

REMINDER! All high school parents need to turn in their Raffle Tickets to Debbie Ollinger by noon on Saturday at the District Track Meet or to Julie Friemel at the school.

DON'T FORGET to buy your Raffle Tickets for a dinner for two. See ad on page 2.

Attention Boy Scouts District Derby Race will be Saturday, April 8, 2000. Registration is from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The Race will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with awards following from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. For information call 248-1412.

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Local Happenings

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Edgar and Pat Musser of Canyon visited in Groom Sunday.

Allie Hoyt was honored with a birthday party at the Dairy Queen last weekend. Attending were Katie Talley, Norris Hoyt, and Jim and Donna Burton. She received many lovely cards, wishes, and gifts from many friends and relatives.

College Offers Class
 Clarendon College will offer Personal Computer (PC) Maintenance on April 8 at its downtown Computer Technology facility at 313 S. Kearney Street. Instructor Lee

Rippetoe will provide hands-on training in troubleshooting and replacing PC components from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information and to reserve a seat for this helpful course, prospective students should call Nena Hunt or Lee Rippetoe at 874-3571.

Cancer Center To Present Conference

There will be a conference addressing current issues for Oncology professionals presented by the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. "Supportive Care 2000" will be presented on April 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk. For information call 359-4673, ext. 235 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 235.

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TAAS testing will be conducted April 11 through 14. It is very important that your student attend school on these days.

ALL STUDENTS will return to regular schedule beginning April 17. Bell will ring at 3:16 p.m.

DISTRICT TRACK Meet will be held at Groom this year on April 7 (High School) and April 8 (Junior High).

CLASS pictures and cap & gown pictures will be taken on April 20.

CLASS rings and graduation invitations are scheduled to be distributed on April 10.

THE DISTRICT Tennis tournament will be held in Pampa on Wednesday and Thursday.

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 - April 10 -
 - April 11 - George (Jigger) Britten, Jr., Jessica McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bowers (A).
 - April 12 - Rodney Bohr, Evelyn Ollinger, Brandon Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruthardt (A), Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Lamb (A), Becky and Greg Martin (A).

Thank You

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There were eleven persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of March 27 through April 3, 2000. Currently there are 18 persons incarcerated and 9 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Arrests for the week include:

Lola Roper, San Diego, Ca., age 38, Possession of Marijuana more than 50 pounds.

Carole Newton, Barefoot Bay, Fl., age 68, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st.

Michael Gonzales, Amarillo, age 19, Minor in Consumption.

Alberto Lopez, Amarillo, age 18, Driving under the Influence, Minor.

Daniel Kiser, Altoona, Pa., age 44, Fugitive Warrant for Assault, Domestic.

Jerry Horton, Panhandle, age 42, Assault with Bodily Injury, Domestic.

Corey Bonner, Henderson, Nv., age 37, Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct.
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Jason Huckins, Pampa, age 24, Driving While Intoxicated, 1st.

More Local Happenings

Betty Housley of Bellville was recently in Groom visiting her mother, Ruth James and son Dale Brooks.



Easter Is April 23.

Track

and pole vault will also begin at this time.

The finals are slated to begin at 2:30. They will be conducted in the following order at these approximate times.

2:30- 400 meter relay
 2:40- 400 meter run
 2:55- Girls 110 meter hurdles (33")

Boys 110 m hurdles (39")

3:10- 100 meter dash
 3:20- Boys 400 m dash
 3:30- Boys 400 m dash
 3:30- Girls 400 m dash

3:45- Girls 300 m hurdles (30")

Boys 300 m hurdles (36")

4:00- 200 meter dash
 4:10- 1600 meter run
 4:30- 1600 meter relay

The Junior High District meet will begin on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. with the prelims and 2400 finals.


At noon field events will begin. Junior High athletes will be allowed four throws or jumps in the same order as the high school field events.

At 2:00 p.m. the running events will begin and will run back to back in the following order: 400 relay, Girls 100 hurdles, 100 dash, 800 relay, 400 dash, 200 hurdles, 200 dash, 1200, 1600 relay.

Times are subject to change on both days due to weather or other unforeseen delays.

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Gasoline Prices Affect Locals

High gas prices affect much more than OPEC and the national economy indicators. They are affecting our own economy. Local gas sales have a great deal to do with how the "trickle down" effect stimulates what happens in Groom. Increased prices at the pump do not mean that local vendors are making more money.

"Our cost fluctuates the same as the pump price," stated one of the local gas station owners. "We have to sell more volume to make more money."

Hop Britten, owner-manager of Stop N Shop stated, "We are down about 10% from this time last year. Last year our gas prices (regular, premium, super and diesel) averaged \$1.05 per gallon. As of last week the average was \$1.53."

Of the four businesses in town that sell gasoline, Stop N Shop relies mainly on tourist traffic.

"While the slow down in gas sales may be attributed to the increasing cost of gasoline, there are other factors that effect our business, such as the lack of snow in the mountains," continued Britten.

Allsup's, also a convenience store, sees a mix of travelers and local business.

"While our home office in Clovis keeps track of year to year sales," stated Manager Bonnie Peters, "It seems like gas sales are down a bit, certainly everyone feels the pinch."

West Texas Gas sells mainly to area residents.

"We get a few tourists off the highway," commented Manager

Donald Bland, "those are becoming fewer and fewer. I'll bet, here lately, we are lucky to get 5 to 10 tourists a week."

The one exception to the rule is Ronny Fields of R & L Fuel. Field's trade is almost all local and farm business. He operates the only full service gasoline station in Groom and offers bulk deliveries to farmers.

"We have not seen a big decrease in gas sales," he said. "Of course, last year was my first year, but I don't think we have seen much change. Farmers still have to farm, although gas prices may have an effect on the methods they use," stated Fields.

As the travel season gets underway it will be interesting to watch how sales increase or decrease

and what effect that will have on our community.

Mother Nature Plays Joke On April's Fools

Mother Nature played a nasty April Fool's joke on the Texas Panhandle last week. After several weekends of almost summer like weather, winter paid a memorable visit to the area.

Friday and Saturday both dawned a bit soggy, but around 10:00 a.m. large, fat, fluffy flakes began to fall and for about 30 minutes, the Groom area was transformed into a winter wonderland.

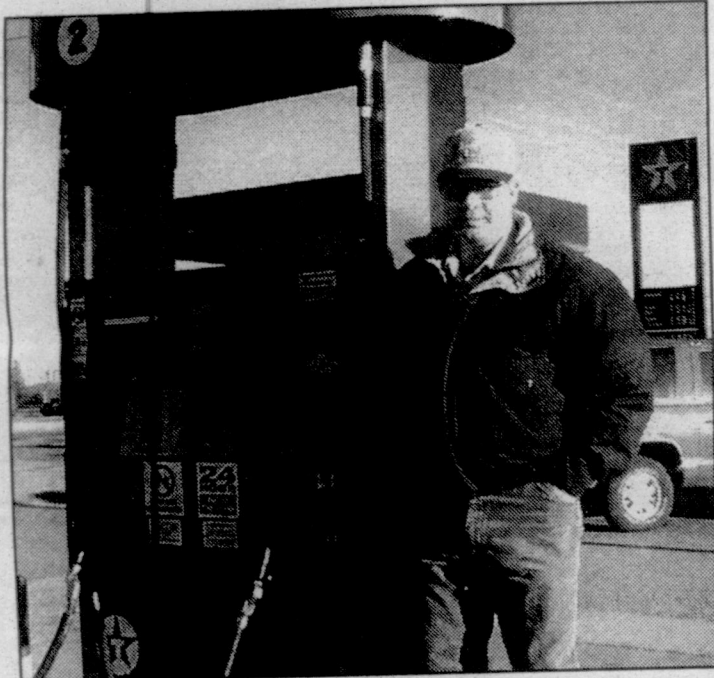
Thank goodness, the ground temperature was warm enough that the white stuff did not stick and melted immediately.

Total moisture received in the two day shower was between 80/100's and 1 inch. Our average rainfall for April is 1.58 inches. Believe it or not our wettest April occurred only 3 years ago in 1997 when we received 10.28 inches of

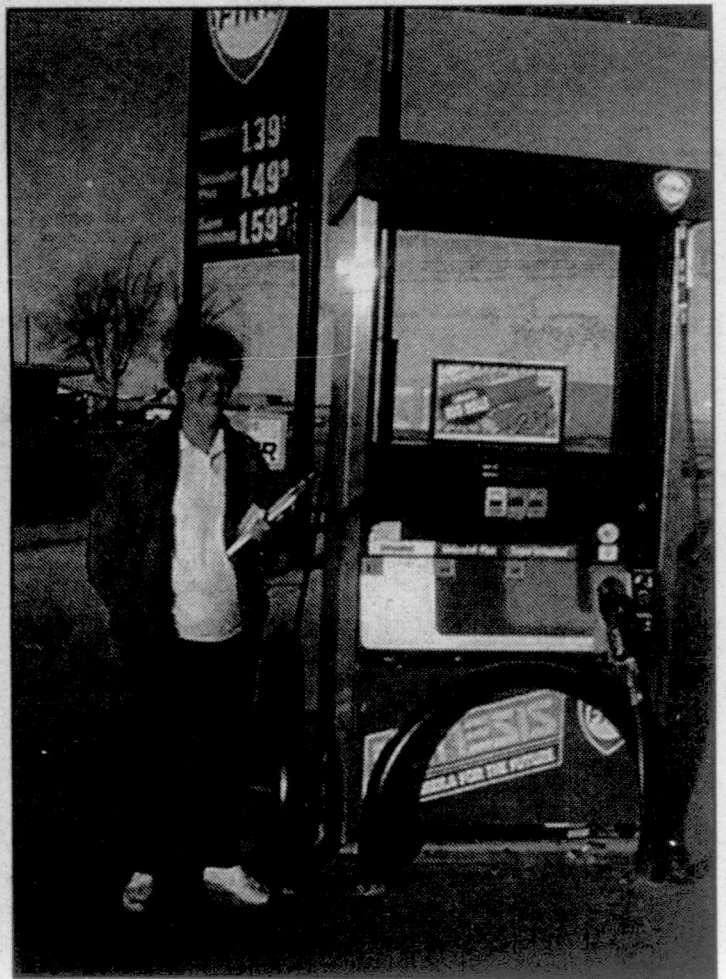
rainfall. The Groom area has averaged 20.99 inches of moisture per

year since 1957 according to records kept by Robert Kuehler.

Donald Bland, manager of West Texas Gas, has noticed a slight drop in sales. (Below) Allsup's manager Bonnie Peters checks the pumps daily.



(Above) Hop Britten gets most of his business from I-40, while Ronny Fields (Below) caters to the farm trade and local residents by offering bulk deliver and full service pumps.



Brush and Palette Hold Spring Meeting

By Nita Ramming
Daylight Savints Time took its toll on Brush and Palette as we met Monday, April 3rd, for our monthly all day meeting. Our good and faithful honorary member dutifully limped down to unlock the door. It seems he knocked his hip or leg joint or something out of whack just putting on his pants. That's his age showing up! Guess he will have to start wearing Charlene's dresses.

April is my month to be hostess which isn't fair at all because I had to get up earlier but it was really later. We are supposed to begin at 10 a.m. - so when I got there finally at 10:20 there sat Evelyn and Pat. Evelyn was talking and Pat was already painting on an Easter egg. They hadn't even made coffee for me. Lo and behold, there was a new unopened can of coffee just waiting to waft its sweet aroma in the air but - no can opener and no key to the kitchen. Now Mary Sue over at the city office said she had been asked for some strange things but never had she been asked to open a can of coffee. She nearly fell out of the chair laughing at me. She not only had a can opener but she very

graciously opened the can for me and sent me on my way. It was a cold, windy morning so we really needed that hot coffee.

Toni came straggling in a little later just to say hi. Seems something she ate didn't set just right and she had a tummy ache so she went home before lunch. Shirley came draggin' in with her Windows 98 Book for Dummies. Juandell, Shirley and Debbie have new computers. Reckon what that is gonna do to their paintin' time? Shirley sat over there with her highlighter in hand reading that book just like she knew what it meant. You can really become a "compute-aholic" very easily, very quickly. It's a good way to make time pass swiftly.

Charlene came bouncing in just like she was on time. Then mostly we just sat around and talked until lunch. Some juicy tidbits of news were discussed at length. Too bad it can't be mentioned in the paper.

About lunchtime Dorothy came meandering in with her salad, nothing to paint either. She just looked at books trying to get inspired. We may have to get a new name because we hardly ever

use a brush and palette.

We had a nice variety of salads. Fruit salad, broccoli salad, potato salad, green bean salad and tuna salad. For the life of me I don't know why the hostess started bringing a main dish instead of just a salad, but that got started so chicken-rice casserole was the main attraction. Now mind you, every time we have crackers to go with our salads. Three boxes went into my grocery cart and eventually made their way to the end of the table at club. We were almost finished eating when good ole Evelyn piped up and said if the crackers had been opened she wouldn't have to use her finger as a pusher. The rest of the polite munchers sided in with her. They didn't want to embarrass me if I had forgotten to bring some. Now there will be three boxes of fancy crackers in my cabinet taking up valuable space till they finally get tossed in the trash.

But you can't guess who gets her coffee served to her in bed every morning. Of course, Charlene had to carry that tidbit of personal life info farther and the poor newlywed turned a bright red. That is so sweet and romantic! Rick doesn't even know how to make coffee, much less bring it to me in bed.

Some of you probably don't know why there have been no articles in the paper lately. Ricky had surgery on his shoulder February 1st. Soooo... this reporter-artist turned nursemaid. If you really want control over somebody, just do something to make them totally dependent upon you. You better believe he toed the mark for a long time but then his independence returned and he does what he wants now. Mind you - not what the doc says either. Also thanks to him we had donuts to go with our coffee. A bunch of men over here drink coffee and gossip every morning so being the very thoughtful wife, I bought donuts for him to take down there. He informed me they didn't like anything but homemade stuff. Bet you can guess how that remark went over. Slam went the door. Next morning he asks where the donuts were. In my box to go to Groom. Slam went the door. The ladies sent him a thank you note for his kind generosity in providing donuts to go with our coffee. After a good laugh we are back on speaking terms.

Juandell was off running around again. She is one heck of a grandmother to go to most of the activities of

her grandchildren. She went way up east somewhere to watch one of her gymnastic grandchildren perform. She finished that painting she planned to make last till May. Wonder if she will start something new when she comes back.

Our annual Spring Fling happens the 17th of April. Some of them decided this when Evelyn and I were absent. Dorothy said we were supposed to get to vote but the rest said no way, if you're not there, you just go with the flow. Sixth Street in Amarillo is our target this year. There are scrumptious places to eat. Maybe we can have a morning coffee break, lunch and an afternoon break. We plan to hit the artist supply joints and no telling what else. Better come join up for some fun and adventure.

Another item we discussed was the little Cuban boy, Eilan. That is getting about as worn as the Y2K thing. Wonder what ole Slick Willie is trying to divert the nation's attention from this time.

Evelyn forgot it was all day painting until W.H. reminded her. Now that is a thoughtful husband. He told her she could hurt at club as well as she could hurt at home. She confessed he was right. Laughter is the best medicine.

It was good to be back after two months absence. Some of us do

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get something done occasionally besides telling off on our family. See you next time.



PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS! "RENDER" YOUR TAXABLE PROPERTY BY APRIL 17TH

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. The rendition form is available at the Carson County Appraisal District.

WHO MUST FILE A RENDITION? You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

ARE THERE ANY ADVANTAGES TO YOU? Yes, the advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1999. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2000.

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE? The last day for filing 2000 renditions is April 17. Call the appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 17 deadline.

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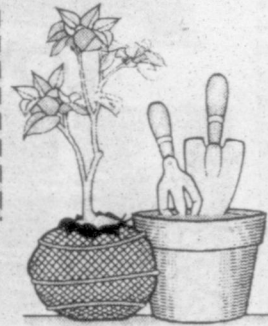
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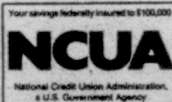


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"PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL" MAY LOWER THE PROPERTY TAXES ON YOUR FARM OR RANCH LAND

Texas law allows farmers and ranchers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity value" means qualified land, is taxed based on its ability to produce crops and livestock -- not its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE? If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to the Carson County Appraisal District by May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2000 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty.

DO YOU NEED TO REAPPLY ANNUALLY? If your land already receives agricultural productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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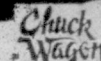
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