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Annual McLean Stock Show Held



The 2002 McLean Stock Show was held January 10 at the Gerald Tate Memorial Building, with the McLean 4-H, FFA, and Junior FFA exhibiting. The motto of the FFA is twelve short words but they are words that well describe their goal in life. Learning to do, Doing to learn, Earning to live, Living to serve. The Judge for the show was Dale Dunlap, the Collingsworth County Extension Agent. The winners were:

LAMBS
Grand Champion Lamb-Trent Cadra.
Reserve Champion Lamb-Travis Fish.
Showmanship Lamb-Chloe Smith.
Class One-Finewool Class: 1st-Nicholas Odom; 2nd-Travis Fish; 3rd-Kristen Odom; 4th-Nicholas Odom; 5th-Zachary Odom.
Class Two-Light Weight Medium Wool: 1st-Nikki Hefley; 2nd-Chloe Smith; 3rd-Chloe Smith; 4th-Nikki Hefley.

Class Three-Medium Weight Medium Wool: 1st-Trent Cadra; 2nd-Travis Fish; 3rd-Chloe Smith; 4th-Nikki Hefley; 5th-Trent Cadra; 6th-Tanner Cadra.
BARROWS
Grand Champion Barrow-Trent Cadra.
Reserve Champion Barrow-Chisum Smith.
Showmanship Barrow-Sandi Anderson.
Class One: 1st-Trent Cadra; 2nd-Tanner Cadra; 3rd-Zack Seymour; 4th-Zach Seymour; 5th-Sandi

Anderson.
Class Two: 1st-Sandi Anderson; 2nd-Trent Cadra; 3rd-Cole Dampier; 4th-Brooke Seymour; 5th-Kevin Smith.
Class Three: 1st-Chisum Smith; 2nd-Chisum Smith; 3rd-Josh Seymour; 4th-Kutter Anderson; 5th-Delinda Simpson.
Class Four: 1st-Mark Smith; 2nd-Kutter Anderson; 3rd-Delinda Simpson; 4th-Josh Seymour; 5th-Tanner Cadra; 6th-Trent Cadra.

Class Five: 1st-J.D. Bowlin; 2nd-Tracie Rigsby; 3rd-Laura Thomason; 4th-Keith Rains; 5th-Brooke Seymour.
See Stock show, pg 9

Dopers Should Steer Clear Of McLean!

If you are traveling I-40 and trafficking drugs you don't want to break any traffic laws near McLean. Amri Quentano Dennis, 23 of Brandon, Florida found that out early Saturday morning. Mr. Dennis was traveling eastbound on I-40 near McLean. His 1994 Kenworth truck-tractor was pulled over for a traffic violation and after receiving permission from Mr. Dennis to search the truck troopers found 200 pounds of marijuana in the sleeper compartment of his rig. Mr. Dennis was charged with possession of over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds of marijuana and taken to the Gray County Jail where his bond was set at \$100,000 by the Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman. It is believed the load was coming from Los Angeles, California and heading to Bronx, New York.

Reminder

CUBS Basketball will be traveling to Samnorwood on Monday, Jan. 28th at 6:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE no school on February 1 and 4.

THERE WILL be a breast cancer screening clinic in McLean at the Lovett Memorial Library, Feb. 8, 2002. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call toll free 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905. There is financial aid available. This is a project of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

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FAMILY READING Night is Monday evenings at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Library.

TIGER Basketball will be hosting Lefors on Friday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 and will be traveling to Hedley on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m.



McLean's Lady Tigers prepare to pose for their yearbook picture. Watch next weeks paper for the scores and District standings for the Tigers and Lady Tigers as the season comes to an end.



Kristen and Nicholas Odom make their sheep look their best for the Judge.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

January 24 - Emory (Pete) Brown, Darren Johnson, Mozelle Miller, Lorin Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Husted (A).

January 25 - Rhonda Thornton, A.A. (Bo) Nicholas, Travis Winegeart.

January 26 - Imogene Longino, Ida Wilson, Daniel Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Reyna (A).

January 27 - Pat Stubbs, Mildred Mantooth, Casper Smith, Tami Marsh.

January 28 - W.A. Bentley, Bobby Richardson.

January 29 - Dora Bailey, Judy Stewart, Charla Smith, Sam Haynes.

January 30 - Susan Worsham Corley, Nancy Simpson.

Don't Forget That Valentine's Day is Feb. 14!

MCLEAN SCHOOL MENU

Jan. 28-31

Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes, bacon, toast, jelly, peanut butter, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast casserole, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Nachos with meat, cheese, baked pinto beans, salad, cinnamon crisp, milk.

Tuesday: Mini corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, salad, cake, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Chicken fajita salad, refried beans, peppers, onions, sopapillas, milk.

St. Patrick's Day Lad & Lassie Pageant To Be Held

The 11th Annual St. Patrick's Lad 'n Lassie Pageant will be held March 17, 2002, at the Shamrock High School Auditorium in conjunction with the 56th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Any child between the ages of birth to 8th grade are eligible to participate. This year,

the Association has added a pre-teen pageant. The pageant will begin at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Betty Lee at 256-5337 or Lynette Kidd at 256-3044.

The event is proudly sponsored by Shamrock's McDonalds.

Entry fee is \$10.00 with a deadline of February 28, 2002.

It's A Boy

Congratulations to Valeri Cook on the arrival of her new baby boy Adam Alexander. Adam was born on Dec. 31, 2001. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces and is 21 3/4 inches long. Welcoming Adam home were sisters Tate and Alexis and proud Grandpa and Grandma, Dale and Paula Wall.



Patty Branden Celebrates 80th Birthday

Mrs. Patty Branden of McLean celebrated her 80th birthday, Jan. 9. A surprise party hosted by her children, Bob and Janet Glass was given at her home. Patty enjoyed eating cake with her friends. There were also numerous cards, gifts, and phone calls. She was wished Happy Birthday on the 5 O'clock Channel 10 weather.

James and Billie Sullivan, Patty's brother-in-law and sister, from Shawnee, OK also surprised her by being here on her birthday.

Patty has lived in McLean since July. She moved here from Borger, TX, where she had lived for 30 years. Patty is enjoying living in McLean.

Writing all of those return address getting you down? Call today and get a self-inking rubber stamp for under \$20! The Groom-McLean News 248-7533 779-2141

JESSIE WALSER
MOBEETIE-Jessie Euline Sherrod Walser, 82, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002 at Dumas, Texas. Services were held at the Church of Christ at Wheeler with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of First United Methodist Church of McLean, and the Rev. Jay McGaughy, pastor of



Temple Baptist Church of Dumas, officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Walser was born Nov. 16, 1919 at Alanreed, Texas, to Roy and Lela Sherrod. She married Clifford Walser, on April 15, 1939 at Sayre, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 2000. The couple ranched in Wheeler and Hemphill Counties, building their ranch home, the Circle Dot Ranch near Mobeetie.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Charles Walser, in 1992.

Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn Corse, of Dumas; a sister Jeane Autry of Pampa; two brothers, Bob Sherrod of McLean and Joe Ed Sherrod of Dallas; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

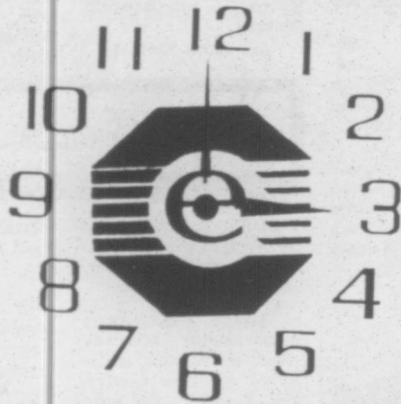
The family requests memorials be to Wheeler Church of Christ or to Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dumas.

VEGA NAMED GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLAR

Gabriel Vega received word recently that he has been confirmed as a 2001-2002 Gates Millennium Scholar. This scholarship is an extension of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. The Gates Millennium Scholar (GMS) award enables Gabriel to be provided with both scholarship and leadership opportunities. It also enables Gabriel to participate in the GMS Leadership Conference. There he will participate in activities that will enhance his academic performance and career development, further his leadership skills, and interact with distinguished national leaders. Being a GMS award winner, Gabriel will receive over eight thousand dollars to be disbursed during the nine-month academic calendar. Vega, a 2001 MHS graduate and the son of Raquel and Cristobol Vega of McLean, is a freshman at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

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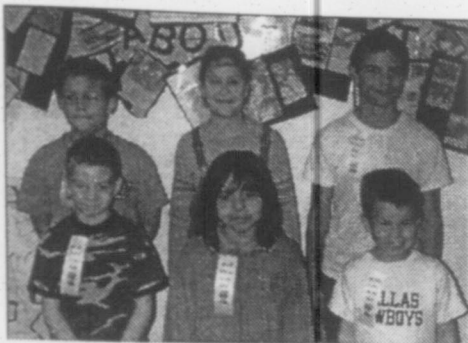
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Students of the Week for Jan. 21 - Jan. 25: Kindergarten-Ethan Smith; 1st Grade-Cody Azzazi; 2nd Grade-Rudy Rodriguez; 3rd Grade-Bradley Howard; 4th Grade-Mike Krueger; 5th Grade-Jamie Sanderson; 6th Grade-Trey Skipper; 7th Grade-Erin Bailey.

MORE HONOR ROLL NEWS
7TH GRADE A-B
 Kutter - Anderson, Erin
 Bailey, Seth Childers, Samantha Krueger, Tamara Loya, Brooke Seymour, Chisum Smith.

Pioneer Study Club Learns About Prisoner of War Camp

The Pioneer Study Club met January 17 in the home of Beverly Odom.

Pres. Ruth Trew asked that everyone answer roll call with their first memories of the McLean Prisoner of War Camp. The camp was at McLean from 1942 until 1945. Jerry Corbin read the minutes of the last club meeting. Mindy Reeves announced that plans are being made to celebrate Gray County

Centennial this year. She told of several possible projects and suggested that the study club take part in them. Mindy Reeves, Sammy Haynes, and Delbert Trew are on the Centennial Committee. Delbert gave a very interesting talk about the history of the McLean Prisoner of War Camp. His talk stirred many memories among the club members.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream and lemonade was served to: Ruth Magee, Mary Dwyer, Barbara Bode, Betty Morgan, Mary Lou Glass, Mary Powell, Mickey Jackson, Pat Stubbs, Lynn Reeves,

Odom, Terri Taylor, Betty Taylor, Mindy Reeves, Babe Brown, and guest Susan Odom, Delbert Trew and Brial Stubbs.

Zelda McClellan, and Ruth Trew, Nama Webb, Jerry Corbin, Beverly

STOCK SHOW

STEERS

Grand Champion Steer-Christa Smith.

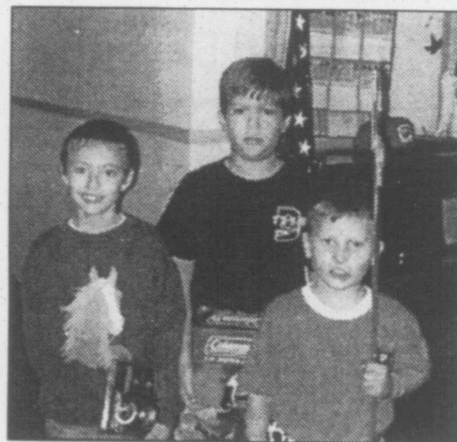
Reserve Champion Steer-Chloe Smith.

Showmanship Steer-Christa Smith.

American Breed Crosses: 1st-Christa Smith; 2nd-Chloe Smith.

HEIFER

Class One: 1st-Christa Smith.



McLean Cub Scouts can tell you selling popcorn is hard work. But the prizes they receive are well worth it. Top three salesmen in Pack 425 are Stormy Manns, Dustin Lee, and Mike Krueger.

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Show Held Recently

The 4-H District Food Show was held on Dec. 1 in Westover Park Intermediate School. There were 130 young people from Gray County participating and several from McLean. The contestants prepare a dish in the area they are competing in and serve it to the judges. There is then an interview where the contestant answers questions about

preparation, food safety food storage and the nutrients of their dish and how they affect their bodies.

Competing from McLean were: In the Junior Division Main Dish, Tammy Syrett; Intermediate Division Main Dish, Nicholas Odom, Amanda Fricks; and Nutritious Snacks, Anna Shackleford.

Loaves & Fishes Provides Meals

If you live in McLean for very long you can't help but notice the little fish signs in peoples yards. In case you don't know that is Loaves and Fishes.

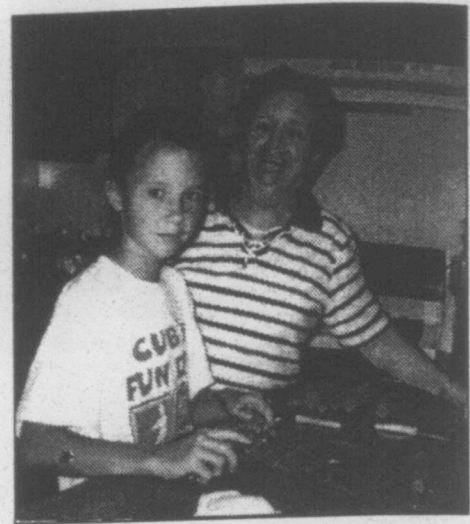
Loaves and Fishes is a non-profit group who provides one meal a day to the elderly five days a week.

The group is made up of volunteers and is sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. All the food and money to

provide the meals, are donated as is the time by the volunteers.

To qualify to have lunch delivered all you have to do is call. It is a free service to the elderly. Donations are always appreciated and needed.

If you have further questions or wish to sign up, Call Loaves and Fishes at 779-3239 or contact Paula Wall or Mary Bybee.



Da Shae Tolleson helps her grandmother prepare lunch for Loaves and Fishes.

Services Held For Sonny Blaylock

MCLEAN - Donald Ray (Sonny) Blaylock, 65 of Alanreed, passed away on January 20, 2002 in Amarillo Texas.

Graveside services were held at the Alanreed Cemetery on Wednesday, January 23, 2002 with Pastor Brian Quisenberry officiating.

Mr. Blaylock was a retired construction inspector in the gas and oil industry. He was born Nov. 17, 1936 at Rush Springs, Oklahoma to Lafayette and Katie McQire Blaylock. He married Joye Dale Lewis on August 4, 1959 at Farmington, NM. They had been residents of Alanreed for the past 4

years. Survivors include his wife Joye; 4 sisters, Wanda Sharp of McLean, Lucille Stacker of Pampa, Helen Mann of Monahans, and Hazel Terbush of Altus; 2

brothers, Bobby Blaylock of McLean, and Jack Blaylock of Amarillo; numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Patsy West, and a brother Leroy Blaylock. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to The American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St. Amarillo, Tx.

Letter To The Editor....

Ex Student Feels Unwelcome

Dear Editor,
I went to the McLean School Board meeting on January 21st to help represent the Alanreed

Community in presenting written notice to the Board that the Alanreed Community was still interested in obtaining the

Alanreed School building and land for community use.

After presenting the board with written and verbal notice of our interest, one of the McLean School Board

members brought to our

attention that a School Board Meeting and I quote "Is a meeting in the public, not a public meeting."

I have two children in the McLean School System and I believe that anyone should feel

welcome in a meeting that is supposed to be open to the public. By the remark made, I personally did not feel welcomed, instead I felt offended.

McLean Ex-Student
Chef Bohlar

MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000
REVENUES:				
	Local and Intermediate Sources:			
	Investment Income	\$ 17,234	\$ -	\$ 17,234
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	1,091,714	22,547	1,114,261
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	1,108,948	22,547	1,131,495
5800	State Program Revenues	595,422	92,547	687,969
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	93,719	93,719
5020	Total Revenues	1,704,370	208,813	1,913,183
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	1,037,549	133,755	1,171,304
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	107,648	-	107,648
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	156,199	120,276	276,475
0040	Administrative Support Services	134,564	-	134,564
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	319,744	-	319,744
0070	Debt Service	73,788	-	73,788
0080	Capital Outlay	-	-	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	20,646	-	20,646
6030	Total Expenditures	1,850,138	254,031	2,104,169
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(145,768)	(45,218)	(190,986)
7020	Other Resources	106,052	50,770	156,822
8030	Other (Uses)	(50,770)	(5,552)	(56,322)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(90,486)	-	(90,486)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	297,444	-	297,444
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(15,686)	-	(15,686)
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 191,272	\$ -	\$ 191,272
				\$ 297,444

McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10 am
Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15
Sunday Evening 7:00
Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study
2 Home Bible Studies

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7 pm
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Hayes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

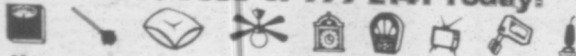
Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
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Political Calendar

The Groom-McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 5, 2002. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till they are eliminated by the Primary election or the final election in November.

DEMOCRAT

For Carson County
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1
Bill Hinson

For Carson County
Treasurer
**Jeannie
Cunningham**

For Carson County Clerk
& District Clerk
Celeste Bichsel

REPUBLICAN

For Carson County Judge
Lewis Powers

For Carson County
Justice of the Peace
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For Carson County
Commissioner Precinct 2
Kenneth Ware

For Gray County Clerk
Susan Windom

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All Competitive Sealed Proposals shall be in accordance with plans, specifications and contract documents which were prepared by and may be obtained from Jim D. Koontz & Associates, Inc. and will be received in the Office of Judge Lewis Powers, Carson County Courthouse, P.O. Box 369 (500 Main Street), Panhandle, Texas 79068 until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 11, 2002.

Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened. Individual proposals will be taken for each project and each proposal shall be enclosed in a separate sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be addressed to the Owner and shall be identified with the Project name, the Proposer's name and address, and the designated portion of the Work for which the Proposal is submitted.

Proposals will be received for the Reroofing Work. A cashier's check or acceptable proper's bond, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total for the proposal submitted, must accompany each proposal.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in starting prices in the proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or to reject to proposal.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive all formalities. The Owner reserves the right to award the contract to multiple proposers.

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A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. Prospective Proposers shall meet at the Office of Judge Lewis Powers, Carson County Courthouse, 500 Main Street, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

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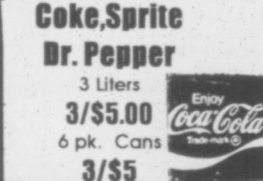
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Groom's Berklee Ruthardt Takes Junior Lamb Showmanship Award In Carson County Junior Stock Show

Groom 4-H and FFA competitors exhibited their livestock show projects last weekend at the Carson County Junior Livestock show and sale held annually in Panhandle.

While no champions came from Groom stock this year, the local exhibitors did very well in the county show. Berklee Ruthardt, a 4-H competitor won the belt buckle for Junior Showmanship in the Lamb competition.

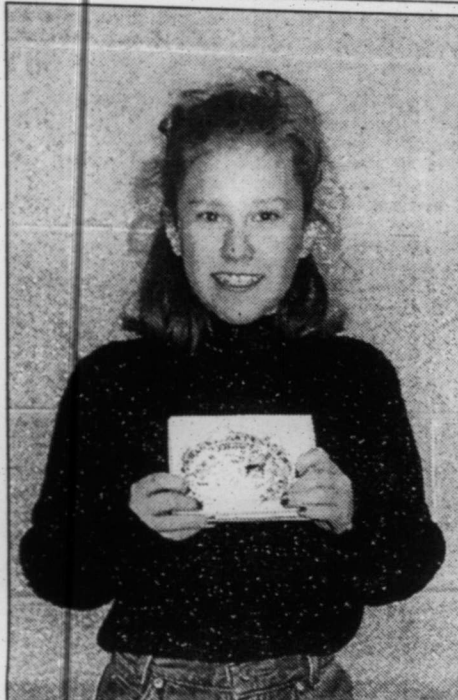
Other awards are as follows: Rookie of the years was Matt Smith of Panhandle. Grand Champion Pig was shown by Bryon Norton of White Deer; Reserve Champion Pig by Shea Craig of White Deer; Sr. Showmanship, pigs was Bryan Norton and Jr. Showmanship Pig was Danielle Arnold.

In the cattle competition, Jade Bradford of Panhandle exhibited the Grand Champion Steer, Erik Vance of Panhandle the Reserve Steer. Erik Vance won the Sr. Showmanship buckle and Kara Lewis of White Deer the Jr. Showmanship buckle.

In the lamb show, Grand Champion lamb was exhibited by Tanner Mitchell of White Deer and Reserve by Brandon Howell of White Deer. Sr. Showmanship went to Kendra Cartwright of Panhandle and Jr. Showmanship went to Berklee Ruthardt of Groom.

Top Buyer jackets were earned by Top Buyers for 2001, Steven Sherrill of Sun Bank, C.W. Bedwell of Sun Bank, Mike Clay of Clay Farms and Jerry Tice of Natural Gas Specialist.

Mickie Mantle of Panhandle won the raffle



A very proud Berklee Ruthardt displays her shiny new buckle that she won in the weekend stock show.

for the new pick-up.

Groom exhibitors placed as follows:

Magan Bivens (a Groom resident who attends school in White Deer) showed a 2nd place steer that was purchased by Britten Feed & Seed and White Deer Pick-Up proceeds. Cody Bivens exhibited a 2nd place steer purchased by The Groom Buyers Club and Groom's part of the Pick-Up raffle money. Brett Britten earned a 2nd place slot for his steer and the animal was also bought with by Groom Buyers Club and Pick up money.

In the lamb show, Berklee Ruthardt showed a 3rd place lamb purchased by Groom Buyers Club. Bailee Ruthardt also showed a 3rd place lamb purchased by the Groom Buyers Club.

Groom's big winner in the swine show was Britteny Martin who showed a Reserve Breed York. Her animal was purchased by the Groom Buyers Club. Lainie Britten showed a 3rd place pig purchased by the Groom Buyers Club. Amanda Martin exhibited

a 4th place pig; Wyatt Britten, 4th place; Morgan Britten, 5th place; Britney Evenson, 5th; and Cady Wilson, 5th.

Other pig exhibitors included Bobby Ratteree, Chad Barkley, Whitney Evenson, Blaine Britten, Thane Barkley and Kade Brown. All of these Groom exhibitors sold their animals at auction. All were purchased by The Groom Buyers Club or by pick-up raffle proceeds.

All in all, The Groom Buyers Club and pick-up proceeds spent over \$8,000 at the auction for Groom exhibitors. One of the driving forces of the Groom Buyers Club is longtime supporter Tony Treadwell, who each year makes the calls and does most of the legwork to collect the money so that exhibitors can get a decent price for their animals. FFA and 4-H Exhibitors have expressed their gratitude for his unflinching support of their programs.

The exhibitors also have expressed their gratitude for Charles Burk, FFA sponsor, their

See Stock Show, pg 6

County Judge To Discuss Agreement With Amarillo On Property That Extends Into Carson Co. Boundaries

On January 14, 2002, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Carson County, Texas met in pursuant to adjournment with the members and officers present as follows: Hon. Lewis Powers, County Judge; and Commissioners Mike Britten, Pr. #1, Kenneth Ware, Pr. #2, Jerry Strawn, Pr. #3, and Kevin Howell, Pr. #4.

Minutes of the January 8, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

A motion was passed to pay all claims.

Judge Powers presented the court with a proposal made by the City of Amarillo in regards to their Extra Territorial Jurisdiction which intrudes Carson County approximately 5 miles. Scott Sherwood advised the court that a resent bill was passed requiring cities and counties to make agreements on the

approval of new subdivision plats within those ETJ boundaries. A motion carried that will allow this to be tabled until discussion on this matter can be held at a meeting between the court and J.D. Smith, Jr. who is the director of Community Services for the City of Amarillo.

Judge Powers presented the court with a written request from Valor Telecom for an easement at County Road AA and the access road to I-40 so that L353 feet of cable can be replaced. The motion to approve passed.

Texas Association of Counties dues are based on the population. The dues for Carson County are \$685.00 per year. TAC made request by letter that the counties contribute an additional \$250.00 to create a leadership foundation. A motion was passed to

pay only the required dues.

Judge Powers presented the court with a written request from the National Watershed Coalition for Carson County to join the coalition. The membership dues for admission to the coalition is \$50.00. A motion was passed that the matter be tabled until further information can be obtained.

Judge Powers informed the court that the Worker's Compensation program contribute per year has increased from \$18,377.00 to \$26,032.00. The first installment being due February 1, 2002. A motion was passed to pay the first quarterly payment as planned.

The court discussed the APEX Environmental Consultants proposal for the abatement of asbestos from the courthouse at

See County, pg 2

City, School Terms To End

In just a little less than a month filing will open for those interested in serving on the School Board or City Council. February 18 will be the first day to file for those seeking a place on the ballots. Terms will be expiring for School Board members Kelvin Ollinger and Tim Case. On the City Council, Aldermen W.H. Ollinger, Ellis Stapp and Don Case current terms will be ending.

Unregistered voters may pick up a voter registration card at City Hall or request one from the County. New voters or transferring voters have until April 4th to register to be able to vote in the May 4th election.

Those interested in serving the community in this capacity may get more details on requirements by

See Election, pg 6

Community Calendar

ON JAN. 29 the Tigers and Ettes will Play Lefors, there, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

DON'T FORGET Valentine's Day on February 14th.

THE LAST HOME game of the season will be played on Feb. 1st against one of Groom's toughest opponents, Hedley. It will also be senior night. Watch next weeks paper for more details.

PALO DURO Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is on January 31st at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or information call Becky Martin at 358-2765.

GROOM HIGH School Tigers will play Samnorwood here, starting at 6:30 p.m. on January 25th.

THE JUNIOR High Miami Tournament will be held on Thursday and Saturday this week.

AFTER Graduation Meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the D.Q. We encourage all High School parents to attend.

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Marcia Conrad recently visited in Dalhart with her new grandson, Aaron Vincent.

Local Happenings

James and Patricia Johnson of Madill, Oklahoma visited with his sister Katie Tally of Groom recently.

Tom and Donna Marie Wagner, their daughters Audra and Angela were recently in Groom on business. They visited Irma Ray Rutherford, their aunt, and treated her to dinner while here.

HONOR ROLL ADDITIONS

The following students are also a part of the Groom School Honor Roll that was published last week!

A HONOR ROLL
 Cassie Ashford, Sr.
 Blaine Britten, 7th.
A-B HONOR ROLL
 Ellen Leven, 7th.
 Whitney Evenson, 6th.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the members of The Groom Ambulance Crew of Doug Kling, John Bohr, Daniel Treadwell, and Todd Gray for their quick response and transport care when called for Russell's recent illness. Thank you, also, to everyone who called and who said a prayer. We appreciate everyone's part in his recovery.

Donnie, Marcia, & Russell Conrad

GROOM SCHOOL MENU

Jan. 28 - Feb. 1
Breakfast

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.

Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Spaghetti, salad, pineapple, bread sticks, milk.

Tuesday: Steak fingers, french fries, applesauce, texas toast, milk.

Wednesday: Frito pie, pinto beans, fruit cocktail, graham crackers, milk.

Thursday: Beef stew, sandwiches, pears, crackers, combread, milk.

Friday: Cheeseburgers, baked beans, potato wedges, cookies, milk.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

January 24 - Joseph L. Homer, Tyler Jordan Fraser.

January 25 - W.E. (Bill) Homer, Melanie Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Fraser (A).

January 26 - Robert West, Mrs. E.W. Lamberson.

January 27 - Carson Ritter, Pat and Connie Britten (A).

January 28 - Courtney Sustaire.

January 29 - Richard G. Weller, Shirley Burgin, Norman Gilson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Babcock (A).

January 30 - Mrs. Floyd Knight, Mrs. Gordon W. Schaffer, LaVonda Barkley, Carol Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Britten (A).

Several Groom and County

former Groom residents had a late Christmas gathering in Hereford not too long ago. Among those attending the celebration were: Ernest and Dorothy Weller; Anna Mae Mize and husband of Waterproof, LA; Natalie Barkley; Tony & Tina Painter & family; Tonda and Fabian Torres and family; Dwayne and Linda Weller; Amber and John Holland; Tommy and Dianne Weller; Keith and Kathleen Barkley; Lee and Lavonda Barkley; and Jodie and Cheryl, Natalie's daughters.

the cost of \$375.00 for design and \$395.00 per day for the abatement of the materials. A motion was made and passed to table the issue so that further discussion and information can be obtained.

The court briefly discussed the upcoming bids for roof repairs. The date to advertise for bids will be scheduled at a later meeting. No action was taken.

Taxes collected as of December 31, 2001 was 84.77%.

The court adjourned until January 28, 2002.

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Tragedy Strikes Again In Claude, 1 Teen Dead

Tragedy once again struck on Friday, January 18, 2002, and claimed the life of another Claude youth.

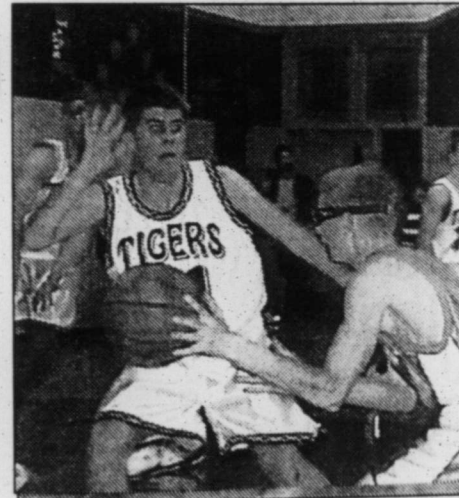
Cassie Spiller and Candace Feland were traveling south on County Road 13, west of Claude, in Spiller's 1992 Pontiac Grand Am. The car went out of control on the dirt road and skid across into the west ditch, rolling 2 1/2 times. Both occupants were ejected.

Feland was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital by LifeStar, where she succumbed to her injuries. Spiller was taken to Nwth by Claude EMS, where she remains in critical condition.

Officials at the scene said neither girl was wearing a seat belt.



Thane Barkley drives for the basket in a recent Jr. High game.



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The Pageant is open to any girl currently enrolled in high school, who has never been married or never had a child. Entry fee is \$50.00 per contestant.

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Tragedy once again struck on Friday, January 18, 2002, and claimed the life of another Claude youth.

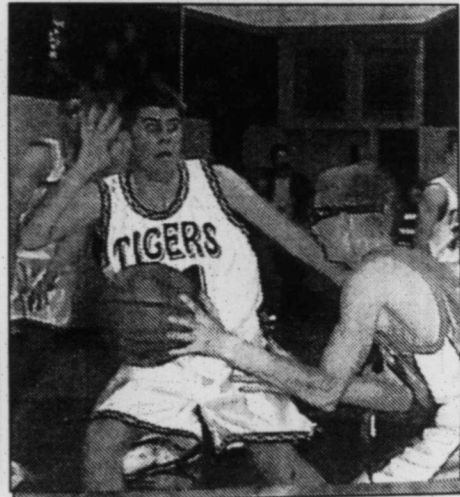
Cassie Spiller and Candace Feland were traveling south on County Road 13, west of Claude, in Spiller's 1992 Pontiac Grand Am. The car went out of control on the dirt road and skid across into the west ditch, rolling 2 1/2 times. Both occupants were ejected.

Feland was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital by LifeStar, where she succumbed to her injuries. Spiller was taken to NWTH by Claude EMS, where she remains in critical condition.

Officials at the scene said neither girl was wearing a seat belt.



Thane Barkley drives for the basket in a recent Jr. High game.



Lance Ollinger provides good defense for the Tigers against McLean.

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The Pageant is open to any girl currently enrolled in high school, who has never been married or never had a child. Entry fee is \$50.00 per contestant.

For more information, or an entry form, contact Judy Abernathy at 256-3746 or the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce at 256-2501.

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Ettes Lose To Hedley In District Match, Win Over McLean

Groom High School Tigerettes lost their first game in district competition last week to Hedley 54-38.

Amanda Conrad lead the scoring for the Ettes with 15. Candace Bohr scored 11. Krisanne Davis added another 5. Stacie Britten scored 4, Amanda Martin 2 and Nichole Barnett 1.

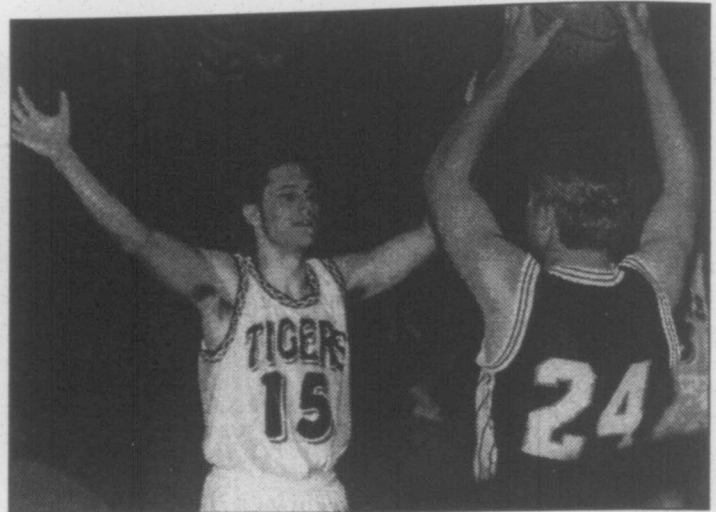
The Ettes came back with a big win against McLean on Friday night scoring 71 points to McLean's 18.

Amanda Conrad again lead the scoring with 17 points. Nichole Barnett and Candace Bohr each contributed 13 points. Staci Britten put up 8 points, Krisanne Davis 7, Lauren Crowell 5, Jill Britten 4, Cassie Ashford, Brin Burgin 1 and Larissa Noack 1.

The Ettes hold a District Record of 3-1 and a season record of 16-6. They will get a rematch with Hedley next Friday on February 1st.

every time they take the court. As the season has gone along and with lots of practice, we have begun to develop some scoring touch. Our offense is getting better because the boys are being patient, working together, and are unselfish and will get the ball to the person who has the best look at a good shot. We have to keep playing well and have a change at qualifying for the playoffs.

Against McLean, Wyatt Britten had 4 points, 3 rebounds, and 3 defensive tips. Doug Fields had 15 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals, 2 assists, 1 blocked shot, and 4 defensive tips. Garrett Britten had 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 assists, and 3 defensive tips. Lance Ollinger had 9 points, 1-3 pointer, 1 rebound, 1 steal, and 1 defensive tip. Adam Britten had 1 assist. Clay Britten had 15 points, 2-3 pointers, 11 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 defensive tip. Cody Babcock had 4 points.



and 5 rebounds. We play here Friday Jan. 25, and Friday Feb. 1. Come out and support the Tigers as they make a push for the playoffs. Senior night will be Feb. 1 against Hedley.

GROOM 29 - HEDLEY 39

The Tigers lost a close ball game last Tuesday at Hedley by ten points. We got off to a slow start and dug ourselves a

hole. We outscored them by 6 the last 3 quarters but couldn't ever recover from being behind early. The kids played as hard as we have all season. Our defense really limited their shot opportunities. Wyatt Britten had 2 steals and 3 defensive tips. Doug Fields had 11 points, 1-3 pointer, 3 rebounds, and 3 defensive tips. Luke Pavlovsky

had 4 points, 1 rebound, and 1 defensive tip. Garrett Britten had 9 points, 1-3 pointer, 2 rebounds, and 1 defensive tip. Lance Ollinger had 1 point, 1 rebound, and 1 assist. Clay Britten had 2 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, and 3 defensive tips. Cody Babcock had 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, and 3 defensive tips.

Tigers Conclude 1st Round of District Play

Last Friday night, the Tigers beat McLean here at home to conclude the first round of district play. Groom has a 3-1 record and stands in second place beginning

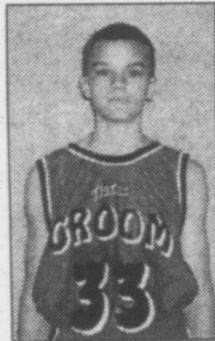
the second round. We have played really well defensively all season and that keeps us in all our games. These kids play extremely hard and put out tremendous effort

GROOM TIGERS & TIGERETTES

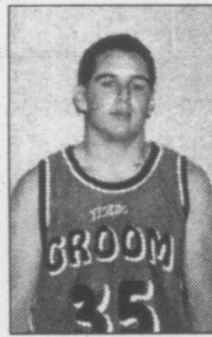
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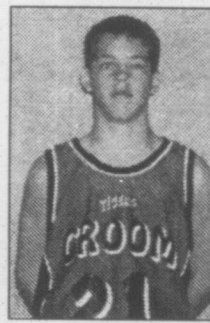
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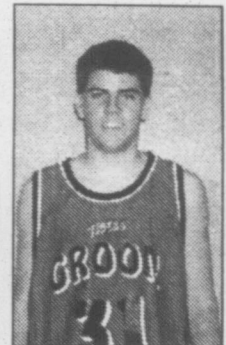
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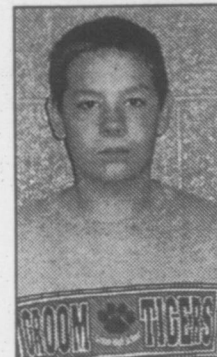
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Services Held For Topaz Harrell Hughes

Graveside services for Topaz Harrell Hughes, 88, of Bryan were held on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Bryan City Cemetery.

Rev. J.W. Kornegay of the First Baptist Church in Bryan officiated.

Mrs. Hughes was born in Groom Texas, the daughter of Glyn Daniel and Viola Burgin Harrell. She had lived in Bryan since 1946.

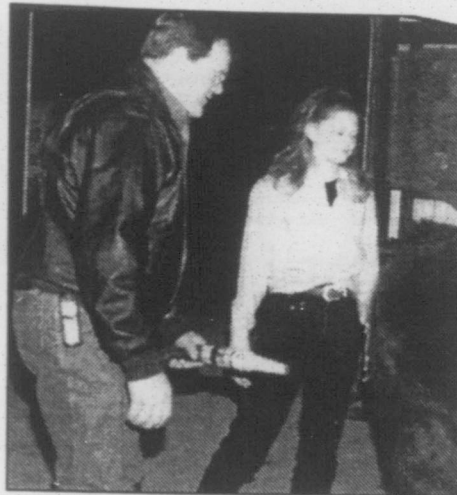
She volunteered with the Boy and Girl Scouts, P.T.A., and operated the "Clothes Closet" for 25 years. She served on the boards of may local agencies, including Planned Parenthood, MHMR and Salvation Army, served as board president of the Girls Club, Child Welfare and the State Child Welfare Board and served as secretary to the Twin City Mission Board. She was a charter member of the Brazos Valley Rehab Center and was involved

with the Brazos Valley Development Council.

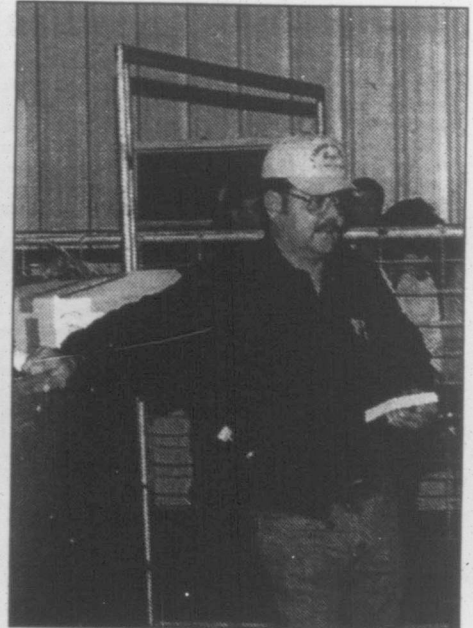
She directed bingo for the residents of the Sherwood Nursing Home while serving as president of volunteers, served as chairwoman of the Advisory Committee of the Area Agency on Aging and was appointed to the Citizens of the Year in 1982. She was also a two-time recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bryan and was a member of the Lois Sunday school class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Frank Hughes, in July 1980.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-laws, Robert and Mary Hughes of Houston, John and Cynthia Hughes of Bryan and Donald

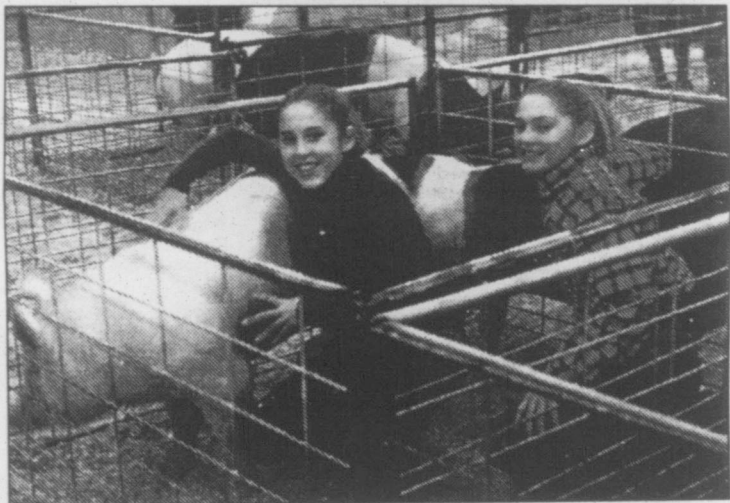



Magan Bivens watches her dad, Mark put the finishing touches on her calf at Saturday night's auction sale. (Right) Stockshow Board President, Joe Homer, hands out awards to proud exhibitors.



It's a sister project for the Evenson girls.

Hughes and Linda Sleeper of Dallas; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Ed Nefflen of San Jose, Calif.; a brother and sister-in-law, Glynn D and Sybil Harrell of Groom; a brother-in-law, Don Bills of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.






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Services Held For Claude Teen

CLAUDE-Candice Leigh Feland, 17, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002.

Memorial services were held on Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gerald Aalbers, pastor, officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Ms. Feland was born in Amarillo and had lived in Claude her entire life. She was a student at Claude High School where she was active in the student council.

Survivors include her parents, Sharla and Michael Feland of Claude; grandparents, Jeannie and Rex Aduddell of Claude; great-grandmother, Mrs. Edd Aduddell of Claude; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family suggest memorials be to the American Lung Association of Texas, 3520 Executive Center Drive, Suite G-100, Austin, TX 78731-1698.

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parents and their County Agent for all their help in completing another successful year.

ELECTION

contacting the School's Business Office at 248-7251 or City Hall at 248-7929.

Land Bank Moves Office Location

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA (FLBA), CEO Robert R. Williams Jr. provided an update for the association and announced staff and location changes during 2001.

January 1, 2001 brought the association considerably closer to an important milestone. "We should surpass the \$200 million volume mark this year" report CEO Williams. "Our volume now stands at \$191 million following a year in which we enjoyed a net growth

exceeding 14%. We are truly pleased with this outstanding performance considering the uncertain nature of agriculture. Just as important as growth, our loan portfolio has maintained its excellent quality," Williams further explained.

"Our customers deserve the credit for another fine year, and they will realize the benefits of our strong financial position. Interest rates have provided an exciting ride with the variable rate moving from 8% in December of 2000 to less than 5%. The Association reduced its rates and in doing so

returned to its customers over \$880,000.00 in 2001" said Williams. "We are confident that our association can provide value to its membership with superior service and the best possible rate."

The association also announced the opening of its new office on SW 45th Street in Amarillo. The Amarillo loan officers and central office staff moved into the new location in April 2001. Also this past year, Loyce Wright joined the Pampa office as Loan Assistant.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Board members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Ervin J. Davis of Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Jerry K. Oswald of Abernathy; Dean H. Burger of Pampa; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver;

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According to the National Farmers Union News if prices for farm products had increased at the same rate as expenses a bushel of wheat would

be worth \$9.57. Some of our local Ag producers may indulge in a little wishful thinking after taking a look at these prices.

Commodity	Current Price	Parity Price	Percent of Parity
Crops			
Barley (bushel)	\$2.31	\$6.39	36
Corn (bushel)	1.85	6.53	28
Cotton, Upland (lb)	.307	1.66	18
Flaxseed (bushel)	4.30	11.20	38
Oats (bushel)	1.59	3.74	43
Peanuts (lb)	.204	.673	30
Rice (cwt)	4.23	26.70	16
Sorghum Grain (cwt)	3.35	11.20	30
Soybeans (bushel)	4.18	14.20	29
Wheat (bushel)	2.94	9.57	31
Livestock			
Cattle (cwt)	62.80	157.00	40
Hogs (cwt)	34.90	102.00	34
Lambs (cwt)	52.90	172.00	31
Dairy/Poultry			
Eggs, (dozen)	658	1.54	44
Milk, All (cwt)	14.30	31.90	41
Milk, Mfg (cwt)	12.40	29.03	43

* lamb prices are one month behind all other prices in this analysis.
Note: Percent of parity represented by current market prices is shown under commodity titles. Parity is the price farmers would receive if farm prices had increased at the same rate as expenses, using 1910-14 as a base period. USDA statistics available online at www.natio.gov

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Report of Jeanette Cunningham, County Treasurer of Cass County, Texas of Receipts and disbursements from October 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2001

FUND	BALANCE Oct 1, 2001	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE Dec. 31, 2001
General	45,236.11	1,639,718.15	564,044.90	1,120,909.36
Indigent Health	12,710.90	2,020.04	1,582.11	13,149.43
Law Library	748.31	1,035.00	0	1,783.31
Road & Bridge #1	10,067.55	152,337.39	74,693.31	87,711.63
Road & Bridge #2	26,532.42	141,534.96	49,321.50	118,745.88
Road & Bridge #3	22,195.69	142,092.11	88,225.67	76,062.13
Road & Bridge #4	19,153.43	143,262.48	42,547.37	119,878.54
Check Collection Fund	6,932.13	489.61	8.59	7,413.15
Records Management	37,756.98	3,296.60	1,598.47	39,755.11
Countywide Security	42,655.02	3,962.88	582.73	46,035.17
Judicial Technology	0	2,340.76	0	2,340.76
MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS				
General	28,448.59	89,849.58	20,000.00	98,318.17
Unemployment Tax	66,686.66	718.66	0	67,405.32
Road & Bridge #1	8,943.93	515.66	0	9,459.59
Road & Bridge #2	4,458.40	1,565.07	0	6,023.47
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT				
General, Panhandle	2,150,000.00	0	200,000.00	1,950,000.00
General, Groom	250,000.00	0	0	250,000.00
General, White Deer	250,000.00	0	0	250,000.00
Indigent Health	175,000.00	0	0	175,000.00
Road & Bridge #1	55,000.00	0	10,000.00	45,000.00
Road & Bridge #2	165,000.00	0	0	165,000.00
Road & Bridge #3	125,000.00	0	0	125,000.00
Road & Bridge #4	60,000.00	0	0	60,000.00
Treasury	1,103.09	7.32	0	1,110.41
Capital Improvements	25,461.64	178.94	0	25,640.58

Before me undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Jeanette Cunningham, County Treasurer of Cass County, Texas who duly swore upon oath that the within report is true and correct.

Jeanette Cunningham
Notary Public for the State of Texas
My Commission Expires 10-20-2004