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Groom's Top Students Named For Graduation

Administrators of Groom ISD recently announced the top students for the Class of 1998 and the Eighth Grade graduating class.

Senior Toby Burgin has been named Valedictorian and Jimmy Chavedo, Salutatorian. Toby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burgin. He is graduating with a 98.41. Jimmy Chavedo

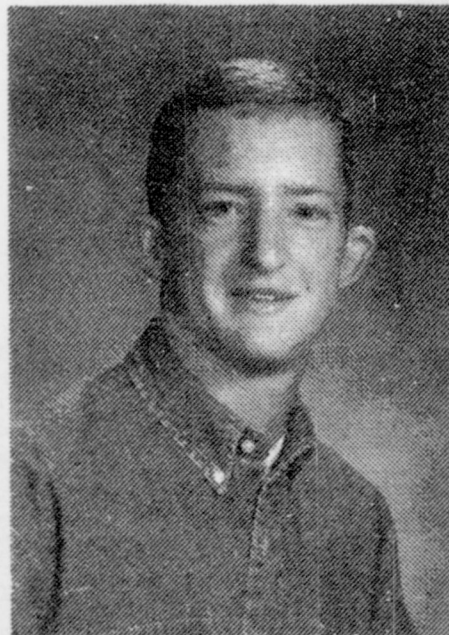
is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chavedo and has a 97.80 average.

Both young men are members of the National Honor Society and graduate with an advanced transcript. Both will qualify for special scholarships awarded by the State of Texas.

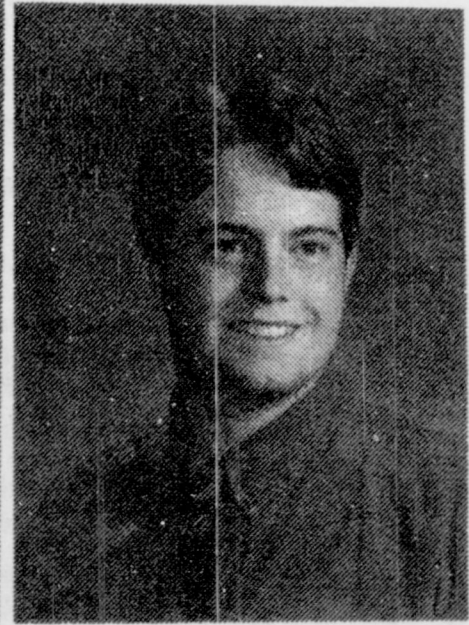
Valedictorian for the eighth grade is Garrett

Britten. Garrett has a grade point average of 97.08. Salutatorian is Candace Bohr. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bohr. Her grade point average is 94.71.

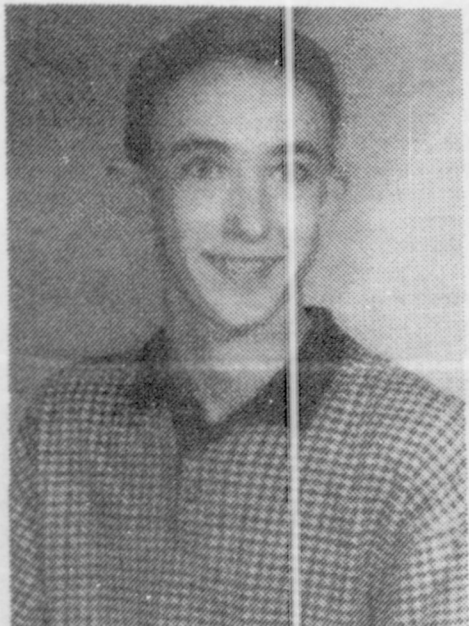
Commencement services for these and other graduating students will be held on May 29th.



Senior Valedictorian
Toby Burgin



Senior Salutatorian
Jimmy Chavedo



8th Grade Valedictorian
Garrett Britten



8th Grade Salutatorian
Candace Bohr

Conrad, Burgin Earn Top Spots At All-Sports Banquet

Approximately 200 people attended the annual Sports Banquet in the school cafeteria Monday night. Two seniors received the coveted Fighting Tiger and Fighting Tigerette awards.

Toby Burgin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burgin, has been active in basketball, football, track and tennis. He was named M.V.P. for

football as well as receiving the Fighting Tiger award.

Angela Conrad received the Fighting Tigerette award. She has competed in basketball, tennis and track. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Conrad.

Most Valuable Player honors went to Josh Evenson and Maggie Thomas in golf; Josh Evenson, Daniel

Treadwell and Jessica Friemel in tennis; Josh Evenson and Mary Hutsell in basketball; and Alberto Vega and Carrie Davis in track.

Also acknowledged for excellence were two basketball players for the highest free-throw percentage. They were Jessica Stapp and Josh Evenson. The News hopes to have pictures next week.

Sophomore Experience...

Carrie Davis Wins State Bronze Medal

By Coach Kelm
Carrie Davis finished an outstanding Sophomore track season last Saturday at the 88th annual UIL Track and Field Meet in Austin by competing in the high jump and 300 meter hurdles. Carrie Placed 6th in the 300 meter hurdles with a seasonal best time of 47.24 seconds. This race was tightly contested as all six places were within 1.2 seconds of each other. Carrie won the bronze medal in the high jump competition with a leap of 5'5". This is a truly outstanding accomplishment for any athlete as only the very elite can qualify for such prestigious competition.



Carrie has had an outstanding year and is the school record holder in both the high jump and 300 meter hurdles. Her past has been great and we are very proud of her and we look with great anticipation to future years filled with many more records and medals. Congratulations again, Carrie, you are a TRUE CHAMPION!

Donnie Carrol, New Principal-Clarendon Elementary Principal Hired Here

Groom ISD Board of Trustees announced after their May 12 meeting that they had hired a new principal for the 1998-99 school year. Donnie Carrol, currently principal at Clarendon Elementary School. Carrol is married and has two sons. The News will have more information on him in a later issue.

In other business, Joyce Hutsell issued the

Oath Of Office to recently elected members Denny Babcock, Brad Rogers and Cliff Britten.

The Board was reorganized as follows. Denny Babcock, President; Tony Treadwell, Vice President; and Tim Case, Secretary. Minutes of the April

14, 1998 regular meeting as well as the special meetings held on March 23 and April 23 were approved after some minor corrections.

Service Center contracts were discussed and approved for the coming school year. The Service Center provides services of experts for different areas such as psychological, speech therapy, and hearing disorders, etc.

The Board unanimously agreed to continue their part of funding for the Groom Summer Youth Program in the amount of \$1,000.

Bills were reviewed by the Board. The "A" List was approved with six members voting in favor and Brad Rogers abstaining.

Community Calendar...

VOLUNTEERS are needed to maintain the ambulance service in Groom. Medical training will be provided. If interested contact Kevin Kerlee, Doug Kling or Jay Lamb.

ALL GROOM ISD Library Books and lunch bills must be taken care of before report cards will be released. Final report cards will be mailed by Wednesday, June 3rd.

THE GROOM Community Clinic will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

THE ANNUAL Grandview-Hopkins Barbecue will be held on Thursday, May 21 at noon. Everyone welcome!

BASEBALL Umpires needed desperately for Groom Little League. Call Kathleen at 248-7070.

THE JERICO Cemetery annual meeting will be May 23, 1998 at Jericho, Texas. 9 am - 1 pm. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

LEST WE Forget... Memorial Day is celebrated on May 25.

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 Latta.

THERE WILL BE no school on May 25, 1998.

SEMESTER TESTS are slated to begin on May 26 at Groom ISD.

Whatley Named To Dean's List

C.J. Whatley was recently named to Clarendon College's outstanding academic student's Dean's List.

Students on the Dean's List must maintain a 3.6 Grade Point Average for the spring semester to be named.

C.J. is a Groom High School graduate and the son of Darrell and Charlotte Whatley.

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Local Happenings

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Groom I.S.D. 1998-99 Calendar

- August**
 10: Teacher Work Day
 11: Teacher In-Service
 12: Teacher In-Service
September
 7: Teacher In-Service
 25: End 1st 6 weeks
October
 12: Holiday
November
 6: End of 2nd 6 weeks
 25-27: Holiday
December
 22: End of 3rd 6 weeks
 23-31: Holiday
January
 1: Holiday
 22: Holiday
February
 12: End of 4th 6 weeks
 15: Holiday
March
 15-19: Holiday
April
 1: End of 5th 6 weeks
 2-5: Holiday
May
 20: End of 6th 6 weeks
 21: 1/2 day teacher workday
 24-25: Teacher in Service

Local Judge Attends Seminar In Lubbock

Judge Bill Hinson was certified at the recent 20 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held May 5 - 8, 1998, in Lubbock, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Death and Dying: How to Process the Emotion, Justice of the Peace and Constable Relations and Duties, Emergency Mental Commitments, Cultural Diversity, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues, Legal Research, Court Costs and Fees, Disposition of Stolen Property, Advanced Civil Law and Trial Procedure.



Mayfield-Thornton Plan July 4 Altus Wedding

Shellie Mayfield and Curtis Thornton, plan to wed July 4, 1998 in Altus, Oklahoma.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Helen King of Altus and the late Bill Whorton. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Jerry and Nadine Thornton of Groom, Texas.

Mayfield is a 1988 graduate of Altus High School. She is a 1991 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of business administration in management degree.

She is currently assistant director of admissions and registrar at Western Oklahoma

State College. She is the granddaughter of Wendell and Dorothy Jones of Elk City and Betty Whorton of Hollis, Oklahoma.

Thornton is a 1983 graduate of Groom High School. He is also a 1988 graduate of Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, with a bachelor of business administration in finance degree.

He is currently assistant vice president at First State Bank of Altus. He is the grandson of R.B. Thornton of Groom, and Ivy Clark of Amarillo, Texas.

The couple will make their home in Altus, Oklahoma.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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Spring Fling, Husbands and Dogs. . . .

By Nita Ramming
Brush & Palette met at 9 a.m. Monday, May 4, to journey to Amarillo for their Spring Fling. We "flung" up and down 6th St. and looked at antiques, crafts, birdhouses by the jillions and all kinds of things. It was a very interesting

and fun day. I met them in Amarillo so I didn't get to hear all their talk on the drive. Probably missed some good info for all of you, but that's the way it goes. We discovered that we have a bunch of antiques (excluding our husbands) we use

everyday and then some we have just for memories. Be sure and never throw away your shoe polish bottles, coke bottles, worn out quilts and clothes because you can sell them for a goodly price someday. We ate at Parks, and what a problem we had placing our order. Everyone ordered quiche the first time and we thought that was easy enough. Lo and behold, here came the waitress back. . . they were out of breakfast quiche. Of course that was no surprise since it was noon and not breakfast, but Shirley, Juandell, Evelyn and Dorothy ordered it anyway. They can't tell time or their eye sight is getting so bad they can't see their watches. Anyway, Shirley and Juandell decided to split a Panini which is a big glorified sandwich. Then Evelyn and Dorothy thought that was a good idea so Evelyn says ham; Dorothy said she had been eating ham all week and she wanted vegetable. Evelyn won and Dorothy had to eat ham AGAIN. Pat and I had spinach quiche. MMM Good! We then started back looking and finally left at 4 p.m. Everyone crashed when we got home because we were soooo tired. if you decided to visit 6th Street, may I suggest you go on the weekend. Many stores were closed on Monday, but I guess it was a good thing or we never could have made it home.

Monday, the 11th, we had a small group. Juandell is off in Washington watching her granddaughter perform. Shirley hauled off one of her granddaughters to get rid of her in the east somewhere. Then there is Charlene. She was home helping Buddy mow. Now here is one more husband that does not realize that Monday is "Don't ask me to do anything cause it's painting day" day. Buddy will just have to learn this and change mowing day off of Monday.

We elected officers for the new year. Shirley Fields, president; Charlene Weller, vice-president; Juandell Ritter, secretary/treasurer. All of these elected by acclamation. They didn't even give me the option of whether I would serve as reporter. They said I was honorary reporter for always. I wonder if they really mean "ornery." Now those others were not there to defend themselves, but I was and it didn't do me any good anyway.

Dogs are a lively subject around Pat and Evelyn. Saturday was shot day for dogs. Now

the puppy at the Ollinger home was supposed to be Evelyn's, but W.H. has taken a liking to him. Now here is another example of a husband evidently thinking a wife has nothing to do but answer his every beck and call. Evelyn was being such a devoted wife and baking a cake when W.H. says it is time to go get the dogs their shots. The cake was in the oven so he left with the dogs and was going to come back later and get her...but he forgot. She called him on his pickup phone and guess what? He had already got the dogs their shots and was talking. Advice from the alien ET... W.H., Call Home! and Happy Birthday!

Pat's Beau dog has been in the news frequently. This time he

ran out the front door and would not let them catch him. So Dan decided he was going to teach him a lesson and, like the great white hunter, got his air gun and proceeded to shoot at this poor little disobedient dog. Pat said to Dan as she was cleaning Beau up and found blood on his backside, "You could have put out his eye" to which Dan replied "I wasn't aiming at his eye." We have had a very good year and we look forward to another productive year in the fall. Think about joining us for some good fellowship and painting. Be back with you in the fall. Hope you have a great summer!

THE GROOM ISD Music Department will hold "An Evening In The Park" on May 21st.

Superintendent Offers Report On D.E.C.

Ben Ingham of Groom ISD reports that the D.E.C. visit went very well.

"I will not have a written report for about 45 days, but the report we heard in the exit visit was filled with positive terms," he advised.

Each section of the report contained an area for recommendations. Some of the areas that need changes were: Some physical changes to the building itself, for handicapped accessibility; a revised gifted and talented plan and training for teachers.

None of these areas will be able to be addressed until the report comes in July.

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Britten Awarded Scholarship

Joe Britten, son of Cobb and Kay Britten, was recently awarded the Layma Lee Lister Scholarship at an awards banquet at Frank Phillips College. Joe has, also, been accepted for the position of RA (Residential Assistant) which includes a scholarship for the 1998-99 school year at FPC in Borger.

Local Happening

Ray and Gaynelle Pool and Bertha Knight went to Claude recently visiting Leslie and Dora Neal at the Nursing Home.

William & Floretta Neal of Amarillo visited his sister, Bertha Knight Monday.

Justin Ritter will be in Edwardsville, Illinois this weekend, May 21st, 22nd and 23rd, running the sprint relay and the mile relay for Angelo State at the NCAA Division II National Track Meet.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

May 21 - Barney Davis, Johnny W. Brooks, Tom N. Britten, Stacy M. Munoz.

May 22 - Shirley Jean Fields, Diane Bruso, Richard Barkley.

May 23 - Charles A. Britten, Ray C. Britten, Courtney Renee Head, Christy Ellen Painter.

May 24 - Dale Brooks, Elizabeth Vega.

May 25 - Sharlene Lewis.

May 26 - R.J. Kempf, Bryan C. Newton, Dale Stapp.

May 27 - Patti McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Prather (A).

Rip and Joy Snyder cleaned their folks graves in Alanreed Monday morning.

Rip and Joy Snyder enjoyed supper with Alfred and Mary Nel White in Claude Saturday evening.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Bertie Helton and the Neals at Claude Nursing Home.

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- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

If you wish to have an informal review of your property with our staff, please contact our office at 537-3569 or come by 102 Main St., Panhandle, Texas 79068.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold

their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

102 MAIN STREET, PANHANDLE, TX 79068

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at CARSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 537-3569. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline For Filing Protests With The ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use to your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

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If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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Renovation Completed

By Bill Sperting
The Groom Community Clinic is now painted. We also have added new lighting in the hallway and the examination rooms. It is wonderful to be able to suture wounds, in bright light instead of shadows!!!

We invite everyone to come out and see the new and improved clinic.

We want to thank Mayor, Joe Homer, and the City for installing new lighting and helping us in a thousand little ways. These people are interested in what happens in Groom, and we thank them.

Remember, we will be closed Memorial Day. Jerry Wilson, PA-C, will be here Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until noon while I am away at the Annual Physician Assistant Conference in Salt Lake City. Ofelia will be here from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to handle emergencies. She can contact Jerry if needed. I will be back next Friday for a full day of work.

During the summer, we can discuss any medical problem or issue in this column. Future columns will discuss skin cancer; hepatitis; immunizations, and any other topic you want. Call the Clinic at 248-9011 with ideas for future columns.

As always, Loretta, Ofelia and I want to thank you for your support.

Band Performs For Armed Forces Day


The Groom High School Band played a patriotic song Monday during a Pantex Plant celebration for Armed Forces Day.

Honor and remembrance were the themes of the day.

Pantex employees, U.S. Military veterans and their families gathered for


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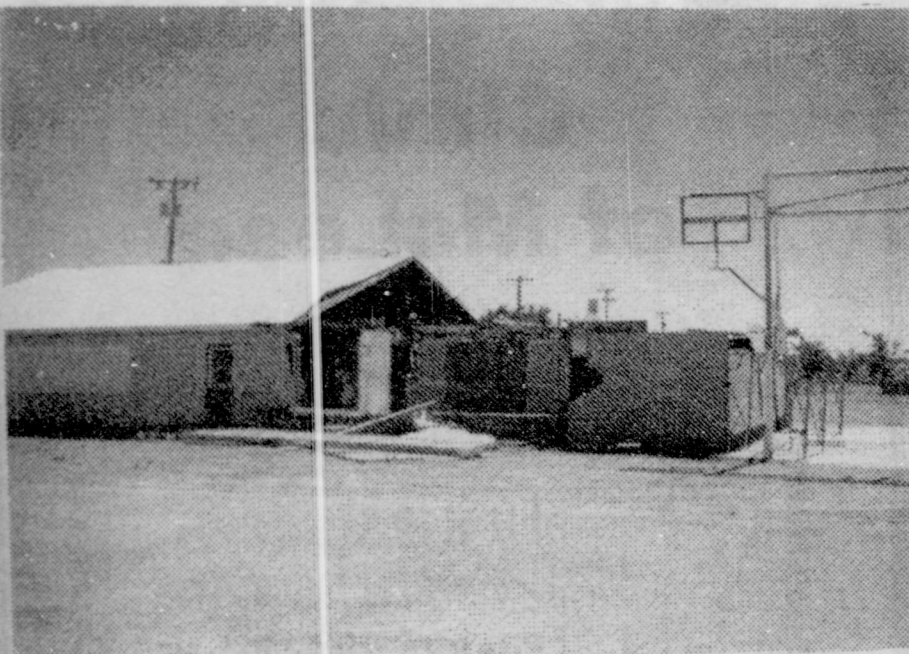
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The roof from Windom's Auto Supply sadly lays upside down in a nearby yard. Notice the hole near the peak of the garage where a 2x6 was driven through the sheeting.



Frank Gately's building suffered major damage with nearly half the roof and the side simply gone. It is unknown whether the building will be repaired.

Strangers & Locals Join Hands To Help McLean By Donations Of Labor, Money

Adverse happenings seem to bring out the best in people; even strangers reach out to those in need.

This was the case Friday afternoon at the Alanreed Travel Center, when one good Samaritan trucker left money to

help out the City of McLean and promised other truckers would follow suit.

Sure enough, Dixie Jo Crockett had a long list of individuals driving for companies that stopped by and left money that she in turn gave to Mayor Charlie McClendon.

The drivers from J.B. Hunt of Oklahoma City; Special Transport of Oklahoma City; Steelman Transport; Texas Star Express of Roswell, Texas; Red Wing Ltd. of St. Charles, Ill.; Landstar Inway; Trisor Specialized Carrie; and All Star Transportation donated money to McLean.

Late Night Storm Disrupts McLean, One Trucker Injured When Rig Tips Over

By Kristie Crockett
McLean residents were subjected to a rude awakening at 2:00 a.m. Friday morning, May 15. High winds in excess of 100 mph drove through town in the midst of a horrific thunderstorm and large hail. Many residents assumed it was a tornado, but Robert McDonald said according to the National Weather Service the storm was a "straight-line" wind.

Robert McDonald, McLean emergency coordinator and fire captain of the McLean Fire Department, told the News that the Red Cross had estimated the damage as follows:

One mobile home destroyed, thirty-five minor damaged homes, ten homes with major damage, and nineteen businesses damaged.

A truck driver was injured as he passed through McLean and his truck tipped over. He was treated and released.

The newly opened "Sweet Savors" sustained quite a bit of roof and water damage. Owner Quinton Newton looked upon it lightheartedly and joked, "We're probably the shortest-lasting business in McLean's history! Our grand opening was last Friday, and now this!" Plans to repair are underway.

James Martindale, pastor of the First Baptist Church which sustained extensive roof damage, said the air conditioner from the top of the building had blown off and bounced west on the roof and made holes. James showed me where one of the upstairs Sunday school classes was completely blocked off by debris on the stairway.

Pastor Martindale and his wife live next door in the parsonage and didn't hear the damage being done. "Troy Corbin called us after 2:00 a.m. to see if we

were alright and we said, "Yes, we're fine. We didn't know yet what had happened."

Trees were uprooted all over town, and the historic steeple of the Methodist Church was toppled and laying in the church yard.

SPS crews and McLean City employees could be seen all over town cleaning up, hauling trees and other debris away from homes and businesses.

One of the hardest hit was Windom's Auto Supply. Their roof was ripped off and landed on the property of Etyole Nichols, leaving the interior of the store exposed.

The Cactus Inn's tall sign in front of the motel was bent over like a bobby pin.

Farther north, on main street, Creed and Wanda Lamb, Vestal and Pat Bailey, Billy and Shawn Bybee, and Rickie and Brenda Jasper all suffered damage to their homes exterior, fences and roofs.

Local artist Tye Thompson also was without part of his roof.

Some residents remain skeptical that the "straight-line" wind caused the damage.

"That was a tornado" Marye Thomas declared, after surveying the damage done near her home and to the trees in her yard.

Several people still are wondering why a siren wasn't sounded to warn residents.

Ironically, weatherman, Steve McCauley of Amarillo's Channel 4 News was in town addressing the Mom's Circle on Wednesday, giving a program on the severe weather in the Panhandle. He warned the audience about possible severe weather, commenting on the dry-line that he was expecting on Thursday that did arrive. He said conditions were ripe for

a tornado at that time. The City's park was a mess of tangled limbs, trees, and downed lines.

Cones were set up at the entrances of McLean to keep out unnecessary sightseers, for their own safety. Stickers were

See Storm, pg. 10

McLean

Reminders...

Notice

Funeral services for Mattie Bailey will be held Thursday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Heald Methodist Church.

FRIDAY NIGHT, the Prom will be at the McLean Country Club, 7:00 p.m., just a week late, postponed because of the tornado like winds of last week.

CITY HALL, Lovett Memorial Library, McLean Schools, and the Post Office will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

ANYONE interested in working for the Post Office can take the postal test at the Post Office on Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22.

BACCALAUREATE Services will be in the High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

McLEAN EMS and McLean PTA is sponsoring a free Kid Care ID program and Bicycle Rodeo on May 23 at the EMS building in McLean, 10 am. See ad on page 10 for more information.

THE SPORTS Banquet has been changed to May 23, but will still be at the Devil's Rope Museum.

Briefs

Leta Mae and F.J. Hess just returned from visiting daughter Nancy and Judge Chunky Blackburn in Houston, and granddaughter Hillary and Brad Stull of San Antonio.

There were many volunteers from the area as well as townsfolk to help with the cleanup effort after the Friday morning storm.

Inmates from the Pampa prison were bused over to help clean up some of the damage.

Bob Glass stated that the downtown area looked like a war zone. The Glass family had some roof damage and a tree was uprooted and landed on their car.

McLean School Menu
 May 25 - 28
 Monday: No School
 Tuesday Breakfast: French toast sticks, bacon, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Steak sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday Breakfast: Waffles, ham, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Cook's Choice.
 Thursday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Cook's Choice.

Locals Receive Degree

Mindy Jo Magee received her Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas A&M University on Saturday. Misty Hannon and Linda Haynes received their Master's degrees at the same ceremony.

Tammye Cole, bride-elect of Jimmy Armbrister was honored with a bridal shower at the Assembly of God Church. Tammye is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommye Cole.

Holly Jasper was named to the Dean's Honor List at Clarendon College for the Spring Semester. Students must maintain a 3.6 GPA to be named to this list.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

May 21 - Ora Billingsley.
 May 22 - Jamie Barker.
 May 23 - Ricky Littlefield, Effie Lou Everett.
 May 24 - Bob Hardin, Erin Martin, Don White.
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Leta Mae and F.J. Blackburn in Houston, and granddaughter Hillary and Brad Stull of San Antonio.



Everyone lends a helping hand in the clean-up efforts. Pictured in front of the United Methodist Church's once proud steeple are Joe Cook, and Zachary, Kristin, Nicholas and Jack Odom.

Obituary

Arthur Eugene Greer
 Arthur Eugene "Gene" Greer, 81, died Thursday, May 14, 1998.

Services were Saturday in the Church of Christ with Jim Reyna, minister, officiating. Burial with Masonic graveside rites were in Hillcrest Cemetery. Arrangements were by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Greer was born in Childress. He moved to McLean from Childress in 1928. He graduated from McLean High School.

He married Rexie Mae Duggins in 1967 at McLean. She died in 1994.

Mr. Greer was a retired restaurant operator. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Dallas Consistory of Scottish Rite Bodies. He also was a member and past Master of McLean Masonic Lodge 889.

Survivors include a daughter, Kay Greer Kesterson of Borger; two stepsons, Kirby Word of Lillian and Kenneth Word of Palm Dale, California; three sisters, Annis Corbitt and Peggy King, both of Hereford, and Jane Barnes of Corsicana; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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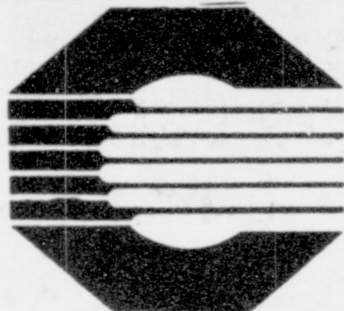
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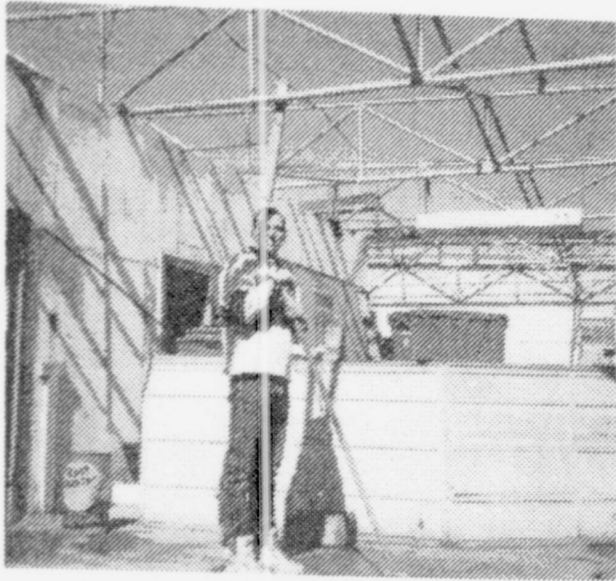
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James Smith, with broom in hand, does what he can to clean up in front of "Sweet Savors."

McCauley Visits Mom's Circle

Steve McCauley, Amarillo's Channel 4 meteorologist, was the guest speaker at Mom's Circle on May 13.

Mr. McCauley presented a slide show of various severe weather he had witnessed and offered wise advice on what to do in case one is outside during severe weather.

For instance, Mr. McCauley said if one is able to see lightning

from where one is, then there's a probability of being struck. If a person is outside in a lightning storm, "Make as small a target as possible. Squat down with your feet together, hands beside your head," he said.

For a tornado, however, it's best to be in a ditch if you find yourself outside. Don't huddle up, but spread out as a large target.

Mr. McCauley grew up in West Virginia, where he said, "The weather is much more predictable. It snowed, but it never blew sideways at 80 mph like it does in the Texas Panhandle.

He attended Purdue University and transferred to Texas Tech University to become a part of their storm-tracker research team. McCauley was part of new research that helped San Angelo get rain after a 4 1/2 year drought. "We flew a small plane directly in the clouds and threw out

blocks of dry ice. This caused a 400% increase in rain for that small area of San Angelo." He also told the rapt audience that this is not common practice because the government has a big say on matters of "controlling" the weather.

The weather has been a keen interest of McCauley's since he was nine years old growing up in West Virginia. He and his dad were fishing on the side of a mountain when a tornado, a rare thing in West Virginia, tore through a town on the other side of the mountain. His dad drove him around and showed him the terrible destruction. That day,

McCauley, who had hoped to become an astrologer, said, "I went home and tore down all of my planets that were hanging from the ceiling and decided I wanted to be a meteorologist and

hung up graphs and weather maps from then on."

Attending the meeting were Nama Webb, Beverly Odom, Kendra Burchfield, Shawn and Andrew Bybee, Deanna McClendon, Vonda Avarett, Ella Mae Reyna, Cassie Jones, and Kristie Crockett.

Judy Lee attended the nursery, with Charlie Irene Webb, Zachary and Jack Odom, Tori Bybee, Nicole McClendon, K.J. Avarett, Becca Reyna, Derek Jones, and Clay and Cody Crockett.

The children brown-bagged it and the women had a delicious tamale casserole, Mexican salad, blond brownies, and chocolate cake.

It was decided to continue meeting through the summer on the second Wednesday, of each month, but in the park instead of the church.

Briefs

McLean's Girl Scout troops brought in their news but with so many articles and pictures of storm damage they will be in next weeks edition.

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Tom Caldwell Addresses Frank Phillip's College

Thomas "Tom" R. Caldwell of Amarillo is the Frank Phillips College 1998 Distinguished Alumnus and addressed the 1998 graduates at the Frank Phillips College graduation exercises on May 1.

Caldwell received his associate of arts degree from Frank Phillips College in 1954 and a bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1956. He was active in the Acappella Choir at Frank Phillips and the student government association at Hardin-Simmons.

He was co-owner of Caldwell Realty and retired in 1991 after 26 years in the construction business.

Caldwell served as a member of the Amarillo Subcontractors Association, the Associated General Contractors, the Amarillo Board of Realtors and the Texas Real Estate Association. In addition, he was secretary and

president of the Tascosa Kiwanis Club; treasurer, president and a member of the board of directors of the South Amarillo

Kiwanis Club; and lieutenant governor, Division 33 and zone chairman of membership of Kiwanis International.

He is an ordained deacon at First Baptist Church. He is past-president of the Baptist Men's Fellowship, a member and director of the First Baptist Amarillo Foundation and a board member and assistant chairman of the Amarillo Literacy Council. He volunteers with Meals on Wheels, Adult Literacy Tutoring and ESL Tutoring.

Caldwell is married to Dorothy Caldwell; they have five children.

Tom is the son of Ralph Caldwell and Johnnie Caldwell. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holloway of McLean. Tom was born at McLean.

McLean Churches Suffer Storm Damages

Storm

provided for residents to place on their windshields so they were able to freely travel to check on friends and relatives.

On the south side of town, B&B Turbine had damage to the big overhead doors on their building.

By Friday afternoon, the town was looking much better, and clean-up crews were heading to supper after a long, hard day.

According to officials, McLean will not qualify for Federal aid.

Newscasters promised better weather on the 6 o'clock news for the upcoming days, and McLean certainly hopes the future forecasts will include lots of sunshine and little wind.

Alanreed News

By Lena Carter
Visitors at First Baptist Church Sunday and sharing Sunday lunch was Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bible of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce of Amarillo.

Jim and Vonnie Bible were in Oklahoma this week to attend athletic games for the disabled.

Lena Carter was in Amarillo last weekend at the Jim Bruce's and for medical checks.

Ray Bible layman from Canyon will hold services this Sunday in absence of Jim and Vonnie. Mr. Bible is a local boy.

Visiting the Robert Bruce's on Sunday was the Bob Bruce's, Paul and friend from Pampa.

There won't be a singing at First Baptist Church Saturday evening due to absence of leaders.



With the beautiful steeple ripped from the United Methodist Church, the skyline of McLean suddenly takes on a foreign silhouette.



The First Baptist Church suffered roof damage. Repairs are being made as quick as possible to get the building back in shape, hopefully in time for graduation.




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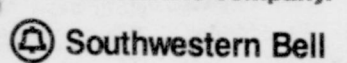


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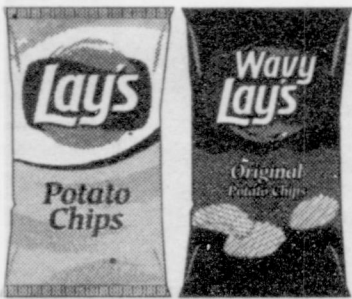


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