

# The Groom News

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## Groom Day Highlights...



David Fields has not near as much trouble as some of his opponents controlling his donkey during the donkey race. Jackie Barnett and Terry O'Dell won the event. The donkey named Karen was a favorite with the crowd.



Robert West and Gary Davis discuss the parade route. The Wheeler Evans float was a prize winner. The birthday cake was topped with 90 candles.



Boy Scout Troop 429 is an enterprising group of lads. Terry Eatmon, Joe Britten, David York, Jason Prather, and leader Rick Prather plan to use funds from can collection for community service projects.

## Taxpayers Yelling Foul As City Of Groom Tax Rate Set

Residents of the City of Groom had to be looking hard if they were aware of the Notice of Effective Tax Rate and the meeting held on Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. The notice appeared in the Amarillo Globe News instead of in the local paper read by 95% of the population of Groom.

Donita Herber, Chief Appraiser for the Carson County Appraisal District, stated, "I apologize for our part in the error." "A girl at the office was ill and failed to communicate the need to get that notice out to the local paper. When we realized our mistake we had missed The Groom News deadline. The City had already set their meeting and did not want to change it."

### Carson County To Vote Nov. 3 On State Senator

Carson and Armstrong Counties have been taken out of Senate District 31 and moved to District 30 caused by redistricting enacted by the legislature. Therefore, in the November 3 general election, voters in Carson and Armstrong Counties will be voting in districts drawn up by the legislature instead of the court drawn plan used in the primaries. This means, instead of Teel Bivens, Republican from Amarillo, who is running unopposed in November on the ballot, voters will choose from either Democrat Steve Carriker, incumbent senator

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### Scouts Begin Recycling Effort

There has been a new addition to main street recently. The Groom Boy Scouts have built a recycling bin for soda pop cans. Residents are invited to take part in helping save the world's resources. Money collected from the sale of these soda cans will be used for other community projects and camping gear. The boys invited everyone to help out by participating and thank everyone who contributes. Don Stone, a sign painter from Clarendon, graciously donated his talents for the sign. The Troops thank him.

Herber went on to say that one of the City Council members requested that the Notice be placed in the Amarillo paper.

"I can see how a person might miss seeing it in the Amarillo paper. But since the Globe News is widely circulated in the area it was legal. Everyone over here at Panhandle takes the Amarillo paper," she stated.

Howard Rose, local distributor of the Amarillo Globe News, reports that about 90-95 local residents subscribe to the daily Amarillo paper. That is approximately 1/5 of the population of the City of Groom.

Donita Herber said, "The Groom City Council did not want to wait on The Groom News, that her office had the tax rate ready to go Friday, for the Monday-Tuesday deadline but it did

not appear in The Groom News on Thursday." "Therefore, the meeting was scheduled and the notice taken to Amarillo. The effective tax rate notice was printed in the Friday, August 7, 1992 paper", Herber added. "and the meeting set for Monday morning at 10:00 a.m." So the printing of the notice on Friday, the posting of the agenda Friday for the hearing to meet the requirements of the Texas Open Meeting Laws, and the meeting on Monday morning, just to get the important meeting over was fast and convenient for the Council.

Chief Appraiser Herber said, "She did not know what the hurry was, but the City had until after September 1 to meet the deadline of the state for getting this job done."

## City Approves Budget

In the August 4th City Council Meeting City Council members voted to give a raise to employees Jack Barnett and Don Case. The \$40.00 per month increase was a unanimous decision by attending members. Bill Homer was absent.

In other business a public hearing was held concerning the budget for 1992-93. Greg Lamb moved to adopt the budget.

Pat Ashford, City

Secretary, was appointed American Disability Act coordinator.

Alderman Greg Lamb moved to set August 10th as a called meeting and September 8 as the regular City Council meeting for September.

Mayor Britten, R.E. Cornett, and Bill Homer will attend the Texas Municipal League Convention October 8 through the 10th.

## Community Calendar

**ELEMENTARY** Students must register on Monday, August 17th from 9-11:30 am. Also any students new to Groom I.S.D. should register at the same time.

**4-H DANCE** Countywide on Saturday, August 15th from 8:30 - 11:30 pm at the Parish Hall in Panhandle. Incoming 6th grade thru Freshman, \$3.00 per person.

**LADIES LEAGUE** Meeting at Charlotte Whatley's home at 7:30 pm, Saturday, August 15. Toni Pavlovsky is the hostess.

**BOY SCOUT BLOOD** Drive September 1 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**STUDENTS WHO** attended Groom ISD last year need not register. Come to school the first day of classes, August 24.

**SEE THE GROOM** NEWS for "Leap of Faith" T-Shirts.

**TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES** AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

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**GROOM BIRTHDAYS  
ANNIVERSARIES**

August 13 - Annie Martinez.  
August 14 - Jay Britten, Christopher Dean Burger, Mrs. Terrell Britten.  
August 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Whatley (A).  
August 16 - Mrs. Steven Hutsell, Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Hermesmeyer (A), Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Britten (A).  
August 18 - Louis D. Ruthardt, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Britten (A).  
August 19 - Margaret Crowell, Nell Britten.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Farley of Granbury, Texas visited over Groom Days in Groom.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thanks to our friends and loved ones. Your concern, prayers, love and acts of kindness made our great loss easier to bear. May the good Lord Bless and Keep You.

Kenneth and Betty Black and Family

**ROSLYN WATSON,**

County Tax Collector, would like to announce the approval of Howard "Hop" Britten to register vehicles for county residents in the Groom area. This will be done in the Britten Truck Sales office at 500 East Front Street in Groom between the hours of 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM Monday thru Friday and after hours by appointment.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Larkin were recent visitors with Rip and Joy Snyder.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited in Alanreed Sunday at the B&B with Kitty and Ray Harris and in Clarendon with Les and Dora Neal.

Visiting Betty West were Jim, Judy, Aaron, Andrew and Austin West from Victoria Texas.

**THANK YOU CARD**

We really appreciate the Groom Fire Department washing down the sidewalk in front of the store for Groom Day. It really made it look nice. Thanks again from all of us at the Groom Grocery.

In a recent tennis tournament sponsored annually by the City of Panhandle Toby Burgin won the youth singles division of ages 12 and under.

In the ages 13-15 division Bo Burgin placed second. Seventeen players representing five area towns participated in the six divisions of the tournament.

**SEE THE GROOM**  
News for T-Shirts.

## Local Happenings

**GROOM SCHOOL** Daily Schedule: Breakfast 7:50  
Classes Begin 8:20  
K-3 dismiss 3:00 pm  
4-12 dismiss 3.35 pm

**YEARBOOKS CAN BE** picked up during school registration Friday, August 21 in business room.

**REGISTRATION FOR  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AND NEW STUDENTS**

Registration for Groom Elementary School and all new students will be held on Monday, August 17. Students in grades 1 through 6 and all new students in any grade should come to the school between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. A parent should accompany each child.

Any kindergarten students who have not already registered should also come to school on that day.

All new students who have not already registered should bring his/her social security number and any school records already obtained from the last school attended.

Students in grades 7 through 12 who attended Groom ISD last year have already registered and have received schedules. These students do not need to come to school until the first day of classes, August 24.

**GROOM SCHOOL  
FIFTH GRADE  
SUPPLY LIST**

- Miss Childress
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 Spiral
- Pencils #2
- Pens: Black or Blue
- Kleenex - Box of 200 count
- Ruler - Centimeters and inches
- Scissors (Sharp pointed)
- School Box for Supplies
- Glue
- 1 Vinyl Folder - Size 2 inch
- 1 Set of Dividers
- Crayolas
- Map Colors
- Washable Markers (Opt.)
- 3 Ring Notebook (Opt.)

**GROOM SCHOOL BOARD  
TO MEET AUGUST 11**

Some of the items of interest on the agenda for the August 11th School Board meeting are:

- Consider any personnel resignation, assignments or re-assignments.
- Consider any offers of employment for 1992-'93 school year.
- Consider dress Code Committee report.
- Report on Writing to Write II and Educational Computing Program.
- Consider resolution with Grandview-Hopkins relative to bus transportation and routes.



Tammy Bivens, Alpha Mu Xi Sweetheart, and Judy Eatmon, Woman of the Year represent all the wonderful things the sorority does for our community.

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## Right To Know...

City of Groom, mayor and councilmen held their public meeting Monday setting the 1992-93 tax rate. Carson County Appraisal District's Office and the City of Groom failed to publish this notification in The Groom News for the Groom taxpayers. The meeting was held Monday, August 10, 1992 at City Hall. So at this reading of The Groom News, Groom taxpayers have had their taxes set without having been given a chance to speak.

Whether it be a lack of professionalism, laziness, or disregard for the Groom taxpayers, the Carson County Appraisal District or the Groom City Council whichever it was, has set a

poor precedent for their taxpayers right to know.

Immediately, the meeting should have been cancelled and rescheduled. The Appraisal District and City Council should work at the taxpayers convenience, not the other way around.

Enough said.  
P.J.M.

## District

told The Groom News that Carriker would be visiting this area.

State Republicans have asked the court to block this redistricting plan. An August 17 hearing has been set to see if state and federal laws have been violated with this redistricting plan.

secretary told the Groom News he likes.

Senator Carriker's office from Roby, Texas and Tom Haywood, Republican from Wichita Falls. Haywood was unsuccessful in his bid for State Representative last year.

Senator Bivens was unavailable Tuesday morning for comment to The Groom News but his press secretary James Hoard said, "Senator Bivens is very upset over losing Carson and Armstrong Counties of the Texas Panhandle." Bivens was said to be in Florida on business.

Senator Carriker's 30th District includes Abilene, Wichita Falls, Sherman, Denison and parts of Denton. This plan allows him to take in more rural areas which Carriker's press



## Grandview-Hopkins Announces Registration

Registration for all students new to the Grandview-Hopkins schools will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 1992. New students are asked to bring a certified copy of their birth certificate, immunization records, school records from the last school they attended, and their Social Security number. Parents may take care of registration

students do not have to be present to register. Students who attended school last year do not have to register. The first day of school for all students is August 24, 1992. Classes will begin at 8:30 AM.

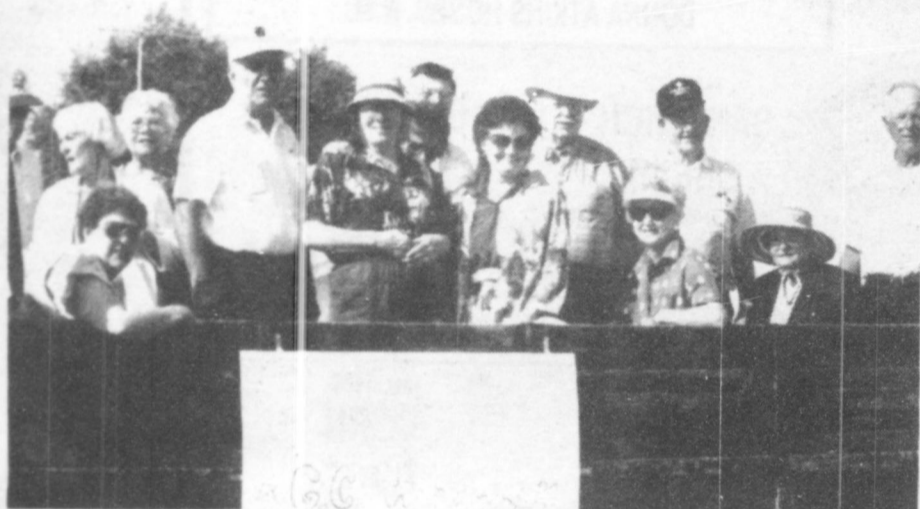
### Grandview-Hopkins School Supply List - Kindergarten and First Grade:

- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 1 bottle (6 oz.) of white "Elmer's" type glue
- Watercolor paints
- 1 box of crayons (regular size)
- 2 #2 pencils (regular size)
- School box (optional)
- Second and Third Grade:
- Pencils (#2)
- Red pen or pencil
- Sharp pointed scissors
- Colored pencils
- 2 wide-ruled spirals
- Eraser

- 1 package of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 bottle (6 Oz.) of white "Elmer's" type glue.
- Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grade
- 10 #2 pencils
- 1 Notebook
- 2 packages wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 box crayons
- 1 bottle (6 oz.) of white "Elmer's" type glue
- 1 pair pointed scissors
- 3 spiral notebooks
- 5 pocket folders
- 1 - 12" ruler (metric on one side)
- 2 red grading pencils
- Protractor
- Compass

**ST. JUDE'S BIKE-A-THON**  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced today that Jan Britten will serve as coordinator for the Groom "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon.

To help the children at St. Jude's Research Hospital Jan said, "We will be having a Bike-A-Thon on August 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.". Any and everyone interested please contact Jan Britten for sponsor sheets. There will be refreshments but you might want to bring a sack lunch. We are going to have a wonderful time and help some sick children at the same time. Please participate!



(Right to left) Valesta Allstrom, Harold Baker, Patricia Hartnett (English Teacher), Narcissa Baker, Ted Major, Vernice Dillon, George Keeter, Joy Snyder, Betty Holland, Perry Johnson, Shirley McNulty, Raymond "Pop" Smith, Bernadine McNeil, Art Britten.

## Class Of 1942 Meets For Groom Day

By George Benson Keeter

Time has pruned the Class of 1942! Those who have passed on are Ima Faye Blackwell, G. C. Whatley, Curtis Babcock, Ruby Bernard Heidel, and Ada Davis. Time has strengthened the remaining ones because as we come together, we realize the importance of our early education and class bonds that have brought us together as loving survivors.

Attending this year from Amarillo were our English teacher Patricia Wederbrook

Hartnett, Valesta Bagwell Allstrom, William and Vernice Long Dillon; from Idaho: Harold and Narcissa Crammer Baker; from Kennesaw, Georgia: Perry and Helene Johnson; from Fort Worth: Raymond "Pop" Smith; from Borger: Shirley Burgdorf McNulty; from Abernathy: Ted and Betty Major; from Lubbock: Wallace and Betty Schies Holland; from El Paso: Guy and Bernadine Ledwig McNeil; from Groom: Art and Joanne Britten, R.A. and Joy Snyder, George and Joleta Keeter.

The homes of Art and Joanne Britten and George

and Joleta Keeter have been home to multitudes. They were home to the Class of 1942 for memories, music, song, and food. It was great to ride in the parade together and be a part of Groom festivities.

Bernadine, Guy, George, Joleta, and her sister Earline Wynn continued the party Sunday night at the opera "The Legend of Columbus" by Gene Murray in the Palo Duro Canyon.

Ted Major coordinated our activities.

The reunion was dedicated to G. C. Whatley who died in the Pacific in World War II.

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We thank each and everyone of you for standing behind us these past two difficult years.

I will not be flying for a time until I get my license back. However, I am completely well and will enjoy running the business from the ground and being able to visit you more. May God Bless each one of you as He has us.

Sincerely,



**Letter To The  
Editor  
Concerning**

**Dress Code**

I would like to express my concern about the latest dress code meeting.

First of all, I do not feel that there was any reason to

hold such a meeting. I am of the opinion this meeting was just a formality, and the chair person had no intentions of amending the current dress code to conform to the standards that are currently being used in most small school districts within the Groom area.

It is felt that there are people chosen to be on this committee that must confront a conflict of interest on the issue. These are school teachers, board members and administration personnel. I further feel that more parents should have a say on what their children do or do not wear. It is felt that the parents and our children are responsible enough to attend school and school functions dressed in an appropriate manner. Those few who do not wish to follow dress code rules, and we all know there are and will always be some students that will test the code, have been and will continue to be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Therefore, it is felt that amending our dress code to include walking shorts for all grades, boys and girls, would cause no more problems in school than we already have. If nothing else, seeing that school starts in the heat of August, I feel our children would be more comfortable by being allowed to wear shorts the first and last six weeks of school. Why can't we give our children a chance to prove themselves responsible by following dress code rules? I feel if they are given the chance, our children will prove themselves worthy of this trust by obeying the amended dress code.

Groom parents, if you feel the same way a lot of other parents do, speak up now. Let your school board members know how you feel. Let's take back a little control on what happens at our school and with our children. After all, if we don't trust our children, who will?

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**RAY MARTIN DAVIS' CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin Davis of Groom celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a party August 1 at their home in Groom.

Hosts for the event were the couple's children.

Davis married the former Peggy Joyce Savage on August 1, 1966, at Amarillo. The couple previously resided in Amarillo and Panhandle. They have lived in Groom for two years.

Davis is a deputy sheriff for Carson County. Mrs. Davis is a housewife.

Children of the couple are Johnny Ray Davis of Amarillo, Rickey Dale Davis and Patricia Davis; both of Groom.

The couple have two grandchildren.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We would like to thank M.C. Gainey from the bottom of our hearts for his generosity in allowing us to visit our son Floyd, stationed in San Diego. If it were not for Mr. Gainey, it could be a long time before we see Floyd again because he is scheduled to leave for Japan in September. God Bless You and good luck in the movie.

Melvin, Sue and Floyd Wills

**Local Visitors**

Bob and Kate McLaughlin and Dale and Dolly McLaughlin were recently in Groom to visit. They were in the movie. They used to work for Mr. Swank years ago.

Cody and Magan Bivens spent the weekend with grandparents Jack and Billie Bivens while their parents enjoyed an anniversary holiday in San Antonio.

**Area 4-Hers Place In State Horse Show**

Area 4-H'ers were among the top contenders recently at the 1992 State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene. There were more than 1,000 participants from throughout the state competing for top honors.

Abigail Blakeney of Randall County was named Reserve Champion Hunter Horseman, placing second in hunter hack, second in working hunter, 10th in open jumping and first in hunter horsemanship over fences.

Jill Housch of Swisher was named Reserve Champion Judged Horseman and Brady Tippen of Cottle was named Reserve Champion Timed Horseman.

Other area placers included: Team Penning - 9. Leo Britten, Cody Britten and Jeff Millican, from Carson County.

**Local Happenings**

Visiting in the Jack and Billie Bivens home and Mark, Tammy, Cody and Magan Bivens' home over the Groom Day weekend were: Bimbo, Paula, Brianna and Braun Bivens, and Paula's mother Nadine Lancaster from Idaho; Andrea, Drew and Shannon Jennings from Houston; Lynette Bivens from Luther, Oklahoma; and U.S.N. Cmdr. Bobby L., wife, Judy Nicholson, enroute from Hawaii to their new duty station in Maryland. Paula,

Brianna, Braun Bivens and Nadine Lancaster remained for a longer visit until August 8th.

James Cooper from Woodward, Oklahoma had major surgery on Friday, August 1st.



The "meanest mama" in town (Gary Davis) smokes a cigar and puts her kids on a leash (knowing those kids, Jay Lamb and Jigger Britten, who could blame her). Catch a glimpse of that fetching figure (nothing artificial here!)

YEARBOOKS CAN BE picked up during school registration Monday, August 17 in business room.

**KEY DATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

Here are the key dates concerning high school football on the 1992-93 University Interscholastic League calendar:

August 14 - First day football contact activities permitted. Classes \*5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A and six-man.

August 17 - First day for fall football conditioning. Class 5A schools that had spring practice. (No contact activities permitted. No contact equipment except helmets may be worn. Other contact equipment may be fitted and placed in lockers.)

August 20 - First day for football inter-school scrimmages. Classes \*5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A and six-man.

August 21 - First day football contact activities permitted. Class 5A schools that had spring practice.

August 27 - First day for football interschool scrimmages. Class 5A schools that had spring practice.

September 3 - First day for playing football games, all classes.

**More Groom Day Highlights**



Sharolyn Kerlee, Luke Pavlovsky and Toni Pavlovsky clown around for Ladies League in the Groom Day Parade.



Holly Burger looks over the T-Shirt opportunities as Margie Smith and Sherri Wieberg show off the beautiful Groom Day shirts.

**4-H DANCE**  
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### Knowles Celebrates 85th Birthday

A belated 85th birthday was held for Essie Cooper Knowles on August 1st and 2nd. All enjoyed Groom Day Barbecue and a cookout at Richard and Donna Crump's for hamburgers and trimmings, two large cakes and several freezers of home made ice cream.

Those attending were: Marvin and Jean Morrow, Richard, Donna, Rocky, Heather, Stoney, Brandon and Dusty Crump, Elmer, LaWanda Redd, Gayle, Michael, and Katrina Thomas; Donnie, Nicky, Stephen Wetzal and Tony and B.J. Homer, Marshal and daughter Kathrine Robertson of Groom; John, Marva, Misty and friend Andy, Amy and Bryce Simon of Syracuse, Kansas; Johnny and Yvonne Wetzal, Debbie Smith, Danielle, David and Dustin of Houston; Dennis Sharon Stringer and sons Michael and Jason, Dale and Cindy Stringer, Joey and Jennifer

all from Center; Great-granddaughter Jeanne Wortham Nation and great-grandson Haskel Lee from Wellington, Texas; Jana Cooper of Woodward, Oklahoma; Marilyn White and her grandson Stormy. Special guest was Aunt Clara Hill of Erick, Oklahoma.

There were 49 present for the birthday afternoon meal and money tree. There were five generations present.

**THANK YOU CARD**  
Congratulations to everybody responsible for the terrific Groom Day celebration. This was our first Groom Day and we all thought everything was 1st class!

The fireworks display was the best we've ever seen.

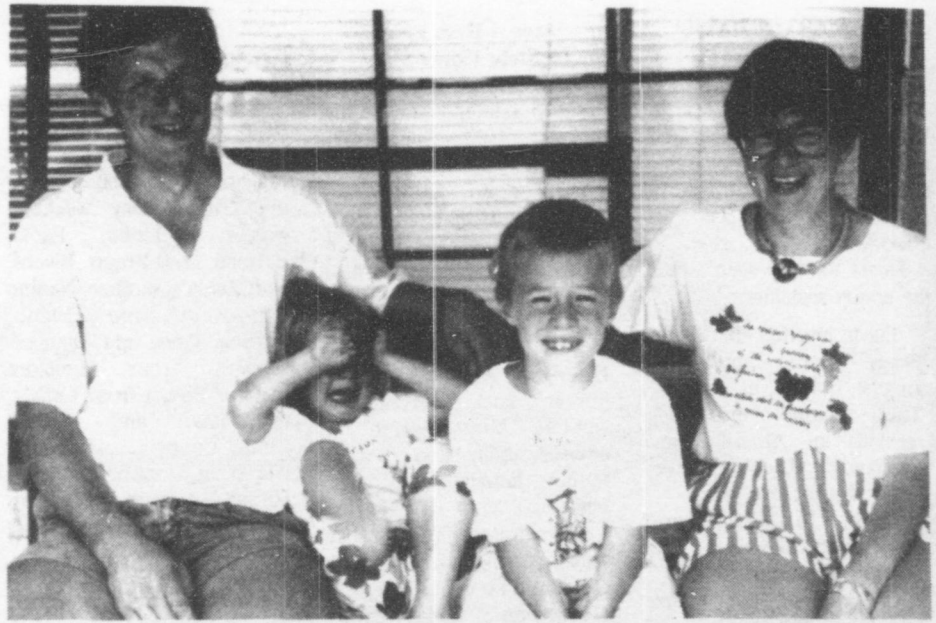
Those who worked so hard on this event have a lot to be proud of!

The Terry O'Dells

### Groom ISD Class Schedule 1992-93

7:55 - 8:15 Teacher Preparation (Faculty Meetings, etc.)  
8:20 - 9:10 First Period  
9:15 - 10:05 Second Period  
10:05½ - 10:32½ Tutorials  
10:35 - 11:25 Third Period  
11:30 - 12:20 Fourth Period  
12:20 - 12:50 Lunch  
12:55 - 1:45 Fifth Period  
1:50 - 2:40 Sixth Period  
2:25 - 3:35 Seventh Period  
3:35 - 4:00 Teacher Preparation - Teachers remain at school for parents, students, meetings

**Lunch Schedule**  
Kindergarten - 11:40 - 12:10  
1st Grade - 11:45 - 12:15  
2nd Grade - 11:50 - 12:20  
3rd Grade - 11:55 - 12:25  
4th Grade - 12:00 - 12:30  
5th Grade - 12:05 - 12:35  
6th Grade - 12:10 - 12:40  
7th & 8th Grades - 12:17  
9th-12th Grades - 12:20 - 12:50



### Crowells Belgium Sister Visits

Leslie Crowell and family recently had some very special guests visiting in their home.

When Leslie was in high school she was a foreign exchange student in Belgium. The family she stayed with had a daughter, who was like a sister to Leslie. The daughter, now

grown, with a family of her own, visited the Crowells.

Michou Aelterman, husband Jean-Pierre and children Jonathan 7, and Seraphine 4, hail from Gent, Belgium. She is a bank auditor and he is a construction engineer.

Michou also spent a year with Leslie and her parents,

Howard and Estelle Pruitt in Panhandle.

The couple are on vacation and reported to be having a great time in the U.S.A.

WE SAW.....

Karen Conrad being pulled by a runaway John Deer lawn mower.

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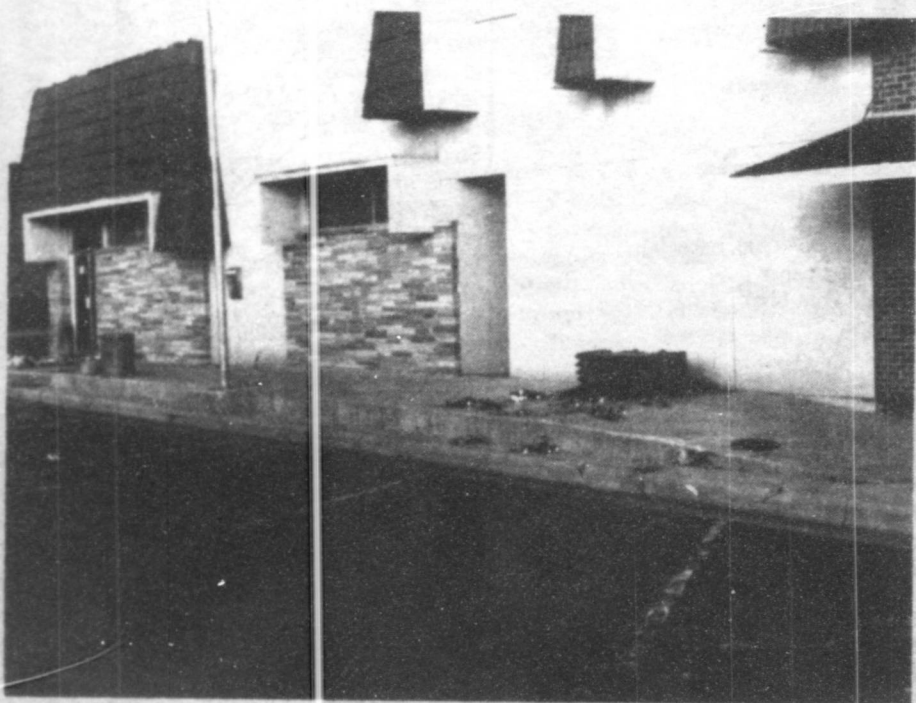
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## Vandals Hit Main Street

The efforts of many citizens to beautify main street was destroyed last week after vandals caused havoc in the downtown area.

Planter boxes filled with

flowers had been turned upside down. Garbage cans were dumped in the middle of the street. Benches, which had once graciously lined main street were at

the north and south ends of the avenue to barricade traffic. Railroad Street was blocked by 55 gallon drums on the east bound lane.

Officials feel that the vandalism occurred sometime after 2:30 a.m., when the last known person saw main street, still in tact. The Sheriff's Department is currently conducting an investigation.

## Paint Damage, Roof Discussed At McLean City Council Meeting

The City Council of McLean met in special session Tuesday, August 4, 1992 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Haynes at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Wayne Bybee, Mary Dwyer, Sid Lands, Joe Billingsley and Sam A. Haynes. Alderman Smith was absent.

Others present were: Neal Odom, L.H. Webb, Martha Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Day, Fred Smith, F.J. Hess, and Stella Lee.

The paint damage to the Johnny Day vehicle was discussed. The insurance company will send an adjuster to check the damage to the Day vehicle

Gas rates for McLean Cattle Company were discussed. Several ideas as to how to handle this item were suggested. No action was taken, council will continue to study the suggestions and check into options concerning gas rate.

Motion by Dwyer, second by Lands to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. All voting in favor of the motion.

Motion by Lands, second by Dwyer, to hire Jasper Roofing to repair the roof of Lovett Memorial Library. Dwyer, Lands and Billingsley voting in favor of the motion. Bybee abstaining due to conflict of interest. Motion passed.

## CED 14 Proposes Tax Rate Increase

CED 14 Board of Trustees voted early this week to increase per \$100 valuation by 14 cents.

"The increase," stated Dawson Orr, Superintendent of Pampa I.S.D., "is to achieve the same effective tax rate as last year due to a drop of 5% in the property values in the six counties.

He went on to say that the law requires the CED Board to establish a rate that will raise the effective rate to 82 cents per \$100 valuation.

Voting against the proposal were the following representatives from their respective school boards: Tom Grantham, Miami; Monte Lusby, Canadian; Ben Street, Perryton; Charlie Sullivan, Lefors; and Bill Wheatley, Darrrouzett.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate is set for 7 p.m. Aug. 31 in the

Pampa Middle School library. A Sept. 10 meeting has been scheduled to consider adopting the CED tax rate.

"The school districts need the CED rate to be established before they can proceed in setting their own ISD rates," Orr said.

Last year's CED 14 tax rate was 75.5 cents per \$100 valuation. However, Orr said that 14-cent increase is not an absolute increase, but is to achieve an effective tax rate that last year was 72 cents per \$100 valuation and this year is 82 cents per \$100 valuation.

In other business, the board unanimously adopted the 1992-93 CED 14 budget of a little more than \$32 million and approved a 1991-92 budget amendment, which was for normal redistributions based on Average Daily Attendance, Orr said.

### REMINDER!

COMMODITY DAY is Tuesday, August 18. 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the VFW Post, 218 Commerce Street. We have new guidelines. Come and see if you qualify.

THE MINISTERIAL Alliance is having a community service and ice cream social August 23rd at the park. Ice cream at 6:30 p.m. and worship service at 7:00 p.m. Local talent will provide the singing and Dean Williamson of the Assembly of God Church will deliver the message.

HELP SOMEONE Learn to Read. Friday, August 21st, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 22nd, 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. Lovett Library Auditorium, 111 N. Houston, Pampa, Texas. Call 665-2331 for information.

HEALD U.M.C. Is starting an after-school discipleship program for kids K-6th grade on September 16th. If you would like to help, call Janet McCracken 779-2063 or Don, 779-2547.

BAPTIST PICNIC will be held August 14th at Virginia Dalton's home at 901 N. Waldron Street in McLean at 7:00 p.m.

ALL TEACHERS will report Monday, August 17th at 9:00 p.m. for a work day.

TUESDAY, AUG. 18TH will be the first day of school for students. School begins at 8:45 a.m.

## Back To School

### From The Superintendent's Desk...

This coming Monday, August 17th, teachers for the McLean I.S.D. will be reporting for the 1992-93 school year. All students will report the following day, Tuesday, August 18th.

Yes, it's school time again. As always, it was a short summer. I have found however, that most students are ready for the new school year to arrive. And I'm quite sure that the parents are ready. Of course, we are all looking forward to a good school year. We have the following new teachers: Mr. Charles W. Callum, Principal; Mrs. Kristi Crockett, Chapter One; Mr. Jimmy Morgan, Science; Mr. "Tex" Buckhaults, Math; Mrs. Kim Oldham,

Business/Computer; Mr. Cherry Eldredge, Girls Athletics.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the State has failed to supply local schools with the funds that they promised us. How much did they short McLean I.S.D.? \$71,198.00! Yes, you heard it right! \$71,198.00. So what else is new. It's funny that the government can renege on their commitments, but when you and I do the same thing - it's a penalty, a fine, plus the money. Something stinks in the good old U.S.A. Forgive my unforgiveness, but it's past time for our government officials to face up to their failings. If a commitment is made - keep that commitment. If you

and I as citizens did business the way our government does business, we'd have been locked up long ago.

Back to my original thought - the new school year. With the above exception, I'm expecting a good school year. I believe that we have an above average school staff and you and I both know that we have an above average student body. So, with those ingredients everything should be just rosy.

If you would like to meet your child's teacher or if you would like to visit the school, we hope that you will do so. You are welcome you know. If you can't come by to visit, give us a call. Our telephone number is 779-2301.

Stanley Lamb



**Briefs**

Fred Coble is spending a week in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas. He plans to return on Thursday.

Spending the weekend with Jodie Thomas was Kathy and Clayt Thomas and friend Melony Morris of Amarillo. Lacy went home on Saturday evening to register for school on Monday.

The United Methodist women are sponsoring a "Meet Your Teacher" day on Sunday, August 16th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist Church. Parents please bring a salad or dessert and join the fun by starting school off with a bang.

Visiting Jodie Thomas last Monday was Buddy, Kathy and Lacy Thomas from Amarillo. Lacy stayed the week with grandmother Jodie and great-grandmother Velma Cornell Kinard.

**NEW ARRIVALS**

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Brown of O'Donnell are the parents of twin boys born Tuesday, July 29th.

Robert Willis was 21 inches long and weighed 6 lbs and 14 ounces. William Walton was 19 inches long and weighed 5 lbs and 4 ounces.

They have a big brother Darby.

Grandparents are Mary Brown of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Popnoe of O'Donnell.

Jamie Glass, teacher in the Ft. Worth school system returned from Canada Sunday. Jamie was there for two months where she worked with Church groups. She left McLean on Monday to go on to her home in Ft. Worth.

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- Mrs. Howard
- Glue or glue stick
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- 2 boxes Kleenex
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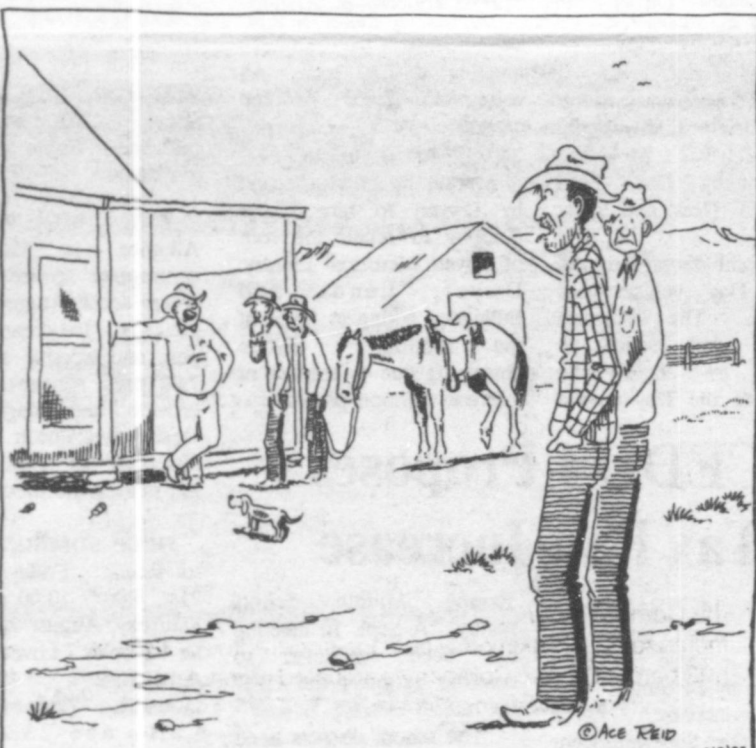
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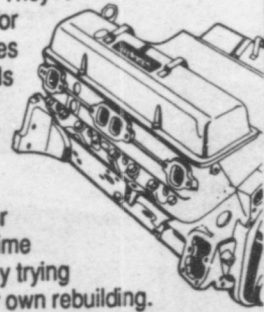
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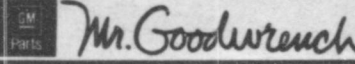
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## Kingston-Kirk Wedding

Amber Kingston and Marvin Ray Kirk were united in marriage in a garden ceremony on July 18th.

Rev. Buell Wells officiated the service held at the home of the parents of the bride, Bill and Billie Kingston. Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Kirkland of Alanreed.

Teresa Kingston, sister-in-law of the bride, served as matron of honor. Best man was Myron Mertz who is the groom's brother-in-law.

Flower girls were Tiffani Kirkland, daughter of the groom, and Jamie Kingston, niece of the bride.

Ring bearers were Jeremy Tidwell, son of the bride, and Dustin Kirkland, son of the groom.

The bride works for Agape Health Services in Amarillo. The groom works at Panhandle Concrete

Company in Amarillo. The couple are at home in Amarillo.

### McLEAN BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

August 13 - A. W. Lankford, Bill Thomas, Chloe McMullen.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Sally and Shearaton Carter of Dallas on the birth of a daughter on July 27th at 4:02 a.m.

Alexandria Ann Carter weighed 8 lbs and 10 oz and was 21 inches long.

She has a big brother Shermie Carter.

Proud grandparents are Linda and Sam Haynes of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carter of Atlanta, Georgia.

Great-grandfather is John C. Haynes.

### Briefs

Shermie Carter came home with grandparents, Sam and Linda Haynes, from Dallas and spent a week.

Dolly Haynes and Christinia Carter took Shermie back to Dallas last week.

### ALAN REED NEWS

The Oren Dorseys made a trip to Erick, Oklahoma Tuesday.

The Community was saddened by the passing of Tommie (Hill) Palmer. Mrs. Palmer was last remaining member of the pioneer Hill family, owning a great deal of land on McClellan Creek and famous for one of the several apple orchards in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hanan of Borger were here on business Wednesday.

The Oren Dorsey's were in Mobeetie last week for the annual celebration.

Visiting the Robert Bruces on Sunday was the former Lenora Patton and husband from Oklahoma.

Denna Tidwell and Kristi and Nora Dragoo were in Amarillo on Friday for medical attention for Nora

Camping with Howard and Davie Gibson on Miners Creek at Creede, Colorado in July were Grant, Juanita and Kelly Garrett of Childress, Dale Glenn, Kim, Mark and Amy Gipson of El Paso; Tommy, Debbie, John and James Gipson of Midland; Keith, Jeff and Kali Gipson of Trinidad, Colorado; Johnny and Helen Mapes of Ft. Collins, Colorado. Kelly and Steve Fulmer of Chandler, Arizona. Visiting were Wade and Nelda Kirk of McLean, George and Donna Kirk of Cheyenne, Oklahoma and one hungry cinnamon bear that helped himself to the contents of an ice chest.

and school shopping.

Imogene King of McLean spent the weekend here with her sister and family the Oren Dorseys.

Shirley Armbrister and

THE GROOM NEWS-Page 9 Thursday, August 13, 1992

Nora Dragoo were garage hopping in Pampa during the weekend.

Peggy Leeder and daughter Sharon were in Wheeler Monday for medical attention for Peggy.

Dixie Crockett made a trip to Amarillo Friday.

Joy Spears was hospitalized in Shamrock Hospital last week.

The Robert Bruces were in Pampa on Saturday.

Leona Dorsey and daughter Dorothy of Lefors were guests in the Oren Dorsey home during the weekend.

### Briefs

Rachel and Sandie Kramer from Skellytown spent last week with their grandparents Mary Lou and Dale Glass.

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## McLean School Lunch Guideline

The McLean School Cafeteria will serve nutritious meals every day. Students in grades K-5 may buy lunch for \$1.50 and grades 6-12 for \$1.75. Breakfast is 50 cents for all grades. Children from families whose income falls within the level shown on the income scale are eligible for either free or reduced price meals at 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast. Meals may be paid for in advance. Changes will not be allowed without the consent of the parents and all charges must be paid weekly.

Household size and income criteria to be used in determining eligibility are included in the chart.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents and guardians. To apply for free or reduced meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school at the earliest date possible. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

The complete schedule for the determination of benefits is available at the school and should there be any questions concerning the program, contact Sue Simmons at the McLean School Business Office at 779-2301. An income guideline is listed below.

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4	18,135	25,808	1,512	2,151	349	497
5	21,229	30,211	1,770	2,518	409	581
6	24,323	34,614	2,027	2,885	468	666
7	27,417	39,017	2,285	3,252	528	751
8	30,511	43,420	2,543	3,619	587	835
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This matter has been assigned Docket No. 11223.



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### Obituary

#### Cecil Simpson

Cecil Simpson, 71, died Saturday, August 8, 1992. Services were at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Simpson was born August 8, 1921, in Alanreed and was reared in McLean. He moved to Pampa in

1970 from Perryton. He married Mary Lou Clark on Nov. 22, 1948, at Wheeler. He retired from Gulf-Chevron in November 1986, after 40 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou of the home; a son, Scott Simpson of

Monahans; two sisters, Ruth Howard and Jeanette Kennedy, both of Pampa; six brothers, Lloyd Simpson and Floyd Simpson, both of Pampa, Frank Simpson and W.C. Simpson, both of McLean, Edward Simpson of Sherman and Kenneth Simpson of Hobbs, N.M.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Simpson, in 1970.

### Obituary

#### Lloyd Erwin

Lloyd Erwin died at his home in Arlington, Texas on August 9th.

Services were held Wednesday, August 12th in Arlington.

Survivors include his wife, Rose; two sons, Lloyd H. Erwin and Michael E. Erwin; one daughter, Ann Leach; and one step-daughter, Patricia Hajek.

#### TWO-A-DAYS DEEMED SUCCESSFUL

Coach Miller reported that he has 21 out for football this year.

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August 14, 1992 is the final date to request measurement service on your acres of spring seeded crops. It is very important that acreage reports are accurate, since there is only a 5% tolerance on overstated as well as understated acres. If you are unsure of some or all of your acreage, measurement service will provide guaranteed acreage measurements at a reasonable cost.

In order to obtain a Commodity Credit Corporation loan on your 1992 wheat, you must provide the ASCS Office with the following: Warehouse receipt from the storing warehouse. Pay storage to warehouse for 9 months. If your crop has a lien, you must obtain a lien waiver from the lienholder. Bring warehouse receipt, and applicable lien waiver to the ASCS Office.

Crop loan rates for 1992 in Gray County are as follows: Wheat \$2.22/Bu; Barley \$1.65/Bu; Oats \$0.91/Bu; Corn \$1.90/Bu; Gr. Sorgh. \$3.09/Cwt.

### CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

During the past week Carson County Sheriff's deputies investigated an incident involving a child bitten by a dog in Fritch and assisted the ambulance with a burn victim at the elevator in Lark. Deputies investigated an assault on a juvenile and turned the matter over to the Panhandle Police Department for further work.

Deputies assisted on several calls of disabled motorists and investigated a reported "body in the ditch" near Conway. The body turned out to be a sleeping bag which was laying in the ditch on the north side of the interstate. One female subject was arrested by Sheriff's deputies for DWI.

Four persons were booked into Carson County Jail during the past week. Two persons were arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, one for Felony Theft and one for DWI. Seven subjects are currently housed in the Carson County Jail.

The Sheriff's Department is continuing its investigation into theft of three horses and three saddles from an area two miles south of Panhandle on Highway 207. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of the horses or saddles, please call 537-3511. All sources of information will be kept confidential.

### 4-H CALENDAR

August 14 & 15 - Gray County 4-H Rodeo

August 20 - Lamb Project Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Annex

August 22 - Breads Project, Community Service, 11:00 a.m., Southside Senior Center

August 24 - State Fair of Texas entries due

August 22 - Deliver Mobile Meals, 11:00 a.m., Southside Senior Center.

August 25 - Re-enrollment Skating Party, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Roll America, Bring \$2.00

### 4-H RECORDBOOKS

Congratulations to all 29 4-Hers who submitted recordbooks this year! You deserve a big pat on the back for putting in lots of time and effort. We hope you looked back on your 4-H experiences for the year and realized how much you had done and learned! We took 26 recordbooks to District judging. Here are those outstanding 4-Hers and their categories:

#### Juniors

Jessica Fish, Sheep-District-Blue Ribbon; Angie Davenport, Foods-Nutrition-District-Blue Ribbon; Barry Brauchi, Achievement-District-Blue Ribbon; Terra Hembree, Dog-District-Blue Ribbon; Colby Street, Consumer Education-District-Blue Ribbon; Lori Stephens, Clothing-District-Blue Ribbon; Britteny Street-Clothing; Adam Stephens, Safety-District-Blue Ribbon; Nikki Bockmon, Conservation-District-Blue Ribbon; Lindsay Tidwell, Clothing-District-Blue Ribbon-Fashion Revue; Jennifer Bliss, Rabbits-District-Red Ribbon.

#### Intermediates

Kim McDonald, Fashion Revue-District-Blue Ribbon; Brian Brauchi, Achievement-District-Blue Ribbon; Shelly Davenport, Foods-Nutrition-District-Blue Ribbon-Home Economics Achievement; Jennifer Williams, Foods-Nutrition-District-Blue Ribbon; Matt Reeves, Sheep-District-Blue Ribbon; Shawn Dawes, Rabbits, District-Red Ribbon; Nonnie James, Swine-District-Blue Ribbon; Jason Bliss, Meat Science-Red Ribbon.

#### Seniors

Richard Williams, Fitness Leadership-District-1st place; Kirk McDonald, Foods-Nutrition-District-1st place; Dennis Williams, Shooting Sports-District-1st place; Grace Sutton, Consumer Education-District-1st place; Michel Reeves, Horse-District-Participation Ribbon; Holly Abbott, Clothing; Nathan Dawes,

Rabbits; Jessica Dawes, Rabbits-District-1st place; Amanda Kludt, Clothing-District-1st place; David Kludt, Achievement-District-2nd place.

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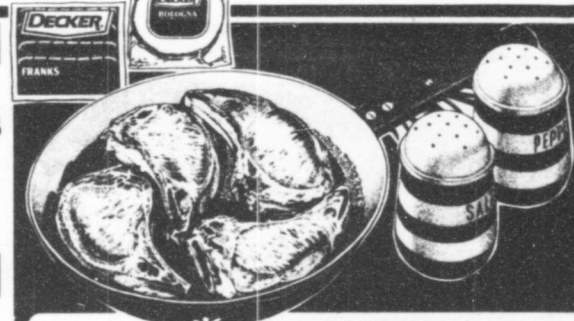
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