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Centennial Celebration Deemed Success

Amid mostly red, white and blue decorations, McLean celebrated her 100th birthday. The town came out in force with visitors from all over the country enjoying the many activities. Friday night, there was a Rodeo and a dance. On Saturday, the Lion's Club served a delicious pancake breakfast to around seventy people. People registered at both museums for the many reunions that took place.

The parade started a little late but it was worth the wait. Prizes were given in five categories. The McLean Care Center took first place for the best float. The Methodist Church won second place. Third place went to the Jr. High cheerleaders.

In the Equestrian Division, The Mule Skinners took first place, BSA Hospice took second and Top of Texas took third.

In the Auto Division, first place went to Ware Buick for a 1957 Buick Century. Second place was awarded to a Model A Roadster and the Shriners took third with their mini-cars.

In the Children's Division, the Cub Scouts earned first place. The First Baptist Church Youth won second and the Brownies took third place.

The Overall Prize of the parade went to the Classic Car Club and the prize for Traveling the Farthest for the parade went to Kaleb and Chelsey Roosa who

came from Littleton, Colorado.

Prizes were also handed out for bicycle decorating. John McAnear won first place. Trent McAnear won second and Sue Bencorno won third. In golf cart decorating, J.D. Bowlin was awarded first. Erin and Steve Vassey took second and the Ketcherside family won third.

After the parade, many people visited the various craft tables and enjoyed the barbecue sandwiches provided by the McLean Fire Department.

About 140 people attended the noon luncheon at the The Devil's Rope Museum. The oldest Gray County Settler title went to Inez Coffey, age 91. She came to Gray County in 1910 from Enick, Oklahoma.

Dorothy Deasely Weiser from Las Cruces, N.M., came the farthest, traveling over 500 miles. The oldest and earliest McLean area resident was Euil V. Fulbright of Alanreed, who is 91 years old and came to the McLean area in 1911.

They also enjoyed the classic car show. Over forty-four cars were displayed and 116 prizes were awarded. At the Devil's Rope Museum, 150 lunches were served.

In the evening, 78 people met in the park to sample ice cream in the Ice Cream



Named the "Best Parade Ever" prizes were given in five categories in honor of the 100th year birthday of the settling of McLean.

Freeze-Off sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. Three awards were given. Betty Heathington won first place for her lemon ice cream. Second place went to Linda Smith for her cherry ice cream and Ruth Trew won third place with her banana nut entry.

The rodeo was delayed for about thirty minutes due to bad weather. They also experienced some technical difficulties but the rodeo got underway soon. At press time, the rodeo results were not available. At dance at the Ag Barn concluded the celebration.

Although the celebration has ended, the hard work of the community can still be seen and appreciated. The town looks great! Here's to another 100 years!



Shriners make a big hit in their mini corvettes.

Alanreed Holds 66th Annual Homecoming

The town of Alanreed held their 66th Annual Alanreed Homecoming in the gym in Alanreed on June 9, 2002. Volumes of books containing the genealogy of Alanreed families were available. About 200 poster boards displaying photographs, newspapers, newspaper articles, school events, family histories, grave sites, veterans, teachers and previous homecomings were exhibited on the walls of the gym for the more than 100 people to enjoy the memories of bygone times. □

There were pictures and

newspapers articles of three men killed in a gunfight in 1916. Tobe Clodfelter shot and killed his two friends, Joe Hays and Roy Tyston. He then shot and killed himself. Other startling stories included a family that was murdered by their hired help and a convict who was later captured while living in Alanreed with his family.

The Homecoming began with a meeting opened by President Billy Bob Adams. Kent Craig gave the invocation and the audience said the Pledge of Allegiance. Martha Sublett gave the welcome recalling

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McLean Reminder

INDEPENDENCE DAY is on Thursday, July 4th. Check with area businesses for closing.

FIRST DAY of Summer is Friday, June 21.

THANKS to all the Centennial volunteers. It was a huge success.



Street vendors enjoyed a good crowd and beautiful weather during the celebration.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
 June 20 - Linda McAnear, Lexus Brown.
 June 21 - Glenda Dickey.
 June 22 - Foy Perkins, Jerry Fleming, Jay Longino, June Close, Dan McMordie, Tyler Hanes.
 June 23 - Maxine Billingsley.
 June 24 - Isabel Cousins.
 June 25 - Joe Brown, Geneva Kingston, Melvin McCabe, Mitchell Steward.
 June 26 -

Sanders & Billingsley Retire

This was the last year of teaching for two of McLeans most beloved teachers. Evelyn Sanders and Myrtle Billingsley will be retiring after nearly 50 years of service between the two of them combined.

A native of Alanreed, Mrs. Sanders taught for 30 years. Two years she taught 3rd, 4th and 5th

grade in Alanreed, then she taught the remaining 28 years in McLean. For 16 years she taught 1st grade and 12 years she taught Kindergarten. Mrs. Sanders plans on being a home body. She has some remodeling projects started on her house and plans on working in her garden. She said she plans on enjoying time with her husband Don, her four children and her grandchildren.

Myrtle Billingsley has lived in McLean since she was seven years old. She has lived in the same house for the past 30 years. Both of Mrs. Billingsley's daughters graduated from McLean High School. Mrs. "B" as the children call her, has worked at McLean Elementary for 17 years. She started in the cafeteria, then moved to special education and finished helping Mrs. Sanders in the Kindergarten. Mrs. B's husband Joe retired this year after 19 years as a bus driver and maintenance man. They are planning on moving to Elk City where they plan on doing a little farming. Joe and Myrtle have two daughters and several grandchildren and they are looking forward to spending more time with them. Mrs. "B" said, "There is no better place in the world to work than McLean."

A Note From Minnie Erwin

We want to stay in touch with Mother's long time friends and family in and around McLean. At the time we took her to live with us in Las Cruces, our intentions were to bring her back at least once a month for a visit and to see as many as she could.

However, that has been impossible due to health and emotions from having to leave. Since March 2001, when she moved to Las Cruces, she has adjusted as well as anyone could leaving a home of over sixty years. We take the McLean News to stay in touch with as many happenings as possible although we can't help as we would like in certain matters. Mother can't see well enough to read the paper anymore so we read the paper to her and with the hearing problems it's difficult but we get through it all.

As McLean was preparing for the 100 year celebration our hearts were with you all and we wanted to be there so bad to visit some of our old friends and meet new people living in McLean. It sounds like you all have really spent some time sprucing it all up. Congratulations, and we hope it has been a very big success. In the past McLean has always come through.

We have kept up with the situation of the schools through the paper and it is our prayer and hopes to see these problems resolved and be back in good shape for a long-term future and the new school year ahead with many more to come.

Just a note on Mother's well being. She was able through the holiday, 2001 to enjoy doing some shopping, via the wheel chair, and whenever possible we do short runs to the grocery store and other stores of her choice. Every now

and then, her health has us stop and take notice for a while but at 91 years she does pretty good. She's a good fighter. She has 8 great-grandchildren here in Las Cruces that keep her going and two great-grandchildren in Pampa that came to see her in March. Mollie and Clifford and Mary and Tommy make trips as often as possible so that helps the lonely feelings. She also has a niece, Donlene and James Fulton from Pampa that visit a son stationed at White Sands Missile Range that is in the National Guard. Nearly all her grandchildren have been to see her.

In July we are

planning a trip to Amarillo for the Cooper Reunion and hope to be able to see some friends at that time.

Mother misses all the things anyone else would miss in these circumstances but this is a fact of life. Her memory is still very good at 91 years and she is able to walk around fairly good. About all we use the wheel chair for is long walks whether shopping or entertainment.

We feel very blessed to have her in our home and be part of the caregiver of her. Until next time we will say goodbye and we try to keep more frequent notes coming so the next one won't be so long.

Grant (Butch) & Pauline Pierce
 Las Cruces, NM

100th Celebration A Huge Success

The McLean/Gray County Centennial Celebration exceeded all expectations of the Centennial Committee and others involved. It took a lot of hard work and money to present the activities and many groups working together to clean-up and fix-up the City for visitors.

The committee, consisting of Mindy Reeves chairman, Sam Haynes and Delbert Trew members, want to thank Mayor Bob Martin, the City Council, and city employees for their part in making the celebration possible. The city provided the basic funds for civic activities.

We want to thank James Hefley, Don Hauck, and Precinct #4 employees for their labor

and equipment in helping remove the awning and boarding up windows in the hotel and other clean-up activities. A special thanks to Jim Reyna and the McLean EDC for providing funds for various projects in town.

Hats off to Butch and Katie Warner and the McLean C of C for clean-up efforts. They should also be applauded for presenting a great Classic Car Show. Vonda Averett and crew presented the best parade seen in McLean in years. Good job folks. Both museums extended a gracious welcome to former Marie Fashions employees and the Old Timers who came for the festivities.

In addition to city funds allocated, private donations of money and labor from individuals for Centennial activities only, include Oscar Lockridge of North Richland Hills, Mindy Reeves, Jane Herndon, Laverne Back, Leland, Sarah, and Jennifer Myers, David Crockett, Wayne Woods, Don Woods, Creed Lamb, Rodney Barker, Bailey/Ware Funeral Home, Dixie Jo Crockett, and Ruth Trew and other anonymous donors. The luncheon, catered by the Red River Steakhouse fed 140 registered guests.

Most important of all, the citizens of McLean worked together to make McLean look the best it has looked in recent memory. We know now it can be done. Lets keep up this effort and go on to other areas that need the same. Thanks to all from the Centennial Committee.

Thank To All Our Volunteers

The City of McLean would like to congratulate and thank the following people for all their hard work on the Centennial Celebration Events. The Centennial Committee: Mindy Reeves, Sam Haynes and Delbert Trew, Vonda Averett for organizing the parade. Butch and Katie Warner on the Classic Car Show, and everyone else who contributed their time and effort on behalf of the City's Centennial Celebration.

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 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15
 Sunday Evening 7:00
 Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
 Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study
 2 Home Bible Studies

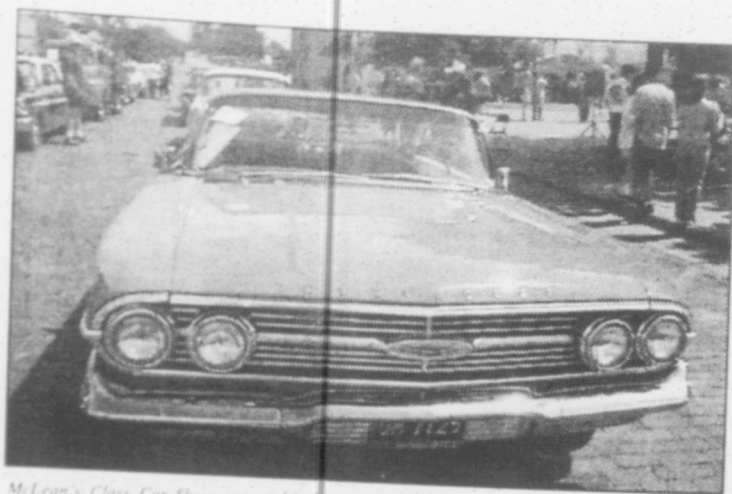
First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
 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
 Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207
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 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
 Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins
 779-2456 or 779-2965
 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
 Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.



McLean's Class Car Show was a big hit.



McLean's Volunteer Fire Department struts their stuff at the Centennial Parade.



The McLean Wolf Cub Scouts held their advancement ceremony to advance into Bear Scouts. Leaders Amy Herring and Beverly Odom presented the awards. Pictured Back Row: Anthony Shackelford, Jace McLean, Jordan Herring, Tyler Lamb and Jack Odom. Front Row: Kelby McClellan, Trent McAnear and Bradley Howard. Not pictured are Daniel Jeffries and Chase West.

Letter To The Editor

...since they continue to insist on our enduring understanding, they must be willing to endure our contempt.

The realities of your auto insurance policies will have to wait. The State Department of Education and attendant school systems take precedence.

We have been thinking too small on the way to the school system poorhouse. The State Board of Education is way ahead of the local school in going broke. The State Board of Education hired private money managers to help invest the Texas Permanent School Fund. Consequently the state

owes these private managers \$20,000,000.00. This represents state payments to these people for their investment expertise. The state is unable to pay half of this sum or \$10,000,000.00 because the fund under the guidance of these private money managers failed to generate enough revenue and expenses were more than anticipated. The Texas Education Agency will run out of money next year unless the state board decides how to reduce fees or increase income! Does any of this sound familiar?

The information for this article is included under an Austin, Texas

dateline in The Amarillo Globe-News, June 13, 2002.

The Education bureaucracy continues to grow. The above \$20,000,000.00 plus the entire budgets of the Education Regions could alleviate a lot of the financial problems for a bunch of schools. State Senator Teal Byrnes is the man to complain to. Good Luck.

Apparently no one in the state of Texas gives a big hoot about the students except the teachers! A lot more individuals draw salaries from the education pot and consider themselves educators.

Bill Reeves



The Webbo Cub Scouts received their advancements for the year from leaders Jim Krueger and Beverly Odom. Pictured are Back Row: Mike Krueger, Stephen Williamson, Zachary Odom, Jon McAnear and Hogan Ketcherside. Front Row: Brian Shackelford, Tucker Adams and Dustin Lee. Not pictured are Caleb Crawford, Dakota Greenwood and Evan McMorde.

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interesting events in Alanreed. The Memoriam was read by Jeannie Adams. Ida Roselius, Les Darsey, Harvey Craig, Frank Worsham, Jimmy Cockerham, Billy Bob Adams and Robert Bruce spoke of "Sharing Days of Yesteryears."

Ray Harris, President of the Alanreed Cemetery Association gave the cemetery report. Jeannie Adams gave the 2001 Homecoming report and the Treasurers Report.

Several plaques were handed out. Jake Bible was presented a plaque for his sixteen years of total service on the Board of Trustees and three years as President of the Alanreed Cemetery Association. Ida Roselius was awarded a plaque for being the oldest lady in attendance and Euil Fulton was the oldest man in attendance. Murrell Ermitt Hill received a plaque for the Farthest Distance Traveled. There were also four plaques handed out as door prizes to Grace McClellan, B. F. Robinson, G. D. Cunningham and Ida Roselius.

A special award was presented to Mildred Blakney Hill as the Official Alanreed Community Historian. Ms. Hill compiled

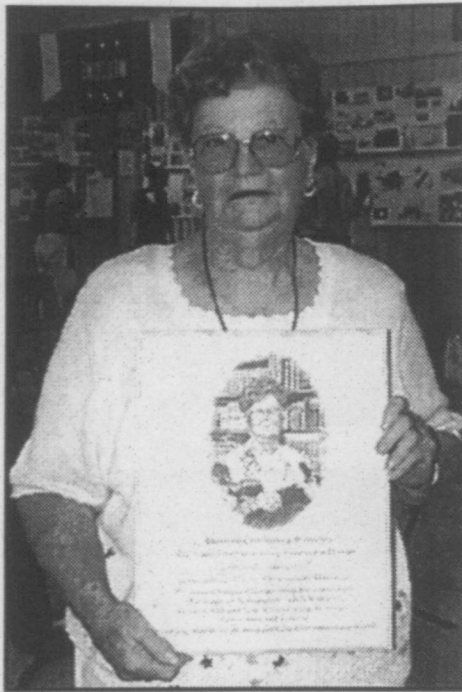
the books of genealogy and the 200 poster boards on display. The plaque reads: "Alanreed Community Historian, The Alanreed Homecoming Association Honors Mildred Blakney Hill as the Official Alanreed Community Historian. The Annual Alanreed Homecoming has enjoyed the first Alanreed newspapers, family histories, pictures - old and new, school events, weddings, grave sites, and history. Thank you, Mildred, for the many years you have collected and shared."

Plaques were also awarded to Anna Turner Barnes, Willie Mae Carter, Jeanette Fish, Red Hill and Hugo Riemer (deceased) for their aid in collecting the history.

Officers were elected for 2003. They are: Billy Bob Adams, President; April Brummett, Vice-President; Jeannie Adams, Secretary/Treasurer.

The audience sang, "God Bless America" and the meeting ended with a Benediction by Jim Bible, Pastor of the Alanreed First Baptist Church.

The crowd then enjoyed a great lunch, visited and enjoyed the wonderful exhibits.



(Above) Mildred Hill was awarded a special plaque of thanks. (Below) Visitors enjoyed the many photos and news clippings about Alanreed.



EDC Asks Council For Guidance

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, June 10, 2002, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Creed Lamb, Doyle Lee, Joe Billingsley, Bob Martin, LaVon Watson, and Jim McDonald.

Others present: Steve Bowlin, Toni Bohlar, Mindy Reeves, and Bill Anderson.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Landfill item-Steve Bowlin informed the council that the City would be having an inspection by the TNRCC tomorrow, Tuesday the 11th and everything is in order at the landfill.

City Water item-John Voller, the City's engineer is working on the report responding to the violations after the last inspection that is due to the TNRCC and they will have that done before the deadline. The V-notch has been installed, concrete work has been done on the imhoff tank and we will have to build a fence around the imhoff tank.

City Vehicle Use Policy-The council voted to accept and approve the policy as amended and presented to include "no unauthorized riders."

EDC-The Economic Development Corporation had received an application for funds for beautification by a business that is located outside the City limit, and the EDC wanted the

council's guidance on how to proceed. The council had provided the EDC with written guidelines and intentions on how this money should be disbursed and it is stated that these funds are to be used in improving the appearance of property in the City of McLean and it was also agreed that since no City sales tax is charged or City property tax paid outside the City limits, then the sales tax could not ethically be used for that purpose. It was also decided that although the money was intended to be used to clean up property in the City for the centennial, that any excess funds could still be used after the centennial for that same purpose.

Complaints-The Mayor had received a letter of complaint from Mr. Bill Reeves concerning a neighbor that has a garage and truck repair service in his garage and he has truck engines running and creating noise pollution at all hours of the night on several different occasions and preventing Mr. Reeves and his family from sleeping. He was asking for the council's help in trying to prevent the noise after 9:00 p.m. so that they could get some sleep. Jim McDonald will go by and talk with the person and see if a peaceful compromise could be reached.

July 4th Holiday-The council graciously agreed to allow the City employees to have July 5th as a holiday along with July 4th.

K-9 Cop Retires To McLean

Drug Detector K-Nine, Highstone, retires after nine years of service with the Texas Department of Public Safety and returns home to his original handler. Retired Trooper, John Holland traveled to Front Royal, Virginia in 1993 to be trained as a K-Nine Handler by the

Department of Treasury, U.S. Customs Service. At that time Highstone was assigned to Holland. They spent seven years patrolling and searching vehicles throughout the state of Texas before Holland retired in August of 2000. Highstone will no longer be a working dog but the family pet of the Hollands.

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For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
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For Carson County Treasurer
Jeanie Cunningham

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk
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For Carson County Judge
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For Gray County Inspector Of Hides and Animals
Bill Reeves


GARAGE SALE: 304 Martin in Groom on Saturday, June 22 from 8:30 a.m. to ? Western paperbacks, a truck bed took box, household items, Christmas decorations, yard tools and much more.

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Thursday, June 20, 2002



We Saw...

Bobby Ratteree working hard on Jack & Willie Barnett's lawn.

The Catholic Church getting a new roof.

Travis Trussell enjoying a coffee break at the DQ.

Fred Brown hauling water...& hauling water... & hauling water.

Paul McLaughlin appearing to be searching for something belonging to his sister-in-law in the vicinity of Lark.

Community Calendar

Attention: Families that have Veterans buried at the Groom Cemetery. If you did not see a flag on your loved ones grave on Memorial Day, please call Buddy Weller at 248-7459. We learned of several people that we did not realize were veterans recently and would like to make sure we have them all.

BASEBALL MOMS! Please turn in your pictures, scores and highlights from your child's games. We at the News would love to have them.

INDEPENDENCE DAY is on Thursday, July 4th. Check with area businesses for closing.

Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

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Balance Of Bond Proceeds Will Repair Teacher Housing

The Groom School Board held their regular meeting last week. Present were board members Clifton Britten, Denny Babcock, Mike Friemel, Tony Britten, and Tony Treadwell. Tim Case was a little late and Ron Kuehler was absent.

Minutes of the May 7 regular meeting, May 16, May 31, and June 1 special meetings were approved with a correction to the May 16th minutes.

A discussion was held concerning the houses owned by the school. The board approved renovations to the houses on Ware Street and Martin Street. New carpet and vinyl flooring has been ordered for both homes at a cost of approximately \$4,700. Some sub-flooring will be replaced as well as exterior doors. Both houses will be painted inside. The house on Ware will require a new roof. Superintendent Noack will retain the services of Accent Roofing. A metal or

composition roof will be installed depending on which will be most cost efficient.

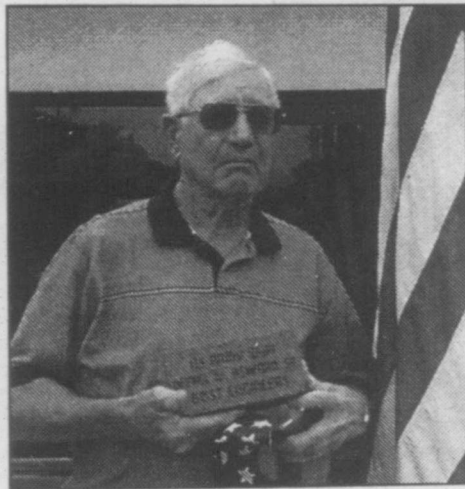
The board approved payment from the bond proceeds fund which had a balance of approximately \$15,000.

The board approved the contract for services needed by Groom School as recommended by the Superintendent. The fee paid last year for the teleconferencing lab was not included in the list. Superintendent Noack told the board that he is still trying to hire a part-time counselor but if he could not, they would have to contract with the Service Center to provide one for students at a later date.

Cornell and Company was approved as the audit firm for 2001-2002. Their fee will be \$7,000 to \$8,000, which is an increase of \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Superintendent Noack presented a list for certification of employees approved for credit card use.

A discussion was held See School Board, pg. 3



Veterans Dan Ashford, Norris Hoyt, and Leonard Hoyt were honored at the annual VA Flag Day ceremony.



Groom Vets Honored At Ceremony

Dan Ashford, Norris Hoyt and his three brothers, Leonard, Herbert and James were honored during the "Patio of Honor" commemorative brick ceremony on Flag Day, June 14 at the Veterans Administration Center.

The annual ceremony is hosted by the Veterans Administration and inscribed bricks are laid in memory or to commemorate those who served in the military. A Flag Day program is also held.

The program was opened with the presentation of the colors by Boy Scout Troop 10 of Amarillo. Wallace Hopkins, FACHE Director welcomed the crowd of approximately 150 people. Men and women from all over the panhandle area were honored.

Dan Ashford, was a member of the 821st Engineers in the U.S. Army, from 1942 to 1945. He served most of his time in the See Veterans, pg. 3

Area Receives Much Needed Rainfall

Mother Nature finally smiled on Groom and allowed some much needed rain to fall in the area over the weekend. Approximately 2.25 to 2.75 inches of precipitation fell between two showers on Friday night and Saturday night. Some damage was caused by 60 to 70 mile an hour straight line wind but none locally that was reported. Some area crops received hail damage. Reports from north of Groom stated hail to be pea to quarter sized while eye witnesses from west of Conway reported much larger.

More rain has been predicted for most evenings the rest of the week.



Morgan Britten and Cady Wilson enjoy a good mud splash in Groom's temporary creek.

Roundtable Corp. Acquires Groom's Dairy Queen

The Roundtable Corporation is pleased to announce that they will be acquiring ownership of the local Dairy Queen in Groom.

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Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 20 - Phillip J. Miller, Lainie Britten, Anthony Luna, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnett (A).

June 21 - Austin Crowell, Andrew Thompson.

June 22 - C. Wayne Stroope, Christi Reed, Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Lamberson (A).

June 23 - Kyndall Hill
 June 24 - Kelvin Ollinger, Brin Burgin, Dennis B. Cockrell.

June 25 - Helen Witt, James Homer, Eric Gregory Davis, Blake Christopher Weinheimer.

June 26 - Wallace L. Bichsel, Janice Weinheimer.

Texas Tech Students Graduated, Named To Honor Roll

Texas Tech University recently named their Spring 2002 Honor Rolls and Graduation Lists.

The following students were named to the Deans List:

Brooke Britten, a freshman majoring in Pre-Dental. She is the daughter of Greg and Belinda Britten.

John Adam Stephens, a senior majoring in Chemical Engineering. He is the son of Larry and Kay Stephens.

Dara Whatley, a junior majoring in Management. She is the daughter of Darrell and Charlotte Whatley.

The following student was named to the President's List:

Macie Britten, a freshman majoring in Human Development and Family Standards. She is the daughter of Mike and Marla Britten.

Joe Britten graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He is the son of Kay and Cobb Britten.

Congratulations to all the Texas Tech Students from Groom.

(Editor's Note: If your name should have been on here but wasn't please call the News Office).

Groom missed out on a thunderstorm on Monday night as it moved to the west.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Read Across Texas reading program has started and will continue until Aug. 1st. There will be prizes for different levels of reading.

Storytime on Friday has been canceled until this fall.

The book mark contest has to be turned in by June 28th.

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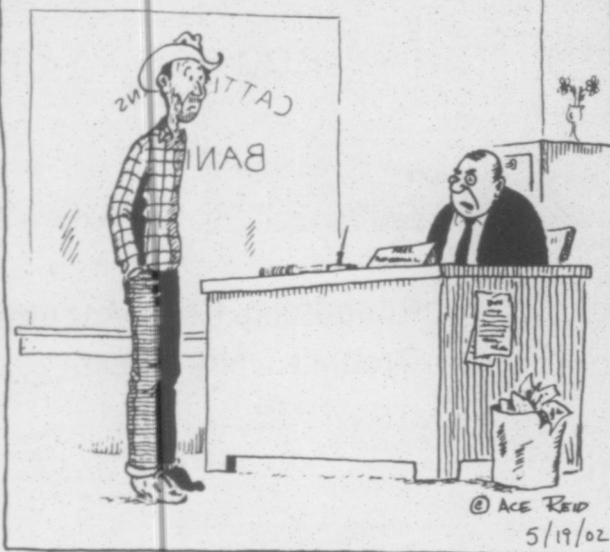
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SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were seven persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of June 10 through June 16, 2002. Currently there are 11 persons in this jail and additional 12 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted. You can reduce the number of telemarketing calls to your residence. There is a \$2.25 charge for each number. To register, call toll-free (866)896-6225 or write Texas No Call, P.O. Box 313, E. Walpole, MA 02032 or on line at www.texasnocall.com. It will take from 60 to 90 days for the service to be completed.

Arrest this week include: Daniel Thomae, age 49 of Oshkosh, WI-Public intoxication.

Kimberly Guenther, age 17 of White Deer, TX-Assault causing bodily injury.

Shaun Grogan, age 37 of Borger, TX-Harassment.

Delton McCormick, age 46 of Pampa, TX-Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Jackie Vaughn, age 43 of Lefors, TX-Bond Forfeiture.

Tracey Zeek, age 32 of Lefors, TX-Bond Forfeiture.

Levena Latham, age 38 of Panhandle, TX-Driving while intoxicated-1st.

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Groom I.S.D. Honor Roll

Groom ISD is proud to announce the honor roll for the spring semester as follows:

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade: Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten, Britney Evenson, Kathryn Hemdon, Ashley Murray, Jes Roskens, Eric Torres, Cady Wilson.

Fifth Grade: Trent Britten, Brett Friemel, Joshua Kelly, Bailee Ruthardt, Brittany Weinheimer.

Sixth Grade: Whitney Evenson, Michaela Roskens.

Seventh Grade: Blaine Britten, Kecia Howard, James Reid.

Eighth Grade: Katy Britten, Gailynn Drewery.

Ninth Grade: Adam Britten.

Tenth Grade: Clay Britten, Britteny Martin, Owen Weinheimer.

Eleventh Grade: Jessica

Bates, Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin, Laurissa Noack.

Twelveth Grade: Cassie Ashford, Nichole Barnett, Cody Bivens, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Karri Britten, Wyatt Britten, Krisanne Davis, Luke Pavlovsky, Clay Ritter, Hugh Weinheimer.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade: Tyler Case, Christopher Chaney, Billy Corley, Ricky Fehr, Alannah King, Shane King, Michah Wagley.

Fifth Grade: Trevor Friemel, Andrew Thompson, Ben Thompson, Kelton Weller.

Sixth Grade: Chad Barkley, Taylor Drewery, Katie Lane-Thompson.

Seventh Grade: Thane Barkley, Karla Howard,

Berklee Ruthardt. Eighth Grade: Sharri Britten, Malorie Homen, Kelby Noack.

Ninth Grade: Chance Barkley, Ashley Jackson, Jeff Rios.

Tenth Grade: Caren Howard

Eleventh Grade: Cody Babcock, Lainie Britten, Staci Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Stephany Fraser, Lance Ollinger.

Twelfth Grade: Trey Britten.

Excess on occasion is exhilarating. It prevents moderation from acquiring the deadening effect of a habit.

—W. Somerset Maugham

SCHOOL BOARD

concerning the status of the house owned by the school on Kirkman Street. Superintendent Noack felt that the house was surplus to the District and suggested that due to its run down condition it should be sold. Noack will consult with the school attorney as to the proper way to dispose of the property.

Discussion was also held as to when the house would be available for inspection. Noack will also be looking into that matter, with the attorney.

The business and budget reports were presented by Kevin Noack. Transfers from fund balances were approved.

The Board went into an executive session to discuss personnel. Upon their return to open session, Kevin Noack recommended that Stephanie Tucker be hired at a salary of \$24,240 (step 0) for a one year probationary contract to teach 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Math and Science.

Resignations were approved for Coach Dallas Darling and Counselor Janie Weatherly. Darling, who was only recently offered a contract resigned due to family illness that will require him to return to Kansas.

The Groom ISD School District will still need to fill a coaches position, an elementary teachers position and a counselors position this summer.

VETERANS

Philippians on Fiji Island. Norris Hoyt is the only Hoyt Brother left in Groom. Like many families during WWII, all the boys were serving their country during the same period in WWII. Norris was in the 88th Infantry Division in WWII from 1943 - 1945. He served in Africa, France and Italy.

Herbert was in the 20th Air Force from 1941 to 1945 and served in the Pacific Theater based out of Guam. Leonard Hoyt was in the Air Force and served in the South Pacific.

James Hoyt was a Chief Warrant Officer in the 9th Air Force serving in the European Theater based out of England. He joined the service in

1941 and retired in 1971.

In attendance to honor our Groom Veterans were Mary Sue Lyles, Patti McLaughlin, Scott & Kay Lynn McLaughlin, Tami Ashford & K'Leigh, Cassie Ashford, Julie Lyles, Darcee Thompson, Allie Hoyt, Juanita Hoyt, Jim and Donna Burton, April Burton, and Melody Simpson.

The ceremony closed with the playing of Taps and retiring of the colors. A reception was held following.

Anyone who wishes to honor their relatives who served in the military are encouraged to contact the VA Community Resource Service Department to find out how you can get your loved one a brick.

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Panhandle Plains Federal Land Bank Holds annual Meeting

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA (FLBA), held its annual stockholder's meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Musical entertainment was provided and a patriotic theme set by the Amarillo Detachment of the Marine Corps presenting the colors.

Chairman Ronnie Hopper and CEO Robert Williams reported on the Association's accomplishments for 2001. These included discussion of the current low interest rate environment, the Amarillo facility, the Association's strong financial position, and the 2002 business plan. Stockholders elected two new board members to replace Dean Burger and Ervin J. Davis who are retiring from the board, and reelected Danny Krienke

to another term. Steve Rader was elected to Place 3. Steve is from Canadian and operates a family farming and ranching business in Hemphill and Lipscomb Counties. He has served as chairman of the Hemphill Soil and Water Conservation District.

Randy Darnell from Canyon was elected to Place 5. His operation includes farming and livestock in Deaf Smith and Randall Counties. He is also active in the community serving on the Randall County Crops Committee and other boards and organizations.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

It is under the director of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Jerry K. Oswalt of Abernathy; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver; Steve Brown of Floydada; and Rusty Henson of Quitaque.



Hali Bohr, Ashley Randall, Malorie Homen, Morgan Britten, and Cady Wilson enjoy wading after Mother Nature graciously filled a ditch for them to play in.

If You Ask Me...And Nobody Did

By Donna Burton

What in the world has happened to the sense of smell in today's commercial market? Maybe I'm showing my age, is it just me or has every product known to man decided that the smell of watermelon, green apples, and grape soda must be in every product we use.

Call me old school but when I clean something, it should smell like pine or lemon. Industrial strength cleaners should leave behind the district aroma of ammonia or chlorine bleach. I wish they would leave out the "rain forest" out of my cleaners.

The other day I opened a new bottle of dish washing lotion and squirted some in the sink, expecting the hot water and soap to fill the room with that clean smell of lemons. Instead I was met with what I would call that "kid's soda pop" smell. It sure didn't present my brain with the image of squeaky clean dishes!

When I went to the store, my favorite band didn't even have a pine or lemon scent. I have news for them. Their "Rainshower Fresh" and "Sunny Orchard" scents smell more like that bubble gum that I wouldn't let my kids

chew in the car because it stunk up the whole car!

I don't know who told these product engineers that "fruity pebbles" was the smell that the woman of the new millennium associates with clean and fresh, but the only thing that "watermelon smell" conjures up in my mind is an image of sitting on the porch on a hot summer evening with sticky sweet juice running down my face and hands, battling flies for the next bite!

That is not a smell I want on my dishes, in my toilet bowl, in my clothing or anywhere else.

Shampoo, deodorant and perfumes are headed down the same road. The last thing I want is for my armpits to be wafting the aroma of "fruit medley"! I thought those herbal smells of the 70's were pretty radical! (Remember the "freshly mowed bar ditch smell"?)

Smell is so important and our minds are imprinted into associated smells with memory. To this day if I smell lilacs, I think of my grandmother.

I have a fear that years down the road my grandkids will smell watermelon and grape soda and remember me!?

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CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 8 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of June 3 through June 9, 2002. Currently there are 14 persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional 13 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

Arrests made this week:
Rick Hulsey, 48, of Amarillo, court commitment.

Gary Denham, 45, Traffic Warrants - DPS.
Leonard Shafer, 27, Fritch, Theft, Potter County.

Scott Fields, 32 of Caruthersville, Mo; Money Laundering.
Larry Elliott, 30, Dallas, Tx Warrants - Dallas Co.

Jeremy Ackors, 27, White Deer, Probation Revocation.

Scott Maxwell, 27, Panhandle, Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Family Violence
Robert Hidreth, 55, Amarillo, Driving While Intoxicated - 2nd & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

McKiernan Appointed To Fill Unexpired Term

Mark McKiernan of Panhandle was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Edward Dittberner of the McClelland Creek Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors. McKiernan, whose appointment was approved by the Texas

State Soil and Water Conservation Board will serve as director of Zone 2 of the district until the next regular election for that subdivision of the SWCD.

McKiernan has been farming in Carson County since 1977. His farming and cattle operations includes approximately

3000 acres. Mark currently serves on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors. He has three children, Trent and Andi in College and Luke in junior high.

Mr. McKiernan and his wife Raelyn live south east of Panhandle.

Edward Dittberner retired from the McClelland Creek Soil and Water Conservation Board after serving 21 years as a board member. He became a dedicated board member in 1981 and served as Secretary from 1983 until the present time.

Mr. Dittberner was very active and attended many local, state, and national meetings of the soil conservation service. The board appreciates his interest, service, dedication, and commitment all these years. He is being missed very much. We wish him the very best.

The purpose of the McClelland Creek SWCD with headquarters in Panhandle is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs or agriculture lands within the district. In addition, the district serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters.

Letter To The Editor

To the fine people of Groom:

We the children of R.A. and Joy Snyder would like you to know about our parents. R.A.

had a massive heart attack last Thursday, May 30.

He was not expected to live, however, he once again, by the grace of God, has had his life spared. He was in Northwest Texas Hospital and then transferred to the V.A. hospital, and has now been sent to Heritage House in Amarillo to obtain cardiac rehab. The hospital sent him there, this was not our decision.

Joy, on the other hand, has had two major hip surgeries. The first pins and screws, which slipped out of place in her leg, and the second a total hip replacement, all within a few months of each other. Since that time, she has almost quit eating, almost refused to do exercise of any kind, except walking with her walker around her house, and has treated R.A. really mean at times, because of her mind.

You see, she has been diagnosed with the first stages of Alzheimer's and at times her mind is really bad. However, through all of this, R.A. has continued to take care of her, that is cook,

clean, try to give her therapy, etc. We have bought clothes, sent money, or paid bills to help them out, contrary to what might have been said about us.

Since R.A. has had his heart attack, he has been told by his physician that he cannot, at this time, take care of Joy. Jerry, just had major surgery 10 weeks ago for cancer, and is still recuperating. He has been off work most of this time, but has now gone back to work. His wife, Carolyn, still works full time and is taking care of him, and seeing to the needs of R.A. and Joy.

Nina, who lives in San Angelo, Texas, works, and her husband, Truman, just had major surgery Wednesday, June 5 for cancer. Ironic, but true. He has just now come home from the hospital, and will be recuperating for the next several weeks.

Our situation being the way it is, we had no choice, but to place Joy in Heritage House. She was diagnosed with malnutrition also, but since being there, she has made many friends, eats three regular meals a day, is playing bingo, having her nails done, her hair done, and most of the time doing very well there, except when

someone visits her and tries to tell her she doesn't need to be there. With her mind coming and going, this has caused problems, when they receive visitors who sympathize with them.

We understand some of the people of Groom are upset with us for placing her in Heritage House. She would not go to San Angelo with Nina, as she wanted to be close to R.A. She has left the Heritage House several times, for being confused and now has a monitor, so the nurses will know when she passes an exit to the outside. It is not just because she is there. She did this with Nina this past weekend while they were in Amarillo. She wandered off and was missing about 20 minutes. She has to have constant care.

Therefore, the choices were limited. Since this is the decision we have made, we are asking that any of you who may want to visit her and him while they are there, to please encourage them, her especially her, to what nice surroundings and all she has there. Even when R.A. gets ready to come home, he will not be able to care for her, as he can barely care for himself right now. Some people are telling her that she does not need to be there, and this confuses her. She is fine, and likes it there, until someone visits her and gets her mind confused. When given sympathy from visitors, they are wanting to leave there, and are really

causing problems, after the visitors leave. Most of you don't know the situation we have been in, and the pain and heartache we have been through these last few months. We need your support and we need you to accept our decision. Nina asked them months ago to come and live in San Angelo, and they would not even consider it. We cannot take care of them, and we do not expect the people of Groom to have to take care of them. It was a very hard decision to make, but it was our decision to make. Therefore, we ask for your support. Many prayers were said and many tears were shed.

Cards may be sent to Heritage House Convalescent Center--1009 Clyde, Amarillo, Texas 79106. We would like to thank all of you, Chris Britten for all the money you have spent on them, or given them, Nancy, in particular, who has made numerous trips to Amarillo for them, for Gloria and Leona and A.J., to Earl and Vonnie Barker, who have taken them many times to out of town visits, and who have been excellent neighbors to them, for all who have brought them food, cared for their dog, and for all the other loving acts you have shown. We have asked that God be with us during these times, and may God be with you all too.

Jerry Snyder &
Nina Richey

Windbreak Trees For Sale

The district will be selling windbreak and large trees again in the fall if there is enough interest. Windbreak trees are seedlings and come in larger amounts. The large trees can be ordered as one or more. Small home owners can order these trees and shrubs. Some selections of large trees sold this year were Lace Bark Elm, Cottonwood, Austrian Pine, Burr Oak,

Shumard Oak, Honey Locust, and fruit trees.

In the 2001 tree program, the district sold 540 potted trees, 200 bare root trees, and 5 wildlife packets to Carson County land users. The SWCD sold 140 large trees.

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additional monies received for the program until June 28th.

There have been several other changes in EQIP for the 2002 sign-up, including a 75% cost-share rate with no bid down to improve the application's score. For 2002, an applicant's proposed cost-share expenses are not figured into the final ranking score.

Geographic Priority Areas, which in Texas used 80% of all EQIP funds in the past, are not in effect any more. Of the additional \$19.6 million for Texas

in 2002, \$6.6 million is targeted to the Ogallala Aquifer Water Conservation Area, and will provide cost-share assistance for practices that improve irrigation water use efficiency, including cost-sharing new pivots where row-watered fields are converted to center pivot irrigation. Other eligible practices include flow meters, and chemigation safety valves, re-nozzling existing pivots, and replacing old, leaky underground irrigation pipeline. Once again, the

deadline to complete an application to participate in the EQIP program is June 28th. Applications, as well as answers to you questions about the program, are available at the USDA office in Panhandle. Please contact the NRCS of FSA office in Panhandle for more information.

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