## Ettes

The area playoff game for the District 1-1A girls Groom Tigerettes versus Sudan Hornetts turned into a rout early in the game as the Hornetts grabbed a 25-4 lead. They never looked back as they advanced to the Regional Tournament with a $83-34$ win.

Sudan played to Groom's weaknesses scoring most of their points off fast breaks. Groom had a short period in the second quarter to gain some momentum but the very aggressive and quick moving Hornetts stopped any chance of Groom scoring any more than a shot here and there.
Fouls for both schools remained close throughout the game but the fast paced number one state ranked Sudan Hornetts caused the Tigerettes more turnovers and just prior to half the tired factor caused Groom Coach Randy Yelverton to substitute quickly and frequently.

## Lose <br> Mary Hutsell scored two

 free throws and a lay-up off a fast break in the first half to trail Sudan at half time 51-10.In the second half not many changes were made on either side but the Tigerettes kept fighting. Sudan seemed to have one weakness that could hurt them in their quest for a state championship, that state championship, that
being their free throw shooting, hitting 16 of 32 for $50 \%$. Groom shot 18 attempts, hitting 16 .
Seniors Julie Richardson, Stephanie Ollinger and Christy Galvan, pictured to the right, made their final bow with 57 seconds in the bow with 57 seconds in the
game.
Martie Phillips went to the free throw line twice late in the game hitting 4 of 4.

Jessica Stapp and Angie Conrad both hit a 3 point shot in the game as Stapp ended with 3 points and Conrad finished with 7

## Council Approves Election Judges; Amends Water Works Budget Increase To $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 , 0 0 0}$

The Groom City Council met in regular scssion. Present were aldermen Jay Lamb, Don Case, Ronny Fields, Mary Sue Lyles, and Mayor Greg Lamb. Also attending were Donald Bland and Charles Morehead of West Texas Gas.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
Charles Morehead of Amarillo and Donald Bland of Groom both representatives of West Texas Gas Company visited with the council concerning recent gas price increases. Morehead informed the members as to how West Texas Gas purchases their natural gas and options they were looking at for the upcoming year.

A resolution was passed authorizing the city's enrollment in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Panhandl/ Environmental Partnership Regional Recycling contract.

This will authorize the City to have Amarillo Waste Management handle the paper recycling and CEG Corporation of Borger to handle the oil and oil filter recycling. Collection bins will be available at a later date.
In other business: the Council voted to make a donation of $\$ 50.00$ to the After-Graduation Party Committee; approved exemption for over 65 hom: owners at $\$ 9,000.00$; appointed Flora Glenn Hammers as election judge and Debbie Anthony as absentee-election judge; and amended the water works budget from $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 20,000$.
While not on the agenda, the Council was read a letter of resignation from Johnny Brumley concerning Johnny Brumley concerning his appointment to the Groom Economic Development Board.
(Editors Note): A special called meeting is slated for See City, pg. 3

## To State Ranked Sudan

points.
"We just ran into a buzz saw," stated Coach Yelverton. "I am really proud that the girls didn't quit. We got behind early which is the one thing we knew we could not do. While I am disappointed that we lost, but happy and proud that we happy and proud that we made it as ar as we did. We are still the Bi-District Champs and no-one can take that away from us."
"The reality of it did no hit me until the final buzzer sounded," said Senior Stephanie Ollinger. "It was upsetting to all of us seniors to have our careers end this way, but knowing that this way, but knowing that this
team is most likely the next State Champion makes it a little more acceptable. All I can say is that I hope the Ettes get the chance to pulverize them next year!"
Yelverton continued to say, that next year should be pretty good with a lot of
See Game, pg. 3


## County Courthouse Generator Ready For Electricity Backup

The Carson County Commissioner's Court met February 10, 1997. Minutes February 10, 1997. Minutes
were approved as read and were approved as read and
all claims were approved. all claims were approved.
Commissioner Kevin Howell was absent from the proceedings.
Discussion was held concerning the installation of an ATS (automatic


## Board Sets May 3 Election <br> For Two Trustee Positions

Groom Independent School District trustees met in regular session last week with all members present. Also attending were Rebecca Yelverton, Curtis Downs, Janetta Lamb, Stephanie Friemel and Debbie Addy.
The minutes of the December 17th, December 20th, and January 20th meetings were approved as read.
The Board adopted a resolution to call for an election on May 3rd for election on May 3rd, for two trustee positions.
Discussion was held concerning the implementation of the Groom branch of the National Honor Society.

The Student Council has been working on the Chapter for several months and they are progressing toward the actual implementation of the new organization.
Other topics of discussion were the T.I.F/PIN programs and possible changes in school finance and property tax relief.
The Council went into closed session at $8: 35$ and came out at $10: 15$, to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken.
Barry Fields moved to pay alt accounts. The motion was unanimously approved.
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
manually.
Judge Roselius informed the court that Judge McCoy had heid some preliminary intervievs concerning the intervievrs concerning the Auditor's position, but the position has not been filled at this time.

Commissioners reviewed the Tier Two reports as pertains to the Hazardous
COMNUNIT
THE DISTRICT Elementary UII. contest will be held in Silverton on March 4.
AFTER GRADUATION Party meeting will be Thursday Feb. 28, at $6: 30$ pm in the teachers lounge at the school.

SPRING BREAK is set
for March 10-14 for Groom ISD.

GROOM TRACKSTERS will compete in a meet at Highland Park on March 1st.

UIL COMPETITORS will attend a meet at Canadian on March 1.

THE PANHANDLE Track Meet will be held on March 8.
materials which they have stored in their precincts. Adjustments will be made and the annual report will be filed.
Information concerning the Texas Department of Health Medical Transportation Program was reviewed and discussed. See Court, pg. 3

## CALENDAR

GROOM DAISY and Brownie Scouts will meet on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center.
TAAS TESTS are scheduled for Feb. 25-27 in Groom School. Parents are reminded that it is extremely important for children to attend during this 3 day period.

COWBOY POETS will visit Groom School on March 3rd.

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Rip and Joy Snyder visited in McLean at the visited in with Truman care center with Truman Goodlett and L.M. Rowan, and with Bill and Dorothy McKee at the Windmill RV camp.

Rip and Joy Snyder spent Monday in Pampa visiting with a niece, Norma and Martha Sublett. Rip had business with the dentist.

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Groom School Menu February 24-28 Monday Breakfast: Cold ceral, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburgers, french fries, chocolate cake, milk.
Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, Canadian bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Soft tacos, cut corn, fresh apple slices w/caramel sauce, milk.
Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritoes, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken breast nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cheese cake, milk.
Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagne, fried okra, salad, bread sticks, fruit cocktail, milk.
Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.


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Anthony's To Move To Roscoe, Texas

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Steve has been hired to manage a feed store and elevator. He plans to be on site and ready to go to work on March 1. Debbie will stay here with the rest of the family until school is out.
Both Debbie and Steve are essentially lifetime residents of Groom. They have three children and are involved in many activities in the community. Steve is currently serving on the Groom ISD School Board. Debbie is the City Secretary, Groom Day Treasurer and a member of the Groom Economic Development Board.


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## Services Held For Area Residents <br> Lowell B. Matheson

HOWARKWICK Lowell B. Matheson, died Thursday, February 13, 1997.

Services were in N.S. Griggs \& Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel at Directors Pioneer Chapel at
Amarillo, with the Rev. Jm Amarillo, with the Rev. Jm
Powell of Howardwick Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.
Mr. Matheson was born in Tioga. He was the founder and owner of Bekins A\&W Transfer and Storage. He had been a rancher in the Claude and Clarendon areas. He was a volunteer for the Make- A. Wish Foundation and member of Howardwick Baptist Church.

He married Nelda Cantrell in 1950 at Cloris, New Mexico.
Survivors include his wile; two daughters, Luain Wagnon of Dallas and Pim Matheson Gonzalez of Amarillo; a son, Woorlie Matheson of Amarillo; fve grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
The family sugge its memorials be to the Male-A-Wish Foundation.

Leia Bertha Jones
Lela Bertha Jones, 88 , of Pampa, died Friday February 14, 1997. Service were in the First Unitsd Methodist Church with Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery with gravesicle services courtesy of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter \#65. Arrangements were by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa
Mrs. Jones was bon April 2, 1908, near Leery, Oklahoma. She marrisd Thomas E. Jones on January 23, 1927, at Leecy. They were longtime residents of Groom until 1978, when they moved to Pampa. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Stur Chapter \#65.

Survivors include har husband, Thomas E. Jones, of the home; two sons, Billy
T. Jones of Pampa and Bobby L. Jones of Groom; a brother, Merlin Johnson, of Elk City, Oklahoma; six grandchildren; 10 greatgrandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Steven M. Wilde
CLAUDE - Steven M. Wilde, 52, died Saturday, February 15, 1997.
Services were in Memorial Park Funeral Memorial Park Funeral
Home North Mausoleum, in Amarillo with Kent Watson a Church of Christ minister officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery Garden of Hope.
Mr. Wilde was born in Amarillo where he was lifetime resident. He was a truck driver and a Church of Christ member.
He married Linda Underwood in 1962 at Amarillo.
Survivors include his wife; a son, Jarrett Wilde of Memphis, three daughters, Stephany Rhue and Michelle Williamson, both of Nederland, and Brenda Wilde of Claude; four brothers, Kenneth Ray Wilde and Keith Bryan Wilde, both of Amarillo, Jerry Wayne Wilde of Lakewood, California, and Randy Lee Wille of Long Beach, California; and eight grandchildren.


By Nita Ramming
Brush and Palette met for their regular all day meeting Monday, February 3. Everyone was in attendance and we had in good day of painting and gabbing.

Juandell is hostess for the month of February and a very conservative one at that. She told us right up front that we had better save our plates if we wanted dessert because she didn't bring any little dessert plates. Then she informed plates. Then she informe us to save our cups if we wanted anything to drink. You can't accuse her of being extravagant. This was the first time we had a perfect variety of salads not a single duplication! Evelyn brought a cranberry salad but it had blueberries with stems instead of cranberries. Dorthy inquired about how to hard boil eggs. Didn't know boil eggs. Didn't know
there was so many ways. there was so many ways.
But we all agreed you start out by putting them in water.
I arrived about an hour late so everyone thought I wasn't going to be here. Sooo - I sneaked in very quietly and listened at the door for a while. But, alas, they were all working hard and not saying a word! Makes you wonder who does all the talking, doesn't it?
Pat gave us another run down on her new puppy. Did any of you see her chasing him down the street he other day? Any by the vay, does anyone have any fur? Pat needs some when it is cold. Ask her about it.

## 1997 Groom High School Tennis Meet Schedule

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## THANK YOU, FANS

I want to thank all our reporters, supporters, coaches, teachers, administrators, parents and grandparents for their part in the past season's school activities. A special thanks to the Groom Athletic Booster Club and Marcia Conrad for your help whu, the photography, giving freely of your own personal time, giving the community the privilege and enjoyment of seeing as well as reading about the teams and the many accomplishments. While some accomplishments are filled with pride, some end with a bit of disappointment, it has been recorded on record for years to come in your hometown newspaper. Your support allows The Groom News to work toward providing recognition to our students, as well as their parents and grandparents in all of their endeavors. Our readers and contributors heve always shown loyalty to the community, the school and residents. A hometown newspaper of any size always needs the support of the com nunity whether it be as a sponsor on the booster page, submitting an articie or a picture or simply telling us of an idea or a story idea, of which we may be unaware. This will keep the community tied together, working together, acknowledging the accomplishments of all of our readers and keeping them informed.
P.J.M.

Dorthy came up with a new use for Knox Gelatin. she says it is supposed to give your hair body. Yep! That's right! Just mix it up and smear it on your hair. Ugh!
Juandell came up with information on how to stay young and live a long time eat what your dogs and cows eat. That way you will be assured of getting all the minerals and vitamins you need. Have you ever seen a cow with a bad memory?
Shirley told us about her dog. She can put her dog in the bath tub and go off and leave her. That dos will stay right there till she comes back. She gave her comes back. She gave he a bath every day for a week one time when a skunk came to call. I wonder how she trained her dog to be so obedient.
All these painters are getting pretty closed mouthed when I'm around for fear of what will end up in the paper. I don't dare leave my tablet around so they can get to it. Evelyn has threatened me to not put anything in the paper that would jeopardize marriages. Now do you think I would do something like that?
See you next time. In See yoan time come In visit us every Mond and 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

Local

## Happening

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Les and Dora Neal and Bertie Helton Sunday at the Palo Duro rest home in Claude. Bertie sends her hello to everyone.

## Students Awarded Medals

The Groom School Administration recently held an awards ceremonly to present medals for students who received All A's for the semester last spring and this fall.

Stephanie Ollinger
Julie Richardson
Justin Ritter
C.J. Whatiey

## Grade 11

Tami Ashford
Kay Britten
Toby Burgin
April Burton
Jimmy Chavedo
Angie Conrad Michael Stephens Grade 10
Jacey Richardson
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Wyatt Weinheimer
Dara Whatley
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"No Hassle" Way To File Taxes

Filing a federal income tax return will be as simple as picking up a telephone and "letting your fingers do the filing" with the Internal Revenue Service's paperiess system this year.

TeleFile, the IRS's new file-by-phone system, is now in its' second year. It is available to about 26 million people nation wide. It offers quick, easy and free tax filing for people who receive the special tix package in the mail. Last year, 246,223 Texans used TeleFile in its first year to be offered nationally. IRS officials in Dallas expect for that Dallas expect for that
number to grow significantly this year. A total of 99 percent of the users say that they will us: the system again.
According to an IRS 1996 study, 2 percent of all

TeleFile users were 20 years old or younger. Thirtythree percent were age 21 to 25 , and 29 percent were 26 to 40 years old. More than 92 percent of all users said they were very satisfied with the system.
"No matter what your age is, TeleFile is easy and paperless. And, the best part is, it's free and can be filed directly with the IRS in less than 10 minutes, Bobby Scott, IRS North Texas district director said. To file by TeleFile, first you must receive a special TeleFile tax package. If you do, then follow the easy directions inside the package. People who received the packages included those who:

- have no changes to their name, social security or address;
have less than $\$ 50,000$ in taxable income. - have W-2 forms for all wages and taxable scholarship or fellowship


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system. "TeleFile users told us last year that they wanted the IRS to add married couples to those who can use the system. And we listened. So this year, TeleFile has been expanded to include married couples with no dependents who file jointly," said Scott. To access and use the system, TeleFiers will need
special personal identification number inside the tax package. Once inside the automated system, the filer is asked to enter wage and tax information from Form W-2 on their phone's keypad. TeleFile automatically calculates the total taxable income, adjusted gross income, amount of refund
or balance due, and even the earned income tax credit for those who quality. After the system pauses to calculate the totals, a recorded voice lists the TeleFiler's adjusted gross income, taxable income and the amount of their refund or tax due. At the end of the call, a confirmation number is given to the caller.


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## City Council Approves Half Cent Sales Tax

The McLean City Council approved a measure lat week that will place a1 additional half cent sales ter on the ballot for May. The tax, if approved, will be added for an indefinit? period of time and be use 1 for the specific purpose of local economic development.

Attending the reguler session of the City Counc I were members Mary Diwyer, Sid Lands, Gary Jacksor, Wayne Bybee, Haroid Smith, and Sam Haynes. Also present were Fred Smith, Tony Bohlar, Rober: McDonald, Allen Mixon Dedra and Tristen Davis Sherry Watson, and Gordor Sheplor.
(All votes are unanimou unless otherwise noted.)
No bids were received is response to the Council? request for a banl: depository, so the aldermer voted to stay with the Elan: of Commerce without contract.

Mary Dwyer is in charge of having Christma decorations made for thi City. The City swill purchas materials and all the labo will be donated.
Dedra Davis made
request to the Council concerning the need for a street light at the corner of Wood and Grove. The Council agreed to discuss the matter with SPS.
An item on the agenda concerning a water line was tabled.
Robert McDonald requested and received $\$ 600.00$ from the Council to attend the Emergency Management Conference. McDonald has attended and represented McLean for the past several years.
The aldermen voted unanimously to rescind bids that had previously been placed on Blk. 83 Lots $3,4,5$ \& 6, Blk. 66 Lots 29 \& 30, Blk. 64 Lots $18-20$, Blk. 27 Lots East 55' of Lots 8-10, Blk. 27 Lots 6,7 \& West $60^{\prime}$ of $8-10$. The former buyer failed to complete the purchase.
The following resolution was adopted:
"Be it resolved that an election for three full terms or mayor and two aldermen, and the proposition for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enternries at the


Mr. James Hinkley from the S ruare House Museum was at the McLean Elementary recently giving a program on Cowboys Mr. Crockett asked the students to find out the town and county where the museum is located. They found out that it is in Carson County and the name of the town is Panhandle.
rate of $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ be called for the first Saturday in May being May 3, 1997 with balloting at the Lovet Memorial Library in McLean, Texas from 7:00 a.m. to $7: 00$ p.m. And be i further resolved that filing for said positions shall start February 17, 1997 and shal close March 19, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting shal begin on April 14, 1997 and end on April 29, 1997 and end on April 29, 1997 and
said early voting to be in said early voting to be in
the office of the City the office of the City Secretary at the City Hall in McLean, Texas."
In other business:
Bill Graham wa appointed election judge. - Appliances in the alley were tabled.

- No action was taken on First and Railroad Streets.
- The Council will re apply for a sewer grant with PRPC.
- Superintendent Smith will be checking with the State Department about purchasing gravel or asphalt to be used in stree maintenance.
- The subject of skunks was discussed and the City will be trapoing them.


## Marvin Cong, pg.

Joins Crew At
B\&B Turbine
By Moriah McCracken MHS Tiger Rag Staff
Culture shock - that is the first reaction of most people who travel from San Diego, California t McLean. However, Marvi and Renee Conners think that it is wonderful to be back in a small community Marvin and Renee moved Mar McLean with their two to McLean with their two boys, Jacob and Daniel, at the end of January. Marvin began his new job at B\&B Turbine on February 3 Marvin was hired to run the company's Coordinate Measuring Machine which is Measur moccurate used to provide accurate inspection and complete reverse engineering capabilities. He left his job as a CAM Operator in San Diego to more to Texas where he and his wife have relatives. Renee grew up in See Conners, pg. 10


Shipman, Abedella, Hall Reminders
and Galley Named To National Honor Society

Four Mclean High School students have been School stu in the Mclean invited to join the Mclean High School chapter of the National Honor Society, according to Linda Haynes, sponsor. Seniors Tanna Shipman, and Francine Abdalla, junior Lorin Hall, Abdalia, junior Lorin Hall, and sophomore Rachel Galley are the four students named. "Students must meet certain criteria for selection to NHS," Haynes said. "Students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior, must have a cumulative grade-point average of 925 , and exhibit average of 92.5 , and exhibit the qualities of leadership, scholarship, character and service."

The new members will be inducted in a special ceremony Monday, March 3,
at 7 p.m. in Mrs. Riley's room. The public is invited to attend the ceremony as the new members take their oath of membership and receive their NHS pins.
Shipman is the daughter of Crawford and Monica Hall and the late Jimmy Shipman. She is the Tiger mascot and plays on the Lady Tiger basketball team Abdalla is the Brazilion Abdalla is Brazilian Her exhange student al MHS. Her American family are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riley. Since attending McLean schools, she has been named Harvest Queen, an attendant at the Homecoming Court, and first runner-up in the Miss McLean beauty pageant.

Hall, the daughter of
See N.H.S.. Dg. 10

FAMILY HEALTH Clinic will be closed next week on Wed., 2-26, and Fri., 2-28. Jerry is going to be out of town. Patients can call the hospital if there is an emergency. The number is 665-3721.

FRIDAY IS THE END of the 4th Six Weeks at McLean Schools.

4TH \& 8TH GRADES will have TAAS Writing on the 24th of February.

THE PIONEER STUDY Club will meet at 4:00 pm on Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Library.

New Sulbscriptions To The Mclean News Danny Simpson Teresa Kirgston Marshall Flanes Wayne Ennis

## School

 Lunch MenuFebruary 20 - John M. Haynes, Travis Fish. February 21 - Jack Syfrett, Becky Simmons, Bob and Claire McDowell (A).

February 22 - Donnie Smith, Eula Willis.
February 23.
February 24 - Sally Worsham Bohla r, George Watson, Brick Fry, Maggie Ruth Johnston.
February 25 - Dekki Crockett.
February 26 - Charles Wynn, Theima Stevens, Stella Lee, Nathanial Roberts.

## McLean

## Birthdays \&

 AnniversariesFebruary 24-28
Monday Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Smoked sausage, mashed potatoes, salad, bread, dessert, milk.
Tuesday Breakfast: Biscuit, gravy, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, salad corn one the corn-on-the-cob, dessert, milk.
Wednesday Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch: Chicken breast, fries green beans, strawberr shortcake, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Mini corn dogs, broccoli \& cheese, fried squash dessert milk.
Friday Breakfast: Donuts, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos, salad, crackers, hot pork \& beans, fruit bars, milk.


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## McLean Area Briefs

Molly Stewart was in the McLean News Office for ? visit on the 14th.

Charli Jarvis, second grade student at McLean School was named to the 90 and above honor roll. Her name was inadvertently left off the list.

Charli Jarvis was taken to Altus with a severe asthma attack. She is home at this time.

The Church of Christ held services at the Nursing Home Sunday. Then on Tuesday at $10: 00$ they served refreshments.

Visiting Jim and Emma Jean McDonald this week end were Kara, Sarah and Haley Fox, Kelsey Tate and Alexis Ewers.

Amanda Gaither of Shamrock visited with Delinda Simpson over the week-end.

Trinity Baptist Church was active Friday night with nineteen RAs sleeping there. Marshall Hanes and Carey Richardson were the sponsors.

Linda McAnear is Linda McAnear is
scheduled for surgery scheduled for surgery
Monday, February 20th at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.


## Obituaries



## McLean's Family Health Clinic

Will be closed next week on
Wed., Feb. 26 and Fri., Feb. 28. Jerry is going out of town.
Patients can call the hospital If there is an emergency.

Call 665-3721
Jerry, Suzzie and Susan

Vergie H. Everett Vergie H . Everett, 98 , died Thursday, February 13, 1997.

Graveside services were in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Everett was born in Jack County and had been a longtime resident of McLean She was a homemaker and a member homerst Presbyterian Church of First Presbyterian Church
of McLean. of McLean.

She married Perry Everett Sr., in 1917 at Amarillo. He died in 1980. She also was preceded in death by two sons, James Ewell Everett and Kenneth Bee "Petie" Everett.
Survivors include two sons, Dick Everett of McLean and Perry Everett Jr. of Fort Worth; a sister, Vesta Williams of Andrews; five grandchildren; 10 greatgrandchildren; and a greatgrandchildren;
great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Hillcrest Cemetery Association.


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## Zora Billingsley Does Volunteer Work <br> From an article in the <br> had to balance, as if it had

Amarillo Globe-News by Karen D. Smith.
"Somebody asked me why I volunteer. I said, "To keep the cobwebs our of my brain, Zora Billings ey explained.

Cobwebs don't adhere to a mind like a steel trap.
If volunteer work did $\mathrm{r}^{\prime}$ t fill Billingsley's time, you get the feeling the detrils already locked in her brain would keep her mind active.

The 71-year-old whirlwisd is a journalist's dream.
Spellings follow hot on the heels of unfamiliar names or words that pop out of her mouth.
She belongs to the Arredondo - A-r-re-d-o-n-do - Chapter of the Revolution.
She volunteers with the SCI - Seniors for Childhord SCI - Seniors for Childhood Immunization.

M-c-capital L-e-a-n, twin daughters of Mr . and Mrs. Luther Petty.
Billingsley moved to Amarillo to take her first job with the American Quarter Horse Association in 1947.
"Back then, there were six of us that worked there," she said, explaining that the small AQHA office occupied the A-part of a building.
"The B-part was a liquor store."
Her job duties there pretty much ran the gamut. "I could do anything from the front door to the back door," she said. "Well, I don't know, what my title don't know, what my title
was. I think it was just an was. I think it was just an office clerk. But that covers a multitude of sins. Kind of like 'mother.'

Billingsley spent eight years at AOHA and later
became a civil servant for 21 years. She started at the Amarillo Air Base, then moved to the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Helium Operations until a reduction in force switcher her career path again.
She worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for a vhile, but didn't care for it too much and left it for what was then called the Veteran's Administration Hospital.
"I was a statistician- s-t-a-t-i-s-t-i-c-i-a-n," she said. Folks at the VA were always calling to get statistics on the number of people provided particular types of services or hospitalized for certain reasons, she said
Did the said.
Did the job require a head for numbers?
"Well, I had a calculator. It always helped," she said. "I enjoyed it. Everything

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been money."
And the people and services did translate into money for the facility, she said.
Billingsley retired in 1985, but she didn't slow down.
She spends 20 hours a month patrolling jarking areas with a partner is a part of an Amarillo Poice Department volunteur Department volunterr
handicapped parking handicapped par
On this particular day, Billingsley was preparing for the next day's court appearance about a ticket she and a partner gave a driver who parked unlawfully in a spot reserved for persons with disabilities. Her uniform - a white polo shirt with a patrol patch on the sleeve, dark pants and a ball cap - was ready to go, and she planned to arrive early to refresh her memory by looking at the ticket and a Polaroid photo of the offending vehicle.
"But I think I know which one it was. If I'm not mistaken, it was a . Billingsley proceeded to describe the vehicle and where it was parked.
Patrol members always are sure to get details, she said. On the back of each ticket, patrol members write the county in which the incident occurred. (An offender got out of a city ticket once because the wrong county was listed, she said.)
Billingsley said she also jots down what the weather was like on the day the ticket was issued, and the placement of the sign labeling the space as one for disabled drivers.

Either Billingsley or her partner shoots an instant photo of the ill-parked auto, making sure the sign is in the shot for further proof, she said.

Billingsley not only can recall the many excuses she's heard while on duty, but also the location where the offender parked and when the ticket was issued.
"People don't like it when

## they get a ticket, because

 they're $\$ 100$ - if it's the first one," she said.Patrol members perform their duties with heart. They always peer inside the car for a sign that the driver forgot to put in plain view, forgot to put in plain view, she said
Billingsley joined the parking patrol because she had the time, and "because I'm handicapped. Oh, not much handicepped." She walks with a hitch that resulted from a bout of polio when she was just 18 months old, she said.
Billingsley juggled her patrol schedule to fit in an orientation session for Seniors for Childhood Immunization, a Retired and Senior Volunteer Program effort at Northwest Texas Hospital that will help educate new parents about getting their children immunized.

She signed
She signed up for that endeavor after hearing and reading that the program needed worker bees.

Amarillo's Central Public Library is another spot where you might catch Billingsley.
As a member of the Amarillo Genealogical Society since 1963 , she said she volunteers there, helping to catalog surnames and answer requests for information.
Billingsley has connected researchers looking for the same family names or persons, she said. One such researcher asked her what she gets paid to provide such service.
"I said, 'I just got it." Payment comes from helping people in their search, she continued.

She traced her own family tree back to England. "It took me 39 years, but I did it," she said.
Her volunteer hours at the library occur "whenever the need arises," Billingsley said, adding that she expects to by busy soon because the Amarillo society recently advertised the research service in a national publication for the hobby. First Baptist Church also
gains from Billingsley's
energy. During the Christmas season, she helped take tickets and straighten greenery for the Singing Christmas Tree performances.
Billingsley must've picked up her active-senior-years habits from her parents. She remembers her mother, at 71 , kneeling on the roof of their farmhouse and nailing down shingles.
"Well, I don't even climb on a stool in my house, she said. "The were just hardworking farm folks."

Challenges are what Billingslèy relishes. She described a genealogy indexing project at the library that took about 400 hours to complete.
"I love a challenge - as long as I don't get on top of the house or climb a ladder," she joked.

Billingsley has one son, Vernon Kennedy, who lives at Temple, as well as three grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

Asked to describe herself, Billingsley uses adjectives sparingly.
"Just a hard-working senior citizen," she said.
"Or just a busy senior citizen, because I don't do hard stuff, really. Just a busy senior citizen, but I love it."

## Transportation Grants

Panhandle area non-profit agencies may now apply for provide public transportation to the elderly and people with disabilities. The Teras D e a $t$. The Texas Transportment of Amarillo District is calling on private, non-profit agencies to apply for its Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant program. The goal of the program is to provide assistance in meeting the transportation needs of elderly people and/or people people and/or people with disabilities where public unavailable, insufficient and inappropriate.

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The McLean News Staff

## It's All Trew.

## By Delbert Tew The Wedding Vows

Recently on a cruise up the Mississippi River on the Mississippi Queen, new found friends, Edgar and Marcella Smoke decided to participate in the Captain's offer to renew their wedding vows while on board. When asked to sttend the ceremony and photograph this fiftieth wedding anniversary, we accepted.
It was a tender and touching moment and the love and devotion this fine couple had for each other was obvious.
When Ruth and I were asked if we wanted to renew our vows, we smiled and replied, "No, we have a contract." This led to the following answer
Ruth and I had lost our first mates by tragedy. We found each other and put two sons each into a new joint venture. We already joint venture. We already
knew what good marriages knew what good marriages
were and were familiar with were and were familiar with
the wedding vows. As we the wedding vors. As we
started into this new marriage and trying to bond four teenage boys into a family, we rade the following agreements;

1) Whoever leaves first has to take all the children. This kept us together until the children all left home.
2) Whoever leaves first

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## Day

Be glad of lif: because it gives you the ch ince to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars. (Henry van Dyke)
has to take the indebtedness. This added more years as we helped with college educations and the boy's marriages.

With the boys gone from home and the debts all paid, we were now free to go our different ways. However, we have now reached the age where we have to have each other to function in life.

Only Ruth remembers where all the things are that I have lost. Only I know where all the things are that she has lost. She could not go shopping in Amarillo because only I know where her favorite shops are located. I could not drive without her telling me when to stop and go, and to turn off my blinkers.

I can't remember to take pills but can remember her appointments. Only I know where she left her purse, and only she knows where our lists are hidden.
Wedding vows are great for the young and inexperienced, but for those on the trip after middle age, we believe a contract is better.

## Meeting

- The City employment policy and procedure
manual will be amended to include substance abuse. - The Council went into executive session at $7: 50$ to discuss a personnel matter. They returned to open session at 7:55 and took no action.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Twentieth Century Club View Local History Video By Lena Carter The Twentieth Century Club met February 13th in Club met February 13 th in
the home of Lena Carter for their monthly meeting. The meeting was opened by President Mary Groves and the minutes were read by Laura Edleman and was approved as read. The financial report was given. In a business meeting it was In a business meeting it was
decided present officers be decided present officers be
reinstated. Plans for the reinstated. Plans for the
yearbook were discussed yearbook were discussed and roll call was, "A historic place I would like to visit again," and was answered by Relia Ayres, Laverne Brookes, Lena Carter, Laura Edleman. Ruth and Laura Edleman. Ruth and
Brenda McLain, Mary Groves and Cliffie Heasley. Nora Dragoo was a guest at the meeting.

The program was given by Lena Carter and was a video of local history which was put on the VCR. Ladies filled their plates with sandwiches, pickles, olives, chips and dips, cherry tarts, coffee and punch and the movie began along with bowls of carmel corn. We were real pleased to have Mary back after her recent ordeal.

## Alanreed News.

By Lena Carter
The James Armbristers were in Amarillo the first of the week for medical attention for James.
Jim Bible went Thursday to Pampa to take part in the prison ministry in the Jordan Unit there
Don Charles Dorsey has his new garage and workshop building frame up and looking good.

Action around the Keller House, could be we will have new residents shortly.

Denva and Kristi Tidwell and Nora Dragoo were shopping in Pampa on Monday.

The Robert Bruce's were in Pampa on Friday.
Ruth McLain accompanied daughter Tammy and grandson Tyler to Amarillo on Monday.

The R. L. Leeders visited in a Pampa Church on Sunday.

## Conners

Merkie, a small town outside of Abilene. Renee is a housewife who busys herself with running the family and taking care of 5 year-old Daniel. Their eldest son, Jacob, attends first grade at McLean Elementary.

When asked what his first impression of McLean was, Marvin said, "We haven't met anyone who has not shown us kindness and hospitality. The Lord knew what he was doing when he placed us here. He is awesome!"

## Care

## Center

McLean Care Center extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Virgie Everett ho passed away at the Shamrock hospital.
Sunday members of the Methodist Church came to hold a worship service.
Monday morning a video ape taken of the valentine party was shown to the residents. In the afternoon the following residents the following residents
played bingo: Sylvia played bingo: Sylvia
McClellan, Dick Wheeler, McClellan, Dick Wheeler,
M.L. Rowan, Eula Morrow, M.L. Rowan, Eula Morrow, Jessie Watson, Phyllis Bailey, Lena Bailey, Teresa Richardson, Thelma Finson, Varnie Lowe, Vernie Bowling, Ruby Ayers, Truman Goodlett, Sue Cubine, Leon Tate, George Garrett and Marion Turner. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club. An exercise program was held following bingo.
Tuesday morning the following residents attended the resident council meeting held by president Sylvia McClellan; M.L. Rowan, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Teresa Richardson, Lula Sheegog, Eula Morrow, Jessie Watson and Sue Cubine. In the afternoon Teresa Richardson, Dick Wheeler and Imogene King played dominos.
Wednesday morning 19 residents gathered in the dining area to have a donut social. In the afternoon members of the Wesley Sunday School class came to give the residents an ice cream social. Ladies attending were Wilma Barker, Imogene Glass, Mary Powell and Ruth Magee who played the piano.
Thursday morning Inez Trostle came to style the ladies hair. In the afternoon the residents played bingo.
Saturday was the birthday party. Celebrating her birthday was Sylvia McClellan. Her corsage was donated by Lamb-Ferguson lorist. The decorated cake was furnished by Mary Dwyer. Loyce Murray came to play the piano. Ladies serving were Mary Dwyer, Ruth Magee, Stella Lee and Nona Turpen.

## N.H.S.

David and Terri Hall, is a cheerleader. She was recently named Miss Mclean. Galley, the daughter of Eugene and Brenda Galley, plays for the Lady Tiger basketball team. Current ' members of NHS include Shanna Dent, president; Kristi Tidwell, vice president; Tammye Cole, secretary; Jessica Rich, parliamentarian; and Ashley Slagle, Lori Hefley, David Fuller, Shaley Stalls, and Moriah McCracken.

## Loree Hicks

 Celebrates 80th BirthdayThe 80 th birthday of
oree Hicks was celebrated on Janua on January $25,1997$. Ms. Hicks is the daughter of the late R.B. "Bub" and Annie Jones of McLean. Loree lived in McLean until she married Roy Hicks of Lela, Texas and moved to Farmington, New Mexico in 1936. Mr. Hicks died in 1985 and Loree moved to Aztec, New Mexico in 1991.
The celebration was held at the Mesa Community Center in Farmington.

Attending were Loree's ister, Betty Jones-Smith of Farmington; all nine of Loree and Roy's children; Bob Hicks of Aspen, Colorado; Shirley Moore of Grand Junction, Colorado; Gerald Hicks of Farmington; Linda Adams
of Naturita, Colorado; Larry Hicks of Whitewater Colorado; Rae Jean Behm of Wheatridge, Colorado; Joe Hicks and wife Carolyn of Flora Vista, New Mexico; Darrell Hicks and wife Kim of La Plata, New Mexico; Terry Hicks and wife Joyce of Crouch Mesa, New Mexico.
Also attending were nine grandchildren, three greatgrandchildren and many nieces, nephews and old friends.

The day was filled with cards, phone calls and lots of visiting. Great food, music and conservation was enjoyed by all.
Mrs. Hicks is the niece of Melvin and Grace McCabe Thelma Stevens of McLean.

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