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Brent Thornton signs to play football on a parents John and Janice Koetting watch scholarship at Southwestern Friday as his along with Coach Terry Coffee standing and Bulldogs head coach Paul Sharp seated.

Brent Thornton Signs Letter To Play Football In Oklahoma

Coaches from Southwestern Oklahoma State Univer-sity visited the campus of Groom School last Friday. Head coach Paul Sharp and offensive coach Randy Huffstickler came to Groom to sign a new linebacker for the

Bulldogs. Brent Thornton added his name to a scholarship to play football at Southwestern on Friday while his Coach, Terry Coffee watched along with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Koetting.

Brent, 6-2 at 190 pounds had a successful senior season rushing for 1,110

A 1987-88 calendar was

approved by the Groom School Board members

during their regular session

last Tuesday night. School

will begin in September with

the final day coming on May

Thanksgiving, November 26

and 27, two weeks at Christ-

mas, three days for a ski

Holidays will include

averaged 6.9 yards per carry and averaged 18 tackles per game. He scored 16 touchdowns for Groom in 1986 and served the team as captain for two years. Brent runs a 4.6-40.

He was named all-district linebacker for two years running. This season he was unanimously chosen all-district for both the offense and defense. He was chosen to the Globe News

Super Team which includes players from Class 1A to 5A. He was also selected for the second team in all-state in

Appropriate days were

also approved for teacher

workdays and inservice

Scout Leader Donna Bur-

ton outlined plans for summer scout camp which

has served about 100 girls in

the past camps. She re-

quested use of school facili-

ties including the swimming

He also has qualified at regional in track for the past

Also signing with South-western at Weatherford were Dee Wilhel of Elk City, center; Shon Seifried, Weatherford, Ok, free safety; Bobby Rader, Freedom, Ok, tight end; Rhett Merida Weatherford, Ok., tight end; Jim George, Guymon, Ok., offensive guard; Mark Williams, Pampa, tailback; Kenny Mc-Gee, Ardmore, Ok., wide receiver; and Mike Rober s, Pond Creek, fullback.

New Name Added

Janice Weinheimer has placed her name in the running for a position on the Groom School Board. Already having filed is Charles Fields, the incumbent. Persons have until March 4 to sign up for a place on the ballot.

No new names have been added to the ballot for the city election. Incumbent Jerry Thornton has filed along with Ronny Fields. Al Homer will seek another term as mayor.

Sign up for the city election ends Wednesday, Feb.

Groom Basketball Teams Enter Bi-District Play

It was as if the spirits from past triumphs had returned to the Blackhawk gym last Tuesday night to assure wins for what would close the 1987 season. Reminders of previous state qualifying teams lined the walls as the Tigerettes lost 41-39 with high scores from Karen Bohr and Erin Eschle with 12 points each. Groom led 12-21 at the half but the third quarter was Phillips. It was 26-26 by the end of that quarter. Groom girls were unable to regain their lead.

The Tigers were unable to hold back their Phillips counterparts and lost 55-41. Daniel Lambert was high scorer with nine.

The Tigerettes recent loss es gave them a 6-4 district play record matched by Warriorettes. two teams met in a playoff game at the Pampa Field-

house Friday evening. Suni

Barnett was a major problem

for her opponents by scoring 23 points. The Tigerettes held off the Wariorettes for the third time this season with a 46-42 win. This earned them a place in the District 2-1A play offs against Vega.

In boys district play, a three way play-off among Groom, Maimi and Claude for second place was required. All had 6-4 records behind first ranked Phillips. Groom won the coin toss and a bye. Claude and Miami battled to a 68-64 Miami win Friday night in Pampa. Groom met the winner Monday night in the same gym. It looked for awhile as if Miami would dominate the Tigers as they led throughout the low scoring first half of play. Coach Gary Rambo said his team was able to interrupt Miami's fast break game to win 47-40.

The Tigers took a five point lead in the third quarter which ended 28-23.

Early in the fourth quarter, Miami's full court press rattled the Tigers and Miami pulled from behind to a 28-27 lead on Tiger turnovers and a foul.

With 5:05 left in the game after a time out, the Tigers took control again and began to widen their winning margin, 38-34 with 2:23 remaining. With 18 seconds left to play Groom led 45-38. Michael Rose led the Tigers scoring 16 points and was followed by Daniel Lambert with 13.

The Tigers will meet Vega next week. Coach Rambo says Vega has a strong team with height and speed in their favor. "The Tigers must not only play their strong defensive game, says Rambo, "but they must score more points to advance past Bi-District." The Tigers have kept opponents to an average of 38 points per game while tallying 19 wins so far this season.

Carson County Livestock Show Set

Carson County Junior Livestock Show time is at hand. This year organizers are expecting 146 pigs, 89 lambs and 16 steers to be shown. The show will be held this Saturday, Feb. 21 at the County Ag Barn in Panhandle.

The judging begins at 8:00 a.m. starting with the pigs, followed by the lambs and steers. The judge for the show will be Mark Hargrave from Happy.

The sale will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. There will be approximately 55 pigs, 45 lambs and 15 steers offered for sale. The animals sold will be determined by their placing in their respective classes.

Sheila Martin, secretary of the Carson County Junior Livestock Association invites everyone out to enjoy the show and support the county FFA and 4-Her's participating in the event.

Carroll Bentley Maurice (Cob) Britten will be selling the animals at the

also be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Community Calendar

Christian Mothers meet Monday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ralph Britten. Hostesses are Norma Jean Homer and Rae Lynn Cline.

Groom Tigers play for Bi-District at 7:00 Tuesday, Feb. 24. No site for the game had been picked by presstime.

Country Neighbors will meet Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 1:30 in the home of Loula Wall. Mrs. John Hickox is co-hostess.

Nightin' Gals will meet at National State Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m. Hostesses are Mary Lee Friemel and Mary Britten.

PTO will meet Monday, February 23, in the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. for a short business meeting.

Kountry Kousins meet Friday, Feb. 20 with Toni Pavlovski. Charlotte Whatley is hostess. Please bring scissors for cutting cloth.

holiday, Feb. 29, March 1 pool, little gym, restroom and 2 and the Easter vaca-See School Board, Page 10

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Groom School Board

Sets 1987-88 Calendar

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Groom Cub and Boy Scouts toured the Carson County Jail on Thursday, Feb. 19. The following scouts attended: Philip Vaughn, Wesley Hall, Leo Britten. C.J. Whatley, Adam Coffee, Brad Sustaire, Sean Crowell, Seth Ritter, Justin Ritter, Joe Britten, Bryan Crowell and Terry Eatmon. Sponsors for the scouts were Judy Eatmon, Janice Vaughn, Sharon Charlotte Whatley.

Amos and Loretta Britten and Rev. and Mrs. Ray Copeland met Hope and Roseva Bratcher and their son, Waylon Bratcher, all from Childress in Amarillo last Wednesday morning to journey to Phoenix, Ariz. to attend funeral services for their daughter and sister, Velma Duwick. They all returned on the following Saturday evening.

Local Happenings

Mrs. Delores Prather of Farmersville, Tex. visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hickox Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hickox Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Byrd of Amarillo visited Loula Wall last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Weatherly and son Aaron of Lubbock visited Sunday with Marie Rogers.

Mike and Gaynelle De-Forest, Charlotte, Dara and C.J. Whatley attended a birthday party in honor of Jimmy DeForest in Amarillo Saturday.

James Dickerson of Scotsdale, Ariz. spent last week visiting his mother Mrs. Ellen Dickerson. They enjoyed several dinners with family and friends at the home of Ernest and Dorothy

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell attended funeral services at Clarendon for Robert Dalton Finley Friday in Clarendon. Mr. Finley was employed by the T.L. Roach Ranch for many

Dinner guests in the Darrell Whatley home Friday evening were J.A. and Wanona Furr of Childress and Furr Standridge of Claude. The Furrs are Charlotte's aunt and uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellie Peeples and Scott were in Canyon Thursday evening to see the WTSU Lady Buffalos take on Eastern New Mexico State. Robbie Kuehler played for ENMS. The Lady Buffs won the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Peter of Switzerland announce the arrival of their daughter Alice Cecile born on January 30, 1987. Mrs. Peter is the former Ruth Fullerman, an American Field Service student in Groom in the 1981-82 school

One Car Accident

Roy Lee Smiley Jr. of Childress was admitted to Northwest Texas Hospital Feb. 14 with chest injuries he suffered in a one car roll over near Amarillo. DPS Trooper Gary Davis said Smiley was driving too fast and flipped the car when he ran off the roadway. DWI charges are expected to be filed pending results of blood tests.

Card of Thanks

The family of Bernadette Britten Tyrrell thank each person for the prayers and acts of kindness to each of us before the death of Bernie. Your love, prayers, food and all acts of kindness after her going have made this pain lighter. We feel she fought the "good fight". She loved God and all who showed they cared. Let us all pray someday soon cancer will not be such a deadly sentence for all ages.

We love you, Raphael & Nell Britten Bobby & Mary Nell & Kim. **Angie Britten**

Mike & Marla Britten Macie, Wyatt & Lainie Pat & Laura Britten & Brett

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank you, our friends of Groom, for your prayers, food, flow-ers, cards, calls and many expressions of sympathy, in the loss of our daughter and sister, Velma Duwick. May God bless each of you.

Ray & Edna Copeland Loretta & Amos Britten

Art Show Set

Local artists should be making plans to enter the fifth annual Carson County Invitational Art Show sponsored by the Square House Museum. This noncompetitive art show is an opportunity for county artists to exhibit their original arts and crafts.

All media will be accepted providing that the jurors determine the work to be original in design and that it was created within the twelve months preceding July 1, 1987.

Due to the anticipated number of entries and the limited exhibit space, three art professionals will select the most representative and original 30 to 40 works for the exhibition.

Specific dates and time tables will be published in a later article for the actual exhibition date. Prepare your entry now: show time will be here very



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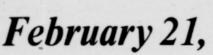
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Mrs. Frank Hermesmeyer was honored on eighty-ninth birthday Sunday the 15th day of February. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kline of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Britten, Macie, Wyatt and Lainie; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hermesmeyer; Mrs. Theresa Hermesmeyer; Mrs. Evelyn Schaffer; Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Britten and Angie Britten of Groom; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hermesmeyer, Scott, Steven and Sam of Panhandle; Mrs. Joan Gulde, Jennifer and Matt of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Hermesmeyer,



and Cindy and Mr. Phillip and Mrs. Hermesmeyer of Jericho.

DPS Files Local Cases

A total of 125 cases were filed in Carson County during the month of January by local DPS officers. A total of \$7,052 was collected in fines which includes some 86 cases filed in 1986 that were completed. Carson County received \$4,863 from the procedings with \$2,189 used

to pay court costs.
The DPS investigated five

wrecks and acted on a number of warrants.

DPS Officers arrested William Paul Ryan of Norman, Okla. He was stopped for a traffic violation and a routine check indicated he had warrants issu**Buried In Amarillo**

Robert "Doss" Finley

Robert Dalton "Doss" Finley, 86, of Clarendon died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1987 in Artesia, N.M.

Services were held Feb. 13 in First Baptist Church in Clarendon with burial in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo.

Mr. Finley, born at Melbourne, Ark., was married to Clara Braddock in 1926 at Amarillo. He was a retired farmer and rancher. He was a Baptist. He moved to Artesia in May from Clarendon.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mildred Holly of Artesia; a son, Robert Jr. of Hewett; a sister, Jettrew Winters of Canyon; four brothers and seven grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren.

ed against him for forgery

Groom DPS officers also assisted in a high speed chase near Claude in which a

charges in Dallas.

Fire Damages Tom Reed Home

Firemen answered a call Sunday shortly before noon to the Tom Reed residence. Mrs. Reed reported that her cook stove overheated starting the fire. Bud Babcock extinguished the blaze and firemen helped remove the stove from the house. The home suffered extensive smoke damage.

Tom Reed remains a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo undergoing medical tests.

and sex offense. Ryan was denied bond by Justice of the Peace Max Wade and waived extradition back Chambersburg,

man was arrested driving a reportedly stolen car from Irving, Texas. The man was also wanted on felony drug

Groom Students Active In UIL Contests

Groom students were busy over the weekend competing in UIL meets in Lubbock and on the WTSU campus.

New Board Formed By

GEDC to Oversee New

Groom Economic Deve-

lopment Corporation met at

7:30 February 17 at the

cafeteria in the Groom Com-

munity Center. The meeting

was held along with the selected members of differ-

ent organizations in Groom.

This meeting was to estab-

lish a board to oversee the

Groom Community Center

once the work is completed

and to help in design and decoration of the center.

presenting the Christian Men's Club was elected

president, Susan Brown from Alpha Mu Xi sorority

was elected vice president,

Linda Weller with the Lazy

Dazys was elected secre-

tary and treasurer. Other

board members at large are: Alice Kuehler, Christian Mothers; Billie Bivens,

Brush and Pallet; Sybil Har-

rell, Country Neighbors;

Greg Eatmon, Lions Club.

zations may send a repre-

sentative to the meetings

and all concerned citizens

The meetings will be held

first Monday of each month

at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria the center.

official name of the board

will be the Groom Commu-

The GEDC would like to

nity Center Association.

are invited to attend.

All other clubs and organi-

Martin Hermesineyer re-

Community Center

Results from the Lubbock Montery meet have been slow to arrive but thus far three journalism partici-pants have placed in the competition. Kristi Jackson won first in editorial writing, Kiley Lambert took second in literary criticism and Jay britten placed third in the same event.

Erin Kate Eschle was a finalist in persuasive speaking at the contest held in

Other students competing journalism events in Lubbock were Jami Duke, Loretta Kuehler, Ron Kuehler. Matt Weinheimer, Vincent Meaker.

The results for students competing in math and science events have not been received according to their sponsors Steve Hutsell and Zeldon Jenkins.

Students competing in follows

Number Sense-Richard Jenkins, Ron Kuehler and Vincent Meaker.

Calculator Applications-Ben Weinheimer, Ron Kuehler, Richard Koetting. Vincent Meaker and Tony Homer.

Science contestants were Jason Eschle, Matt Weinheimer, Tony Homer and Travis Homer.

Math-Ben Weinheimer. Other students competing in the speech tournament at Canyon were Stoney Crump, Lezlie Sweatt, Katie Fraser, Julie Lyles, Jowannah Ruthardt, Helen Lee and Heather Patterson.

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see a large turnout Saturday to help install duct work for the heating system and other projects under way at the community center.

The next scheduled meetwill

March 2, 7:30 at the community center cafeteria. All interested citizens are invited to attend and learn of the many projects we are working on for the Groom

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Britten Opens Jail Doors

The following article appeared in the Glenwood (Colorado) Post. It concerns Groom grown, Doug Britten, who has become quite successful at a job he has begun after a 14 year career in the entertainment field.

Doug Britten is used to getting calls from people in trouble.

He expects it because it's his job. As a bail bondsman Britten is one of the few people you can call on to get you out of jail anytime.

"I work seven days a week. 24-hours a day. The phone rings at 3:30 a.m. and you have to go," Britten explained.

It's a demanding job that's tough on family life, limits long vacations, and often exposes Britten to the seamy side of life.

But he wouldn't trade his independence for anything.

"I love it. I really enjoy my work," he explained enthusiastically with a trace of a twang betraying his Texas Panhandle upbringing.

"I don't have to answer to anybody but the courts, the police, the DA and the sheriff," he added with a

Britten, as president of the Colorado Independent Bail Bondsman Association, also strives to improve the image of his profession, which he concedes has not always had the best reputa-

tion

"If there's a bondsman that doesn't operate aboveboard, we want to expose him," Britten said.

As an independent bail bondsman, Britten pledges his own funds to guarantee his clients show up for all their court appearances. His fee is set by law at 10 percent of the bond amount.

"A lot of people think I'm wealthy but a wealthy man wouldn't drive to Vail and back in the middle of the night for \$50. I do it because I want people to know that Britten goes," he said.

Britten recognizes that a good reputation with both the clients and the courts is critical to success as a bail bondsman. That's why for the past four years he's been willing to roll out of his warm bed in the middle of a cold night to spring someone arrested on a drunk driving charge in Rangely or an assault charge in Aspen.

"One of the biggest problems when I became a bondsman was respect. I don't think people thought I would be here very long when I started," Britten said during an interview in the office directly across the street from the Garfield County Jail. A big wall sign visible from the jail lobby advertises his services.

The need to maintain a spotless reputation is

equally important with court judges who don't want to hear any excuses about why defendants missed an appearance.

Britten guarantees appearances by demanding defendants, or their co-signers, pledge cash or property sufficient to cover the full amount of the bond.

Britten has a filing cabinet full of car titles to back up bonds but usually won't accept anything other than vehicles or property as collateral. "I'm not a pawnshop," he explained.

Usually the security is enough but when it's not, Britten has to turn private detective to track down bail jumpers because the courts often won't settle for bond forfeiture. They want justice.

"The worst part of the bonding business is searching for people. Once you find them it's a real relief," he said.

Last year, Britten said, he had to go on the road four times to search for fugitives. Those who jump bond—a felony offense—are subject to paying Britten's daily fee of \$125 per person plus expenses to search for them and bring them back.

When pursuing bond jumpers, Britten said he always travels with another bondsman because it's safer.

He most recently returned from Wichita, Kan., where he traced a man who skipped on an \$800 bond. Britten and his partner found him hiding in crawl space beneath a house.

Another time a man who jumped a DUI bond was tracked to the Florida Keys, wher Britten learned he was fishing guide. He book a fishing trip with the suspect to get his man.

In his career, Britten said only one person skipped bond on him and remains unfound. It was a woman three years ago.

"I'd love to say I caught everyone, but she's still out there. When I go to my grave, I hope I've found her," he said, his eyes narrowing with determina-

Britten said he has had to become toughened because of the first rule in the profession. "Nice guys finish last."

He, however, tries to retain his humanity because he knows "Good people get in trouble, too."

"I'll be your friend, but don't cross me," Britten said he tells his clients.

Britten, 37, was born in Groom, Texas, a town of 600 homesteaded by his grandfather, in which Britten still is the most common surname.

He came to Glenwood Springs in 1977 during a 14-year career as a singer in numerous clubs and bars. He knew instantly this was where he wanted to live.

"I got here and said, 'This is it,'" he recalled.

Britten wanted to begin a new career, so he began serving civil process papers for local lawyers. His skill at tracking down defendants encouraged him to become a bail bondsman—along with the help of a Grand Junction bondsman Britten still works closely with.

He lives in Glenwood Springs with his wife, Judy, and their three children. Groom Ambulance Service
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Card Of Thanks

I want to thank all my friends for your prayers, visits, gifts, flowers and cards while I was in Coronado Hospital. Thank you so very mucy.

I am continuing to recover from the fractures at St. Ann's in Panhandle. Your continued prayers will be greatly appreciated to speed my recovery and my return home. I'm looking forward to thanking each of you in person, but in the meantime, you are all in my prayers.

Affectionately, Edna Russell Mr. & Mrs. Gene Wade
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By REX PEEPLES
It is again time for the community to consider March 4. In order that we continue to have a strong educational system, it is imperative that we have strong, educationally-minded board members. Groom has been blessed with this type of member in the past and we hope that all future elections will result in the same type of member.

In the past—August 23, 1949: Motion was made by Van Earl Steed, seconded by Allen Knorpp, that we hire Guy Blackwell as bus driver for the Schaffer Route at a salary of \$50 per month. Motion carried.





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Bernie Tyrrell Honored Saturday By Sororities At Sweetheart Ball

Alpha Mu Xi members were guests of Alpha Theta Omega in White Deer for their Sweetheart Ball, Feb. 14. The sweethearts of the sororities were honored at a presentation prior to the ball. Raphael and Nell Britten accepted for their daughter Bernie Britten Tyrrell, this year's Alpha Mu Xi sweetheart. Nell Britten was presented with a tiara, sweetheart charm and a bouquet of red roses. sweetheart presentation with Susan Brown reading a tribute to Bernie that was composed for the sorority by Joyce Hutsell, member-at-large.

The ceremony was concluded with a lovely buffet of sandwiches, fruit, punch and coffee.

Members and their husbands attending were Jack and Margie Stephens, Lynn and Sue Britten, Bud and Evelyn Schaffer, Pat and Laura Britten, Randal and Patterson, Nita Nancy Jackson Barbara and Homer. Guests Raphael and Nell Britten, Mike and Marla Britten and Angie Britten.

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City Council Approves Fire Contract With Pampa

The McLean City Council met in its regular session last Tuesday night at City Hall. Members present were Mayor George Terry and Aldermen Jerry Cook, Miro Pakan, Martha Jo Bailey, Dr. H.F. Fabian and George Green.

In the main item of business, the council approved the adoption of a fire agreement with the City of Pampa. According to the terms of the contract, the two cities would agree to assist each other with fires in the event that one department alone could not handle the situation. Each department would also be responsible for loss of or damage to its own equipment. The contract is now pending approval from the City of Pampa.

In other business, the

-Tabled appointment of a new Fire Marshall until more information can be obtained on requirements for the position. Jim McDonald who, as current Marshall investigates the causes of local fires, has agreed to remain in the position until a replacement can be found.

-Appointed Alderman Martha Jo Bailey and Miro Pakan to the committee which is negotiating with Lovett library to combine its resources with those of the McLean school library.

-Approved construction of separate restrooms at the flea market. They will be built on the east side of the factory building.

-Tabled review of the 1985-86 audit until it can be studied.

-Heard a request from a citizen that a 4-way stop sign be installed at the corner of 7th and Waldron Streets. No action was taken.

-Agreed to join the Texas Civil Justice League which is attempting to modify the state's insurance tort laws.

-Approved auctioning hospital equipment as soon as an auctioneer has been selected, a date set, and notices have been sent to hospital supply houses about the sale.



Look out Prince Charles and Lady Di! McLean's new royal couple, Valentine Queen Teresa Richardson and King P.L. "Pinky" Ledgerwood, were crowned in ceremonies at McLean Care Center on Saturday. All the residents spent the afternoon sharing valentine greetings and singing old songs with friends and relatives.

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FFA Week Observed

More than 420,000 FFA members will promote FFA, vocational agriculture and the food and fiber industry during National FFA Week, Feb. 21-28.

FFA members in more than 8,200 chapters across the U.S. and the Virgin Islands will be organizing events and activities to create awareness of and support for vocational agriculture and FFA.

This year's theme for the week, "FFA--Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture", will be seen throughout communities nationwide, not only through promotional efforts of the local members, but also through a national public service announcement campaign.

FFA activities and vocational agriculture classes emphasize leadership skills, innovative practices and the application of both to the industry of agriculture.

Larry Case, national FFA advisor, said, "FFA members across the nation have planned special events for the week to show their communities the new areas they are exploring in agriculture. These FFA members, preparing to work in marketing, research, engineering, communications, food science, computers, ag-

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Crockett Named 1987 Miss McLean Saturday

Shawn Crockett, the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett, has claimed the honor of being Miss McLean for 1987. She captured the crown in cere-

monies Saturday night at the High School Auditorium.

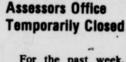
Miss Crockett, who is a Senior, adds the Miss Mc-Lean title to numerous other honors. She was named Homecoming Queen last year and has also been a member of the Student Council, Band Queen, a cheerleader and Class President. She is very active in sports and participates in FHA, UIL, MYF and the Annual staff.

She was crowned by Senior Clint Herndon and was presented with a bouquet of roses and tray by last year's title holder, Jem Ann Rice.

Miss Crockett will represent McLean in the Miss Irish Rose Beauty Pageant on March 14 in Shamrock.

First runner-up honors went to Tiffany Lopez, the 15 year old daughter of Betty Lopez. Second runner up was Melody Collins the 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lewis. Third run-

up was Cindy Hembree the 17 year old daughter of Mr.



For the past week, the County Assessor's Office, located in City Hall, has been closed. Deputy Pat Bailey has been away due to the illness of her mother. The Assessor's office in Pampa office was supposed to have sent someone to fill in for Mrs. Bailey but as yet no one has done so. If you need to conduct business with the Tax Assessor's office, we suggest you call the Pampa facility directly at 669-9308.



and Mrs. Jerry Hembree. The title of Miss Congeniality was awarded to Angie Glass, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Glass.

Other entrants making the top ten were Angie Rey-See Miss McLean, Page 8





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Center News

Fred Alvey is in the hospital in Pampa. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Sunday, Brother Billy Wilson, of the Methodist Church, was here to conduct services.

Monday morning, residents making valentines were Earl Tolleson, P.L. Ledgerwood, Odessa Beeman, Leon Burch, Teresa Richardson, Annie Eudey, Lucille Cullison and Lona Jones. Doughnuts were furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon, Mildred Giesler, Loree Barker, Onie Gibson, Marie Reeves and Bertha Smith were here to assist the following residents in bingo: Frank Reeves, Fay Wilson, Odessa Beeman, Ruth Kernp, Annie Eudey, Alice Dickenson, Teresa Richardson, Inez Fields, Dick Wheeler, Clyde Trusty, Elsa Stalls, Earl Tolleson and Lucille Cullison Our winner for the day was Ruth Kemp. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Residents playing dominos Tuesday were P.L. Ledgerwood, Inez Fields, Earl Tolleson, Leon Burch, Dick Wheeler, Ruth Kemp, Odessa Beeman, Annie Eudey, Thelma Hopkins and Clyde Trusty. Our helpers were Lena Carter, Mary Davis, Ted Robertson and Pete Evans. Cookies were furnished by Lena Carter.

Wednesday, the residents finished making and signing their valentines.

Thursday morning, the following ladies were here to sort the valentines into individual sacks that had been decorated by Leon Burch and Annie Eudey: Louise Turner, Isabelle Cousins, Fern Boyd and Betty Lowe. In the evening, we had the great pleasure of listening to the Hallelujah Squares from Shamrock.

Saturday, our first annual valentine King and Queen coronation was a big success and the winner a surprise to all. Thirty residents voted for their choice and the winners were King P.L. Ledgerwood and Queen Teresa Richardson. We all enjoyed the sweetheart music Loyce Murray played for us on the piano. We have so many lovely people to thank for making this party a great success: the VFVV Ladies Auxiliary for furnishing cookies and punch. They were Inez Trostle, Effie Lou Everett, Mary Groves, Wanda Bailey and Mary Dwyer. Thanks to the following ladies for passing out the valentines and helping some of the residents open them: Louise Turner, Girger Morilla, Fern Boyd, Isabelle Cousins, Julie Glen Jennifer Glenn, Cheri Layfield, Linda and Heidi Syfrett and Jessie Bailey.

Thanks to Mary Alice Barnett and Marnelle Presley for furnishing individual chocolate hearts, to Bob Hackbardt for furnishing several boxes of chocolates for the residents and staff members, to Ginger Morilla for making the red capes for our King and Queen and to Linda Syfrett for decorating the crowns. Many, many thanks to all you wonderful people. We really appreciate you.

McLean Briefs

In the regular meeting of the McLean School Board last week, Principals Dorman Thomas and Pete Bateman had their contracts extended for the 1987-88 school year.

Practice roping at the arena recently were the Rex Longs, Mike Longs, Art Rhines and the Butch Turpens. Afterwards, the Art Rhines stopped to visit Mr. and Mrs. J.Boyd Smith.

Marine Pfc. Stephen C. McAnear, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McAnear, recently reported for duty at Marine Barracks, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

A 1984 graduate of McLean High School, he joined the Marine Corps in March 1986.

Ruth Magee went to Dallas recently for a meeting of

the Texas Methodist Historical Society. The meeting was held at SMU.

J. Boyd and Frankie Smith went to Pampa Sunday to visit daughter Claudia Marion and grandchildren Kristen and Keri. They ate at the Fish Net which is owned by former McLean resident Bob Dawson.

Le Milam has been ill and in St. Anthony's hospital for the past week.

Chester Bohlar has been undergoing tests at the V.A. Hospital in Amarillo for the past several weeks.

The McLean Volleyball Association will be sponsoring a tournament at the gym on Feb. 26-28. Anyone interested in signing up should contact Cheryl Smith at 779-2520 or Cathy Hembree at 779-2765 before Feb. 23.

Lisa Patman has made the Dean's List at West Texas State University. Majoring in psychology, she had a grade point average of 3.49. She was also enrolled in 17 hours of classes during the semester.

F.J. Hess is home from the hospital after having surgery on his back. He was injured in a fall from a horse last week.

Ag teacher Bill Layman and students Tres Hess, Kara Tate and Jem Ann Rice are attending the San antonio Stock Show this week.

McLean School Menu

Feb. 23-27

Mon.—Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Peanut Butter Chewies

Tue.—Chili Dogs, French Fries, Salad, Banana Pudding

ding
Wed.—Stew, Pimento
Cheese or Peanut Butter and
Jelly Sandwiches, Cookies

Thurs.—Chalupa, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit Cobbler

Fri.—Salmon Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls

Alanreed News

The R.D. McLains visited in Spearman during the weekend.

Visiting Ann Standish on Saturday was daughter Sheila of Amarillo.

Jewel Warner was in Mc-Lean for medical attention last week.

Anita Bruce was in Pampa on Friday.

The Alanreed Homemaker's Club met Feb. 11 in the home of Mary Davis for its usual meeting. President Lena Carter presided over the business session. Afterwards, Donna Brauchi, county agent, gave a program on "Saving on the Grocery Bill." Roll call was "the best Christmas present I received" and was answered by Ruth and Brenda McLain, Mary Davis, Lena Carter, Anita Bruce, Nell Keese, Betty and Ramona Finley and Donna Brauchi. Each participated in the program and worked a crossword puzzle provided by Donna.

Refreshments of impossible pie, crackers and cheese, coffee and punch were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of Nell Keese.

Committee Meets

The Alanreed Community
Improvement Committee
met Feb. 7 in the school
cafetorium for its monthly
meeting. It started with a
covered dish supper which
was enjoyed by all.

Afterwards, the business session was opened by Larry Swanson, chairman. The minutes were read by Jeanie Adams and approved. Rose Hall read a short item on "The Aging Person." Lynn Swanson gave a program on various diseases of the elderly and explained the services that can be obtained if necessary. She ended with some quotes from various authors. About 30 people attended. The next meeting will be March 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafetorium.

Club Report

The 20th Century Study Club met Feb. 12 in the home of Safronia Pettit for its monthly meeting. Mary Groves presided over the business session. The club collect was said by all pre-sent. Roll call was "something about Washington and Lincoln" and was answered by Mary Davis, Mary Groves, Relia Ayers, Bertha Smith, Safronia Pettit, Louise Dickenson, Ada Simmons, Cliffie Heasley and Lena Carter. Mary Groves read the minutes of the last meeting when new officers were elected. They are: President-Lena Carter; Vicepresident-Mary Groves; Secretary-Rose Hall. A roundtable discussion of Presidents, and plans for summer outings were enjoyed.

Refreshments of cherry cake, ice cream, coffee and punch were served by the hostess. The cake was a birthday cake for Ada Simmons and everyone sang "Happy Birthday". The next meeting will be at the home of Cliffie Heasley.

Robert Matthews Buried Monday

Funeral services for Robert E. Matthews, 80, were held on Monday at the Church of Christ with Doug McClure, a minister with a Church of Christ in Kansas, and Bob Fish, a member of the McLean church, officiating. Burial was in Hill-crest Cemetery.

He was born in Beeville and moved from Monahans to McLean in 1970. He married Leona Turner in 1949 in Clovis, New Mex. He was a retired oilfield pumper and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Vindle Matthews, of Pampa; one daughter, Florene Everson of Perryton; one stepson, Richard Beadle of New Cuyama, Ca.; one stepdaughter, Fay Bowerman of Odessa; one brother, Billy Matthews of Pampa; three sisters, Clarine Williams, Lorene Arbuckle and Pauline Smith, all of McLean; 10 grandchildren and 7 greatgrandchildren.

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Pampa Social Security Office Implements **Appointment System**

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Anyone needing information should call first. Almost all Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and Medicare business can be completed by telephone. If an interview is necessary, an appointment can be scheduled.

This procedure should be particularly helpful when documents are necessary. Callers can be advised what documents to have available for the interview and have a opportunity to obtain them if necessary.

The Pampa Social Security Office services Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Wheeler, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties. The telephone number is 669-1018. The office is open from9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Miss McLean

nolds, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reynolds; Kim Beaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beaver; Danna Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson; Misty Magee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Magee; Darla McAnear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Mc-Anear; and Kim Wiginton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Wiginton.

Ushers for the pageant were Brick Fry, David Ridgway, Ronnie Tidwell, Tony Hambright, Jim Anderson, Johnny Mann, Tres Hess, Dale Barker, and Clint Hern-

Entertainment was provided by Ida Hess, who sang and accompanied other performers on the piano, Lee Ayn Jordan and George Green, who entertained the crowd while the judges were making their decision.

Master of ceremonies was

The pageant was produced and coordinated by Virginia Holwick.

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Gray County Fish Sales

Fish sales for Gray County are being sponsored again this year by the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District. Several different types of fish are available. include Channel catfish, Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Red Ear Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish and Fathead minnows

Order forms and additional information may be obtained from Kim Reeves, secretary for the district, located at the Gray County Courthouse Annex on E. Frederic, or call 665-1751.

Services Held for David Riley

Services for David L. Riley, 68, were held Sunday at the First Baptist Church. Reverend Jeff Messer, pastor, and Buell Wells, officiated. Burial was at North Fairview Cemetery in Wellington.

Mr. Riley died Thursday in Amarillo.

He was born in Mangum, Okla. and moved to McLean from Lampasas in 1982. He married Lucille Cocknell in Wellington in 1938. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Steven Riley of Lampasas; one daughter, Janie Brown of McLean; five sisters, Agnes Adams of Stratford, Okla., Zella Holcomb and Edith Cole, both of Amarillo, Nell Hops of Winter Park, Fla. and Josephine Leard of Sacramento, Ca.; and one granddaugh-

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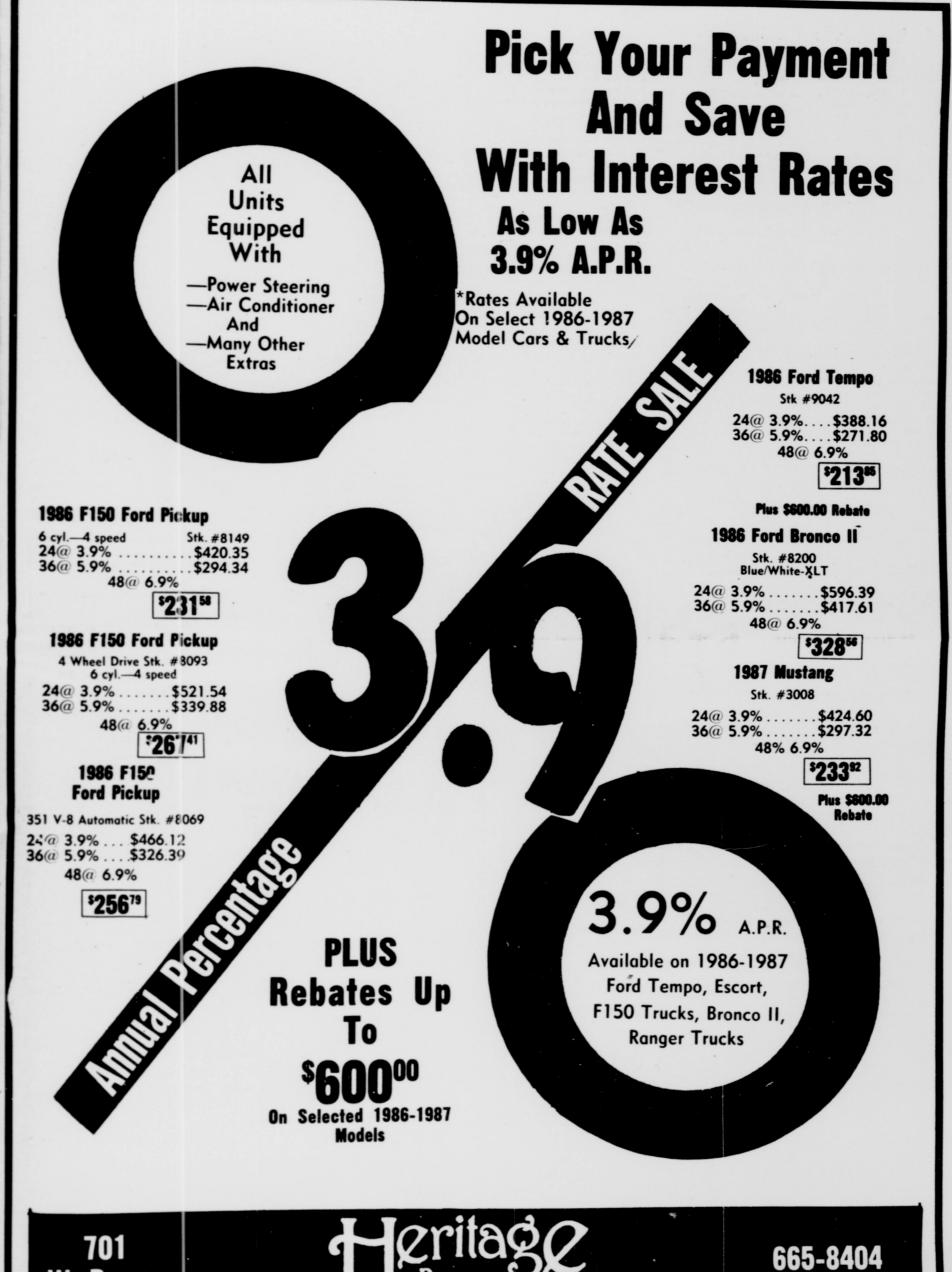
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Kingston Recognized As National Band Student

The United State Achievement Academy announced this week that Misti Michele Kingston has been named a United States National Award winner in band.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can every hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Misti, who attends Groom High School is a senior. She was nominated for this National Award by Mr. Jose Munoz, band director at Groom School.

Misti's accomplishments will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Cer-United Achievement Academy award winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria interest and antifor selection are a student's leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Misti is the daughter of Jim and Minnie Kingston of Groom. Her grandparents are Geneva Kingston of Pampa and Anna Carey Mackey of Shamrock.



Water Decline Maps Available From Water District Office

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 has received the "1986 Decline of the Water Table" map. This map has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service. Landowners who are eligible to use the decline in the water table for credit on their income tax forms may get the amount of decline by calling or going by the District Office in White Deer.

Anyone who would like to see if they would be eligible to claim water depletion for tax purposes on an irrigated farm can contact the water district office. The personnel can also assist with setting up the water depletion claim. Contact Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3, P.O. Box 637, White Deer, Texas 79097. Call 883-2501.

JV Boys Undefeated

The JV girls finished their season last week with a 17-11 loss to Phillips. This was their third loss in district play.

The JV boys had the only winning ticket for the night in Phillips with a 27-22 victory. In junior varsity competition there is no announced winner but there are careful tallies made in the minds of those competing and the Groom JV boys were undefeated in district play.

Commodity Deliveries Not Guaranteed For The Next Month

Judge Roselius reported that he had been contacted by the servicing agency who administers the commodity program that commodities might not be available in March.

"We will just have to wait and see," said Roselius.

This action was taken as part of the regular Commissioners' Court meeting held Feb. 9 in Panhandle.

The Court acknowledged that a copy machine had been purchased by the County Attorney with funds derived from the hot check fund.

Commissioner Smith moved to allow General Telephone Company to construct a communication line in Precinct 3. The motion was approved for the line to be located by the county/city airport.

Judge Roselius also advised that the West Texas County Judge's and Commissioners' conference will be February 18-20 in Midland and the State Conference will be the week of February 23 at Texas A&M.

A letter from COPAC, a political action organization, was read. The organization is composed of commissioners and judges in Texas to try to influence legislation that would be beneficial to counties. Dues to join this group are \$25.00 and are paid by individual commissioners and judges.

The State System Federal Air Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation program was discusses as to benefits the County might receive from the program. More information will be obtained concerning the program.

The Court also discussed the construction of a waterway to carry water from County ditches to a disposal are in Precinct 4.

Mrs. Velma Duwick Buried In Arizona

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Copeland received word of their daughter's death last Tuesday, Feb. 10. Velma G. Duwick, 63, died in Sun City West, Arizona after a two and a half year battle with acute Lukemia. The funeral was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 1987.

She left behind her husband, Clarence; four daughters, Darlene Bjork, Mound, Minn., Donna Winebrenner III, Chanhassen, Minn., Cheryl Bardwell, Des Moines, Iowa Sharon Kraatz, California and seven grandchildren.

Also, her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ray Copeland and four sisters, Roseva Bratcher, Childress, Tex., Dorothy Thompson, Arlington, Tex., Loretta Britten, Groom and Nancy Cotton, Amarillo.

Velma had requested before her death that memorials be sent to Groom United Methodist Church to be spent for the church's

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellington received word Saturday of the death of his brother. They attended funeral services on Tuesday.

School Board

and a telephone. The board approved her request with the camp to be held the second or third week in June.

Board members also approved a "very prudent" athletic budget according the Superintendent Rex Peeples. Athletic Director Terry Coffee gave an item per item explanation of the budget which totaled \$22,700, some \$1,311 less than allowed last year.

Coaches were rehired each with classroom teacher increments, coaching increments and housing benefits. Coach Coffee was rehired prior to executive session. The board then went into executive session to discuss contracts for Rambo and Belcher. Upon re-opening the meeting President Pat Weinheimer stated the board had weighted the complaints brought to light to the board against 27 legal reasons against renewal and found no grounds for dismissal.

He also state, "We have instructed our Superintendent to counsel with them on areas of improvement for all coaches." He also concluded the vote on Rambo and Belcher saying, "They are all rehired and have our support."

In other action the board approved the contract of Judy Babcock as administrative assistant.

The annual improvement plan was approved. The plan included improvement of

writing skills for students K-6 addressing the needs of gifted and talented students and meeting the needs of special education students.

Joyce Hutsell reported tax collections are 94 percent complete and bills were approved for payment.

Mrs. Rogers Serves As TEL Hostess

Marie Rogers served as hostess to the TEL Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church Feb. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Dairy Queen.

All members were present except Mertie Schaffer and Rosa Fields. Mertie is at the home of her daughter in Pampa and Rosa is at home after spending some time in the hospital.

Before everyone had a delicious breakfast of cinnamon rolls and coffee or hot chocalate, Mamie Poole lead in prayer. Those present were Loula Wall, Gladys Fields, Thelma Pool, Mamie Poole, Cleo Musser, Bertha Knight and Doshia Cornett serving as cohostess with Mrs. Rogers.

Bertha Knight was hostess to the class Jan. 9 for a brunch when the same members were present enjoying fellowship followed by a delicious meal.

Junior High Completes Season In Lefors Games

Coach Frank Belcher said he was really proud of the Junior High girls team who were 7-3 is district play this season. In their final game with Lefors the eighth grade girls led in scoring by Heather Brown with 8 points defeated Lefors 37-31. All the girls added to the score with Shannon Fields having 7, Lesa Sweatt and Jolee Burger, 6 each and Katonya Meaker and Angela Belcher, 5 each.

The eighth grade boys defeated Lefors 31-20. Jeff Fields led scoring with 17 points.

The seventh grade boys were led to a 26-6 victory over Lefors with Daryl-Homer being the high point player. Teammates are Matt Fields, Paul McLaughlin, Rhett Patterson, Shannon Miller, Jimmy Dale Kingston, Nick Kuehler, John Weinheimer and Johnny Carl Turvaville.

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All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting to express their views.

> Groom School Lunch Feb. 23 - Feb. 27

Feb. 23 - Feb. 27
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Tues.—Cheeseburger
Breakfast—Pancakes
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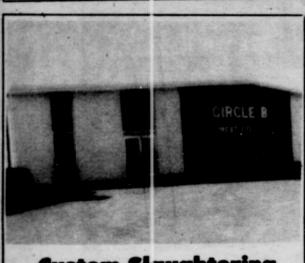
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