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Kristy Case, a four year veteran of the show ring and her sister Kay, showing for her second year, will be among competitors at the Carson County Livestock Show and Sale next weekend. Members of the 4-H they are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don Case.



The Homer boys chose raising hogs for their 4-H project. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Homer, Robert, Stanley and Daryl will be showing their hogs in the Livestock Show next week.

Groom FFA Members Prepare For Annual Junior Livestock Show

The Carson County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, Feb. 20. Local 4-H and FFA members have been preparing for months for this event raising sheep, pigs and steers for the competition.

This week, those planning to show animals in the event are involved in their final preparations. Extension agent Fields has designated Feb. 17 as the day to set up the agriculture barn in Panhandle. Work will begin at 9:30 a.m. The set up day date has been changed from

the 16th due to a scheduling conflict at the agriculture building.

Local 4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit animals at the show are Leo Britten, Bo Burgin, Melody Burton, Kay Case, Kristy Case, Brandon Crump, Rocky Crump, Stoney, Crump, Daryl Homer, Jill Howard, Kyle Howard, Richard Jenkins, Jimmy Kingston, Kevin Kurlee, Carl Loner, James Miller, Robert Miller, Brent Payton, Brian Pavlovsky, Melissa Treadwell, Johnny

Turville, Ben Weinheimer, Jarrett Weinheimer, Luke Weinheimer and Matt Weinheimer.

Local 4-H sponsors are seeking sponsorship for several of the youth's projects in the form of either buying livestock during the sale or in the form of smaller donations which can be pooled to help purchase animals. Anyone wishing to make a donation or help with the show may contact County Extension Agent John Fields.

New Tow Truck Laws Effective February 1

The laws and licensing for operating tow trucks have changed as of February 1,

1988.

In order for all tow operators to learn about these rules Joe Huertas Director of Labor and License, Enforcement Division of the Texas Department of Labor and Standards will be in

Amarillo Thursday, Feb. 25 at the LaPaloma Motel, Interstate 40 and Nelson for a 7:00 p.m. meeting with all area tow operators.

Everyone in the towing industry is urged to attend this meeting.

Farmers Still Can Enroll Erodible Land With ASCS

Texas farmers have another opportunity to enroll highly erodible land in the Conservation Reserve Program.

This sign-up period is Feb. 1 to Feb. 19. Farmers may enroll land at Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county offices where previously accepted bids do not exceed 25 percent of the cropland in the county.

"The February sign-up is the sixth since the program got underway two years ago, points out Dr. B.L. Harris, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Texans have already enrolled 2.8 million acres in CRP, and nationally about half of the 45 million acres

See ASCS, Page 10

Community Calendar

Lazy Dazy secret pal revealing party, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:30 at the home of Julie Friemel. (Don't forget your secret pal.)

Groom Ambulance Service Dance has been postponed from Feb. 13 to Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Legion Hall.

State Motel Cleanup will be Friday, Feb. 12, trucks will be needed to keep \$80 per hour machinery working to demolish the Motel. Debris will be hauled to Eschle farm.

PTO will meet Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Kountry Cousins will meet Friday, Feb. 19 in the home of Leslie Crowell at 1:00 p.m.

Carson County Judge Jay Roselius announced that federal money to help the elderly cover costs of utility bills is available to those who qualify in Carson County.

Roselius asks that any senior citizen needing assistance with gas bills should contact his office immediately by calling 537-3622 or by applying in person at the judge's office in Panhandle.

County Commissioner Mike Britten Works First Regular Court Meeting

Mike Britten was officially welcomed to the Commissioner's Court Monday at the regular meeting.

General Telephone was granted permission to install a communications line in Precinct 3 with Commissioner Strawn to verify all work.

Investment procedures for the county were discussed

with County Treasurer Peggy Butler. A policy for the counties investment procedures is to be drafted and presented at the next meeting. A \$100,000 security

bond was released by the County at State National Bank in Groom and the bond will be replaced with another \$100,000 security. The same action was performed con-

cerning a \$200,000 bond at First National Bank in Panhandle.

Sheriff Connie Reed met with the court advising them of changes in personnel he had made in his office. He requested the court consider a salary adjustment. The request was tabled.

The next meeting of the court will be Monday, February 22.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Sunday, February 14



Tuesday Grain Prices At Local Elevators

Cash prices on grain posted at grain elevators serving the Groom area Tuesday afternoon:

WHEAT \$2.78 bushel
MILO \$3.10 cwt.
CORN \$3.63 cwt.

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Mrs. Vickers Dies

Funeral services for Vera G. Vickers, 84, of Floydada were held Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1988 in City Park Church of Christ with burial in Floydada Cemetery.

Mrs. Vickers died Sunday, February 7.

She was born in Sherman and moved to Floyd County in 1940 from Arizona. She was a housewife and a member of City Park Church of Christ. She was married to James R. Vickers in 1920 at Hobart, Okla. He died in

1969.

Survivors include seven daughters Dorothy Krizan of Groom, Ruth Gilliland and Frances James, both of Floydada, Juanita Riggle of Hayes, S.D., Sammy McCulloch of Amarillo, Gayle Scott of Tulia and Louise Vickers of Abernathy; six sons, David of Lubbock, Jim and Bob, both of Floydada, Stanley of Houston, Rannie of Tacoma, Wash., and Don of El Centro, Calif.; three brothers, three sisters, 33 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

For Your Valentine

We will be open. Due to having to be closed, we are offering all clothing on special from Thursday, Feb. 11 through Monday, Feb. 15.

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Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fields visited their daughter Melissa Fields, in Odessa this past weekend. While there, they watched the Lady Wranglers play Frank Phillips College. The Wranglers defeated the Lady Plainsmen 97 to 48. This now moves them into first in their conference and third in the nation among junior colleges.

Mrs. John Gillispie of Panfork encampment visited with Mrs. Bertha Knight last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Neal of Clarendon were visiting with relatives here last week.

Lazy Dazys

Lazy Dazys met Tuesday January 19 at the home of Debbie Britten. The new year was discussed and also secret pals.

Members Linda Weller, Carole Fields, Belinda Britten, Monica Howard, Nila Burgin, Janelle Sustaire, Kathleen Barkley, Kristi Britten, Gayla Britten, Gina Homen and Ann Howard were served a six-foot submarine sandwich by hostesses Donna Barnett and Debbie Britten.

Don't forget your secret pal at the Valentine revealing party on February 16.

Card Of Thanks

I may not often talk about how much you mean to me. How dear you will always be and how much I love each and everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers and food you sent to me and your visits. Without you I would have never made it. Above all my Lord was with me all the way. I thank him and all of you from the bottom of my heart. I love you all.

Edna

Elect JERRY GAINES, Sheriff of Carson County

As your sheriff my primary goal will be to establish fast and expert police response to every segment of the County both day and night. Is this goal possible in light of necessary budgetary restraints? Yes.

In a County as lightly populated as ours we must rely to a certain extent on a large, well trained reserve system. I plan to recruit the personnel and to build a model system. Each prospect will be thoroughly screened. We have a number of citizens already fully certified as police officers by the State of Texas. Those not certified will attend school one night per week for one year. At years end, they will be certified. They will work and ride with a certified officer until they receive certification. Reserve officers will provide coverage at those times when salaried deputies are unavailable, due to scheduled days off, vacation, sickness, etc. Police cars will be manned and ready at all times to patrol and respond to your calls anywhere in the county.

There is absolutely no deterrent value in a police car parked in someones driveway. I can accomplish this goal but only with the help of every citizen of this county. This help must be in the form of your votes in the Democratic Primary on Super Tuesday, March 8th, 1988. Vote for Jerry Gaines for Sheriff. Together we will take care of business.

Julia McGee was hospitalized overnight last Wednesday at the Pampa hospital.

Truman Goodlitt returned home Monday from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mansel have a new double wide trailer.

A poem, "Eye Level Psychology," by Helen Witt is published in the March issue of Good Housekeeping.

Ora Lee Garmon returned home last Thursday.

Groom Ambulance Service
Box 111
Groom, TX 79039

MEMORIALS

For William Stubblefield

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stubblefield

For Viola Harrell

Jesslyn Williams

For Raphael Britten

Beulah Shockley

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lamberson

Ruth Knight

Ross and Cleo Nix

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Snyder

DONATIONS

For Eulless Poole

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Snyder

Baptist Women

The Baptist Women met in the home of Mrs. Stella Patterson Tuesday morning for Bible study and the Royal Service Mission program.

Mrs. Patterson called the meeting to order and directed the mission program entitled, "They plow the Fields and Scatter Seeds." She and Mrs. Jack Bivens gave the Bible study, "The Kingdom of God."

Others present and having a part were Mrs. Cleo Musser, Mrs. Bertha Knight, Mrs. Ruby Milton and Mrs. Melvin Asberry.

Card Of Thanks

Thanks to Ruby Denton, Mark Bivens and Lynn Pool and other who helped to get me to the hospital last Wednesday morning. Thank you and God bless each of you.
Julia McGee.

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Working With Your Interest In Mind



Letter To Editor:

On January 28, 1988, an article was released to the newspaper by the County Tax Assessor/Collectors Association. In my opinion, this article is misleading and inaccurate. The Attorney General's opinion that consolidation of tax collections is unconstitutional when applied to county tax collections is just that, an opinion. It has not yet been tested in the courts. At present, 32 counties in Texas have consolidated all taxing unit collections into one office. To my knowledge, not one has changed their method because of the Attorney General's ruling.

Bob Willis, TACA president, made the comment that, if all collections were consolidated, counties would be faced with inadequate computer systems to handle all the extra work. The fact is, that without consolidation, we have a duplication of work and the taxpayer is footing the bill. Carson County Appraisal District is already collecting for all taxing units except the county and the water district. With consolidation, only one tax statement would be mailed per parcel of property and the taxpayer would make one payment to one office.

Mr. Willis also states that the ruling keeps the assessment and collection of taxes in the hands of elected officials who are aware of, and responsive to, the concerns of local taxpayers. If the appraisal district sets the values and the Commissioner's Court sets



Nell Britten Accepts Check

Nell Britten accepted a check Monday from Evelyn Schaffer, treasurer of Alpha Mu Xi sorority. The funds represented what has been collected thus far in the Raphael J. Britten Medical Fund.

The fund was established to help defray expenses

incurred by the family during the recent illness and death of Commissioner Britten due to heart disease.

The fund, opened by the sorority at State National Bank remains open and donations may be made during regular banking hours.

the tax rate, then the elected County Tax Assessor/Collector doesn't represent the local taxpayer just because he/she collects those taxes.

As president of the Carson County Appraisal District Board of Directors, I know that the consolidation of collections in this county is working and is saving tax dollars; and I also believe that a total consolidation will benefit the taxpayers of

Carson County by eliminating duplication of paper, work and effort and thereby reducing expenditures.

The intent of the legislature was to allow all taxing units within a county to consolidate appraisal, assessment and collection functions. I firmly believe that the legislature must and will address this matter during the next session.

Jim McCray
Panhandle, Tx 79068

Editor's Note:

**Candidate Visits
Carson County**

Needing a business approach, not a legal approach was a refreshing thought to Carson County residents as Mel Phillips, candidate for the 31st District Senate seat addressed residents Friday in Panhandle. Phillips spoke and answered questions on various topics brought up by the more than two dozen folks in attendance.

It is the first open visit by a candidate for a state wide office to the county.

Phillips shows a great deal of interest and concern for the people of the panhandle area. One important issue he addressed that is a concern of all was the fact he would not support a state income tax to the point he would not even talk about it. He spoke intensely on the point that it was vitally important for this part of Texas to receive its fair share of tax dollars, believing its time for our region to get back more of the money we pay into the state. At this time, he pointed out every tax dollar sent to Austin from the panhandle, less than 15c is sent back to our area.

Mel Phillips is being opposed by two others in the Democratic primary election.

**Senior Citizens
To Organize**

Senior Citizens of Groom, if you are interested in developing the Senior Citizen Center and Senior programs, please come and hear Barbara Serres speak. Mrs. Serres is associated with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission as a program specialist for the Area Agency on Aging.

All senior citizens are welcome at 1:00 on Feb. 16 at the community center.

Tuesday's Senior Citizen Chowline served 63 seniors accompanied by four guests.

For more information contact Jan Pipes 248-7253.

*The children of
Nell Hermesmeyer
cordially invite you to
attend a birthday party,
Sunday, February 14, 1988
honoring their mother
on the occasion of her
90th Birthday
from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Hall
Groom, Tx.*

**Groom Ambulance
Service Dance**
Saturday, February 20
8:00 p.m. Legion Hall
Music by
TEXAS TONIGHT
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\$6.00 Single
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Groom People Welcome!

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Closes 10:00 p.m.

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**Tuesday & Wednesday
SPECIAL**

HAMBURGER STEAK
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AND SALAD BAR

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**Thursday
SPECIAL**

ALL YOU CAN EAT
OCEAN CATFISH
CHOICE OF BAKED POTATO
FRENCH FRIES OR OKRA
AND SALAD BAR

\$5.35

**Friday
SPECIAL**

24 SHRIMP
BAKED POTATO OR FRENCH FRIES
OR OKRA
AND SALAD BAR

\$7.95

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Groom

Jerry Gaines

For

**Carson County
SHERIFF**



As your sheriff I will have many goals to accomplish. I have already outlined my primary goal in a previous ad. That is to provide fast and expert police response to every area of the county at all times. This is to be accomplished by establishing a large, well trained, state certified, reserve force to augment coverage provided by salaried officers. Once this plan is in place and operating I will organize and sponsor community service programs. I am particularly interested in our senior citizens and our young people. For senior citizens we need home safety and home improvement projects. They will be encouraged to call the Sheriffs office with any problem whether or not it is law enforcement related. Our young people need to be made aware of the immediate and long term dangers of using drugs including alcohol. They also need more organized activities. Something other than idly cruising the streets. I have many ideas along this line but lack of space prohibits expounding upon them. Our female population will be offered training in self defense and such things as how to change a tire. The general population will be offered firearms training among other things. I will personally teach self defense and firearms training. I am very optimistic about the role of the Sheriffs Dept. in making our county a more desirable place to live and work. I need your votes and support in the Democratic Primary on March 8th, 1988.

THANK YOU!

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Jerry Gaines, Box 291, Groom, TX 79039



Members of the JV basketball team are Jason Eschle, Richard Jenkins and Mike Kevin Kerlee, Jay Britten, Wilbur Kempf, Conrad.

Groom JV Completes Unde feated District Play

There is no declared district champ for District 2-1A Junior Varsity basketball, but if there were, Groom JV would be the winning team.

In district play against Claude, Miami and McLean, their record is 6-0. Lefors, also in the district does not field a JV boys team.

Coaches by Terry Coffee, the boys have attained an

Tigerettes Split Final Games

The Tigerettes completed their season on Friday playing Lefors on the home court. The girls won the bout 56-38. Erin Eschle led scoring with 16 points followed by teammates Shannon Fields with 15 and Kelly Stroope with 11.

Last Tuesday the girls were defeat d by Claude 26-55.

The girls finish the season in third place in district. Claude took the title with McLean girls in second place.

over all record of 11-4. There losses have been their first game against Shamrock and to Pampa and Borger in JV tournaments.

At the Miami JV tournament, they brought home the second place trophy. This was a special accomplishment for two of the games were played with only four team members on the court at times. They were short-handed with only five team members and had foul trouble.

Team members included Jason Eschle, Richard Jenkins, Jay Britten, Kevin

Groom School Menu

February 15 - February 19
Mon.—Pizza
Breakfast—Cereal & Toast
Tues.—Chili Cheese Dogs
Breakfast—Pancakes
Wed.—Chicken Fried Steak. Breakfast—Scrambled Eggs & Hash Browns
Thurs.—Chalupas
Breakfast—Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy
Fri.—Turkey & Noodles
Breakfast—Donuts



Recent winners in the 1987 national grain sorghum producers' yield contest are Gary O'Neal (second from left) and Terry O'Neal (second from right). Winning fields were planted with seed purchased at RGM Ag & Grain, Inc. Also pictured, from left, are Bobby Hicks, district manager for ORO seeds, Tony Treadwell, RGM manager and Roman Friemel, owner of RGM Ag & Grain, Inc.

Kerlee, Mike Conrad, Wilbur Kempf and Jeffrey Fields.

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To the Citizens of Carson County—

As Sheriff of Carson County, I am a strong believer in education in Law Enforcement as in any other professional field. I believe however that common sense and knowing the people in the county is worth much more to the county.

Every officer in our department is certified and highly qualified. Several hold teaching qualifications but, working a Sheriff's Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week keeps us too busy to teach in outside academis. We all attend Law Enforcement classes to keep our training updated which has resulted in our department having one of th highest arrest with conviction rates in the State. Most importantly however, with our educated, dedicated, officers, this county has never been sued. There was one attempted suit which was brought on by the Grandstaff case which with our professionalism, dedication to the truth, and common sense, this case against the county was dropped by the Federal Judge.

I believe in showing the county by actions rather than telling the county in words that it takes both education and common sense to run a Sheriff's Department with a high arrest and conviction rate with no law suits.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE WILL BE APPRECIATED

**RE - ELECT
CONNIE C. REED**

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

**SHERIFF
OF CARSON COUNTY**

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The McLean News

Commerce Bank Building, No. 5

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Don't Forget

The bi-district playoff game between the McLean and Vega Varsity Girls teams will be held on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Pampa High School gym.

There will be a Cowboy Church on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the Lions Club building, 217 N. Main. The minister will be Rod Weatherly of Wheeler. Worship and music will be by Buster Feedy and Debbie Ryan Feedy. A Children's Church with puppet ministry will be conducted by Stanley and Lenore Ryan, formerly of McLean, now from Magic City. Everyone is invited.

The McLean-Alanreed Museum Board will sponsor their annual chili dinner tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens building. They will serve chili, stew, cobbler, coffee and tea.

The Valentine's King and Queen of McLean Care Center will be crowned Saturday. The Valentine's party will start at 2:30 p.m. and the coronation will take place between 2:45 and 3:00 p.m.

Commodity Day will be on Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens building.

Tigerettes Head For Post-Season Play

The McLean Tigerettes are headed for post-season play. After wins over Groom and Miami last week, the team had an overall record of 18-5 and a district record of 6-2. This put them in second place in District 2-A and qualified them for a spot in the bi-district playoffs. The team from Claude was the leader in the district.

Results of the final regular season game of the year on Tuesday night against Lefors were not known at press time.

All bi-district games will be played Monday and Tuesday night. The Tigerettes will face Vega Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Pampa High School gym. If the McLean girls win on Monday, they will continue in post-season play against an opponent which will be decided later on.

Congratulations to Coach Bill Wilson and all the members of the Tigerette team. We hope to see you in the area games at the end of next week.



Bound for the playoffs the 1987-88 Tigerette basketball team is pictured above with Coach Bill Wilson. Members of the team (left to right) are: Tiffany Lopez, Sally Worsham, Dollie Haynes, Misty Magee, Shandee Rice, Kim Beaver, Alicia Reynolds, Agnie Reynolds, Stacie Hall, Danna Watson, Wendi Smith and Darla McAnear.

Sports Districts Realigned

The McLean School Board met for its regular monthly meeting Monday night at the School Business Office.

In some of the major items of the agenda the board:

-Discussed UIL reassignments in football and basketball for the coming year. Last year, the board voted to switch to six man football because of declining enrollments. The district in which McLean will compete will include six man teams from Silverton, Groom, Lefors, Miami and Higgins.

Due to a periodic UIL realignment of districts, the McLean basketball district has also been changed from 2-A to 6-A. Other teams in the new district are Samnorwood, Lakeview, Hedley, Valley and Silverton.

-Called for a School Board Trustee election on May 7, 1988. This year the seats of two board members, Joe Magee and Gwen Henley, will be up for consideration. See "School Board" p.7

1988 Miss McLean Beauty Pageant Candidates



Suzie Kunce

Suzie Kunce, 15, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunce. A Sophomore, she is a member of the Tiger Pride Band. She was also a Harvest Queen candidate and a Homecoming Queen candidate during her Freshman year.

Her hobbies include riding around, listening to music, being with friends, swimming and shopping.

Richardson's Texaco



Cindy Coleman

Cynthia Coleman, a Junior, is the 16-year-old daughter of Stan and Betty Coleman.

A member of the High School Rodeo Association, she has participated in the barrel racing competition in the Tri-State Rodeo.

Cynthia was also named Tri-State Rodeo Queen for 1986-87.

McLean Cattle Company



Angie Reynolds

Senior Angie Reynolds is the 17-year-old daughter of Gerald and Kathy Reynolds. She has been a participant in the Miss McLean Pageant throughout her high school years and has placed in the Top Ten during her Freshman and Junior Years. A member of the Tigerette basketball team, she has also been on the McLean track team.

Angie has received academic awards in Geometry, English III, Algebra II, World History and Biology and has gotten awards for maintaining grade point averages of 94, 95 and 96.

She has been on the Student Council three years

and is serving as Secretary this year. She was Harvest Queen candidate, Junior year; Homecoming Queen candidate, Freshman, Sophomore and Senior years; was in the Tiger Band, Freshman and Sophomore years; was a Tiger cheerleader, Senior year; a member of the Flag Corps, Freshman and Sophomore years; Junior/Senior Prom Server, Sophomore year; member of the Publications staff, Junior and Senior years; a member of the UIL Prose team, all four years; and a member of One-Act Play, Junior and Senior years, where she received All-Star Cast Honorable Mention.

Her hobbies include swimming, playing basketball, being with her friends and EATING!

Simpson Agency



Ronna Young

Junior Ronna Young is the 16-year-old daughter of Mike and Anna Young. She was a participant in the Miss McLean Pageant during 1984-85.

A member of the Tiger

Pride Band, she was a member of the All Region Band this year.

She was also a participant in UIL Spelling and Ready Writing competition during her Freshman and Sophomore years.

Country Corner Texaco



Cindy Thomas

Cindy Thomas, 17, is the daughter of Bill and Tina Thomas. A Senior, she has qualified for the All-Region Band during all four years of high school.

A member of the Tigerette basketball team during her Sophomore and Junior years, she has made the "A" honor roll throughout high school.

A participant of the Miss McLean Pageant during her Sophomore, Junior and Senior years, Cindy enjoys reading, being with her family and working.

McLean Care Center



Linda Reid

Linda Reid is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reid. A participant of the Miss McLean Beauty Pageant all four years of high school, this 18-year-old Senior enjoys playing tennis, swimming, shopping and being with friends.

Linda's academic awards and honors include keeping a 93 grade point average, Freshman and Sophomore years, and a 95 average, Junior year; placing 2nd in UIL Oral Reading; being a member of the All-Star Cast of One-Act Play; being voted Most Popular during her Freshman and Sophomore years; and Most Courteous during her Junior year.

A member of the basketball and tennis teams, Freshman year, Linda has also served as FHA Secretary; was Lions Club Sweetheart; was a Tiger cheerleader, Freshman year; member of the Pep Squad, Sophomore and Junior years; was FHA Class Secretary, Sophomore year; FHA President, Junior year; FHA Vice-president, Senior year;

participated in UIL Poetry, Freshman and Junior years; was a Homecoming Queen candidate, Junior year; Harvest Queen candidate, Sophomore year; and was a member of One-Act Play and the Publications Staff.

McLean Lions Club



Dollie Haynes

Dollie Haynes is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Haynes. A Junior, she has received numerous academic awards including Physical Science Award, award for 96 grade point average, 1st place award in UIL District Ready Writing and 2nd in UIL District Spelling, all during her Freshman year; awards for Biology, English I, Spanish II and an award for a 97 grade point average, all during her Sophomore year; 1st place award in District UIL Spelling and 2nd place in District UIL Ready Writing, all during her Sophomore year. She has also participated in

See "Miss McLean" p.6

Miss McLean

Number Sense competition in UIL.

Dollie has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band, where she has served as Drum Major; has been on the Tigerette basketball team and the golf team for three years; and was a regional qualifier in golf two years.

Her hobbies include reading, playing piano, and tennis.

Puckett's



Misty Magee

Misty Magee in the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Magee. A Junior, she has been in the Top 10 and was 3rd Runner-up in the Miss McLean contest.

She is a Tiger cheerleader and has been Student Council Representative and Class President. She was the 1988 Homecoming Queen and has participated in UIL flute solo competition and UIL Typing. She is a member of the Tiger Pride Band and is on the varsity basketball team. She has qualified for regional golf and was a district medalist in golf.

Her honors include awards for 94 grade point average, Freshman and Sophomore years; and she was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Misty's hobbies include practicing golf and working.

Cowboy Drive Inn



Terri Lee

Terri Lee, a Senior, is the 18-year-old daughter of Danny and Connie Lee. A recipient of the English II award and an academic award for a grade point average of 94 or above, she enjoys cooking, singing, watching movies and collecting keychains.

Terri was a member of the basketball and tennis teams during her Freshman year. She has participated in UIL Prose and has been a member of Pep Club throughout her four years of high school. She has been a member of FHA for the past

two years and is currently serving as president. She has been a member of One-Act Play and the Publications staff for the past two years. She placed 3rd in UIL Prose during her Sophomore year and has been Secretary of the Student Council.

Lester & Wanda Bailey



Tiffany Lopez

Junior Tiffany Lopez is the 16-year-old daughter of Betty Lopez. A participant in previous Miss McLean Pageants, she was in the Top 10 during her Freshman year and was First Runner-up during her Sophomore year.

She has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band for 3 years and has been a Tiger cheerleader and mascot for 3 years. She was also a member of FHA for 2 years and has played on the McLean basketball, tennis and track teams.

Tiffany has received academic awards for 94 grade point average during her Freshman year and a 95 average during her Sophomore year. This year she has been on the 90 or above honor roll.

Her hobbies include swimming, writing letters, and spending time with her friends.

B & B Electric



Sissy Barker

Sissy Barker is the 15-year-old daughter of Wilma and Tater Steward.

A Sophomore, she has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band for the past two years.

Her hobbies include riding horses, talking and being with friends.

McLean Pharmacy



Sally Worsham

Sally Worsham, the daughter of Frank and Jackie Worsham, is a 16-year-old Junior. She has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band for 3 years and the Flag Corps for 2 years.

She has been active in sports and has been a member of the Tigerette basketball team, 3 years; the golf team, 1 year; and the tennis team, 1 year. She has also participated in the Tri-State Rodeo, 3 years.

Sally was a Harvest Queen candidate during her Junior year and is currently serving on the Student Council.

Her hobbies include riding horses, collecting unicorns and water skiing.

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Darla McAnear

Darla McAnear is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McAnear. A Junior, she was in the Top 10 in the 1987 Miss McLean Pageant.

Darla has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band for three years and has also served as a Tiger cheerleader for three years. She was a member of FHA for two years and was the 1986-87 McLean Homecoming Queen.

Active in athletics, she has been a member of the Tigerette basketball team 3 years; the tennis team 2 years, where she has qualified for regional competition; and track, 2 years, where she qualified for regionals 1 year.

She has received academic awards for a 93 grade point average, Freshman year, and a 94 average, Sophomore year.

Darla's hobbies include water skiing, snow skiing and writing letters.

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Kellie Beck

Kellie Beck, 15, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beck, A Freshman, she is a member of One-Act Play, Pep Squad and FHA.

A member of the Tigerette basketball team, Kellie enjoys swimming, shopping, talking on the phone, listening to music, being with friends and riding around.

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Kim Orrick

Kim Orrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Orrick. This 16-year-old Sophomore has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band and the Flag Corps for the past two years.

A participant in previous pageants, she was also Harvest Queen candidate during her Sophomore year; Class President, Sophomore year; member of Band Student Council, Freshman year; was voted Most Courteous, Freshman year; and received an Excellent rating in solo band competition during her Freshman year.

Her academic honors include the Algebra I award and a plaque for a 94 grade point average.

Kim's hobbies include riding around, being with friends, shopping, listening to music, talking on the telephone, swimming and having fun.

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Geenie Kunce

Geenie Kunce, a Junior, is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunce.

A recipient of the Home Economics award during her Freshman year, she has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band for three years and is currently a member of the Flag Corps.

Her hobbies include riding around with friends and writing letters.

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Wendi Smith

Wendi Smith, 16, is the daughter of Casper and Jean Smith. A Junior, she has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band and the Flag Corps for the past 3 years.

Her academic honors include an "M" award for perfect attendance from grades K-10; she was voted

Wittiest during her Freshman year; and Most Popular during her Sophomore year.

She has been a member of the Tigerette basketball team for 3 years and has also been on the golf team for 3 years, where she qualified for regionals 2 years.

Wendi's hobbies include collecting bears, water skiing, snow skiing and horseback riding.

B & B Turbine



Danna Watson

Danna Watson, 16, is the daughter of James and Sherry Watson. A Junior, she has been in the Top 10 of the Miss McLean Pageant.

A member of the Tigerette basketball team for 2 years, she is also a Tiger cheerleader, a member of the Tiger Pride Band and has participated in UIL Prose Reading and UIL Typing.

Her honors include an "M" award for cheerleading; Typing I teachers award; Perfect Attendance award; and an award for a 93 grade point average.

Her hobbies include being with friends, playing basketball, cheerleading and dancing.

Alberta's Hair Fashions



Susan Worsham

Susan Worsham is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worsham. A Freshman, she is a member of the Tiger Pride Band, the Tigerette basketball team, FHA, and the Tri-State Rodeo Club.

Susan's hobbies include riding horses, swimming, water skiing, hiking in the mountains, dancing, listening to music and riding around with friends.

Lamb Flower Shop



Kim Beaver

Kimberly Beaver is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beaver. She was a participant in last year's Miss McLean Pageant where she placed in the Top 10.

Active in sports, Kim has been a member of the Tigerette basketball team for three years and made the Lefors All Tourney Team in 1987. She has been a member of the golf team for three years, and has qualified for regional competition for two years.

She has been a member of the FFA and Horse Judging Teams and is an active rodeo participant.

Her hobbies include rodeos and reading.

The Clothesline



Stacie Hall

Stacie Hall, 15, is the daughter of David and Terri Hall. A Sophomore, she took part in the Miss McLean Pageant during her Freshman year.

She served as basketball manager during her Freshman year and has been a member of the Tigerette basketball team during her Sophomore year.

Stacie has been a member of the Tiger Pride Band for 2 years and served as assistant Drum Major during her Sophomore year. She has also participated in UIL reading competition.

Stacie's hobbies include being with friends.

Magee Ranch



Hollie Hauck

Freshman Hollie Hauck is the 15-year-old daughter of David Hauck. Her activities include membership in FHA, the Tiger Pride Band and the Student Council.

She is active in school sports and is a member of the Tigerette basketball team, the track team and the tennis team.

Her hobbies include reading, playing basketball and watching soap operas.

Panhandle Community Services

School Board

Business Manager Shirley Johnson said the date for filing for these positions has not yet been set but will probably be some time at the end of February or beginning of March.

Renewed the contracts of Principals Pete Bateman and Dorman Thomas.

Voted to take part in the Texas Association of School Boards Cash Management Fund. Through this program of electronic investment, the school's funds are deposited in the banks which pay the highest interest rates. Along with this decision, the board voted to adopt a district investment policy which says that school funds will be managed to bring in the highest possible interest rates.

Approved a resolution validating the purchase of an office last year by the Gray County Appraisal District. The purchase had to be approved by three-fourths of the taxing units in the district.

Decided to order supplies for the track team after the number of team members has been determined.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday, Brother Z.A. Myers, of the Assembly of God Church, was here to conduct services.

Monday Bertha Smith and Mildred Giesler were here to assist the following residents in bingo: Ruby Ayers, Ruth Kemp, Kittie Hessey, Leon Burch, Ruby Trusty, Earl Tolleson, Annie Eudey, Inez Fields, Clyde Trusty, Dick Wheeler, Lillie Knox, Odessa Beeman and Delbert Murray. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday morning residents making valentines were Ruby Ayers, Leon Burch, Lillie Knox, Earl Tolleson, Annie Eudey, Lona Jones, Odessa Beeman, Lucille Cullison and Teresa Richardson. In the afternoon, residents playing dominos were Dick Wheeler, Eula Morrow, Earl Tolleson, Annie Eudey, Leon Burch and Inez Fields. Our volunteer helper was Ted Robertson.

Wednesday morning, Leon Burch, Odessa Beeman, Imogene King, Lona Jones, Annie Eudey, Ruby Ayers, Earl Tolleson and Teresa Richardson attended our craft session.

A special birthday party was held for resident Leon Burch. Cakes were furnished by Betty Lopez. Resident Lula Sheegog helped with the serving along with Mary Alice Burnett, Bill and Marnelle Presley. Residents attending this special occasion were Inez Fields, Teresa Richardson, Earl Tolleson, Odessa Beeman, Lula Sheegog, Lona Jones, Annie Eudey, Lillie Knox, Lola Graham, Ruby Ayers, Dick and Mattie Wheeler, Stella Gibson, Maude Carpenter, Imogene King, Lucille Cullison, Clyde Trusty, Ruby Phillips, and Velma Willis. In the afternoon, several residents played dominos.

Friday afternoon, Martha Parker was here to show her great movies.

Our Valentine party will be this coming Saturday, Feb. 13, at 2:30 p.m. at which time a Queen and King Sweetheart of the Nursing Home will be crowned.

All are invited to attend this special occasion.

Miss McLean Contest Due

This week, we are proud to present to you a picture and short biography on all of the candidates for the 1988 Miss McLean Pageant. Below each profile is listed the name of the local business which sponsored each one of the contestants. We would like to thank each one of these establishments for their support and cooperation in helping us bring these profiles to you. Remember that each one of these businesses does its part to make McLean great so let's do what we can to support them.

The Miss McLean Pageant will be held Saturday night starting at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.



Pakans Have 50th Anniversary

A 50th anniversary celebration for Miro and Irene Pakan was held on Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Shamrock.

The reception was hosted by their children and their spouses. Their children are John Pakan of Niwot, Colo.; Dorothy Brinson of San Angelo; Ruth Jones of Tulsa, Okla.; and Margie Eschenburg of China Springs.

Mr. Pakan married the

former Irene Katherine Budinsky on Feb. 6, 1938 in Whiting, Ind. They are former residents of Shamrock and have lived in McLean for the past 47 years.

Their affiliations include the Trinity Lutheran Church in Shamrock and the Pioneer Study Club in McLean. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pakan are retired.

They have 9 grandchildren.

Thank You

We would like to thank the McLean Fire Department for their efforts on our behalf last Thursday night when our farm house burned. Their prompt response prevented an even greater disaster. Thanks again.

Bob Fish and Family

Two Named To Committee

Davis Gipson of McLean and Pat Stubbs of Alanreed were recently appointed to serve as members of the Gray County Extension Home Economics Advisory Committee. The purpose of the group is to identify needs and problems of families in the county and to plan educational programs and activities to meet those needs.

The committee met twice in September to plan their 1988 calendar. Some of the activities scheduled are: a Senior Citizens Seminar and Resource Fair in May; a monthly senior citizens newsletter; programs on dealing with loneliness and the death of loved ones; letter writing and adopt a grandparent programs to bring together young people and home-bound elderly; and a home day care provider course.

Our two local representatives are serving on the committee with 9 other members from Lefors and Pampa.

McLean School Menu Feb. 15-19

Mon.—Corn dogs, Pork & Beans, French Fries, Rice Krispy Bars

Tues.—Hot Steak Sandwiches, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Banana Pudding

Wed.—Burritos, Pinto Beans, Salad, Sopapillas

Thurs.—Soup, Chicken Salad or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, Fruit Cobbler

Fri.—Baked Chicken, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Jello Salad

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Paper Drive

The Young at Heart Senior Citizens Club is beginning a drive to collect newspapers. Collections will be every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All papers should be stacked in grocery sacks. The club is requesting that there be no magazines, no loose papers, no stapled material and no slick colored advertising pages.

Down Memory Lane

30 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Archer of Seminole are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Lynn, born Dec. 31. She weighed 6 lbs. and 9 ozs. and has one sister, Laura Ruth. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fulbright of McLean.

The Ruel Smiths new brick home is really going up fast. It's going to be a beautiful thing. Real big and wood burning fireplace. We are anxious to see it when completed.

MCLEAN VARSITY GIRLS

Feb. 2-McLean 43, Groom 42; Misty Magee-13; Darla McAnear-9; Kim Beaver-8; Shandee Rice-8; Angie Reynolds-4; Alicia Reynolds-2; Danna Watson-1

Feb. 5-McLean 52, Miami 37; Misty Magee-21; Kim Beaver-14; Shandee Rice-7; Angie Reynolds-6; Darla McAnear-4

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For State House of Representatives, Dist. 84
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Weather Brings Winter Reminder

Our roller coaster weather just keeps us guessing here in the Texas Panhandle. After enjoying several weeks of spring-like weather, we got a reminder last week that winter is still here.

After a cold front moved through last Sunday, temperatures plunged and throughout most of last week remained only in the 20's and 30's. Light freezing drizzle fell in the early part of the week and on Friday we even saw a light dusting of snow.

Over the weekend there was a dramatic recovery and by Sunday and Monday the highs were back in the upper 50's. Another front was expected to roll in on Tuesday and drop the temperatures again.

Onie Gibson, Cliffie Heasley and Bertha Smith went shopping in Pampa on Friday. Mrs. Gibson also had a doctor's appointment there.

Alanreed News

Verna Carver and children and Nora Drago were in Pampa on Friday.

Jay Dorsey is home after a severe bout of illness in an Amarillo hospital.

The Robert Bruces made a trip to Amarillo Monday.

Jack Hall of Clarendon came to get Rose Hall on Monday so she could visit with her new granddaughter.

Anita Bruce was in Pampa on Friday.

The Alanreed Community Improvement program met Feb. 6 in the school cafeteria for its monthly meeting. After a covered dish supper, Robert Bruce vice-chaired the business meeting. The minutes were read by Jeanie Adams and approved. Future and present plans were discussed. Afterwards everyone enjoyed visiting. About 16 people were present.

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Services For Resident's Sister

Services for Ruby Ila Blackman, 80, sister of a McLean resident, were held Friday at the Church of Christ in Clarendon. Don Stone and Philip Stroud, minister of the church, officiated. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery.

Mrs. Blackman was born in Clarendon and married Roy Howard Blackman there in 1928. She worked for several years at the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service office. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Billy Roy Blackman, of Clarendon; two sisters, Blanche Smith of Clarendon and Eva Peabody of McLean; two grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Clarendon Church of Christ.

Fire Call

The McLean Fire Department has responded to one call during the past week. Last Thursday night, a farmhouse owned by Bob Fish, located several miles northeast of Alanreed, was completely destroyed by a fire. The blaze started shortly before 10:00 p.m. and completely destroyed the house and its contents.

Meet The Tigerettes



Junior Kimberly Beaver is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beaver. A member of the team for three years, she plays forward.

Kim is also on the golf team and is an active participant in rodeos. She was on the All Tournament basketball team in 1987 and qualified for the Texas State High School Rodeo Assoc. Finals in Barrel Racing.

Her hobbies include riding and reading.

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Cubs Receive Awards

Cub Scout Pack 429 held its monthly meeting Thursday, January 28, at the

Community Center. Two skits were performed by Dens 1 and 2. C. J. Whatley read his report on "What Makes America Special." Plans were begun for the Blue and Gold Banquet in

February and the final report on the popcorn sales was given.

Achievement awards were presented as follows: Toby Burgin, wolf badge, gold arrow point; Todd Gray, wolf badge, gold arrow point; Jeremy Lewis, wolf badge, gold arrow point; Kyle Pipes, gold arrow point, silver arrow point; Adam Stephens, wolf badge, gold and silver arrow points; Michael Stephens, gold arrow point, three silver arrow points; C.J. Whatley, bear badge. Michael Stephens was awarded Scout of the Month.

Popcorn sales awards were received by Nick Ashford, Adam Coffee, Stanley Homer, Jeremy Lewis, Michael Lewis, Scott McLaughlin, Jamie Shuck, Adam Stephens, Michael Stephens and C.J. Whatley. Also receiving sales pins for selling 16 units or more were Joe Britten, Toby Burgin, Terry Eatmon, Todd Gray, Kyle Pipes and Daniel Treadwell.



Sandie Conrad is the 1987 bookmark winner from Groom Branch Library. Bookmarks with Sandie's original design have been delivered to the local library and are available from librarian Bertha Knight. Sandie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Conrad.

Mrs. Babcock
Selected Sorority
Sweetheart

Lorene Babcock will represent the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Alpha Mu Xi, at the Sweetheart Dance Feb. 13 in the Parish Hall at White Deer.

She has been an active member of the local chapter for the past 12 years.

She is involved in farm interests and her hobbies are homemaking, china painting, reading and traveling.

The wife of the late Frank Babcock, she is the mother of four children and has 12 grandchildren.



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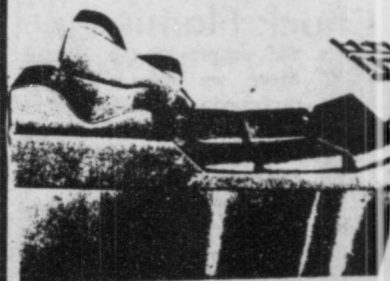
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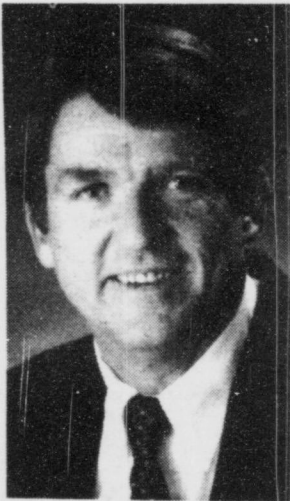
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Phillips Announces Candidacy

Democrat Mel Phillips, Jr. of Amarillo, is announcing his candidacy to the 31st Senatorial District.

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even better ways for the people to receive some of

their tax dollars back from Austin. And as we heard recently the supercollider will probably not be coming to the Panhandle. This senate district cannot afford to continue to send its wealth to Austin and receive less than our fair share.

"What is fair share? Quality education for all our children, a good highway system, security and concern for our older citizens. It is with these thoughts in mind that I am announcing my candidacy for the office senator for the 31st Dist. of Texas. And as your senator I will not vote for a state income tax. My first hand experience in government has taught me that we can make government work without raising taxes or interfering in people's lives. Government can be more efficient. Our first priority will be that the people of the 31st District get their fair share.

"I have hoed cotton in the heat of summer. As a member of the Canadian River Authority I have helped allocate our drinking water. And as a member of the Texas Aeronautics Commission I have surveyed ice damaged runways in the winter from one end of this district to the other. I have been serving the people of the 31st District in the past with my years of experience and first hand knowledge of government.

"I am qualified and ready to go to Austin. I will vote against unfair taxes and protect our traditional family values. I need your help."

Phillips is married to the former Rebecca Ann Bensen of McAllen. The couple has three children, Abby, 13, Catherine, 3 and Lauren, 1.

Phillips attended Amarillo public schools and graduated in 1964. The following year he transferred to the University of Texas at

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For County Sheriff
Chuck Flemins
Terry Timmons
Connie Reed*
Jerry Gaines

For County Attorney
Ed Hinshaw*

For U.S. Congress
Bill Sarpalius

For State Senate, Dist. 31
Mel Phillips

REPUBLICAN PARTY

For County Sheriff
Tam Terry

For U.S. Congress
Jim Brandon

For State Representative, Dist. 88
Dick Waterfield*

For State Senate, Dist. 31
Teel Bivens

*Denotes Incumbent

Austin earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in government in 1968.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Phillips is a small businessman actively involved in real estate development and farming operations in Texas and Colorado.

He has served as the Randall County Democratic Chairman and was elected president of the Texas Democratic County Chairman Association. He also served on the State Democratic Executive Committee.

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targeted for the program are under contract and removed from crop production," notes Harris.

Farmers who participate in the 10-year commitment receive annual rental payments. In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture picks up half the cost of establishing a permanent conservation cover.

Only highly erodible cropland is eligible. The highly erodible designation is based on land capability class, soil loss tolerance and the erodibility index, explains the soils specialist.

The land also must have produced an agricultural commodity during any two years from 1981-1985.

"In Texas the maximum, or cutoff, bids have ranged from \$35-55 an acre, depending on geographic location in the state," says Harris. "Cut-off bids in Texas' seven bid 'pools' have not changed since earlier signups.

Sarpalius Announces For 13th Congressional Seat

State Senator Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, has announced his candidacy for the 13th Congressional District. After serving the Panhandle and South Plains for the last seven years as State Senator, Sarpalius has decided to look ahead at the future of the 13th District and bring his knowledge, experience and enthusiasm into the congressional race as he did in his previous senate seat.

"Seven years ago I had 25 dollars and no name I.D.," Sarpalius said in making his announcement. "I was the underdog then, but I went to the people. I worked my campaign on a grassroots level and in the end I carried every county," the Senator said. "You can expect the same type of campaign. I am going to the people and take their thoughts and concerns with me to Washington."

Asked where his focus would be once in Washington Sarpalius replied, "There will be many issues that will be critical to this district. In the next four years, we will see changes in the farm programs, oil and gas, and most of all there will be a need for extra leverage for economic growth in our area. This is where I plan to focus my attention during my term as



your next Congressman."

Speculations of other candidates entering the race was not a concern to Sarpalius. "I wouldn't have entered this race if I didn't believe I could beat anyone who may run against me," he said. "The major hurdle right now is money, but I believe with the people's help, I will raise the money needed to win this race."

The announcement came after careful consideration of his choices at hand. Although expecting a tough race either way he went, Sarpalius stated he felt confident about both races, but felt the Congressional race was one he had been looking at for some time and felt comfortable about entering at this time.

Let's Visit With

Chuck Flemins



the people of the county. Since we are a service profession, we should be good listeners. We should be responsive to and work closely with those governing policies that give the greatest good to the greatest number of people. This sounds idealistic and it is to some degree. But, that's the way I believe. Law enforcement is many times misunderstood. That's why public-police community education is so important.

Q. Mr. Flemins, I know you are involved with many regional Law Enforcement projects. You are already Chief of Police in Panhandle, Texas. Why do you want to be Sheriff?

A. Several people have asked me that same question. I'll try to answer without being too lengthy. I should explain why I wanted to be a law enforcement officer in the first place.

When I discharged from the Navy in 1962, I looked around to see what I could do with my life. I had friends and neighbors at that time who were on the Amarillo Police Department. I believed then, as I do now, that a person entering a profession should be dedicated to the betterment of that profession. My parents taught me that our lives here on this earth should be directed toward helping people. There was a need for officers with the right attitudes toward people and their problems. Now you have to understand that many times officers are restricted by law as to how much help can be rendered. However, it seemed that the law enforcement profession was the one for me. As then, I still hold the belief that our profession is one of service.

Q. Then, how does this bring you to run for Sheriff of Carson County?

A. Well, first of all, a chief administrator of a City Police Department or a County Sheriff's Department should be the most qualified person for the job. We owe that to

Q. So, you believe you have the best qualifications to fill that position?

A. Yes, I do. Carson County has many wonderful people residing within its limits. You know law enforcement officers are not mystical people. They are not a force or entity outside of government. They are not outside of their communities. They are, or they should be, an integrate part of their communities. They should have a helping, caring attitude toward that community. They should be dedicated to assisting others in need of help as well as apprehending the law-breaker.

Yes, I believe those attributes necessary to form and maintain a professional, updated, responsive Sheriff's Department. That's why I want to be your Sheriff.

"Together we can make a difference" is not just a slogan with me. I believe it is truly one of the answers to success in achieving a professional law enforcement agency. It allows credibility within the community, as it builds reputable inter-agency association with other regional law enforcement agencies.

Q. I see. When then, could you summarize your most important points?

A. A chance to help more people achieve the right police-public relations. A chance to help Carson County Sheriff's Office prepare for the 1990's and go into the 21st century with effective, responsive, dedicated law enforcement officials.

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