The Groom Rews

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Wyatt Weinheimer and Jimr vy Chavedo make double



Jessica Friemel puts one up for the Ettes.

Tigers, Ettes Earn Double Wins Against Hedley

Hedley last week. The Ettes easily out-distanced the Lady Owls, 61-24. Jessica Stapp scored an 18 points. offense. Friemel and game ha Kepley Karen another 8 each. Conrad scored 7 and Carrie Davis 6. Hutsell and Melissa Anthony each had 5. Jodi Homen and Angie Conrad points.

Coach Yelverton stated, credit."

"Our boys are playing well right now. cut our turnovers down the past five games, and we're being patient on offense. Our inside game has come along so we're not a guard oriented offense. Defensively we have Mary really hit the boards the past few games. Most importantly we're getting quality minutes from all the players. These young men deserve a lot of

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"Our girls have played well, also. Against

Silverton we made too many mistakes in the first half, but played much better the second half. In the two games against Lakeview and Hedley our younger kids got some valuable playing experience. We're excited about having another chance to play Silverton. Our girls working hard become better, trying to make the playoffs as our goal. These young ladies deserve a lot of credit also.

In the boys game, Groom surpassed Hedley in a white knuckle event that ended up 59-57. Josh Evenson wowed the crowd with 25 awesome points. Jimmy Chavedo earned another Daniel Treadwell added 6 points. Toby Burgin and Wyatt Weinheimer each added 5, Chris Ollinger 4, and Dewayne Gray 2. Earlier in the week the Ettes faced off with Lakeview beating them 60-26. Jessica Stapp was high point with 12. Angie Conrad and Tami Ashford each had 10. Jessica Friemel added another 8, Melissa Anthony 6, Mary Hutsell 5, Jessica Kepley 4, Jodi Homen 3, and Carrie

played The boys McLean, handily winning by a 20-point margin, 64-Wyatt Weinheimer was high point with 16 points. Josh Evenson Jimmy added 14, 10. Chavedo Chris Ollinger 9, Toby Burgin 8, Dean Fields 5, and Dewayne Gray 2.

See New District Realignment, pg. 2

GEDC Studies Assisted Living Center Feasibility

Development Corporation has been busy working to improve Groom.

The first thing they must do, according to Secretary Joyce Hutsell, is to apply for a 501-3C non-profit, tax exempt trust. Evidently when GEDC changed from being an independent entity, to being a committee overseen by the Groom City Council so that they could accept monies, it changed the type of nonprofit organization they

*Once we are approved for the 501-3C certificate, we can accept more types of grants, trusts, and donations. For instance, most Pantex

workers are encouraged to donate a portion of their salaries to United Because Groom does not have a United the employees earmark their

donation for us, once we have the 501-3C," stated Hutsell.

Another big project the group is looking at is the feasibility of converting the unused portion of the community center into an Assisted Living Center. Architect, Steve Butler, of Canyon, is currently working on plans and the cost of the conversion. The board is hoping to hear a report in the next

The board also has some terms that expire soon. President Ingham commented that they need some people who are interested in the future of Groom to serve on the board. If anyone is interested they are invited to call Ben Ingham or City Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend the monthly board meeting. Contact Joyce Hutsell to see when the next meeting is scheduled.

Community Calendar...

GROOM SOLO & Ensemble competitors will compete at W.T.A.M.U. ISD next week, Feb. 10on February 7.

COLUMBIA Family Health Center, 600 W. Kentucky, in Pampa will immunization offer an clinic on February 4 and February 18, 9 am - 5 Influenza and pm. Pneumococcal vaccines as well as vaccines for childhood diseases will be available.

BRANCH GROOM Library hours will be 1:30 to 5:30 Monday through Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 1:00, effective February 1.

SIX WEEKS TESTS will be given at Groom

GROOM Varsity teams travel to Lakeview on

GHS basketball teams will host Hedley on February 10, 4:00 pm.

TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO. Wheat-\$3.05 Milo-\$4.27 Corn-\$4.79 Soybeans-\$6.20 No Mositure reported this week

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Among local graduates were Jeffrey K. Couch, with a BS degree Kinesiology/geography; and Sherri Wieberg, BBA, computer information system.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

February 5 - Mrs. Robert West, Mrs. Alfred Homer, Mrs. Bill Hinson, Mike Friemel, Louis Leven, Jeanie Wakefield.

February 6 - John Adam Stephens. February 7 - Rick Prather, Mitzi Moraniec, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby

Jones (A).

February 8 - Heather
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& Jo Ann Musser (A).

February 9 - Jolee Burger.

February 10 - Mildred Burgin McWhirter. February 11 - Jodi Homen, Justin Homen, Troy Ritter. Groom School Menu February 9 - 13

February 9 - 13 Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, oats,

muffins, juice, milk.
Lunch: Charbroiled,
chopped steak, scalloped
potatoes, blackeyed peas,
hot rolls, chocolate cake,
milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritoes, hash browns, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken breast
nuggets, mashed potatoes,
green beans, hot rolls,
apple crisp, milk.

Thursday Breakfast:
Biscuits, gravy, bacon,
juice, milk. Lunch:
Burritoes w/chili, bean
dip, tortilla pieces,
peaches, milk.

Friday Breakfast:
Donuts, cinnamon rolls,
juice, milk. Lunch:
Sandwiches w/shaved
ham or turkey, or
bologna, pickle spears,
pears, milk.

Don't Forget Valentine's Day February 14

District Re-Alignment Announced

The 1998-99 and 1999-00 district realignment for football and basketball has taken place, although there is a protest period in which things could possibly change.

As it stands now, Groom will play football with Ft. Elliott, Miami, Higgins, and Lefors.

In basketball, Groom will play Hedley, McLean, Samnorwood and Lefors.



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By Ace Reid



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Groom Cubs-Cubettes Win 2nd Place In Miami

Groom Junior High Cub boys basketball team competed in the Miami Tournament this past weekend and came home with the runner-up The Cubs opened the tourney on Thursday with convincing 57-15 victory over Lefors. Cubs scoring for this game were: Clay Ritter 12. Cody Bivens 12, Luke 10, Doug Pavlovsky Fields 8, Weinheimer 7, Hugh Garrett Britten 4, and Wyatt Britten 4.

On Saturday morning the Cubs defeated Perryton "B" by a score of 33-23. Cub scorers were Clay Ritter with 25 points, Garrett Britten 6 points and Hugh Weinheimer 2 points.

Saturday night the Cubs met an excellent Booker team in the finals and came up a little short by the score of 41-Ritter once again led Cub scorers, with 13 points. Hugh Weinheimer added Doug Fields points. scored 4, Wyatt Britten and Luke Pavlovsky each scored 2 points, and Garrett Britten rounded out the scoring with 1

The Cubs played well in the tournament and continue to improve. The Cubs have two remaining games both on the road. They will be at Shamrock on February 2 and at Wheeler on February 12. Come out and support the Cubs.

Groom Junior High girls placed second in the Miami Tournament after an exciting game against Hedley. The Cut-ettes were slightly behind and simply ran out of time losing 32-24.

"The girls did a fabulous job," stated Coach Fields. "This was their first loss of the season. They played hard against Hedley, got a few bad breaks, but kept on fighting."

Candace Bohr led the scoring with 9 points. Nichole Barnett earned 6. Krisanne Davis added 4.

Amanda Conrad and Karri Britten each had 2. Cassie Ashford scored 1 point.

In their second match Groom pulverized Perryton, 52-6. Candace Bohr scored a whooping 20 points. Krisanne Davis added an equally impressive 18 points. Amanda Conrad scored 6, Nichole Barnett and Cassie Ashford each had 3 and Karri Britten netted 2 points.

Groom faced Lefors in the tournament opener outdistancing them 36-

Candace Bohr was high point with 15. Nichole Barnett had 6. Krisanne Davis and Cassie Ashford each scored 4. Amanda Martin earned 3 points for Groom. Amanda Conrad and Karri Britten each added another 2.

"This is the first time in my recollection that Groom has earned a shot at the title in Miami. I am really proud of these girls and their efforts," said Coach Fields.

JV Boys Beat Lakeview In Close Match

Groom Junior Varsity boys by-passed Lakeview in a hair raising game won by two points, 56-

Dewayne Gray high point with 13. Crowell added another 12. Justin Homen scored 8. Dusty Crump added another 5. Russell Conrad and Caleb Pool each scored 4 points.

Jr. High Boys Split Win At Shamrock

The Groom Cub boys basketball teams traveled to Shamrock last Monday night for a pair of garnes against the Irish. The Cubs split with the "B" team losing by a score of 32-17 and the "A" team winning by a score of 41-14.

In the "B" game Cody Babcock was the leading scorer with 7 points. Other Cub scorers were Trey Britten with 4 points, Wyatt Britten 4. and Brett Britten 2. Robert Newton played well on defense for the Cubs also.

In the "A" game Clay Ritter contributed 23 points. He was followed by Garrett Britten with 9, Luke Pavlovsky 5, and Weinheimer 4. Hugh Also playing well for the Cubs with defense and rebounding were Cody Bivens and Doug Fields.

The Cubs close out their season next Thursday, February 12th

at Wheeler. Come out and help the Cubs go out

7th Grade Wins, 8th Grade Loses By. 3 Points

The Groom Junior High girls faced off with Shamrock Monday night.

The 7th grade girls pulverized Shamrock 36-

Stephanie Fraser, Lainie Printen and Penny McMahan were sited for their good defensive skills nelping the team get a very good lead. Staci Britten led the scoring with 14 points. Jill Britten and Brin Burgin each added 7, Broadway and Kira Amber Moore each earned 2 points.

In the Eighth grade game the girls played a good defensive very but Shamrock's game defense threw their offense off. Krisanne Davis and Amanda Martin led the scoring with 6 points each. Nichole Barnett another 5. Cassie Ashford and Amanda Conrad earned 4 points and Candace Bohr shot

The girls lost 31-28.



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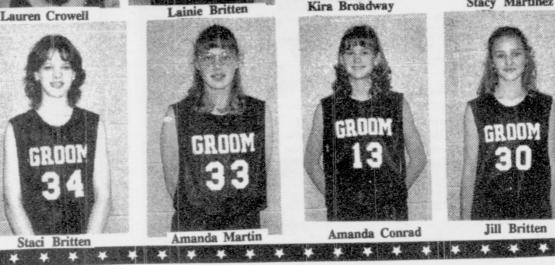
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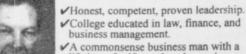
David Michael New In Schmitz Home

Dave and Roseann Schmitz of College Station announce the birth of their son, David Michael. The young man was born on January 31, 1998 weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces and is 19 1/2 inches tall.

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Terry Eatmon, a student at South Plains College in Levelland was named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1997 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work, make no failing grades and earn a grade

point average of at least

Groom Lodge Consolidates With Claude Lodge #719

Groom Masonic Lodge recently consolidated with Claude Lodge 719. This group met on Thursday, January 15, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck supper. Afterwards, Ellis Stapp, from Groom, made his first official visit as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #99.

There were twenty-five members and three visitors present. A great fellowship was had by all attending.

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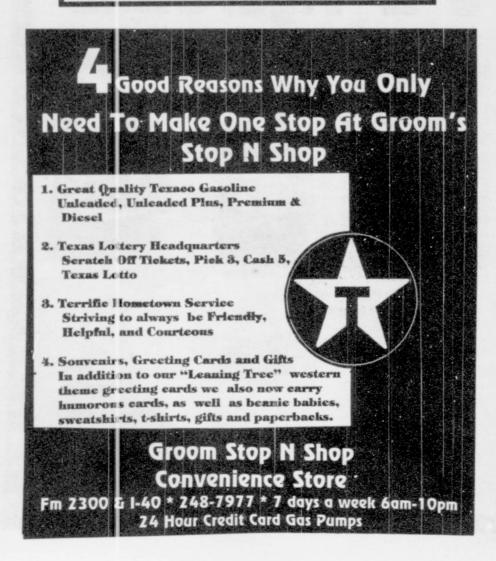
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Flower Circle will set up and decorate the hall. St. Monica's Circle will take care of reservations for the meal, beverages, and organization of the voting for the Family of the Year at the meal. The Junior CYO will prepare and serve a Prime Rib meal with all the trimmings. The cost

of the meal will be \$8.00 per person. Parish members are asked to contact Donna Barnett or Cindy Babcock to make reservations for the meal as soon as possible.

In other business the group decided that any donations or memorials presented to Christian Mothers will be added to the Christian Mothers Scholarship fund for graduating Catholic seniors. Anyone wanting to donate to the scholarship fund may contact treasurer Marla Britten. Lucille Britten reported on the experience of joining the Right To Life Rally and March in Amarillo recently.

Members are asked to pray for Daniel Schacher, son-in-law of Bill and Norma Jean Homer.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.



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North Should Be At The Top Of The Map? It wasn't the ancient Greeks and Romans. They put the east at the top of their maps, and that made sense. It was the direction of the rising sun. The early Christian and Moslem nations followed suit, since it was believed that the Garden of Eden had been located in the east. East,

therefore, deserved a place of honor on the

Decided

That

map - just as it did in churches, where the altar was placed on the eastern side. North gradually moved to the top of maps at the beginning of the 14th century because more and more armies, emissaries and traders were traveling, and north - that

is, Europe - was where the bulk of the populated

land areas were located.

Practice UIL Meet Held At Dumas

Several Groom High School UIL competitors traveled to Dumas over the weekend for practice meet.

Mary Hutsell placed 3rd in Feature Writing, and placed 4th in Headline Writing. Toby Burgin placed 6th in Editorial Writing.

Also attending Josiah Scott, were Evan Crowell, Michael Stephens, Dean Fields, Michael Sarah Hutsell, Jessica Kepley, Caleb Pool, Eatmon, Allison Melissa Anthony.



Whatley Takes Grand Champion At Laverne

Dara Whatley competed in a stock show at Laverne, Oklahoma over with her polled Hereford the weekend. Dara won steer. Grand Champion with her

Chiangus earned a breed champion



Our Man Behind The Badge Let me tell you about our Sheriff, He's really quite If he had time for all his talents, he could truly own He has chosen instead to lead us and appears to never unwind, Yes Our Man Behind The Badge is certainly quite a His loyalty is unrelenting, his integrity unabashed,

Tho not so graceful when riding his bike, He's been pegged with the nick name "Crash".

Precious time he takes to spend with our youth, The smiles he brings to their face, will burn in these

throughout their lives, and no line will ever erase. The spark in his eyes when he speaks with our young, makes you sir, a hero...unsung.

But, forget it fugitive, you don't stand a chance, Especially if you try to jump bail. He'll chase you down like the blank that you are and Head straight back to his jail.

Tho at times you're the tough guy and we sense a touch of beast, The love and respect shown you Is unquestionable to say the least.

Complaints flow in like water and the thanks seem so few, but We're here to tell you Loren, We think the world of you!

Yes, you're Our Man Dehind The Badge, And in each heart and mind, there's no one like you throughout

The earth, you're truly quite a find.
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Cleo Gladys Gray Farr CLARENDON Cleo Gladys Gray Farr,

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died Saturday January 31, 1998. Graveside services were in Citizens Cemetery with Dr. James Bell, pastor of First United Methodis

Church, officiating Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Farr was born in McAlister, N.M., and raised in Clarendon. She attended Clarendon College. She moved to Amarillo and lived there

until a recent move to Georgetown.

She married Raymond Farr in 1932. They were later divorced.

Survivors include a son, Wesley Farr of Groom; four daughters, Eva Hermesmeyer Clarendon, Kathie Fleming of San Antonio, Anita Hanley of Norman, Oklahoma, and Cleta Thornhill of Georgetown; stepsister, Kathleen Yankie of Clarendon; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.

Hubert Edgar Johnson PAMPA -Hubert Edgar Johnson, 73, died

Wednesday, January 28, 1998. Vigil services were in

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Scott Raef, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic of Spearman, Church officiating. Funeral Mass was in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Rev. Joe the with Bixenman, vicar general, of Amarillo, diocese officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens.

Mr. Johnson was born in Pampa. He was a

World War II veteran of the Army, serving in Europe with Company I, 9th Infantry Division.

Mr. Johnson was retired carpenter and member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Frank Keim Council No. 2767, for 41 years.

He married Elizabeth "Betty" Berres in 1952 at Groom

Survivors include his wife; a son, Chris Johnson of Pampa; a sister, Gladys Heard of Jennings, La.; a brother, Johnson Castroville; four grandchildren; and great-granddaughter. and

The family requests

memorials be to Frank Keim Council of Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 431, Pampa, Texas, 79066-0431, or Baptist Anthony's Hospice St. Life Enrichment and Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas, 79176.

Opal Stamps

Opal Stamps, 89, of Highland died Wednesday at Redlands Community Hospital. The cause of death is unknown, pending a doctor's report. Stamps, a native of Tucumcari, N.M., lived in San Bernardino County 19 years.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Church of Christ.

Survivors include three Kenneth Cathedral City

Raymond and A.C., both of Landers; four daughters, Fawn Highland, Dorothy Brown of Raymondville, Texas, and Jerry Gowetor and Winona, both Wheatland, Mo.: her brother, William Shockley of Dumas, Texas; and sister,

Texas. Memory

Park

of Beulah Shockley Groom, of

Graveside services were Garden on

Who Decided Boys Should Wear Blue, Girls Pink?

Someone in England, 1400, probably circa someone who was in the business of selling dye. And someone who definitely wasn't feminist!

Since blue was the color of the sky - and, hence, of heaven and God - it was believed to be a color that warded off evil spirits. boys were dressed in it, however, because were thought to be of no interest to demons.

It took another 100 years before girls their own color. opposite of blue is red, but that was considered too strong a color for girls, so the softer pink was used.

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On Carson County

NEWS RELEASE #5 February 5, 1998

As a candidate for Carson County Judge it is in my obligation to the voters to research and investigate the issues, state my position, and offer my solutions for the county's problems.

Back in the fifties and sixties there were not any republican primaries at the county level in the Texas Panhandle. In this area all the counties had democrat judges with four democrat commissioners in each county. Now just in 30 to 40 years these counties are controlled by judges except Roberts County and that judge told me that he is leaving the democrat party to run in the republican primary March 10th.

Gray, Armstrong, Potter, and Hutchinson Counties join Carson County on the East, South, West and North. They all have republican judges and most of these counties have at least 3 out of 4 republican commissioners. Times have changed and so have party platforms and beliefs.

Why is Carson County the only county in the area with a tax and spend democrat judge? We the people have not had a choice since 1982. The present judge has not had an opponent in the fall election in 4 terms or 16 years. That is not democracy in action. He has increased your taxes many times over the past 16 years while habitually asking for more pay for himself. It is really time for a change.

Now for some interesting facts for the voters. The present judge and commissioners did vote themselves another pay raise for this year while approving a deficit budget. They voted to take money from the county reserve to keep operating. I predict the judge will propose a balance budget before the fall election. He probably has a tax increase planned for you next year to balance his budget. When you spend more than you take in you have two choices, a tax increase or a deficit budget and take money from the reserve to keep operating. As judge and county budget manager, I will balance the budget without a tax increase and without drawing from the reserve. I will cut out wasteful unpeceasery spending. With my experience in money management. I can do it. out wasteful unnecessary spending.

More facts with numbers. In the past few months I have been

the past few months I have been working to gain more information for the voters to consider. In talking with 5 republican county judges, and a few commissioners from adjacent counties, I received the following figures. In Armstrong County the judge told me his salary was \$18,234.00 last year. The Roberts County judge said he got \$28,056.00 while the Panhandle Newspaper said the Carson County Judge gets about \$45,000.00 per year. He has a meal allowance in that and he gets about \$5,000.00 per year car allowance for driving a few allowance for driving a few blocks to work at the courthouse



blocks to work at the courthouse. He also gets travel expenses when he leaves the county. Do any of you get a meal allowance or \$5,000.00 per year car allowance for driving ten blocks to work?

The commissioners in Armstrong County got a salary of \$4,698.00 each in 1997. In Roberts County commissioners get \$400.00 per month for two meetings or \$4,800.00 per year and no car allowance. If you are a tax payer you had better set down for this. In Carson County, the commissioners meet two days a month and get paid \$23,638.00 each per year plus \$3,600.00 per year car allowance for a total of \$27,238.00 per year for each commissioner. In some counties some commissioners have not been on a county dirt road since their high school days. Oh yes, they also get travel expenses. Where do these high Carson County salaries come from? Right out of you Carson County tax payers pockets and bank accounts.

My proposed solutions to these high Carson County taxes and salaries; First, it is time for the voters to vote them limits on election day and throw the rascals out. They should be replaced with

My proposed solutions to these high Carson County taxes and salaries, risk, it is time for the voters to vote them limits on election day and throw the rascals out. They should be replaced with people from our community who can do a better job. My next proposed solution is to set Carson County salaries for a position by taking the four County average for the same positions in our adjoining counties. This would be fair. Carson County has one of the highest pay scales of any county in Texas. There is no justification for inflicting this kind of burden on our county residents. Carson County only has 6,677 residents while Grey has 24,055, Hutchinson has 25,659, and Potter 107. 273, accurately the county of the has 106,736 population. Armstrong has 2,114 people. These figures came from the 1998 Texas Almanac. A four county average salary would be a good place to start when setting Carson County payrolls. Carson County does not have near the work load as three of the adjoining counties. It

is food for thought.

In this falls election our republican governor will win by a landslide. The present democrat Lieutenant Governor is not running but has endorsed republican Bush for governor. The democrat Attorney General seeing he could not win is not a candidate. We have a republican county attorney. Our U.S. Congressman is republican as is both U.S. senators. Our state senator is a republican. The U.S. House and Senate are now controlled by republican majorities. The Potter County Sheriff and Amarillo Police Chief have both left the liberal democrat party.

The Jeffersonian conservative democrats did not leave their party, their party left them. The socialist, tax and spend liberals have taken control of the democrat party. It now appears that in the very near future conservative democrats should be placed on the endangered species list.

I believe 1998 is going to be a great year for you, Carson County, and the State of Texas. I

foresee a clean sweep at all levels by conservative Republicans in this falls election. This will be

great for farmers, business owners, working people, home owners, and all property owners. You will be able to keep more of the money you work for and you will be taxed less on the property you already own.

already own.

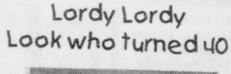
In 1993 Democrat Bill Clinton and his tax and spend liberal democrats voted you the largest tax increase in history. In 1994, voters reacted to the Contract With America and gave the conservative republicans control of both the House and the Senate. The republicans then voted you a tax rollback. That tax relief is the reason for the present good economy. In 1997 the Texas republican governor gave Texans tax relief. As Carson County Judge and budget director next year, I will assure you a balanced budget without any tax increase and without taking money from the reserve.

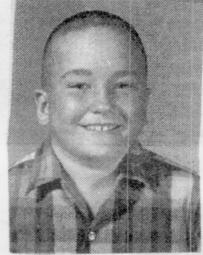
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Become a part of the political process and vote for the candidate of your choice in the republican primary. It am asking you for your vote March 10th.

Now, about News Release #4 last week- "What Are You?", your parents and grandparents 50 and 100 years ago were probably die hard Jeffersonian democrats. My parents were, but that democrat party is long gone. Now it is time for us as educated people to think for ourselves and examine which party today best represents our beliefs and values. Be honest with yourself about todays democrate and republican parties. Assures "What Am Veve?" Italia our part visit I am democrat and republican parties. Answer, "What Are You?" Until our next visit, I am,

Cordially yours, Lee Cockrell (麦皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮皮





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Local Groom Scholars Named To West Texas University Honor Roll

Appearing on the West Texas A&M University Dean's List from Groom were Bart Britten, junior,

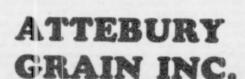
chemistry; Jeffery Fields, senior, kinesiology; Misty Homen, junior. kinesiology; Krista D. Percival. senior, environmental science; Sustaire, kinesiology; freshman,

by SCI of Houston, Texas

Rebecca R. Yelverton, social studies senior, history.

Listed on the President's List from Groom are Rebecca Conrad, senior, kinesiology; Stacy Fields, senior, science composite; and Jarret Weinheimer, freshman, agribusiness.







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Dumb?

Friends of the Countess Marie of Coventry, hair. England, that's who. In 1760, the beautiful

died of lead poisoning as a result of the excessive amount of makeup she used on her face and Her premature death gave rise to the

popular notion blondes are dumb.

Blondes somewhat redeemed in the early days of motion pictures when platinum blondes like Jean Harlow

perceived were anything dumb. but Unfortunately, Marilyn Monroe changed that and blondes have remained "dumb" ever since.



The III Lean New

Commerce Bank Building No. 5 Thursday February 5, 1998



Dorsey To Seek Office

In the short period of time that I have been on the McLean I.S.D. School Board we have had some relatively volatile and controversial issues arise. I assure you that I have made every effort to make unbiased coercion free decisions on all matters.

Should you elect me as Justice of the Peace in Precinct #4, I will #lso assure you that I will be fair and impartial in rendering any and all judgements.

would appreciate your vote in upcoming election.

Thank you. Don Dorsey



Don Dorsey

It's All Trew . . . It's The Poor Man's Press

By Delbert Trew

In late May of 1942 at Perryton, Texas we were preparing for the coming wheat harvest. father farmed six sections of dryland wheat and with the war going on we were desperate for farm hands. During a quick run to town for parts, Dad picked up a hitch-hiker looking for work and brought him home to the farm.

I was nine years old and my brother was five. We watched closely as the young man chose a bed in the bunk-house

gave the 1997 and 1998

budget proposal and it was approved. Sally

Bohlar gave the executive

report on the meeting

December. The members

voted on fund raisers for

February and March.

For Valentines, candy

grams were voted on and

approval was cast for a

school directory. The

printing will be paid for

by advertising donations

was the first committee

to report. The school

will be taking a field trip

February to see art work

from the Smithsonian

Institute. Any one that

Arts and Education

from local businesses.

was held in

that

unpacked belongings. He placed underwear and socks into a drawer, hung his work clothes on nails in the wall, and lifted out a pair of new khaki trousers and shirt laying them on a nearby bed.

We were fascinated when he lifted up the mattress and scooted it aside exposing the metal springs below. Next, he cut up a card-board box laying it on the springs. He tore brown paper bags apart and covered the card-board smoothing out all the wrinkles.

See Trew, pg. 13

PTA To Publish School Directory,



Zelda McClellan and Leta Mae Hess served delicious stew, chili, and cobbler at the lunch benefiting the McLean-Alanreed Area Museum.

Tiny Crock-Like Critter Finds Home In McLean

and cuddly, then this set and won't get much is not for you. But if you're thinking more along the lines of exo ic, then this caymen, a small version, of the crocod le, may be just what you have in mind.

This caymen is owned by Mike and Laura Campbell of McLe in. "Randall Greer found it in the creek bed that runs through town, and Loyd Smith got it from him, and we got it from Loyd," said Laura.

"I think they're from she South America," added, "and they grow to fit their environment.

If you're thinking warm Ours is about a foot long bigger." They have had their unusual pet since last summer.

"We feed it fish, mice, things like that. It's real funny. It won't eat in front of people, and it will only eat in the water."

It's home aquarium which is kept at a constant 80 degrees to mimic it's natural environment, Laura said.

"I've only touched it once," Laura said, adding that her husband is the one who usually feeds it because it has been known to snap at people.

Learns About Accelerated Reading By Sally Bohlar would like to volunteer The members of the to go and help the teachers with the kids is McLean PTA met in the school cafeteria at 5:30 For more welcome. information please call p.m. on January 20, 779-2605, leave Reverend message and I will call Mantooth of the Trinity you back. The Early Baptist Church led the prayer. The Daisy Troop Childhood committee is checking into grants for a led the flag ceremony. pre-school or Headstart The minutes of the November 10, 1997 meeting were read and approved. Teri Adams program. The Parent Education committee is

looking into CPR classes. The program for evening was the evening Accelerated Reading Adella Program. Jackson, the chairman for the Program Committee asked if someone from the school could come and talk to the parents about Accelerated Reading. Frida Holland approved. For March, delivered an excellent overview on how the work and programs answered any questions that we had. Her Her was much program appreciated. Mr. Crockett brought a video of the students at work on the Accelerated to Pampa on the 23rd of

Reading Program. There will be moneywoes seminar for the president and

treasurer in Amarillo on the 24th of January. On March 5th there will be a Parenting Seminar held at First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Election for the 1998 and 1999 officers will be held in March. Spring training for officers will be April 12th. There will be teacher scholarship applications handed out to all Those teachers. interested need to have them turned in by March

The following businesses and people helped with the chili helped with the dinner: Puckett's Grocery, McLean Feedyard, Wal Mart-Albertson's-Pampa, Pampa, and the Country Corner. Pam Skipper prepared the chili. The deserts and sides were prepared by officers.

The next meeting will be February 24th in the school cafeteria.

There will be a pot luck dinner held from 5:30 - 6:00. Please bring one entree or two side dishes. Beverages and utensils will be

provided. The program will be from 6:00 to Drug 7:00. Enforcement officer from Amarillo will be here to talk to us. For any information on the PTA

or its programs please call 779-2233 or any of the officers.

McLean Reminders ..

PIONEER Study Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 5 at 2 pm in the Levett Memorial Library.

RURAL HEALTH Clinic in McLean is offering an immunization clinic on February 2, 2:00 - 4:30 pm. Pneumococcal vaccines as well as vaccines for childhood diseases will be available.

NOTICE! The voter registration cut-off for the upcoming primary on February 9th. All February 9th. applications must be post marked by this date.

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McLean Briefs McLean and Mrs. Art

Melody (Collins) Tate, Jem Ann (Rice) Freeman, (Rohde) Robin McCracken, Lee Erin (Stubbs) Freeman, Misty

> McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

February 5 - Monty Joiner, Lester Allen Lee, Bill Fuller.

February 6 -February 7 - Vestal Bailey, Maybelle Nash.

February 8 - Doris Guyton, Tom Trostle, Doris Stillwell, Vera Lanesa Sutton, Glenn, Tamme Pike.

February 9 - Laura

February 10 -February 11 - Sandy Bowen, Fleta Hill, Peggy Adams.



(Riley) Hood, formerly of Rohde of Alanreed were recently members of the audience at one of Oprah Winfrey's tapings.

Neal and Beverly Odom and their children recently spent the weekend in Happy.

Dekki Dawn Crockett returned to ENMU after visiting her parents during college break.

Tori Bybee celebrated her 4th birthday in Amarillo Saturday at Chucke Cheese's family and friends.

Anna Jean and Tyler Lamb were in town visiting her parents.

Cookie Sales for Girl very Scouts were successful.

The Mayor and several of his buddies went fishing, without much luck, but lots of fun.

A buffalo skull was donated to the McLean-Alanreed Area Museum.

Carr On WTAMU President's List

Penny (Lee) Carr was listed on the President's List at West Texas A&M University for the fall 1997 semester. She had 3.92 grade point

McLean Care Center **Holds Sunday** School Classes

Morning

Residents

chocolate or angel food

cake and visited. Then

most of them moved

over to the T.V. to

watch Price is Right.

That afternoon, residents

watched the first half of

out were Phyllis Bailey,

Finson, Truman Goodlett,

Lopez Hauck, Hadda

Moore, Dorothy Patterson,

Dovie Simmons, Bud

Simpson, Don York, Eula

came around with a fun

game of beach ball kick

in the morning and the

bingo in the afternoon.

Those out for bingo were

Bowling, Thelma Finson, Truman Goodlett, Lopez

Hauck, Dorothy Patterson,

Teresa Richardson, and

residents gathered for

current events and "Price

afternoon eight residents

gathered for dominos.

The activity director from

Bailey, Ora ley, Vernee

and

"My Fair Lady."

Sue Cubine,

Morrow,

Thursday

Ayers.

Phyllis

Don York.

Friday

is Right."

Billingsley,

Sunday School classes are going real well, with wonderful attendance each week. There is usually between 21-26 residents out each Sunday. this past Sunday there was a large group to worship with Assembly of God.

Monday morning, many residents worked Valentine boxes during the craft session. That afternoon, Sue Cubine, Truman Goodlett, Jessie Watson, Dick Wheeler, Dorothy Patterson, Don York. James Throckmorton, Lopez Hauck, Ora Billingsley, Ruby Eula Morrow, Bailey, Phyllis Ayers, Bailey, Mattie Vernee Bowling and Mable Dickey played bingo, with each of them enjoying bananas afterwards. Tuesday,

On morning was spent fixing the ladies fingernails and painting them. In the afternoon, residents got together to play dominos or do crafts. Those attending were Dorothy Patterson, Ora Billingsley, Lopez Hauck, Dick Wheeler, Dovie Simmons, and Phyllis Bailey.

start Wednesday, 21 residents

Amarillo, Chris Cooper, came that day to get some craft ideas and give us some new activity ideas. Hopefully, these ideas will be able to be tried soon. Briefs gathered in the dining room for the Wednesday

Circle.

enjoyed

Thelma

Ruby

morning

In the

On Thursday, February 12, 1998, Commissioner

Rick Perry will be at a luncheon in Wheeler, Texas. The time will be from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Perry will speak for approximately 20 minutes.

For information call Ravonda Hardcastle at the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce 806-826-3665 or 806-826-3676.

"I Remember When. . .

Mangum, Oklahoma and camped out in the city park, with another family for about five days. There was my dad, Frank King, my mom, Lizzy, me and my sister Lucille. There was a big tabernacle in the park

Every morning my dad would go out to his farm, 9 miles northeast

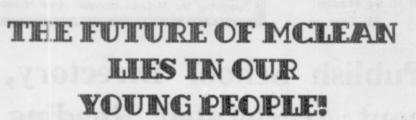
"When I was 11 or of McLean, and bring in 12, we came up from corn and watermelon. (This was during fruit season) and my mother would fry corn for breakfast on the campfire in a big iron skillet. It tasted wonderful.

My dad later moved us to McLean with the main reason being he said, "the water was so good here.

Marye King Thomas

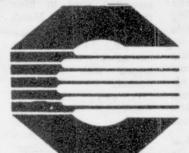
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Letter To The Editor. . .

Delbert Trew's Column Receives Kudos

[Editors Note: A check for renewal of the Groom-McLean newspaper for one year was received from T.F. McPherson, of Griffin, Georgia along with the following letter.]

We love to read Delbert Trew's column when you have one, would you please respond

in the paper possibly as others would like to know if he has written a book. If so where could we send for it.

The only complaint I have is that I enjoy the paper, being so far away and it always takes two weeks to get it. Can anything be done about that. All the news is old

by the time I get it. Thank you, T.F. McPherson Response From The Publisher

Dear Ms. McPherson: Thank you for your letter to the Groom/McLean News. To try and answer your concerning questions more of Delbert Trew's articles; The articles sometimes are quite lengthy and we are limited to space. This week as an example, the newspaper added four more pages due to advertising which keeps the little newspaper alive. Our goal, the same as it was fourteen years ago would be to have this newspaper contain sixteen pages each week. That would be a good size for our area but again its the advertising required to add four more pages.

hear from our readers

giving us constructive

should remember those

folks and the businesses

Our readers

criticism.

You mention in your letter that it takes two wonderful weeks to get the paper to you in Georgia. Yes, we have heard this before. Our postmaster is very good and understanding. We will check from this end and you notify your postal officials there. tend to other business!

who advertise with us and let them know they are the ones week in and week out who keep this paper healthy.

Thank you. Sincerely, Phil Miller

Trew's Visit Arizona

Delbert and Ruth Trew returned January 31st from their second trip to Arizona in January. delivered their They chuck wagon on the first trip, January 5-10, and sheep herder's wagon the second trip, January 25-31. Both wagons had been sold in September of 1996 and will be housed in a John Wayne Museum being built in Maricopa, Arizona.

The Trews enjoyed both trips, visiting old and new friends during the first trip, and visiting Old Tucson and Route 66 friends on the second trip. They met many interesting people during both trips, saw so much beautiful scenery, enjoyed good weather-some hot, some cold, but home certainly looked good. They plan to stay home now and

Committee To Review Prison Work For Abuse

Governor Bob Bullock on Monday said he wants a Senate interim committee to make sure Texas convicts working in prison industries cannot misuse information obtained from those programs.

"Strong policies must be in place to ensure prisoners don't have the chance to violate the privacy of anyone," Bullock said. "While it is important for inmates to work to help repay their debt to society, safety must always come

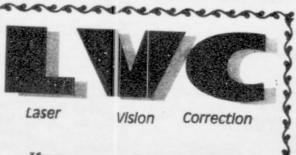
The Texas prison industry program currently has a contract with the Texas Department of Transportation to process renewal notices for motor vehicle registration and handles some vehicle title

information work for more than two dozen counties on a contract that is set to expire within a year.

Bullock asked Senate Interim Committee on Criminal Justice to study third party personal information that might be obtained by inmates through the prison industry program and look at laws that limit the use and possession of such information.

It has been a crime for prisoners to possess or disclose any prison industry information since 1995.

Most prison industry work programs produce goods such as food, clothing, mattresses, shoes and furniture for inmates and other state agencies. The work program also makes license plates and



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Keeping an eye on Texas Valentine gift: Only in Texas If you haven't found that unique gift for Valentine's Day, you can tell your sweety you had a town in Texas named just for her. Here's a list of towns in Texas with a lady's name: Addielou Dolores Donna Adell Maud Rosita Adrian Eden Edna May Maydelle Electra Maypeari Melissa **Eloise** Selma Allison Shannon Lavada Elsa Alma Morgan Shirley Ethe Leona Anna Stacy Levita Myra Eunice Annette Lillian Natalia Tara Aurora Flo Lindsay Nell Tulip Bebe Flora Olivia Lissie Vera Florence Lolita Ovilla Verona Catarina Gail Victoria Loraine Panola Georgia Patricia Vivian Charolette Harriet Lorena Whitney Louise Pearl Christine Henrietta Luella Clara Hilda Peggy Winnle Lydia Winona Penelope Cleo Ida Mabelle There's Courtney Idalou Posey Margaret Rachal Dabney Inez also: Dawn Marie Rochelle Venus Irene Desdemona Valentine Diana SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

You Can Turn The Tables On Telemarketers

By Attorney General Dan Morales

Congratulations! You can win a car worth \$35,000; \$10,000 in cash; a European vacation; or a diamond necklace worth \$2,000. Your purchase today of our fabulous vitamins will automatically enter you into this amazing sweepstakes.

What's wrong with this pitch? A prize must be free. It's the law. The caller must tell you how to enter the contest without making any purchase. The caller must also inform you of the odds that you will actually win the prize.

If you are over 50, you may get a call from a dishonest telemarketer with an offer that sounds too good to be true. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) says 56 percent of the people telemarketers call are age 50 or over.

You may have already gotten a call congratulating you on winning a prize. For instance, you may have won a free vacation, but you may have to pay \$1,000 or more for the airfare to get there.

You may have been

promised help to qualify for that loan you thought you would never get. Or you may have been assured you could get

late payments removed

from your credit record. The seniors preyed upon by dishonest telemarketing companies are often well educated and socially active, with above-average incomes. pitches sales telemarketers use are appropriately sophisticated, including phony prizes, illegal sweepstakes, sham investments, and crooked charities.

Since 1995, our office has recovered more than \$4 million for consumers by successfully suing or settling suits with 37 telemarketers. I am proud of our successful enforcement of laws a gainst fraudulent telemarketing. We have been working hard to identify and prosecute these scam artists.

Last year, the OAG answered 2,258 consumer complaints related to telemarketing, refunding \$90,882 to consumers after 729 mediations. It would be so much better to prevent seniors from being victimized in the first place. The most

effective method of combating telemarketing fraud is prevention.

This fall, we are cosponsoring "Operation Fight Back" throughout Texas in partnership with Seniors Against Fraud Texas (SAF-T). This is a prevention strategy to fight telemarketing fraud.

"Operation Fight Back" can educate seniors to protect themselves from telemarketing fraud. Senior volunteers, many of them former victims will run of scams. reverse boiler rooms. Boiler rooms are the hot, with rooms phone lines multiple where telemarketers sit to make their high-pressure sales calls.

These senior volunteers may be dialing your number to warn you about telemarketing scams and tell you how to avoid them. Please take time to listen to their These callers are offering you a truly valuable prize: the lowdown on how to separate truth from fiction when dealing with telemarketers.

The SAF-T coalition sponsoring the operation combines the fraudfighting resources of the OAG American Association of Retired Persons. Southwestern Pioneers, Texas Retired Teachers Association, National of Retired Federal Employees, and the Texas Department of

You May Be Over The Hill If ...

By Lena Carter

The family Ford had a coil box for ignition and in damp cold weather absolutely refused to start no matter how much you turned the old crank, and neighbors passing by were bound to say "you must be going a far" piece, you sure are "winding" it up.

If you asked the teacher "May I go get a drink?" it meant going out in the school yard

and pumping it with a hand pump.

When your version of "The man on the flying trapeze" was a cable stretched from a tree on top of the hill across the creek with a metal hoop or a rope on which you could go flying down. (Lots of broken arms resulted.)

When the old Chevy or Ford had no heater which made "lingering" in front of the house after a date brought you home, almost impossible, especially when you crept into bed with "Granny" and tried to inch your cold feet up to her warm ones.

When using the word "Darn" in exasperation was a no-no.

Lillian Mercer Passes Away Services Held

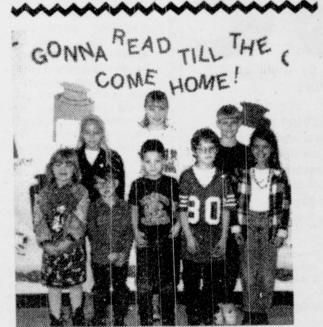
Lillian Pearl Mercer, 89, died Saturday, January 31, 1998.

Services were Tuesday in Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. James Mantooth, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mercer was born in Kennett, Mo., and moved to McLean in 1941. She was a cook and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rosalie Henley in 1995.

Survivors include three sons, Joe Mercer and Bill Mercer, both of Amarillo, and Jack Mercer of Dallas; two daughters, Myrtle Billingsley of McLean and Juanita Freeman of Shamrock; 18 grandchildren; 42 greatgrandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.



McLean Elementary Students of the Week: Kindergarten Brian Shackelford, 1st grade Emory Crawford, 2nd grade Mark Smith, 3rd grade Shelby Terry, 4th grade Kevin Smith, 5th grade Ashley McClendon, 6th grade Sarai Sawyer, 7th grade Jeff Lee.

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Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle, onions, fruit, milk.

Trew Each Saturday night all through the summer he removed the suit from the 'press' and wore it to town where he spent two dollars going to the movie. After returning home each night he carefully replaced the suit back into the 'press.'

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elderly grandmother. replied, "Haven't you ever When he left us at saw a 'poor man's press' school time he had his summer wages entire except for twenty-two dollars. Dad also paid him a bonus for his excellent work.

I can't remember his name, but I would bet money that wherever he is now, he is a nice man with a nice family, and if he kept up his frugal habits, such as the 'poor man's press' he is a wealthy man.

Finally, he spread the khaki suit out on the brown paper. Each crease was lined up straight, and each fold was smoothed out. After the suit was laying to his satisfaction, he slid the mattress back in place being careful not to disturb the suit below.

My curiosity got the best of me so I asked, "What did you do that He laughed and

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saw a 'poor man's press' before?"

Alanreed News

James Jimmy and Armbrister were in Amarillo on business Wednesday.

Visiting at First Baptist Church and the Robert Bruce's Sunday was their granddaughter Kaye and husband of Hereford.

Proud grandparents were also bragging grandson, Paul, was on the A Honor Roll this month.

Kristi Tidwell, granddaughter of Nora Turner also made the Dean's List at West Texas this term.

Jim and Vonnie Bible recently made a trip through Oklahoma and up into Missouri.

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January 27 Galley 21, Rachel Shaley Stalls 13, Amanda Cline 6, Lacey Steel 6, Vanessa Glass 5, Jessica Fleming 2, Jessica Fish 2, Lacey Steel 2, Crissy Edwards 1. McLean

Samnorwood 60 January 30 Amanda Cline 10, Lauren Williams 5, Lori Hefley

Shaley Stalls 5, Vanessa Glass 5, Lacey Steel 4. Jr. High Girls Results

McLean 20 -Higgins 36 February 2

Shaley Steel 5, Randi Jo Riley 7, Austin Williams 4, Sara Beth Hall 2, Jenny Smith 2. Junior Varsity Girls 28

McLean Samnorwood 33 (Two Overtimes) January 30 Dee Dee Floyd 19,

Jessi Fish 1, Cecily

Cadra 2, Crissie Edwards 2, Jessica Fleming 4. Boys Varsity

January 27 McLean 44 - Groom 64 Ike Hanes 26, Chris

Hauck 6, Erik Vega 2, Anthony Albus 2, Frankie Sparling 2, Terrel! Hembree 4. McLean

Samnorwood 73 Ike Hanes 11, Brett Rachel Galley 16, Montgomery 8, Anthony Albus 8, Erik Vega 7, Brian Fuller 6, Chris Hauck 6, Gary Jones 4, Frankie Sparling 4.

Jr. Varsity Boys McLean

Samnorwood 39 Daniel Simpson 23 (six 3-pointers in the 1st half) Derek Studebaker Randy Floyd 7, Terrell Hembree 6, Ricky Smith

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Producers To Speak On Ridge Till-No Till

Ridge-till and no-till producers and specialist from Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado will gather in Spearman, Texas on Wednesday, February 11th to discuss reducedtillage farming. program will be held in the O'Laughlin Center in Spearman, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Various implement dealers will have no-till and ridge-till equipment on hand. Five CEU's will be offered, and the noon meal will be provided.

Some of the area's authorities on foremost ridge-till and mulch-till farming will provide presentations on their These operations. speakers bring a number of years of experience and diversity to the program. Systems highlighted will include

non-irrigated furrow and center pivot irrigated systems, and operations encompassing stocker cattle programs.

Scheduled to speak include: Harold Grall and Dee Vaughan of Dumas, Texas; Gerald Beer of Guymon, Oklahoma; Wayne Lidster Dalhart, Texas; Robbins of Burlington, Colorado; and Rodney Clawson of Gruver.

These presentations will during be given breakaway sessions to allow producers to build their own program.
There are four opportunities to hear

classroom style presentations. Six speakers and topics will be offered, with each speaker making their presentation twice.

With rainfall being the foremost limiting factor in crop yields on the High Plains of Texas, the manner in which a producer makes use of soil moisture can very well determine the of the profitability of the operation. With the high cost of diesel and natural gas, a reduction in pumping and equipment hours can make a substantial impact on production costs. growing number producers are finding that conservation tillage systems have the answers they are looking for.

If attending, please RSVP by calling the NRCS office in Spearman, Texas at (806) 659-2330.

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Briefs

Shawn and Paul Bruce of Pampa visited their grandparents the Robert Bruce's Sunday.

IRS Offers More Filing Options

Dallas - The beginning of a new year also signals the start of the annual federal tax filing season. It's time to file income tax forms again.

This year's tax forms look a lot like last year's forms despite a huge number of tax law For example, changes. Form 1040 has just two new lines - one for the medical savings account deduction and the other for the adoption credit, both provisions resulting from 1996 legislation. Most of the changes in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 will not start until 1998.

According to the IRS, most taxpayers file their taxes between the last few days of January through the first three February. of weeks That's the IRS' "peak filing period." "Once people receive their W-2 earnings statements from their employers, they usually don't waste any time in filing their annual tax return because they're expecting a tax refund," said Ellen Murphy, IRS North Texas acting district director. About seven out of every 10 North Texas taxpayers will receive tax refunds For most this year. people, the annual chore is an easy one. All the help they need is explained in their tax package.

If people still need help, they can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS has expanded its telephone hours to six days a week, sixteen IRS hours a day. customer service representatives can be reached by telephone Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

For people who prefer to do business "on line" without standing in line, they can access the IRS HomePage on the Internet. It has free tax forms, publications and other helpful information. The IRS Internet address is: www.irs.ustreas.gov.

There are several other ways for North Texans to get tax help. They include:

* Calling 1-800-829-4477 or the number listed in the tax package to hear recorded tax information messages. Tax packages contain a list of the subjects covered these on

recordings. * Ordering free tax publications and forms by calling 1-800-829-3676.

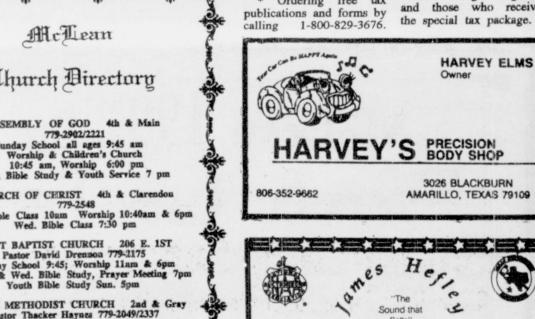
A list of available forms publications and included in each tax package. Tax forms are also available through IRS TaxFax by dialing 703-487-4160 from a fax Most forms machine. and publications are also available at libraries, banks and post offices.

* Getting free one-onone help by visiting one the many Income Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the (TCE) Elderly across North Texas.

* Visiting your local IRS office at Amarillo, 7201 I-40 West, Suite 105, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for free tax forms and or personal assistance.

Approximately 800,000 of the tax packages sent to North Texans will not have any tax forms inside. That's because

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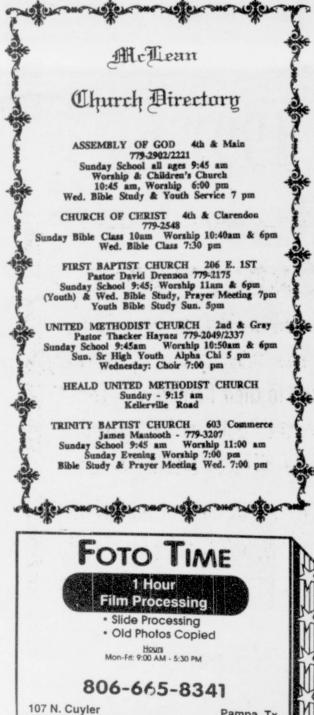


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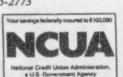


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