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We Saw

Julie Friemel taking Trevor for a hair cut.

Several people still dumping tree limbs and other stuff in the wrong pile at school after being told it was the wrong one.

Some naughty boys riding their bikes across the top of the picnic tables at the park.

Chris Britten pushing a lawn mower.

The City Boys gave us this contribution. Please direct all comments to them.

Bill Ellington, Bernice and Ronnie Gray strolling around the track.

Several young men and women working out at the weight room.

Evelyn and Dub Ollinger having breakfast at the Dairy Queen before heading off to Iowa for an Ollinger reunion. It was noted that Dub was unusually subdued and quiet in the presence of his lady wife. (Maybe she should go along more often!).

Sheriff Calls For July 4th Safety Measures

All the fireworks enthusiasts will be out this evening to celebrate Independence Day. The City of Groom reminds everyone that it is against city ordinance to ignite fireworks in the city limits.

"We plan to be out in force to make sure everyone has a happy, healthy July 4th, stated Sheriff Loren Brand. "We remind everyone to set off their firecrackers only in designated areas, clean up their mess and don't drink and drive."

The residents of the Groom area are encouraged to use the baseball park to set off their fireworks. However, officials have stated that if people don't clean up their mess (i.e. sparkler wires, spent

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Twenty-seven Girls Attend Basketball Camp

Twenty-seven girls attended Groom's Basketball Camp recently, sponsored by Shirley Fields and Renee Weinheimer.

Third grade students who attended are Jessica Cagle, Gailynn Yelverton, Katie Britten, Alyssa Watson, Maioire Homen, Taylor Yelverton and Corrie Cash.

The only fourth grade student was Chera Chavedo.

In fifth, Britteny Martin, Caren Howard, Jennifer Jenkins and Jennifer Hutchison attended.

This group met in the morning hours. Shirley Fields, Renee Weinheimer, and Sandie Conrad coached the girls through their paces each day.

Sixth through eighth grade met in the afternoon, See BB Camp, pg 4



City Named For English Ranching Pioneer

[Editor's Note: Since her 80th birthday Mrs. Emalea London has been compiling a book on the history of Groom, Texas, and those people who made it what it is today. She has completed the book and graciously consented to our publishing excerpts from it this summer. Anyone wishing to see the book in it's entirety should contact Mrs. London for more information.]

Colonel B.B. Groom
The town of Groom was named for Colonel B.B. Groom of the Franklyn Land and Cattle Company. Groom was founded in 1902 along the Rock Island Railroad line. Colonel Groom is credited with starting farming operations in Carson County and encouraging settlers to come to the county. He built the first house in Carson County, of logs of cottonwood, along White Deer Creek.

The Colonel was a seventy year old widower when he came to the Texas Panhandle in 1882 to establish a cattle ranch for his kinsman, Charles G. Franklyn of England. This purchase of land was 631,000 acres of land situated in Carson, Gray, Roberts, Greer and Hutchinson county.

Groom was not a novice in the field of cattle ranching, since he had been a cattle breeder in his native England before migrating to

America with his bride. They first became established in the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky where Groom imported and sold the Bates short horn and polled Angus cattle for 40 years. Then, like many cattlemen, Groom lost his Kentucky fortune in the Panic of 1873.

Cattle breeding in England was vastly different from managing cattle on the open range in a country that provided forests or open woods and bare prairies. Groom imported three carloads of polled Angus from Scotland and he also brought some short horns and some good horses from Kentucky. The Diamond F was a dry range and Groom was one of the first to hire a well-drilling outfit to fill his cattle tanks.

Colonel Groom and his son Harry became resident managers in 1883 at salaries of \$10,000 and \$8,000 per year, sizeable sums in those days. After arriving in the Panhandle, Groom made friends of Colonel Charles Goodnight of the JA (ranch), J.M. Coburn of the Turkey Tracks, and Henry Cresswell of the Bar CC. Groom's charisma was legendary, and soon the cattle barons were counseling him on cattle and land. Groom, it turned out, was a big wheeler-dealer and spent money fast.

During most of the time

B.B. Groom was listed as being at the Bar X in Greer county, he was absent, down in New Orleans being feasted by his affluent friends, staying at the best hotels. Over at the Diamond F, Harrison left most of the work to the ranch hands while he rode horses and played at his role of rancher. His wife came out to live on the ranch and until they could build the mansion they planned beside White Deer Creek, they lived in a three room house built of cottonwood logs and a dirt roof. Young Mrs. Groom gained the admiration of the cowboys, but she was never happy at the ranch, in a raw country with the post office thirty miles away in Mobeetie.

But in spite of these adverse factors, the ranch grew. The Grooms purchased other herds, and ranch employment reached a peak of forty-five men on the Diamond F and ninety on the Bar X. Between the two ranches they owned 799,000 acres and controlled 1,000 sections. The combined herd of cattle numbered between 70,000 and 100,000 at the highest count.

Groom was very extravagant as he bought additional land and built fine corals, sheds and living quarters. His Negro servants wore livery whenever Colonel Groom entertained guests.

Groom bought out the

Cantrell Brothers his first year and then bought other smaller ranches nearby, within grazing range for his cattle. He ordered from England solid copper branding irons which made a scar on the animals rather than the intended Diamond. His expenditures during his three years management of the Diamond F and Bar X ranches are said to have run into the millions.

In 1886, the Franklyn Land and Cattle Company

failed to pay bonds, including interest, and the ranch was reorganized under the name of White Deer Land Company, although the Diamond F brand was still used. There were many names associated with this White Deer Land Company through the ensuing years, and the streets in Pampa, Texas are named for these enlisted men, nearest town to the Diamond F.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GROOM DAY plans will be finalized July 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Groom Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE NEXT GROOM City Council meeting will be held July 9th. On the agenda will be employee evaluations and the City audit.

THE NEXT School Board meeting will be on July 9th at 8:00 p.m.; one possible agenda item may be the hiring of a coach. This is contingent of recommendations from the administration and qualified applicants.

LAST YEARS SR. League players need to turn in black pants to Joe Homer or to City Hall.

GROOM DAY IS SET for August 2, 3 & 4th.

DON'T FORGET "Clean-Up, Fix-Up" month! Be sure to take advantage of the free services the City provides.

IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be held in Groom at the Community Center July 24, 8-11:30am & 1-4:30pm.

CLASS OF '71 will meet at Art & JoAnn Brittons on Groom Day at 6:00 pm.

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Norma Jean Homer spent three days last week in Altus, Oklahoma visiting in the home of Johnny Cline, Greg, Jessica and Jason and Marvin and Shirley Cline. They went to two of Greg's Little League ball games and spent one afternoon at Lake Altus.

Monday Alice Kuehler attended the funeral of Dora Rejino in Friona and visited in Muleshoe with her sister-in-law Loraine Dearing.

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Neysa Friemel and Alice Kuehler attended the National Council of Catholic Women Leadership Institute in Amarillo June 23-25. They reported an enriching and rewarding weekend.

Local Happenings

Card Of Thanks
 Many thanks to all my dear friends and family who made my 80th birthday so special with your cards, letters, calls, gifts and good wishes, and special thanks to those who sent "memories" for my book.

I feel truly blessed and will try diligently to live up to the "special memories" in my wonderful book, and special thanks to Shannon for all her hard work and late hours in producing this treasure.

Much love to all,
 Helen Witt

Sunday Robert and Alice motored to their daughter and son-in-laws home south of Vega, where Martha and Jerry and children, Mary Alice, Scott and Anne helped celebrate Grandma's birthday.

Wow! "Two A Days" are just around the corner! They are tentatively set for the week after Groom Day

Betty and Russ Milbourne returned to their home in Safety Harbor, FL., after a week's visit in the home of her sister, Helen Witt. Their visit was a wonderful surprise birthday gift from Lynell Peck.

Jerry and Melanie Britten hosted an informal going-away party for Darren and Jennifer Hughes and family. A fish fry with all the trimmings was served. Those attending were Darren, Jennifer, Madison, Katelin and Bret Hughes; Sharon, Gary and Bart Britten; Melanie, Jerry, Trent, Tanner, McKenna and Lori Britten.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

- July 4 - Gregory Britten, Lucille Merrick, Gene Wade, Stacy Jean Fields.
- July 5 - T.C. Sustaie, Rhett Patterson.
- July 6 - Donald Conrad, Jerry Lynn Thornton, Micah Helton, Judy Miller, Nellie Painter.
- July 7 - Larry Stephens, Kendall G. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Kuehler (A).
- July 8 - W.R. (Bill) Bohr, Barbara Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Whitley (A).
- July 10 - Sue Wills, Joshua L. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Wieberg (A), Mr. and Mrs. Max Wade (A), Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin (A).

Robbie Dolce of Moriarty, New Mexico and eleven of her annual staff were guests in the homes of her parents, the Robert Kuehlers and her brother Ron while they attended a yearbook workshop in Canyon, last week.

Sheriff

firecrackers, punks, bags and matches) it is likely that those who take care of the ball park will not allow it's use again.

"Baseball season is still ongoing," stated one official. "Those wires and so forth can be extremely hazardous to the players."

Don't risk burning down your house or someone else's by playing with firecrackers at home. Go to the ball park.



It's A Boy

Ricky and Pamela Davis announce the birth of their baby boy, Eric Gregory Davis. Eric was born at 4:30 p.m., June 25, 1996 weighing in at 8 pounds and 2 1/2 ounces.

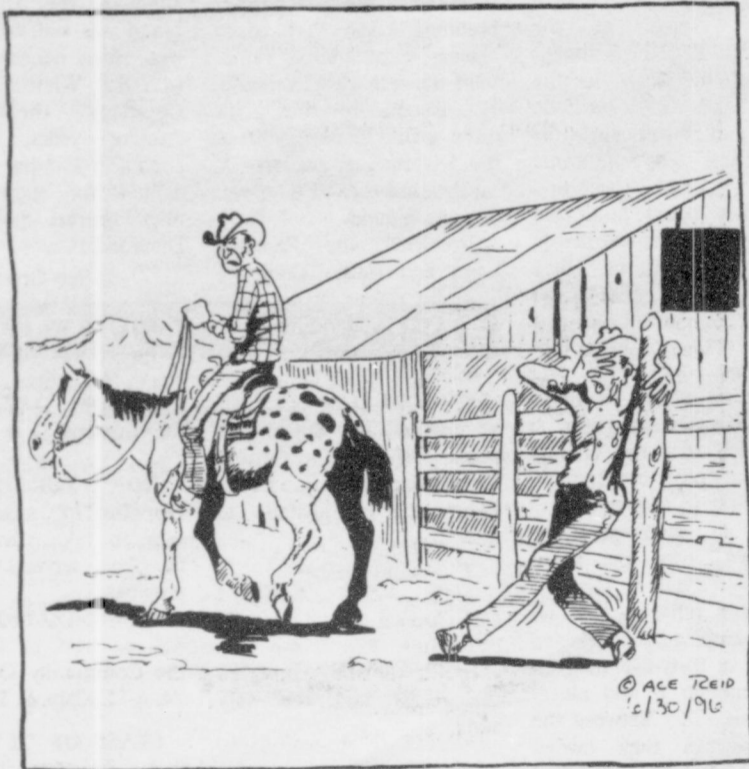
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McLaughlin Shows National Chianina Champ

Several Groom Cattle exhibitors attended the National Chianina Show recently.

Groom had an exceptionally good showing. Scott McLaughlin won his division with his champion heifer.

C.J. Whatley won 3rd in showmanship against exhibitors from 14 other states.

April Burton won two Reserve Division champions with her heifers and a 2 and 3 Division with her steers.

They also won the pen of 3 competition. C.J. placed third in the obstacle course and Scott did very well during the barnyard olympics.



S. I. F. E. Travel To Kansas City For Competition

The Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) chapter at West Texas A&M University finished in the top 20 at SIFE's international competition May 19-22 in Kansas City.

Twelve members of the WTAMU SIFE team traveled to Kansas City to compete. Fifty-eight teams from four-year colleges and universities throughout the United States and across the globe participated in the international competition, according to Jean Walker, WTAMU instructor of finance and SIFE adviser.

Teams were placed in one of 10 different leagues, and winners from these leagues progressed to the finals. WTAMU's chapter competed against SIFE teams from Albany (Ga.) State College; Al Farabi Kazakh State National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan; California State University, Chico; Eastern New Mexico University; and Southern Utah University in the Duracell U.S.A. Semi-Final League. The SIFE team from Southern Utah University won the league competition, and the

WTAMU SIFE chapter came in second. The SIFE chapter from La Sierra University of Riverside, Calif., won the finals.

"The whole purpose of SIFE is to use creative strategies for teaching free enterprise," Walker said. "Beyond that, the SIFE organization allows teams to plan their own projects."

WTAMU's SIFE team made a 25-minute presentation detailing the projects it sponsored or participated in during the last year. The presentation included oral commentary, a slide show and a video.

"Their presentation that day was an outstanding one," Walker said. "They were confident. They presented themselves well, and they represented the University well. I had very positive comments from the judges and others at the presentation about how well our students handled themselves at the conference."

The SIFE team received \$1,000 for finishing as runner-up in its league, and it also received \$1,000 for winning the Success 2000 competition in its league. Walker said the team will use the money to support next year's activities.

SIFE team members from WTAMU traveling to Kansas City included Karen Babcock, a May 1996 graduate from Groom; Deanna Baker, a May 1996 WTAMU graduate from Amarillo; Charissa Beggs, a senior general business major from Canyon; Judy Briggs, a sophomore psychology major from Amarillo; Eric Davis, a junior history/kinesiology major from Amarillo; William B. Dixon III, a senior accounting major from Union City, Calif.; Wesley Dyess, a senior general business major from Perryton; Angie Lindmark, a May 1996 WTAMU graduate from Amarillo; Jacy Martin, a May 1996 WTAMU graduate from

Amarillo; Braden McLarty, a senior general business major from Perryton; Leslie O'Donald, a sophomore accounting major from Canyon; and Craig Waddell, a graduate student in business from Amarillo.

WTAMU has had a SIFE chapter for two years.

In 1995, the rookie team's goal was to place at the regional competition; however, the WTAMU team won the regional title that year and advanced to the international competition. WTAMU won the regional title again this year, which qualified the

team for the international competition.



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3500	6-9:50 p.m.TTH	Amer Hst 1865-pres	3hrs. Dinsmore
3900	6-9:50 p.m.TTH	College Algebra	3hrs. Baker
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4200	6-9:50 p.m.TTH	General Psychology	3hrs. Vinison
4300	6-9:50 p.m.MW	Child Psychology	3hrs. Vinison
2000	8-12 a.m.TTH	Social Issues	3hrs. Wilson
4708	8-12 a.m.MW	Intro to Sociology	3hrs. Wilson
2000	1-5 p.m.TTH	Public Speaking	3hrs. Wilson

WHERE TO REGISTER

Pampa: CC Pampa Center, June 17-July 3 (8 a.m. -5 p.m.)
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Obituaries

Sarah Ann Mears

Sarah Ann "Sadie" Mears of 4700 S Virginia, Amarillo, Texas died June 25, 1996. Services were at Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel in Vernon, Texas on Friday, June 28, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. Burial was in Eastview Cemetery in Vernon.

Mrs. Mears was born March 2, 1905 at Howland, Lamar Co., Texas, the second child of ten to Zachary David Shaw and Sarah Edna Cullum. She taught school at Fish in Foard County in 1927, at Dixon in Wheeler County in 1928. She was a Bible school and Sunday school teacher for many years.

She married Carl S. Mears June 1, 1930 at Frederick, Oklahoma. He died in 1985. She was a member of Bell Avenue Church of Christ.

After many years following the carpenter trade, the Mears' owned a Dairy Freeze business in San Diego, California. Then they owned Mears Burger Huts in Little Rock and Quartz Hill, California until they retired. They lived in Vernon, Texas for about one year; then they moved to Groom, Texas in 1978. Mrs. Mears lived there until her move to Independence Village in Amarillo, Texas in 1991.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Pearl Mears and Faye Neathery.

She is survived by six sisters and one brother; Lillian Armstrong of Lancaster, Ca.; Kathryn Puustinen of Riveria, Az.; Maye Roberts of Lancaster, Ca.; Lucille Neill of Paso Robles, Ca.; Alice Coulter of Centerton, Ark.; Louise Hamilton of Lancaster, Ca.; and Z.D. Shaw II of Sebastopol, Ca. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Zada Sharp of Bushland, Texas; Ada Solbrig of Amarillo, Texas; and Dolly Haning of Vernon, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Bell Ave. Church of Christ Bldg. Fund, 1600 Bell Ave., Amarillo, Tx. 79106, or to your favorite charity.

Cards, etc. may be mailed to Zada Sharp, Box 190, Bushland, Texas 79012.

Former Assembly of God Pastor Dies At 81

The Rev. Raymond F. Jones The Rev. Raymond F. Jones, 81, of Amarillo, died Monday, June 24, 1996.

Services were in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, with the Rev. Melvin Suttle of San Jacinto Assembly of God and the Rev. Glenn Stafford, associate pastor of San Jacinto Assembly of God, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Garden of Peace.

The Rev. Jones was born in Denison and moved to

Amarillo in 1959 from Perryton. He was a minister and had worked at Pantex for 22 years before retiring in 1978. He was a member of San Jacinto Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Charlene Jones, in 1956.

Survivors include his wife, Reba; a son, Franklin Dewayne Jones of Amarillo; two daughters, Lisa Jones and Rebecca Chunn, both of Amarillo; a brother, Arthur Lee Jones of Mount Hope, Kansas; two half brothers, James Raper and J.W. Raper, both of Oklahoma City; a sister,

Hazel Connelly of Dallas; two half sisters, Pansey of Oklahoma City and Floella of California; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

Victor S. Wagoner

HENDERSON, Nev. - Victor S. Wagoner, 77, died Sunday, June 23, 1996.

Memorial services were in Palm Henderson Visitation Room. Burial was private by Palm Mortuary and Memorial Parks.

Mr. Wagoner was born in Groom, Texas. He farmed and ranched near Groom in Carson County before moving to Henderson. He had been a resident of Henderson since 1968. He retired as a diesel attendant at a service station.

Survivors include three nieces, Elane Jones of Hereford, Gayle Seal of Childress and Ann Drak of Alvord; and three nephews, Jim Wagoner of Denver,

John Wagoner of Muleshoe and Joe Robert Wagoner of Canadian.

The family suggests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.



Basketball Camp

with Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Weinheimer in attendance. Sixth grade attendees were Brin Burgin, Amanda Martin, Stephany Fraser, Staci Britten, Amanda Conrad, and Jill Britten. Seventh graders were Nichole Barnett, Randi Riley, Krisanne Davis and Cassie Ashford.

In eighth grade, Michelle Stephens, Brooke Britten, Courtney Sustaie, Marci Babcock and Skye Brown enjoyed the week long activities.

In both sessions the girls honed their dribbling, free shot, free throw, offensive and defensive skills. The girls keep a daily score card and were awarded ribbons in 4 activities, hot shot, defense, dribbling and free throws. Every girl got to try for Dairy Queen Sundae with an impossible shot each day. 9 girls won those Sundaes.

Every girl recieved a t-shirt and award ribbons.

Groom

After their cattle company failed, B.B. Groom and his son became managers of another large land company with holdings in Gray county, a few miles south of the Rock Island Railroad. It was really just a small acreage known as the Old Groom pasture. The Grooms lived on this acreage for a number of years, building fine barns and growing forage crops for their cattle, said to be the finest Herefords in the Panhandle. Groom was still a big wheeler-dealer and big spender nearing eighty years of age.

Colonel Groom broke up the sod on many sections of land in the area, using big steam tractors, a novelty in the panhandle. It took much coal to fire the steam engines, and long lines of heavy wagon trains, consisting of twelve and fourteen wagons at a time, to haul the coal from the railroad at Panhandle City.

The Mortimer Company was closed out in Gray County when T.D. Hobart of White Deer Land refused to renew its lease. Colonel Groom then disappeared from the Panhandle, presumably back to England via Massachusetts. The historian L.F. Sheffy stated that Harry Groom went to El Paso and engaged in the cattle business there, eventually becoming President of the American Livestock Association.

Groom ISD Calendar

Aug. 13 - Teachers begin in service.
Aug. 16 - First day for students.
Sept. 2 - Holiday
Sept. 27 - End of Six Weeks
Nov. 8 - End of Six Weeks
Nov. 27-29 - Holiday
Dec. 20 - End of 6 weeks
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Holiday

Jan. 6 - Teacher work day
Jan. 7 - Students back to school
Jan. 24 - Holiday
Feb. 20 - End of six weeks
Feb. 21 - Holiday
Mar. 24-31 - Holiday
Apr. 11 - End of six weeks
Apr. 18 - Holiday
Apr. 25 - Holiday
May 29 - End of 6 weeks
May 30 - Graduation

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July 9 - Hair Bow - 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
July 16 - Bird House w/Tulip Milk Paint and Crackle Medium - 7:00 p.m.
July 22-26 - Kids' Crafts - 10 a.m.
July 23 - Cake Decorating - 7:00 p.m.
July 23 - Silk Ribbon Embroidery - 7:00 p.m.
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If You Ask Me . . . And Nobody Did!

By Donna Burton

Owning a scanner can be hazardous to your health! Or at least that is what I'm finding out. As a new scanner owner, I have learned the truth to the old saying "...What I don't know, can't hurt me!"

Recently I was listening to the scanner due to some impending thunderstorms and had been hearing chatter all evening between deputies concerning a certain vagrant that had been brought to Carson County from Armstrong.

I took the scanner back to my room to continue to listen to the weather reports. (Did I mention that Jim and April were out of town.)

As I was about to drift off, I suddenly recognized the voice of Deputy Ray Davis, my neighbor-around-the-corner, say "What did ya'll do with that vagrant? My dogs are raising Cain!" indicating to me that he was at home.

I felt a chill go up my spine. "He's here," I thought, the big bad wolf is prowling up and down my street looking for a way to get in to me and my defenseless daughter!

I got out of bed and retrieved my trusty 2 and 1/4 inch metal bat and my ever-ready flash light cut from under the bed and proceeded to roam the house, checking doors and windows until I was sure it was O.K. to go back to bed.

About 2:30 a.m. the weather I had been listening to finally arrived with a bang. The wind drove the front in with a vengeance.

All of the sudden it blew my back door open! (The

door I had checked! Evidently the knob was locked but not caught good in the latch thingy.) The sudden pressure caused my bedroom door to slam shut.

Awakened from my death-like slumber I sprang

from my bed, swinging the bat like it was the sword "Excaliber"! A shadow at the foot of the bed caused me to swing, luckily for Naughty, my 3 pound funky looking poodle, it was a little high.

I raced down the hallway to protect my firstborn child from the unseen clutches of evil. Naughty was hot on my heels to serve as back up. I burst in to her room to find nothing but a snoring child, blissfully unaware of the lurking presence.

(I must insert here that I still have not realized at this point that it is raining or the wind is blowing or that the back door is standing wide open.)

Suddenly, it dawns on me that the still unseen intruder is not after my beautiful young daughter. No! It's even more incomprehensible! He must be after my...VCR and Nintendo!

With a roar of outrage, I race back down the hall, running over Naughty in the process, ready to do battle to the death. About this time I reach what we call the back porch. By now the wind has blown water in on the floor through the open door way, onto the linoleum. Put two and two together and get a mental picture of what happened next...Got It?

Needless to say that the jar to my backside was enough to dislodge my brain from the attack mode. I

finally realized that I was not being invaded by anything more than a li'l old Texas Panhandle wake up call.

The moral to this story is that sometimes "It's better to be uninformed that sitting on your hinney on a wet floor with a squashed dog and baseball bat over your head." By the way the Eveready kept going and going, and going....

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Helen Witt Honored With Celebration, 80th Birthday

The 80th birthday celebration for Helen Witt Saturday at the Community Center hosted by her children was a great success in her opinion. Family and friends whom she had not seen in a long time added special joy to the occasion, as well as those she sees more often.

Melody Witt and Shannon Peek served punch, nuts and a beautifully decorated birthday cake from a table that carried out the color scheme of white and varied shades of pink. A gorgeous arrangement of white, yellow, pink and red roses sent by Lucille Case and daughters Jerlene, Mary Dell, Janet, Emma Kay and Billie Ruth was the centerpiece. Coffee and decorated cookies were served from another table.

Shannon Peel surprised her grandmother with a bound book of memories composed of requested

special memories sent to her by friends and relatives. She edited, compiled and produced the cherished treasure.

Rheagan Witt presided at the guest book. Out of town guests were John and Juanita Reed, Shannon Peek, Margaret Arnett, Angela and Eddy Witt, Frances Tucker, Rosemary Kollmar and Scotty Witt of Amarillo; Gaylord and Rachel Cook of Dalhart; Sylvia and Elwood Bentley of Bartlesville, OK; Jimmy and Becky Finley of Claude; Betty and Russ Milbourne of Safety Harbor, FL; Bernice Hartzog of Bovina and daughters Dixie of Pueblo, CO. and Helen Estlack of Clarendon; Dr. Dan Witt of Hoisington, KS; Jonathan Witt of Gulfport, MS; Lynell, Ben and Brent Peek and Jay Brombelow of English; and Jay, Melody, Rheagan, Rachel and Rowdy Witt of McKinney.

Clean Texas 2000 Award Presented

COLLEGE STATION - Faculty of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Experiment Station recently were honored with the Clean Texas 2000 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in Agriculture.

Gov. George W. Bush presented the award to Dr. Garry McCauley, Experiment Station researcher, James Engbrock, Matagorda County Extension agent, and the Extension Agriculture Program's Council Rice

Committee, recognizing their work on a program related to pesticide and nutrient management in rice production.

The project involves rice farmers taking samples of the water held in their rice fields and submitting them for testing at the Texas A&M Research and Extension center in Beaumont. The results are used to decide which nutrients and pesticides work best and are the most environmentally sound.

N.F.U Supports Legislature

WACO - National Farmers Union is urging Congress to move quickly to pass the Competitive Livestock Markets Act of 1996 (HR 3424), introduced by Reps. Tim Johnson (D-SD), Joe Skeen (R-NM) and Earl Pomeroy (D-ND). The legislation would modestly reform the nation's price reporting mechanisms and bring contracted cattle into the formula used to set market prices for livestock.

"National Farmers Union fully supports this legislation and is asking members of Congress to move quickly to pass it," said NFU President Leland Swenson.

Independent livestock producers have felt they are discriminated against on price, since prices for livestock produced under

contract are not reported. Independent producers also believe packer-owned livestock supplies significantly impact their ability to market their animals in a competitive environment. Their concern is intensified by losses in the cattle industry brought on by drought stricken areas,

plunging producer prices and high feed costs.

"Cattle producers do not believe the argument that the near-40 percent drop in cattle prices is fully attributed to high cattle numbers," said Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims. "Today's beef production is below the nation's consumption level."

The Competitive Livestock Markets Act of 1996 would:

1) enable the administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration to develop and implement rules that prohibit non-competitive captive supplies of livestock;

2) require reporting of the price and terms of sale for slaughter livestock purchased by packers who have more than 5 percent of the national market for a given species; and

3) require reporting of export sales of meat to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on a weekly basis.

According to a 1996 USDA report, 87 percent of the U.S. cattle slaughter market is controlled by four packing companies, a far greater concentration than at any time in U.S. history.

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SUMMER SCHOOL will begin Monday, July 8 in the Elementary Building. Times will be from 9 am until 11 am, Monday thru Thursday for four weeks.

MINOR LEAGUE baseball team will play White Deer at home Friday, July 5, 7 pm and at Claude Tuesday, July 9, 6 pm.

Burglary Suspects Under Investigation

Several incidents of criminal mischief and burglaries occurring sometime between midnight and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 1996 in McLean were reported to the Sheriff's Department last week.

Two incidents of cars being scratched were reported on West Sixth Street. A forced entry and burglary of a VCR and bow and arrows were reported on Seventh Street. A forced entry and burglary of four tires, cokes, candy and change were reported stolen on East First. Theft of three and damage to five car radios were reported at Richardson Storage and Lockup on West First Street and theft of tires and wheels were reported from storage on the west side of town. Four suspects, including one juvenile have been detained in connection with the thefts

and burglaries. The juvenile is in detention at the boot camp at Canadian pending a hearing and the other three suspects have been released pending action from the Grand Jury. The names of the suspects have not been released.

According to Deputy Jim McDonald, who has been investigating the reports, all of the merchandise has been recovered except for one new tire, one compound bow and some arrows and one car radio. The tire, bow and arrows are believed to have been left on the side of the road on Highway 273 north of McLean. If anyone finds this property, McDonald would like to ask that you report it to the authorities.

Criminal mischief charges are still under investigation at this time by local law enforcement officials.



Care Center Visits Museum

M.L. Rowan is checking out the menu in the Old Route 66 Cafe while Phyllis Bailey and Eula Morrow wait to see if he will offer to buy them a coke. The trio from the McLean Care Center were 3 of the 15 residents who enjoyed the outing to the Devil's Rope Museum and Route 66 Memorabilia Display on June 18th. The Old Route 66 Cafe is a mock up of the original that was owned and operated in Groom for many, many years.

Enemy Alien Camp Revisited

In 1942, the United States constructed many P.O.W. camps throughout its borders. Several of these were built in the Texas Panhandle because of the vast desert and sparse population. By being inland, it was thought, it would be more difficult for escaped prisoners to find their way to the border and on to freedom.

A site near the Route 66 town of McLean, Texas was chosen for the housing of German military prisoners. The McLean Enemy Alien Internment Camp, as it was called, was located approximately three miles east and one mile north of the town. One section of land, equaling 640 acres was purchased from the Hinton estate and an adjacent 140 acres from J.W. Smith.

The Randall Construction Company of Amarillo, under government contract, built the camp and its facilities. Three large compounds were built to house approximately 1,000 prisoners, and twenty-five buildings housed military and civilian workers. There were also warehouses, engineering and fire department, a carpentry shop, eight water wells, a water tower, officer's club, bachelor officers' quarters, post exchange, commissary,

and a hospital for both German prisoners and American soldiers.

A series of canals were placed along the outskirts of the camp for the drainage of sewage and waste water. A large dike was located at the end of these canals to prevent the contamination of their water supply. Camp McLean was equipped with everything a full-sized post had, just on a smaller scale.

Nearing completion in January 1943, the camp began to receive troops. Supplies also arrived at this time to finalize preparations for the remaining soldiers and prisoners soon to come. By March, a full complement of men had arrived to await the prisoners.

On July 4, 1943, Colonel Norman E. Fiskes, Commanding Officer, opened the doors for public viewing. The civilians were escorted through the new camp only days before the first group of prisoners arrived in McLean by train in mid-July. At the railroad, twelve companies, consisting of 250 men each, were loaded into trucks for the three mile ride to the camp. These prisoners had been among the 120,000 of Rommel's troops captured in North Africa. Each

prisoner was issued an I.D. card listing his name and other pertinent information.

Many of the prisoners were quite skilled in woodworking, plumbing, electrical, cooking, arts, music, and other trades. Some put their skills to work in the officers' club by painting murals on the walls and ceiling. As a whole, this group of P.O.W.'s was friendly and well-behaved. Most of them were young and their main interest was being able to return home at the war's end.

Prisoners began work details soon after they arrived. Those who chose to work were paid eighty cents a day. Some worked on local ranches and others under armed guard cleaning up the alleys and streets in McLean. Although not forced to work, most prisoners did, so that they could purchase cigarettes and other such commodities at the PX.

Only two escapees and three deaths occurred at Camp McLean. The escapees had wandered for hours in the desert and became lost. They surrendered to a rancher near Clarendon, Texas (Clarendon is located south of I-40 at the junction of

See POW, pg.8



Cagers Attend Basketball Camp

During the last three weeks of June six McLean students attended Bob Schneider's Camp of Champions basketball camp in Canyon. Held on the West Texas A & M University campus, the girls attended five days of intense defensive and offensive training drills. Those attending from McLean June 2-6 were Lacey Steel,

Amanda Cline, Randi Riley and Shaley Steel. Those attending from McLean June 9-13 were Jessi Fish, and Valerie Joiner. Dee Dee Floyd attended the camp on June 16-20.

Several of these girls brought home awards. Lacey Steel received most improved offensive rebounder; Dee Dee Floyd received most improved

camper; Valerie Joiner, most improved set shot; Jessi Fish, most intense. Amanda Cline won the senior division free shot contest and received a trophy. Randi Riley received most improved defensive rebounder and received a trophy for being selected to play in the All-Star game for the Senior American League.

McLEAN CITY Council will meet Thursday, July 11 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

- July 4 - Nicki Hefley.
- July 5 - Corinne Trimble, Ethan McCracken, Melissa Thompson, Patricia Gaybeal.
- July 6 - James Hefley, Sara Brown.
- July 7 - Darrell Myers, Harold Houdyshell, Bernard McClellan, Zora Petty Billingsley, Nora Petty Loveland.
- July 8 - Dale Johnston, Deborah Longino.
- July 9 - Beatrice Brown, Gwen Henley, Dick & Pam Crockett (A).
- July 10 - Kay Hallum.

June Comptroller's Report

The June report from the State comptroller's office shows that the \$1,730.92 rebate check for the month was up 60.58% over the same period a year ago, while the year-to-date total is up 19.73%. All towns in Gray County show an increase in their rebates. Lefors showed a 545.11% increase for the month with a 18.10% increase for their to date total. Pampa's total was up 18.56% for the month of June with a 8.23% increase for the year. This month's sales tax rebate included taxes collected on April Sales and reported to the comptroller in May by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Museum Stays Busy This Summer

The Devil's Rope Museum had a busy day on Sunday, June 30 with many visitors coming from long distances. Ruth Magee reports they had visitors from Switzerland, Germany, France, California, Tennessee, Florida, Ohio and Virginia. One of the ladies from Virginia's name was McLean and she was wanting to trace the name of the town of McLean.

POW

US Hwy 287 and State Highway 70). One prisoner died of complications from wounds he had received before he arrived in McLean. Two prisoners were shot by American soldiers, but the reason isn't clear. They were buried in

the cemetery just north of the camp. Sometime after the war, their bodies were exhumed and returned to Germany.

In May 1944, the first group of prisoners were shipped out and replaced by others captured in Sicily. They were hardened, devoted Nazis. The civilian employees were required to carry K-Rations in case of riots by the Germans. This group was often placed on bread and water to subdue them. These men were soon moved to other locations.

On July 6, 1945, some 3,000 prisoners were returned to Germany and the gates of Camp McLean were closed.

The foundations of buildings, piles of roofing, and earthen canals, are still

present half a century later. The McLean/Alanreed Area Museum has a couple of murals and some doll houses and miniature furnishings on display, crafted by some of the talented young men, who had returned home.

Years after the war, folks in McLean received letters from some of the prisoners that were interned at Camp McLean, expressing their thanks for the kind of treatment given them.

The entrance to Camp McLean is on present-day County Line Road (Gray and Wheeler Counties, Texas at I-40 exit #146.

This article was submitted by Jessica L. Wooldridge and was taken from the Route 66 Magazine, Winter 1995/96, Volume 3/Number 1.

Brief

Members of the Methodist Church had a fun time at a church picnic on Sunday, June 30 at Carl Dwyer's Pond.

Letter To The Editor

During the past couple of months, there has been some conversation about having a "reunion" of folk formerly of the Liberty Community near McLean. There was a school building in the Liberty Community for many, many, many years; however, with the advent of school buses in the 1930's, school was discontinued there.

The Liberty School was 4 miles east of McLean on I-40 (of course, formerly Highway 66). That was the first school building I attended - it had two teachers and eight grades. I only went there one year then rode the "Gracey School Bus" to McLean the next year.

The conversation up to now is that we might have a gathering of former Liberty Community interested folk during the 1997 (probably

June 1997) school reunion at McLean - perhaps at the high school auditorium, since it is large enough and no one else seldom meets there during the class gatherings.

People may write me if they wish. I realize that this is almost one-year away, but it might take that long to whet interest in this kind of gathering.

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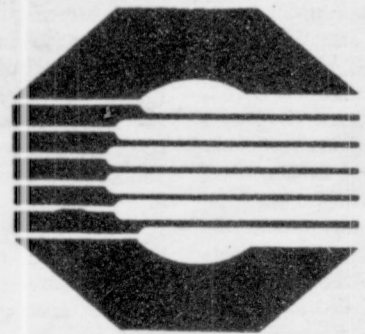
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Obituaries

Vivian Lucille Blackwell
Vivian Lucille Blackwell, 77, died Wednesday, June 26, 1996, at Albuquerque, N.M. Graveside services were in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon with Lynn Boomer of Shattuck, Okla., officiating. Burial was under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Blackwell was born Feb. 6, 1919, at Clarendon and had been a McLean resident from 1952 until moving to Albuquerque five years ago. She married Reeford Ernest Blackwell on Aug. 29, 1942, at Clarendon; he died Aug. 1, 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of McLean.

Survivors include two daughters, Catherine Crow of Edgewood, N.M., and Susan Brown of Franklin, Tenn.; three sisters, Athyn Boomer of Shattuck, Okla., Julia Murphy of Amarillo and Dorothy Gibson of Austin; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Ethel Bailey Wills
AMARILLO - Ethel Bailey Wills, 85, mother of an Alanreed resident, died Sunday, June 23, 1996.

Private graveside services were held in Claude Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Davey of Pleasant Valley Christian Church officiating. Burial was under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Wills was born in Armstrong County. She attended school at Fairview, and she, along with her sister, were the last survivors of that school. She married Gee Wills in 1927 at Amarillo; he died in 1976. She attended Claude

United Methodist Church as a young woman and moved to Amarillo more than 50 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Allie Gene Barksdale and Angela Allen, both of Amarillo, and Evelyn Kuder of Houston; three sons, Billy Jack Wills and John M. Wills, both of Amarillo, and Gee Lyle Wills Jr. of Alanreed; two sisters, Mae Walker of Amarillo and Evelyn Ratcliff of Albuquerque, N.M.; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Tom Hefner
ARLINGTON - Tom Hefner, 80, brother of a Lefors resident, died Wednesday, June 19, 1996, at the Veteran's Hospital in

Dallas. Burial was in Rowe Cemetery at Hedley.

Mr. Hefner was born March 21, 1916, at Hedley. He was a retired oil field worker and had been a resident of Veteran's Medical Center since April 1995. He was known as "the rascal."

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry Hefner Teuscher and Rick Teuscher of Arlington; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe Doll and Lavetta Hefner of Lefors; two grandsons, Lt. Fritz Teuscher of Coronado, Calif., and Tom Teuscher of San Francisco, Calif., a granddaughter, Wiley Verstappen and husband Ron of Palo Alto, Calif.; three nieces, Ann Woods and husband Charles of McLean, Margarite Bailey of San Antonio and Susan Hefner Lees of Grand Saline, Texas; and three nephews, Danny Hefner of Killeen, Joe Hefner of Houston and Travis Bailey of Plainview; and many friends.

The family requests memorials be to the Rowe Cemetery, P.O. Box 185, Hedley, TX 79237.

Kenneth Alan Gibson
Kenneth Alan Gibson was born July 18, 1938 in Brice, TX. He attended school in Brice, Lakeview, Alanreed and McLean, TX. After graduating from McLean High School in 1957, he joined the U.S. Air Force. In 1960, he married Linda Lou Holtz at Tenny, MN. Kenneth continued his Air Force career serving two tours in Vietnam. After 20 years of service, he retired from the Air Force in June 1977. He moved to Wahpeton, ND where he worked for the Richland County Law Enforcement Center as a Correctional Officer. He moved to Fargo one year ago due to ill health. Kenneth died on Tuesday, June 18, 1996, at the age of 57.

He is survived by two sons, James, Fargo, ND and Brian, St. Paul, MN.; a daughter, Lisa (Frank) Zolondek, Wolverton, MN, two grandchildren, Brandon and Samantha Gibson; a brother, Darrell (Sue) Gibson, Pampa, TX; three sisters, Almeda (DeWayne) Patton, Durant, OK., Mary Belle (Don) Bednorz, Panhandle, TX., and Diane Gibson of CA.; a

stepmother, Onie Gibson, Glen Rose, TX.; 4 stepbrothers; Johnny Vineyard, San Antonio, TX., Charlie Vineyard, Glen Rose, TX., Bob Vineyard, CA., Jim Vineyard, Bethany, OK.; 2 stepsisters, Adella Woods, Mesquite, TX., and Pat Gray, Amarillo, TX.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday, Bro. Quenton Newton, pastor of the Assembly of God Church was here to conduct services.

Monday morning the residents finished making their jewelry boxes, they were Phyllis Bailey, Imogene King, Beryl Halbert, Sue Cubine, Sylvia McClellan and Teresa Richardson. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo: Dick Wheeler, M.L. Rowan, Sylvia McClellan, Teresa Richardson, Vernee Bowling, Florence Drake, Eula Morrow, Lena Bailey, Thelma Hopkins, Phyllis Bailey, Beryl Halbert, Hadda Moore and Annie Eudey. Volunteers were Avelce Crockett and Betty Lowe. Bananas were furnished by the Lions club.

Tuesday morning the residents enjoyed playing ring toss, they were Thelma Hopkins, Phyllis Bailey, Teresa Richardson, M.L. Rowan, Imogene King, Helen Glass, Truman Goodlett, and Beryl Halbert. Residents watching the game were Virgie Everett, Florence Drake, Loma Lou Gibbs, Vernee Bowling, Mable Dickey and Duella Beverly. Following ring toss they all joined in an exercise program. In the afternoon, a movie was shown and popcorn was served. Those attending were Duella Beverly, Lula Sheegog, Dick Wheeler, Sylvia McClellan, M.L. Rowan, Hadda Moore, Myrtle Allen, Phyllis Bailey, Helen Glass, Truman Goodlett, Thelma Hopkins, Florence Drake, Mable Dickey, Loma Lou Gibbs, Annie Eudey and Virgie Everett.

Wednesday the residents enjoyed the donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon Betty Stewart was here to hold musical therapy class, those attending were Myrtle Allen, Phyllis Bailey, Polly Burnett, Florence Drake, Loma Lou Gibbs, Thelma Hopkins, Truman Goodlett, Sue Cubine, and Hadda Moore. Dominos were played by M.L. Rowan, Dick Wheeler and Teresa Richardson. A meeting was held by the Ladies Auxiliary, members. Attending were President Betty Lowe, Mary Dwyer, Sue Marsh and Jerry Ferguson.

Thursday Inez Trostle was here to style the ladies hair and several ladies had manicures. Dominos were played by Dick Wheeler, M.L. Rowan and Teresa Richardson.

4-H News

The 1996-97 4-H clothing project is well under way. Last month pot holders were used to make scissor cases, old jeans to make aprons, and the club met in Pampa to make pillows and hair bunchies. As a

community service project, bean bags and bibs were made for the nursing home. Make up cases were made out of place mats.

But that's not all! There will be two more meetings in July to work on angel tree ornaments. These meetings will be held July 23 and 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Fellowship Hall. There will also be another workshop scheduled later on in August.

Anyone 9 years or older can join 4-H. If you are interested, please contact Becky Fish or Rose Shank for more information.

Upcoming activities in Pampa: Breadis workshops.

July 2, Pancakes workshop, Gray County Annex, 9 - 11am. Register by calling the Extension office by noon July 1.

July 17, Pretzels Workshop, Gray County Annex, 1:30-3:30pm. Register by noon on July 16.

July 25, "Bread-In-A-Bag" Workshop, Gray County Annex, 1:00-3:00pm. Register by noon July 24. reminders

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Number of year-round public schools in U.S.

Year	Number of Schools
1985-86	410
1990-91	859
1995-96	2,369

States with year-round schools, 1995-96

- 50 to 1,284
- 10 to 49
- 1 to 9
- None

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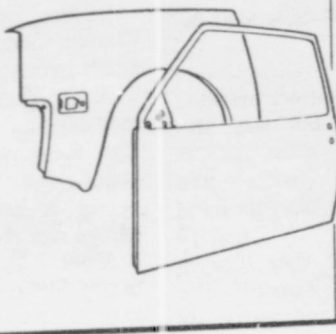
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With summers arrival each year, we begin to receive invitations to bring our old Grapes of Wrath pickup to the parades in the neighboring towns. It is a lot of fun to attend these functions and we look forward to the dates.

It is easy to get the old truck ready as we dare not wash or clean it up, as that will ruin the authentic Dust Bowl look. We just check the oil, gas it up, charge the battery, start it up and take it for a test run.

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When we drive the truck down the highway everyone waves and honks their horns. During parades, people cheer and applaud, and yell, "That's me, 50 years ago."



Our favorite pickup story happened in Shamrock, at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We pulled alongside the curb in front of a small home, awaiting

our turn to enter the parade. We killed the motor and stepped out on the sidewalk. Standing in the yard with his cane, was an elderly man. He turned to the house and yelled to

his wife, "Put on some more beans Ma, the relatives have come to visit." This might have been 1934, instead of 1994.

Local Efforts Supported By Farm Bill

The conservation provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill establish cost-efficient programs that will direct conservation gains into the next century, according to local conservationists.

"The conservation provisions demonstrate a renewed commitment by the agricultural community and the public to environmental protection," said Lee McDonald, District Conservationist, with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Pampa.

McDonald said the bill re-authorizes a number of

popular programs and creates new programs that will help local landowners. "The Conservation Reserve, Wetlands Reserve, Resource Conservation and Development, and the Forestry Incentives Programs will continue," he said.

The bill also creates a new program called the Environmental Quality Incentives Program that combines the functions of four existing cost-sharing programs into one that focuses federal funding into conservation priority areas, said McDonald. In

addition, the 1996 Farm Bill creates a wildlife habitat incentive program, a nonprofit national natural resources conservation foundation, a grazing lands initiative, and a farmland protection program.

Matt Street, with the USDA Farm Service Agency, said the new farm bill's focus is on providing voluntary incentives to landowners to protect and improve natural resources. "There has been some tremendous progress made in the past 10 years in resource protection, and we intend to use this farm bill to build on that program," Street said.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will extend through 2002. The program encourages landowners to leave highly erodible and environmentally sensitive lands in grass, trees, or other conservation cover.

The 1996 Farm Bill provides that up to 36.4 million acres may be enrolled in the program at any one time and allows new enrollments to replace expired or terminated contracts to maintain the total authorized level.

Contracts in existence before January 1, 1995, may be terminated after they have been in effect for at least five years and if the land meets other early release requirements, Street said.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) combines the functions of the Agricultural Conservation Program, Water Quality Incentives Program, the Great Plains Conservation Program, and the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program. EQIP is to be funded at \$130 million in fiscal year

1996 and \$200 million annually after that until 2002. Conservation practices related to livestock will receive half of program funding.

Under EQIP, five to ten year contracts will be established with landowners to provide cost-share and incentive payments for up to 75 percent of the cost of conservation practices. Total cost-sharing and incentive payments to any person are limited to \$10,000 annually and \$50,000 for the life of the contract.

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is extended through 2002 with an enrollment cap of 975,000 acres. The WRP focuses on restoring and protecting wetlands to enhance water quality and improve wildlife benefits. After October 1, 1996, the program will start enrolling one-third of total program acres in permanent easements, one-third in 30-year easements, and one-third in restoration only cost-share agreements.

The 1996 Farm Bill also establishes the National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation. It will be a nonprofit corporation which funds research and educational activities relating to conservation on private lands.

A new Conservation on Private Grazing Land initiative is designed to provide technical, educational and related assistance to landowners on the Nation's 642 million acres of private grazing lands. According to the latest National Resources Inventory, about 64 percent of the Nation's grazing lands would benefit from conservation treatment.

There is also a new

Vacation Driving Tips

It's summertime and time to start planning our vacation trips. Trooper L.B. Snider, Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety says safe vacation travel is as basic as one, two, three. First, prepare the vehicle; second, prepare the driver; and third, when traveling, use your best attitude and skills.

Basic vehicle preparation includes checking belts, hoses, radiator coolant, motor oil, transmission oil, power steering fluid, brake fluid and windshield solution. Replace wiper blades if needed and check the tires for wear and correct air pressure. Clean air and fuel filters can save roadside distress also. Trooper Snider also urges drivers to be sure all the lights are functioning properly.

Driver preparation calls for adequate pretrip rest and free of alcohol and/or other drug impairment, which includes medications that may affect safe driving. The driver(s) should be familiar with route plans and weather forecasts as well as possible alternate routes. Trooper Snider recommends travelers to share travel plans with a family member or friend who would know how to contact the travelers should contact be needed.

When traveling, Snider encourages all riders to make proper use of safety belts. "Proper use of safety

belts is as fundamental as a baseball catcher's protective gear, greatly increasing our ability to survive a collision, states Snider. Drivers are requested to use headlights during daytime travel as well as at night. This helps other drivers to see us and ourselves to see others better and often quicker thus helping avoid many daytime collisions and near misses. Additional travel tips Snider offers are; allow for occasional stops to enhance driver alertness, drivers need to keep their eyes moving to avoid "highway hypnosis" and to keep alert to changes to traffic, road conditions and the area environment.

Trooper Snider adds that motorists with mobile/cellular phones needing help or to get help for others may call, toll free, #1-800-525-5555 for D.P.S. assistance. When using this number be prepared to give good location information such as road number/name, distance from a town (estimate) and the type of help needed. However, if urgent help is needed motorists may need to use #9-1-1.

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incentive program in the 1996 Farm Bill designed to help states with farmland conservation programs purchase conservation easements. The Farmland Protection Program provides up to \$35 million to help farmers preserve their land in agriculture.

Another new provision, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program provides \$50 million over the life of the Farm Bill for wildlife habitat improvement on private lands. McDonald said that the 1996 Farm Bill makes several policy changes to the Swampbuster and wetland conservation provisions. "The changes will provide us with the flexibility to work with farmers for common sense solutions that still protect natural resources," McDonald said.

"We expect that over time, these changes will make this program more successful, with productive farmland made more productive while achieving a net gain in the functions and values of these valuable resources."

Regarding Conservation Compliance, Street said the 1996 Farm Bill was also changed to allow USDA employees who are providing on-site technical assistance to notify landowners if they observe potential compliance problems. Landowners will

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have up to one year to take corrective action. In addition, County Commissioners are authorized to provide relief in cases of economic hardship.

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The Robert Bruces were in Amarillo on Monday for medical attention for Robert and some shopping.

Visiting the R.L. Leeders during the weekend was daughter Sharon and children of Clarendon.

The community grieves with Gee Wills on the loss of his mother last week.

Denva and Kristi Tidwell visited in Lamesa with the Duane Carvers over the weekend.

Shirley Armbrister, Nora Drago and sister Ann were in Pampa on Saturday.

Sunday's shower yielded us another 1/2 inch rain for which we are grateful.

Visiting at First Baptist Church here Sunday was Edith Bybee of McLean.

A group of local citizens met Monday in the Gouge-Eye Steak House to talk about the possibility of having a community wide garage sale soon.

Vicki Hambricht and family of Canadian visited here Saturday.

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