

# The Groom News

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## Jerry Thornton Shows This Diamond Back Who's Boss!

Britten Truck Sales had some excitement last week. Several people were standing outside visiting when Caleb Pool noticed a snake. After a brief chase the snake was caught. Jerry Thornton happened on the scene. Having grown up around snakes he knew how to handle it.

The reptile was about 4 and a half feet in length and had 12 rattlers. Being the diamond back variety, Thornton felt that it was not indigenous to this immediate area.

"You will find diamond backs down by Jericho and



Alanreed but not usually around here," he said.

Britten had recently brought in a plow from

Amarillo. It had several places that the snake could have possibly been hidden.

See Thornton, pg. 6

## Board Lowers Local Tax Rate By 12¢, Offsets CED Increase

In a special meeting of the Groom School Board, trustees unanimously agreed to lower the local tax rate by approximately 12 cents. This decrease will be offset by the state mandated increase of approximately 12 cents by the County Education District (CED). What this means in dollars and cents to taxpayers is effectively the same total tax paid in as last year. However, the school itself stands to lose not only the 12 cents but approximately \$20,000 in state Tier II funds.

In other words, as our local tax decreases, the school becomes ineligible for some Tier II money. The District loses 59 cents for every \$1.00 that Groom ISD does not collect in local taxes.

"I don't feel that we should pass on the 12 cents to our taxpayers just to receive \$20,000.00 worth of Tier II money" stated Superintendent Kenneth Sweatt.

### Al Homer Remembers Water In Benjamin

Al Homer wants to warn Tiger fans traveling to Benjamin for Friday night's football game. Al who lived in that country for 31 years was raised at Rhineland, 12 miles southeast of Benjamin. Al reported that back in the early 1950's he and Uncle John Homer (Paul Homer's dad) were going to visit Al's parents Killian and Mary Homer in Rhineland, arriving in Benjamin around meal time and not wanting to interrupt his parents meal, they decided to stop in a cafe in Benjamin to eat. They ordered and were served two glasses of what Uncle John stated then as serving orange juice instead of water. But come to find out it was water from the red clay earth.

Former Mayor of Groom Al Homer said, "The water was later condemned by the government and water wells were dug across the Brazos River." Al continued by saying, "it's just something to think about traveling Friday, it does get hot down there and the water, well, use your own judgement."

With a fund balance of roughly \$600,000.00 in C.D.'s the district can afford to dip into these reserves to make up the difference in the budget.

"We may be able to make up the deficit if we don't need to spend as much on technology as we have allowed, based on what we spent the last two years," stated Sweatt.

The board felt that technology may be an area where they may have over budgeted.

"Most of our technology - computers etc. - are in good shape. Unless something unforeseen happens we should not need the full amount budgeted. This would get us much closer to a balanced budget without dipping too far into our fund balance," he added.

In other business the trustees unanimously ratified the budget for 1992-93. Although some line item balances fluctuated the budget is effectively the same as last year's \$1.35 million.

Discussion was held concerning the site based management plan. This way of work would consist of a council made up of teachers, non-faculty

members, parents, business people and non-teaching professionals. Their purpose would be to provide input and recommendations to the board on academic objectives, performance objectives, goal setting, budgeting and curriculum. The board approved the plan and timeline for implementation. It will now need to be approved by TEA in Austin. The district hopes the council will begin work in September of this next year.

Trustees went into executive session to discuss a proposal from their attorney concerning a settlement from asbestos litigation. Two and a half years ago the school, along with most other schools in Texas, entered into a law suit to recover expenses for removing asbestos from the schools. Due to a court order the terms and conditions of the settlement cannot be made public. However, the board was allowed to release the amount of the settlement, \$44,949.94. Out of which 35% will be retained by the lawyers as payment for services. Legal fees will also be deducted from that amount. What is left will See School, pg. 4

## Community Calendar

### SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR GROOM FOOTBALL

Groom Athletic Director Jay Lamb notes the new changes to Groom football.

Groom Varsity - Samnorwood, October 2, 1992-There at 7:00 p.m., instead of 7:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity - September 10, 1992. Miami game cancelled due to lack of Miami players.

Junior Varsity - October 1, 1992, Samnorwood, there at 6:30 p.m.

4-H MEMBERS will meet September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Election of officers will be held. Everyone needs to attend.

COUNTRY NEIGHBORS will meet at Mamie Ritter's on Wednesday, September 9th at 1:30.

CITY OFFICES Will be closed Monday September 7 for the Labor Day Holiday.

FHA WILL INSTALL freshman on September 15th.

GROOM BRANCH Library will be closed on Monday, September 7.

GROOM GROCERY will close at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 7.

THE GROOM CITY Council will meet on September 8th.

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

TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

Wheat-\$2.84  
Milo-\$3.94  
Corn-\$4.50

## Tigers Open Season In Benjamin

The Groom Tigers were ready to depart the bus after the 2 1/2 hour trip to Follett last Friday night, wasting no time convincing the Panthers who would be reckoning with who when district rolls around in October.

The Tigers scrimmaged their final time prior to opening their 1992 season against Benjamin this Friday night.

"We saw about as much improvement in a week as I have ever seen here at Groom," said Jay Lamb. "The offensive team executed their plays much better. The boys hit well defensively."

Groom scored eleven touchdowns to Follett's one touchdown including the Junior Varsity in their two hour drubbing. The Tigers dominated on both sides of the ball.

"Follett will come back stronger for district play," stated Lamb. "Two of their best players were sidelined with injuries this week."

Tiger Coach Terry O'Dell hopes the team will respond in the same manner when it gets off the bus in Benjamin after the 180 miles of highway.

Coach Jay Lamb said last week that Benjamin this year is suiting up its first varsity team in years, while previously only supporting junior varsity teams.



Paul McLaughlin, senior running back for the Tigers, has been waiting for this year a long time. He was the leading rusher for the Tigers last year gaining just under 1000 yards. He hopes to go over that mark this year, along with winning district.



Wesley Hall, junior end for the Tigers, looked very impressive defensively against Follett last week.



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## Local Happenings

**GROOM BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES**  
September 03 - Mrs. T. C. Sustaire, Mr. and Mrs. Chris L. Britten (A).  
September 04 - Judy Ruthardt, Donna Burger, Douglas Fields, Kay and Charles Burk (A).  
September 05 - Mildred Miller, Ray Austin Pool.  
September 06 - Bill Pavlovsky, Mrs. R.J. Kempf, Megan Bivens, Brent Longway.  
September 07 - Mrs. David Britten.  
September 08 - Ruby Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hudson (A).  
September 09 - Mrs. Bill Hammer, Mrs. Gary Friemel, Garrett Arthur Britten.

**IT'S A GIRL**  
Mark and Tammy Littlefield of Rosenberg announce the arrival of a daughter, Danielle Loren born Friday, August 21 at 11:00 a.m. She weighted 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long.  
Grandparents are Leroy and Susan Littlefield of Sugarland and Terri Mundy of Fairfield, California. Great-grandparents are Agnes Homer and Lloyd and Verda Lee Littlefield of Groom and Carmen Maki of Fairfield, California.

**GROOM SCHOOL MENU**  
September 07 - Holiday.  
September 08 - Breakfast - Pancakes, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate no-bake cookies, milk.  
September 9 - Breakfast - Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, cheese sticks, salad, pizza bread, cantaloupe, milk.  
September 10 - Breakfast - Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburgers, tator tots, lettuce, onions, pickles, tomatoes, yummy oatmeal cookies, milk.  
September 11 - Breakfast - Donuts, Cinnamon Rolls, juice, milk. Lunch - Meat and cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, cut corn, tortilla pieces, pineapple tidbits, milk.

**BLOCK PARTY**  
Residents of the 500 block of Wilkerson and Martin held their fourth annual Block Party last weekend.  
Held at the Joe Homer home, the group enjoyed hamburgers, chips, dips, homemade ice cream and cake.  
M.B. and Martha Bolden; Jo Ann, Jess, Brian and Craig Baker; Joe, Barbara, Daryl, Robert and Stanley Homer; Father Richard Neyer; Greg and Belinda Britten; Norma Jean, Bill Homer and Joanie; Nathan and Sherri Wieberg; Teron, Blake and Dane Howard; Bob and Dinah Howard; Tannia Howard and her friend Joseph were some that attended.

**LONDON TO WRITE GROOM HISTORY**  
Emalea London has been asked by the Amarillo Public Library to write a history of Groom.  
Please help by being cooperative when she calls on you. If you would like to help please give her a call at 248-7377. She has questionnaires available for those who need them.

**THANK YOU CARD**  
Our sincerest thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, food and flowers during the recent loss of our mother.  
The family of Delores Prather

**THANK YOU CARD**  
I want to thank everyone who came to my assistance following my accident on Friday night as I returned from Panhandle.  
Lucille Case


Rip and Joy Snyder attended funeral services for John Richey in Clarendon on Monday.



## Howdy from the Drums

A big "Howdy" comes in from former residents David "Shorty" and Lena Mae Drum who lived in Groom "in the good old days". They were married in Panhandle and their daughter was born in Groom and their son was born in California. They have two grandsons and two granddaughters. Anyone wishing to renew their acquaintance may write to them at 628 Crison Road, Paso Robles, California 93446.

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# Carson County Sheriff's Report

August 24, 1992

Over the past week three persons have been booked into the Carson County Jail. The jail is currently holding ten inmates; three for DWI, two for Burglary, one for Failure to Appear on a traffic charge, one for Failure to Appear on a felony charge, one for Parole Violation (out of Potter County), one for Felony Possession of Marijuana and one for Murder.

Deputies have handled several prowler calls at varying locations within the county and had a higher than usual incidence of suspicious persons reports dealing with individuals on the interstate. We have dealt with several individuals within the past six months who have been brought to our attention due to their activity on I-40. One person in particular had a flat tire and was looking for assistance in Groom and was later found to be wanted for auto theft and rape out of California. This subject was also wanted for questioning regarding some homicides in the California area. Residents are cautioned against contact with transients on the interstate and asked to immediately report any suspicious activity to our office. Not all motorists or hitchhikers are dangerous

felons, but there is no way for you to tell simply by a persons appearance.

It's unfortunate that Carson County residents should have to think twice about rendering aid or assistance to motorists or pedestrians who pass through our county, but we have been dealing with some potentially dangerous subjects lately and there is little doubt that some would

take advantage of an unsuspecting person if they were given the opportunity.

The Carson County Sheriff's Department can be reached by calling 537-3511 or by dialing 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency. Our office dispatches all emergency units (fire, police, ambulance) and we are equipped with a

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) which allows us to communicate with persons who are hearing and speech impaired. The TDD system can be used whether your call comes in on our routine business line or the 9-1-1 system.

Persons who are hearing or speech impaired and who do not have the TDD system in their home can contact the Panhandle Council for the Deaf in Amarillo for information on obtaining such a unit for their home.

August 31, 1992

During the week of August 24, 1992 the Carson County Sheriff's Department answered sixteen calls on the 9-1-1 Emergency System. The Calls varied from medical emergency and ambulance requests to fire reports and one report of stolen vehicle keys. One 9-1-1 call from a pay telephone on the interstate dealt with a person from out of state who threatened to kill himself. The subject was located by deputies and taken to Amarillo for psychological evaluation.

Sheriff's deputies assisted the Panhandle Police Department in the investigation of a self-inflicted gunshot wound which took place at a residence inside the Panhandle city limits. Deputies also assisted the Skellytown City Marshal and the Texas Highway Patrol at the scene of a one-vehicle rollover in Skellytown.

Deputies were called to check on various reports of suspicious persons sighted along the interstate. In one instance, the person was found to suffer from severe mental disorders which made him prone to violence. The subject was located by a sheriff's deputy and transported to Amarillo to the Veteran's Administration Hospital for care.

Thirteen persons were booked into the Carson County Jail during the past week. Six were arrested for DWI, three for outstanding warrants, one for Possession See Sheriff, pg. 5

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for: FULL DEPTH REPAIR OF EXISTING CONCRETE PAVEMENT on highway(s) IH 40 in CARSON/GRAY County (ies).

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Time & Date: 10:00 A.M.; THURSDAY; SEPT. 10, 1992

Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available at the District Maintenance Engineer's Office at: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, Telephone (806) 356-3283. Usual rights reserved.

## Top O'Texas Cattlewomen Plan Style Show

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Monday, August 10 at the Biarritz Club in Pampa. Plans were finalized for their annual fall style show and brunch. The style show and brunch will be at the Pampa Country Club Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Thirteen area merchants will be participating from the eastern Panhandle area with the best and latest of their fall fashions. The Pampa Country Club will also serve a full brunch. American Airlines will again provide a trip for two to Las Vegas for 3 days and 2 nights to some lucky style show ticket holder. Although you cannot attend the style show your ticket entitles you to a chance to win the trip. Just be sure the ticket is given to someone attending the style show and have your name on the back.

Tickets for this exciting style show can be purchased from the following participating merchants: Andies in Wheeler, Images, Personal Touch, Kid's Stuff, the Clothesline, Bette's, Wayne's Western Wear, Hi-Land Fashions, Bobee J's

Boutique or V.J.'s Imports, all of Pampa; Corrine's of McLean or SAC's Department Store and the Busy Bee in Shamrock. Tickets can also be purchased from Dianne Buckingham, Rt. 1 Box 59, Shamrock, TX 79079 or call 256-3887.

Discussion was also held concerning the Texas CattleWomen's State Convention which will be held in Amarillo Oct. 25-27. All cattlewomen are urged to attend this convention.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen also nominated Anita Brown of Wheeler for State 1st Vice President of Texas CattleWomen. Anita was

also nominated by her local cattlewomen as the State CattleWoman of the Year. Anita is very deserving of this honor as she has worked diligently for the promotion of beef and the cattle industry for many years on both the state and local level.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will meet again September 14 in the Biarritz Club in Pampa.



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## GROOM HIGH SCHOOL 1992 FOOTBALL ROSTER

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1	Craig Baker	Fr.	5'5"	108	50	Tom Lambert	So.	6'0"	180
21	Bart Britten	So.	5'7"	129	7	Ty Lambert	So.	5'9"	127
33	Bronte Britten	Jr.	5'9"	131	35	Paul McLaughlin	Sr.	5'9"	153
20	Bo Burgin	So.	5'9"	161	10	Scott McLaughlin	Fr.	5'4"	118
89	Harold Cave	Fr.	5'7"	167	25	Matt Miller	So.	5'8"	142
63	Bryan Crowell	So.	6'0"	159	5	Rhett Patterson	Sr.	5'9"	135
62	Brandon Crump	Fr.	5'11"	240	17	Jason Peters	Fr.	5'9"	195
70	Steven Daffern	Sr.	5'7"	157	64	Chy Phillips	Jr.	5'6"	200
60	Robbie Evenson	Jr.	6'3"	190	3	David Quisenberry	Fr.	5'8"	150
74	Matt Fields	Sr.	5'11"	236	34	Seth Ritter	So.	5'7"	130
24	Josh Gray	So.	5'5"	140	65	Eric Weinheimer	So.	6'2"	165
88	Wes Hall	Jr.	6'4"	186	22	John Weinheimer	Sr.	6'3"	171

# BEAT BENJAMIN



## DPS Report

By Joe Longway

As The Interstate Turns . . .

On 8-28-92 a Lexington, South Carolina youth was stopped and arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after a Consent to Search was given. Several marijuana seeds were found. The youth pled guilty on 8-31-92 before Justice of the Peace Bill Hinson.

On 8-29-92 a Chino, California man was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after Consent to Search was given. Two marijuana pipes were seized. The man pled guilty on 8-31-92 before Justice of the Peace Bill Hinson.

On 8-31-92 while on routine patrol at 6:00 pm a TLC truck tractor was found in the bar ditch near Lark. The vehicle was left abandoned with the exit sign broken and left in the roadway. The driver was

later found asleep at Texas Reds stating the accident happened at 3:30 a.m. and he was waiting on a wrecker. The Amarillo man was uninjured. He received two citations and was released.

Starting September 4, 1992 at 6:00 p.m. until September 7, 1992 at 12:00 a.m. Operation Holiday will be in effect. During this

time period all DPS troopers will be working looking for hazardous violations such as speeding and DWI. Troopers will also be stopping people for not wearing seatbelts. These are major items which increase the chance of a fatal accident. Please be careful and have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day.

## Girl Scouts Enjoy Wonderland

Junior Girl Scouts, Leaders, and family members enjoyed an afternoon at Wonderland Park Saturday, August 29th. Following the four hours of rides, arcade games and refreshments the troop moved over to Thompson Park where they enjoyed pizza and then returned home. Those attending were: Tami Ashford, Mary Hutsell, Sarah Hutsell, Carrie Davis, Jodie Homen, Tierra O'Dell, Jenny Lewis, Maggie Thomas, Sara Britten, April Burton, Angie Conrad, Karen Conrad, Jan Britten, Travis and Katie Britten, Kay Britten, Francis Britten, Donna Burton, Donnie and Marcia Conrad, Sandie, Russell and Amanda Conrad, and Katrina Meaker.

Registration for the 1992-93 year will take place soon. New leaders are Jan Britten and Kay Britten.

Notes with details on registration date, fees and meeting dates will be distributed at school soon.

## Commissioners Adopt 92-93 Budget

Carson County Commissioners, in regular session Monday, Aug. 24, reviewed the 1992-93 fiscal year budget and approved it as presented.

Only two county residents attended the public hearing on the budget prior to its adoption.

The 1992-93 tax rate was also approved. The .3360 per \$100 evaluation was agreed upon as it was noted that the County lost \$50,310,100 in tax base during the last year. The loss was primarily due to natural gas prices and loss of production. The rate breaks down to .24211 for General Fund, .03736 for Farm to Market Fund, and .05646 for Special Road Fund.

The 1991-92 budget was amended \$3,300 in order to cover expenses in the area of fuel and vehicle maintenance incurred by extra driving caused by the tornadoes that hit the Fritch area of the County in June.

Judge Roselius reported that road signs have arrived and will be put in place in the near future.

"These signs will give direction to emergency personnel when responding to a call in the county," Roselius said.

Roselius also reported on the County's effort to obtain funds from the Texas Department of Community Affairs to dispose of the burn pit at Fritch. "If approved, the funds will be available to dispose of the materials in a satisfactory manner," he said.

The commissioners also approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to do maintenance work at the Panhandle-Carson County

Airport. The work cost approximately \$195,200, will be set up on a 90/10 cost share with the City of Panhandle and Carson County. "The approximate cost to the city and county will be \$19,500," Roselius explained. "The actual cost to each entity will be \$9,760. We have this revenue in our airport maintenance account."

It was noted that requirements for the indigent health care program will be posted on the bulletin board in the courthouse.

Preliminary plans were made to attend the County Judges and Commissioners conference in El Paso on Oct. 13-16, where the commissioners will meet the annual continuing education requirements.

## School

be paid out over a period of the next three years.

The board amended the 1991-92 budget to include adjustments in line item amounts and encumbrances occurred during the month of August.

Before adjournment Superintendent Sweatt reminded the board of the regular monthly meeting coming up next Tuesday, September 8.

## More Birthdays

August 31 - William Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leven (A).

September 1 - Barbara Homer.

September 2 - Mrs. Jack Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weller (A).

## Band Members Make Sacrifices To Keep Band Alive

Groom band students will be making sacrifices in order to play this year. Due to a scheduling conflict many of the contest winning members were unable to fit the band period into their classes.

Most of the devoted musicians will be going to band when they can during the tutorial period which is about 30 minutes long. They will also practice after school on Monday nights for 1½ to 2 hours each week.

Band Director, Jerry Crowell said "we expect to have approximately 45 members from 7th to 12th grade."

"The band will not be making the trek to Benjamin this week," stated Crowell, "we will begin marching at the Vernon Northside game here on September 11th."

Alyssa and Aaron Watson, children of Kent and Donna Watson won the poster for reading the most books in the Groom Library Summer Ready Program. Together they read about 40 books.

## Happenings

Esta Brown and daughter Sue Rogers were in Groom visiting Judy Ruthardt on her birthday. Mrs. Brown ran the 66 Courts and Elmo Courts for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Richey and Cory, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Richey and Jonathan of San Angelo spent the weekend with Rip and Joy Snyder. They all attended the funeral services at Clarendon for John Richey, father of Truman Richey on Monday.

Rip and Joy Snyder were White Deer visitors Friday.

A.D. and Ethel Neal, William and Floretta Neal and Bertha Knight went to Clarendon last Friday to help Leslie and Dora Neal celebrate Leslie's 85th birthday.

Ray Austin Pool, his mother Thelma Pool and Bertha Knight went to Amarillo Sunday afternoon to visit James Johnson and members of his family, and visited with Joe Davis in High Plains Baptist Hospital.

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**CHISUM IS HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN**

State Representative, Warren Chisum of the 84th District, is serving as Honorary Scholarship Fund Chairman for the Quivira Girl Scout Council, announced Mary Green, President.

The Council, which serves the eleven eastern Panhandle counties, wants to provide scholarships for girls who want to join a troop, need a uniform or want to go to camp. Troop sponsorships are also being

**MEDICAL CLINIC SETS OCTOBER 1ST OPENING**

October 1st is the opening date for a new medical clinic in Panhandle. That good news came from Henry Hawley, a representative of South Plains Health Provider Organization, Inc. (SPHPO) when he held meetings in Panhandle recently.

Hawley had a noon meeting with members of the Lions and Rotary Clubs, and addressed a group of approximately 60 citizens that evening.

"The exact location of the clinic has not been determined but it will be on Main Street," Hawley told the groups.

SPHPO, headquartered in Plainview, has eleven clinics throughout the South Plains and the Panhandle. In addition to the original ones in Plainview, Floydada, Littlefield and Crosbyton, they have sites in Dimmitt, Hereford, Olton, Muleshoe, Matador, Silverton and Amarillo.

The local clinic will be staffed by a nurse practitioner, an LVN and an office clerk. A doctor will be here two days a week, according to Hawley.

The long-range goal of the operation is that it will become self-supporting, proving that the support is good enough to entice a doctor to move to Panhandle and set up a private practice.

More details on the clinic and its operation will be given as it becomes available.

**MISSION CABLE CARES ABOUT 'JERRY'S KIDS'**

Entitled, "Tomorrow's Leaders are Girl Scouts Today", the scholarship program will be instrumental in offering Girl Scouting to a generation of girls who will have self-esteem, leadership skills.

Mission Cable will participate in a national industrywide cable TV campaign, "Cable Cares about 'Jerry's Kids,'" to benefit the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. (MDA), Rick Wall, Mission Cable System Manager, announced.

From August 3rd through September 14th, new subscribers to cable television have a chance to help people affected by neuromuscular diseases. For a \$5.00 donation to MDA, Mission Cable will waive the normal \$30.00 installation fee. These donations to MDA will help in the fight against 40 diseases that affect more than a million American children and adults.

"We're proud to be a part of MDA's Cable Cares campaign," said Wall, "and we're looking forward to being involved in contributing to the Muscular Dystrophy Association."

**Knight, Neal Seamster Meet In Tulsa**

Geraldine Seamster, daughter of William and

Floretta Neal of Amarillo, is an assistant manager of Wal-Mart in Burley, Idaho, was sent with 3,500 other members of Wal-Mart to Tulsa, Oklahoma from Sunday through Wednesday for a Wal-Mart Convention.

William and Floretta and Bertha Knight met her in Tulsa.

While Geraldine was in conference, the Neal's and Bertha went to Fayetteville, Ark. to visit their cousin Flora Kirk, and to Prairie Grove, Ark. to visit their cousins Charles and Marianna Branchcomb.

**Sheriff**

of Drug Paraphernalia, one for Burglary of a Habitation, one for Public Intoxication and one for Indecency with a Minor Child. The Carson County Jail is also holding one subject on a charge of Murder pending a change of venue trial to Carson County from Childress.

One of the most precious commodities we have in Carson County is our children. With school recently starting at all schools in the county, there are more youngsters on the streets and highways than there have been for a while. In addition to their new classes, teachers and

adventures, these kids often have a lot more on their minds than we give them credit for. Persons driving in or near school zones and residential areas need to pay extra attention to their driving and the surroundings. It is our

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**Parents & High School Students**

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### Grandview Hopkins School Board Meets

Meeting in Special Session on Friday, 8-21-92, at 2:00 PM, the Board of Trustees of the Grandview-Hopkins ISD approved the budget for the 1992-93 school year. The school will operate on a budget of \$480,070.07 in the coming fiscal year, which begins September 1.

The board also declared their intent to set a tax rate. At the next regular meeting on September 8, 1992, the board plans to set a tax rate of .47164. This is the effective tax rate for 1992-93. This rate will allow the district to raise the same amount of money that was raised last year at a tax rate of .394. Due to the decline of property values in the Grandview-Hopkins ISD, the rate will rise, but the total amount of money collected will remain the same as last year.

In other business, the board approved budget amendments and bills presented. The board also heard comments concerning the price of adult lunches in the school cafeteria, which are currently \$3.50. The

board will reconsider the price of these lunches at their next meeting.

At the next regular meeting of the Grandview-Hopkins ISD, the board will set the tax rate. The meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, 9/8/92, in the school cafeteria.

### Case High Score At Nightengals

Nightengals Club met in the house of Pearl Banks on August 29th. Business meeting was held and Stella Patterson was welcomed back into the club membership.

Games of Pinochle were played with Lucille Case winning high score and Shirley Lamberson winning low score.

Members present were: Shirley Lamberson, Sybil Harrell, Stella Patterson, Mary Britten, Evelyn Hubbard, Lucille Case, Thelma Pool and the hostess Pearl Banks.

### THORNTON

Bill Homer, local entrepreneur and city councilman, hunts and tans snakes as a hobby. When asked if the snake had to be killed in a special way he said, "just cut their head off and split the underside down the middle. The meat will bring about \$10.00 per pound, but the skins are what is in greatest demand.

The secret is in how they are tanned," he said. "Keeping them soft and pliable will make them last indefinitely."

When asked how often he actually does this type of thing he said, "only when things really get dull or people have a real problem!"

### 1992 Groom High School Football Schedule

9-4	Benjamin	7:30T
9-11	Vernon North	7:30H
9-18	Meadow	7:30H
9-25	Open	
10-2	Samnorwood	7:30T
10-9	Higgins*	7:30T
10-16	Follett**	7:30H
10-23	Lefors*	7:30T
10-30	McLean*	7:30T
11-6	Miami*	7:30H

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## Tigers Face Off Lazbuddie For Season Opener



McLean Tigers open the 1992 season against Lazbuddie, Friday night here with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Miller believes the season should depend on how early the young players mature. He believes the tradition behind McLean will help considerably. The Tigers lost to Lazbuddie in last year's season opener 36-33.

McLean posted a 9-2 season as Lazbuddie's season ended at 11-2, when they lost to Ft. Hancock in the state quarterfinals. Mark Scisson will lead the Lazbuddie Longhorns this season as head coach.

McLean, Groom, and Follett are picked to fight it out for the playoff berths.

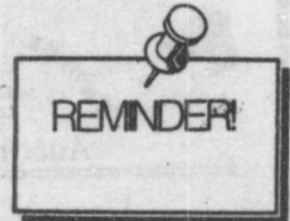
The McLean Tigers split their team to scrimmage Higgins and Lefors.

"The 5:00 p.m. scrimmage with Higgins was basically with our freshmen. Our boys played and executed well but were outscored 5-0. The Higgins varsity ran 40 plays and McLean ran 20," said Coach Miller.

"Our scrimmage with much improved Lefors was a real head-knocker from start to finish. We looked good on offense, scoring 5 touchdowns, but our

defense showed signs of needing work. We gave up 5 touchdowns," stated Coach Miller.

The regular season starts Friday night at Lazbuddie with the J.V. kick-off set at 5:00 p.m.



ANY WOMAN interested in playing volleyball meet at the gym at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 8.

THE ALANREED ISD conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase property taxes by 56 percent on August 27, 1992. The Alanreed ISD is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 3, 1992 at the Alanreed School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

BOOSTER CLUB dinner September 11th before the first home game with Follett. Serving time 3:30 until 6:30 p.m.

HEALD UMC is starting an after school discipleship program for kids K-6th grade on or about Sept. 16. If you would like to help. Call Janet McCracken at 779-2063 or Don at 779-2547.

FOOTBALL GAME at Lazbuddie 7:30 p.m. on September 4.

McLEAN SCHOOL will dismiss at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4th, 1992. There will be a pep rally at 1:10 p.m. The McLean Tigers will play Lazbuddie at 7:30 at Lazbuddie.

AUG. 30 - SEPT. 4 the Assembly of God Church, at 4th & Main in McLean, will host a Prophecy Seminar. Evangelist Ed Rimer will conduct a verse by verse exposition of the Book of Revelation. Sunday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday - Friday at 7 p.m.

BOOSTER CLUB meeting September 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.



## Bench Mark Compares Budgets For 91-92

Despite widespread reports last Fall of school budget cuts, trustees adopted the largest spending increase in history - \$1.8 billion more. Classroom teachers received one dollar in six of the additional spending.

Spending was \$1.4 billion more than budgeted revenue, and trustees increased school taxes by a billion dollars. However, when the beginning balance of \$4.2 billion is included, resources far outpaced expenditures.

The figures come from the latest issue of Bench Marks 1991-92 School District Budgets in Texas, an annual publication of the Texas Research League, an Austin-based, educational

corporation engaged in governmental research.

An average of \$3,979 per student for current operations was budgeted last year plus \$337 for repayment of debt and \$617 per student for capital outlay.

McLean ISD's budget provided \$6,491.03 per student for current operations, \$ 0 for debt service, and \$71.93 per student for capital outlay based on the 212 students enrolled in October 1991.

The average base salary for classroom teachers paid by McLean ISD in October 1991 was \$25,068.00 plus supplements for the career ladder. The average for administrators was \$36,960.00 and \$32,039.00

for other professional support employees (librarians, counselors, nurses, supervisors, etc.).

Four dollars in each five were spent for salaries. Statewide payroll expense averaged \$3,236 per student, as compared to \$4,847.33 in McLean ISD. Payroll expense is determined by salary levels and staffing patterns.

Taxpayers provided one teacher for 10.4 students in McLean ISD while the statewide pupil-teacher ration was 16.3 to one.

School districts and county education districts imposed a property tax at the rate of \$1.274 per \$100 of appraised value, which value averaged 98.8% of market value (selling price).

The "true tax rate" was \$1,259 (\$1,274 times 98.8%) statewide. Locally, the McLean ISD imposed a rate of \$1,235 including \$.755 by the county. Property was appraised at 105.8% of its market value making the true rate \$1.307 per \$100 of market value (selling price).

The report points out that the calculation of a true tax rate based on market value rather than on appraised value is necessary to make a valid comparison of tax levels with other schools.

The tax on a house that would sell for \$80,000 in McLean ISD would have been \$1,090.00. If the homeowner were eligible for homestead exemptions, the

See Bench Mark, pg. 10



## Money Completes Basic At Fort Sill

John Paul Money, son of Marilyn Money of El Paso and grandson of Ruth Magee, McLean, just completed basic training for Army Reserves on August 6 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His grandmother attended the exercises. He has been here visiting the Magee families before returning to Hanks High School in El Paso where he will be a senior.



**WEATHER REPORT**  
Average Annual Rainfall - 21 inches  
Precipitation 1992 to Sept. 1 - 22.72 inches  
Precipitation August - .71 inch  
Low Temp. August - 52°  
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Andrew Stacy Jackson recently completed serving four years in the U.S. Navy on the USS Imo Jima and was honorably discharged in July, 1992


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If you are interested in becoming a Girl Scout or a Leader, please contact: McLean, Janet McCracken, 779-2063.

**McLEAN BIRTHDAYS  
ANNIVERSARIES**

September 03 - Odus Calcote, Jeraldine Rodgers.

September 04 - Annie Eudey, Bob McDowell, Cindi McDowell, Elmo and Ruth Whaley (A).

September 05 - Frank Simpson, Pat Barker, Brandon Phillips.

September 06 - O. R. Blankenship.

September 07 - S. A. Cousins, Marshall Hanes, Mark McCarty, Steve Carter.

September 08 - Roy McMullen, E. J. Windom, Sr., Donald Bradley.

September 09 - Judy Kennedy, Judy Green, Bill and Tina Thomas (A).

**Briefs**

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dale Glass Friday and Saturday was Rachel and Sandie Kramer from Skellytown. Sandie celebrated her 3rd birthday on September 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Smitherman were in Lubbock Monday through Thursday where Tony attended several meetings. They got to stay with their son, Dr. Bryan Smitherman.

Visiting Jodie Thomas Sunday evening was her daughter Sandra and granddaughter Mika Clark from Pampa. Mika went after great-grandmother Velma Kinard and the four had a good visit.

A.W. Lankford and Mickey Jackson recently visited relatives in California. Visited with Andrew and Adella Jackson and baby Janie Marie in San Pedro, California.

Visited Clara Lankford and son Weston, aunt and cousin of A.W. in Turlock, California and visited with another cousin Pete and Rose Lankford of Modesto, California. Traveled to Auburn, California to visit with Mary Ladd, another aunt.

Jessie Alene Watson was admitted to Coronado Hospital in Pampa.

Tilda Shelburne was admitted to Shamrock Hospital.

**McLEAN ISD HOLDS  
BUDGET HEARING**

The McLean Independent School District Board of Trustees held a Public Budget Hearing on the 1992-93 Budget on August 27, 1992, at 6:00 p.m. in the school business office.

Members present were: James Hefley, Jay Dee Fish, Thacker Haynes, Billie Ward, Jake Hess, and Bill Thomas. There were no members absent.

Others present were: Stanley Lamb, Shirley Johnson, Bonita Myers, and Roger McCracken.

The 1992-93 Proposed Budget was adopted. Projected revenue is \$1,274,233 and projected expenditures are \$1,391,342. This requires the use of \$117,109 of the district's reserve funds for calendar year 1992-93 operations.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**LUNCH MENU**

September 7 - Holiday.

September 8 - Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

September 9 - Beef tips on egg noodles, green beans, fruit salad, bread, milk.

September 10 - Western Casserole, ranch style beans, salad, corn bread, butter, milk.

September 11 - Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, carrots, w/w hot rolls, butter, honey, milk.

**4-H NEWS**

The following officers along with Club Manager attended the officer's retreat at Ceta Canyon on Saturday, August 29, 1992. Charla Roberts-Council Delegate, Erin McCracken-President, Lori Hefley-1st Vice President, Jessica Fish-2nd Vice President, Moriah McCracken-Secretary, Lacey Steel-Treasurer, Becky Fish-Club Manager. Officers Ike Hanes-3rd Vice President and Sheri Jasper-Reporter were unable to attend. The officers for the 4-Clover 4-H Club learned the responsibilities that they are to fulfill for the year. If you are interested in joining 4-H please contact any of the above officers. There will be a sign up party soon.

**PIONEER STUDY CLUB**

The Pioneer Study Club of McLean started their fall meetings with a breakfast in the Hospitality Room at the Lovett Memorial Library at 9:30 on August 28.

Officers of the club were hostesses. President, Martha Parker, greeted those who attended and Mary Lou Glass, Vice-President, presented each with a new year book. The theme for the year is "Our Changing Scene" and the project for the year is "Helping beautify McLean." Fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, tiny quiche cups, coffee and juice were enjoyed by all.

Tables covered with pink and orchid cloths, our club colors, centered with small arrangements of pink and orchid made a beautiful setting for the meeting.

The next meeting will be September 17.

Members in attendance were: Cathy Bailey, Fayette Bell Barton, Mary Dwyer, Jerry Corbin, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Brenda Galley, Margret Grogan, Mary Lou Glass, Ruth Magee, Janet McCracken, Loyce Murray, Martha Parker, Charlie Marie Shurley, Jenny Stubbs, Mary Emma Woods, Lynn Reeves, Jo Ann Andrews, Delores Bevil, June Close and Evelyn Stubblefield. Special guests were: Pia Woods from Midlothian, Texas; Jean Kuhman from Oregon; and Mary Frazier from McLean.

**Football  
Schedule  
Revisions**

Please note these changes and/or additions to the football schedule.

Oct. 9, Varsity will play Miami there at 7:30 p.m.

On the Junior Varsity Schedule they will play Groom JV at Silverton on Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. On Sept. 24 JV will play Samnorwood at 6:00 p.m. there.

JV will face Samnorwood again on Oct. 8, here at 6:30 p.m.

The Junior High only had one change. They will play Follett October 23 there at 5:00 p.m.

**NOTICE**

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**ALANREED NEWS**  
Virginia Dalton and Lena Carter shopped in Pampa on Tuesday.

Denna Tidwell and Nora Dragoo were in Pampa on Friday for medical attention for Nora.

Ruby Dorsey and Jay were in Pampa on Thursday.

The R.D. McLains were in Pampa on Friday for medical attention for R.D.

The Robert Bruces were in Pampa on Saturday to see grandson Shawn who was hospitalized.

Visiting Nora Dragoo over the weekend was Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Larue of Lovelady.

We received nice rain over the first of the week.

Brad Dalton visited in Oklahoma with daughter Cissie and husband over the weekend.

Virginia Dalton was in Pampa on Friday for dental attention.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Born to Andrew and Adella Jackson, July 18th, 1992 a daughter Janie Marie. She weighed 7 lbs. and 4 oz., 18 1/4 inches long. Grandparents are Dawson and Mickey Jackson of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Breerton, Washington. Great grandparents are A.W. Lankford and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Jackson of Amarillo.

**Kellerville Holds Reunion**

Sunday, Aug. 30, 1992 was a fun time for the former residents of Kellerville (which is now a ghost town). The group of 33 met and had a great lunch and talked of today and yesterday at the Lefors Civic Center.

Attending the reunion were: Charles and Mary (Evans) Boyd; Kenneth Gossett; Crestella Gossett from Amarillo. Ollie and Vesta McPherson; Hubert and Jeanne (Allen) Moore; Dee Dee and Amy Bently; George and Irlene Weldon from Shamrock; David and Mildred (Allen) Burger from Perryton; Bonnie Bidwell from McLean; Marie Boyd; Nora Gabriel; Retha Jordan; Bobby, Feleise (Elliott), DeAnn Powell; Darwin and Francis Allen; Robert and Clara

(Evans) Sailor from Pampa; Mary Sue (Drum) McClellan from Arlington; Bessie Milum; Leon Griffith from Lubbock; Walter (Tuffy) and Eddie Sargent from Baytown; Walter Elliott; Gertrude Walls from Lefors; Leona (Gossett) Lynch and family from Fritch.

**McLean Care Center News**

Ida Shull is in St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo, we wish her a speedy recovery.

The residents attended Sunday school in the morning, their leaders were Mary Frazier, Maebelle Nash, Jenny Stubbs, Troy and Jerry Corbin and Ella Mae Massey who sang and played the piano for them. In the afternoon Bro. Dean Williamson pastor of the Assembly of God church was here to conduct services.

Residents working in crafts Monday morning were Lorena Bailey, Adelle Walker, Teresa Richardson, Imogene King, Annie Eudey, Leon Burch and Ellen Jordan. In the afternoon Cliffie Heasley was here to assist the residents in bingo, those playing were Adelle Walker, Dick and Mattie Wheeler, Leon Burch, Teresa Richardson, Mary Sligar, Thelma Hopkins, Eula Morrow, Lorena Bailey, Kittie Hessey, Clyde Trusty, Annie Eudey and Nora Moore. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Residents playing dominos Tuesday were Teresa Richardson, Imogene King, Adelle Walker.

Residents attending our "Reminiscing" group were Dick and Mattie Wheeler,

Kittie Hessey, Christine Shipley, Lula Sheegog, Bertha Smith, Lorena Bailey, Virgie Everett, Ellen Jordon, Annie Eudey, Polly Burnett, Teresa Richardson and Adelle Walker. The residents told of many dreams that they have had. We all enjoyed the donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. Following our session Kittie sang "You are My Sunshine". In the afternoon the following residents played our Horserace game: Kittie Hessey, Imogene King, Teresa Richardson, Adelle Walker, Mattie Wheeler, Annie Eudey, Thelma Hopkins and Lorena Bailey.

Many, many thanks to all our volunteers for helping the residents with their games and birthday party during the absence of your activity director, Betty Lopez.

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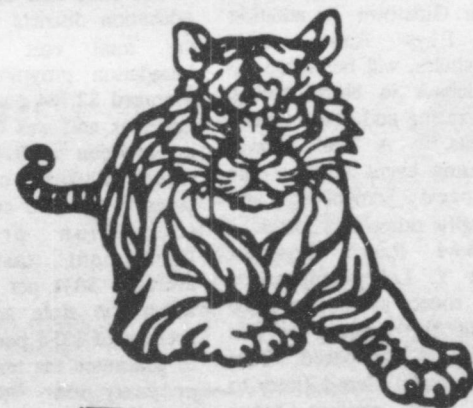
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13	Dennis Ward	11	5'9"	144	44	Lee Shaw	9	5'10"	203
15	Tom Pennington	12	6'0"	195	53	Brandon West	10	5'9"	145
20	David Chronister	12	5'9"	136	58	Jonathan Galley	9	5'8"	126
18	Will Shaw	11	6'0"	177	62	Seth Brown	9	5'9"	127
21	Toby Northcutt	11	6'0"	177	64	Britten Shipman	10	5'10"	170
22	Casey Carter	9	5'9"	125	77	Josh Acuna	10	5'9"	174
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30	Jeremy Crutcher	9	5'8"	130					

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## Obituaries

### Doris Evelyn Hickman

Doris Evelyn Hickman, 67, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1992. Services were in Heald First United Methodist Church east of McLean with the Rev. Tommy Ewing, pastor of Memphis United Methodist Church, and Tom Posey, minister of First Christian Church of Memphis, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean by Spicer Funeral Home of Memphis.

Mrs. Hickman was born in McLean and was a resident of Borger for more than 40 years. She was employed at the hospital and was a member of the Heald First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Edgar Lee Bailey of Memphis, and a grandson.

The family requests memorials be to the Heald First United Methodist Church.

### BOYS RANCH

#### RODEO EXCITEMENT

Old West excitement returns to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch this Labor Day weekend, when youths of all ages present the 48th Annual Boys Ranch Rodeo.

Riding broncs, bulls, calves and steers, about 100 boys will compete for gleaming buckles and trophies. Young ladies from Gristown, in addition to Boys Ranch staff daughters, will be tested on horseback in barrel racing, flag racing and pole bending events. A real crowd-pleasing event features the youngest cowboys and cowgirls riding sickhorses.

Boys Ranch President Ted Y. Lokey emphasized the rodeo as an enjoyable event for families. "This rodeo is fast-paced, from the colorful Grand Entry to the final exciting bronc ride," he said. Mr. Lokey added that rodeo time is especially meaningful for the many Ranch alumni who return with their families to share reunion activities.

Boys Ranch is located 36 miles northwest of Amarillo, and is home for nearly 400 youths representing 22 states in the nation. The annual rodeo offers recognition for young contestants. Other youths not riding help out as rodeo band members, chute helpers, clowns, and by selling refreshments to appreciative fans.

Rodeo action begins at 2:30 Sunday, September 6 and again on Monday, September 7. Barbecue lunches, prepared and served by the boys, are available at a cost of \$3.50 per plate at noon each day. Tickets for the rodeo, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$3.50, are still available in Amarillo at (806) 372-2341.

### Cayla Faith Armbrister

Cayla Faith Armbrister, one-month-old daughter of Jimmy and Jennifer Armbrister, died Monday, Aug. 24, 1992. Graveside services were at Alanreed Cemetery with Billy Williams, pastor of Bridwell Park Community Church of Wichita Falls, officiating. Arrangements were by Lamb Ferguson Funeral Home.

The baby was born July 15, 1992, in Pampa.

Survivors include her parents of McLean; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Armbrister of Alanreed; paternal grandparent, Danelle Comer of McLean; great-grandparents, Nora Drago of Alanreed and Dorothy Armbrister of Phoenix; and great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones of McLean.

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tax would have been \$1,029.00. That compares with statewide average tax bills of \$998 and \$793 respectively for an \$80,000 house.

Last year McLean ISD's revenue from the property tax increased by 19.4 percent for 1991-92 as compared to a 12.0 percent increase statewide.

Local property taxes plus state aid totaled \$5,387.00 per student in McLean ISD as compared to \$3,969 statewide.

The state and the county education districts will fund the total cost of the foundation program, which averaged \$2,784 per student last year and was \$3,703.00 in McLean ISD. Local school districts can levy property taxes to enrich the foundation program. Enrichment last year averaged \$831 per pupil to which the state added an average of \$354 per student to guarantee the tax yield in property-poor districts. Enrichment by the McLean ISD was \$898.00; the state guarantee added \$204.00.

For the coming school year, there will be \$1.3 billion more for 1992-93 school budgets without any tax increase by school trustees other than the 10-cent increase by county education districts. That will consist of \$627 million from the county tax plus \$684 million more state aid already appropriated by the legislature, the report concludes.

## Skipper Receives 100 Roses One For Each Year Of Life

Lucy Amelia Selby Skipper was 100 years old on August 24, 1992. Her family and a host of friends and relatives celebrated the occasion on August 8, 1992. The nursing home was decorated with multi-colored balloons. Guests were served punch and cake.

The following members of her family gave her 100 red roses: Betty and Joe Skipper of McLean and their children: Lela, and Randy Kennedy and Garrett Abilene, Texas; Ann, and Billy D. Kincannon, Derek

and Kelsey, Booker; Pam and Billy Joe Skipper, Jr., Dustin, Trey and Jessica of McLean; Kathy and Lloyd Skipper of Purcell, Oklahoma and their children: Pam and James Skipper, Tricia and Trevor of Purcell, Oklahoma; Amy and Jimmy Bryen, James, Joseph and Jimi Leona of Lexington, Oklahoma; Nancy and Floyd Skipper of Lingle, Wy. and their children: Leslie and Mike Darsey and Trenton of Alanreed; Carla and Jack Russel of Torrington, Wy. (not in attendance); Sandra and Charles Wayne Patton of Amarillo and their children: Angela Bailey, Charles Patton II; Charles Henry Skipper.

Lucy's daughter's family: Nellie and Elbert Houston of Kerrville, Texas and their children: Donna and James Houston, David, Mark, Amy and Phillip all of Kerrville, Texas; Janice and James Daniels, Jason and Jamie of Houston, Texas.

Lucy's daughter, the late Lucille Elliott family: Ann and Gilbert, Donna, Dixie, Larry, John, Dickie, Samson and Anvin of Midland, Texas; Children of the late Edward Elliott: Danny, Mike and Brandon; Vick, Brenda Elliott Robinson and Jamie, Charles, Misty, and Randy of Midland; and Molly Elliott and Al Plummer and Alex of Kingman, Arizona; Vicky and Curtis Elliott, Midland (were the only family of Lucille's children that attended the party); Karen and Carl Deaune Elliott and children Alicia, Ariel and Katrina of Midland; Vaudine Elliott and Kenneth Green, Glendale, Az.; Teresa and Michael Tramel, Julia and Iran of Flagstaff, Az; Keith Green of Phoenix, Az; Barbara



and Kevin Green, Latisha, Rachelle, R.J. and Kenneth Leevon of Phoenix, Az; Randy Elliott, Chris and Brent of Midland. The family of the late Glenn

Houston, brother of Elbert Houston, and wife Muriel Houston of Amarillo; Glenda Merlene Terry; Traci and Tim Kleck, April and Jessie; Nancy and Jim Carter; Kelly Carter, Trissy and Edward, and Brittany all of Amarillo; Shirley and Louis Warren; Tina and Cory Warren and Meagan; Jamie Warren all of Amarillo; Barbara and Eddie Houston; LaWanda, Shelly, Kristy and Kim of Adrian, Texas; Wanda and D.J. Richardson and Tammy Currie of Amarillo.

Others attending were family of Lucy's son, Maurine and Milton Skipper

of Amarillo and their children: Venus and Pat Skipper, Vanessa and Joshua of Amarillo; Jackie and Wayne Skipper of Lubbock; Montie Skipper, Amarillo; Lucy's sister-in-law Leona Skipper and her family: Sandra and Warren Skipper; J.L. Skipper, Jr. all of Amarillo; Many of Lucy's friends and residents of the nursing home attended her party.

Thanks a million to all who helped make this 100th birthday party a success, to the many people who sent cards, and all the prayers, the personnel of the flower shop for arranging the gorgeous basket of flowers and their gift of the beautiful corsage, and the nursing home staff.

### McLEAN-ALANREED HISTORICAL MUSEUM

If someone asked you about the Smith Brothers Refinery what would you answer?

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Please bring your pictures and stories to the McLean-Alanreed Area Museum.

## Gray Co. 4-H News

There will be a planning meeting for the Top of Texas and Gray County Stock Shows on Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the County Bull Barn.

Six Gray County 4-H'ers will experience aerospace technology and exploration through the 4-H Missions In Space weekend at the U.S. Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Participating in Missions In Space on September 11-13 will be: David Kludt, Nathan Dawes, Brian Brauchi, and Barry Brauchi of Pampa and Lori Hefley and Jessica Fish from McLean.

New club officers were elected recently for the 4-Clover 4-H Club. They were: 1st Vice President: Lori Hefley; Secretary: Moriah McCracken; and Reporter: Sherri Jasper.

The Grandview 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, September 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grandview-Hopkins School cafeteria. Officer elections will be held at this meeting.

## Come to our irrigation field day

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## Fields Hold Family Reunion

The family of Charles Lewis Fields and Elizabeth Minerva Priddy held their annual reunion August 7, 8, and 9th with the families of Charlie L. Fields, Margaret Fields Oaks, and Frances Fields Moseley hosting the event.

The reunion theme this year was "Field's Family Christmas in August."

The Cousin's Party was held on Friday night, August 7, 1992 in Bud and Connie Fields barn west of Groom. Cousin's were greeted by a Fence Post Santa at the door. Also Field's Family t-shirts were available depicting traditional reunion events on the front.

A barbecue was served and ole' Field's Christmas dishes, cracklin cornbread made by Billy and Shirley Fields and homemade hominy made by Tom and Dorothy Fields.

Approximately 85 cousins and 10 aunts and uncles were in attendance.

Saturday was greeted with some early risers attending the Cowboy Breakfast in Palo Duro Canyon and some playing in the second annual Field's Golf Tournament in Canyon, Texas.

The rest of the group met in Thompson Park at noon for a picnic lunch.

Visiting, eating and Wonderland Park was enjoyed by all.

At 5:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon the Episcopal Church Conference Center, seven miles north of Amarillo was the gathering place of the clan.

Everyone registered by signing their name on hand painted wooden christmas tree ornaments and hanging it on the Christmas tree. Also a tree skirt was given as a door prize that had been signed by the group. Judy Pruett of Canyon was the lucky winner.

After registration, everyone honored the flags by reciting the Pledge to Allegiance. At this time Stephanie Ollinger, daughter of Debbie and Kelvin Ollinger sang "God Bless the USA."

That evening a Christmas dinner of turkey and

dressing with all the trimmings was served. Miniature reindeer with red sleighs decorated each table.

After the meal, the crowd was treated by a special guest, Santa. He presented each child a special sack and remembered each "Golden Oldie" (aunts and uncles) with a gift.

Also at that time the golf winners were announced. This years winning team was Gene McDavid of Houston and Warren Curtis of Ft. Worth. They were presented red and white monogrammed jackets.

The auction was then held. All items this year were pertaining to

Christmas. Some beautiful things were sold.

Later that evening the traditional Dutch Doll and friend, Isom Cates made their appearances delighting the young as well as the old.

Sunday morning started with breakfast, visiting and business meeting. The raffle winner was drawn. It was Nikay Henard, daughter of Joe and Kay Henard of Amarillo. She won a hand-made Santa quilt wall hanging.

A church service was then held.

Zanna Rey Bickham of Houston was in charge. Kay and Joe Henard presented a slide show depicting moments to remember in the Field's history - some of Christmases past. Everyone enjoyed remembering.

A noon meal was served and visiting and swimming followed until mid-afternoon.

Around 107 Field's ancestors attended the event.

Those attending were: Family of Lewis P. Fields - Leurs and Rachel Fields, Sue Fields, Robert Fields and Kathleen Foster. Family of Ruth Smith Fields and Manolita Smith - Jordan and Paul Fields, Caitlin and Patrick Ford, Gail, Christopher and Mariana Surr. Family of Truitt Fields - Judy, Brittany and Hillary Pruett, and Kara Ratliff. Family of Madison Fields - Minnie Fields, Elizabeth and

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Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by Severe Thunderstorms and Tornadoes, which occurred on June 27, 1992 are being accepted at the Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Amarillo, Tx, FmHA County Supervisor August H. Hesse III said today.

Potter, Carson, Moore and Hutchinson Counties are four of the twelve counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the severe thunderstorms and tornadoes.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until March 2, 1993, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and

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possibly over into the new farming season.

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The FmHA office in Amarillo, serving Potter, Carson, Moore and Hutchinson counties is located at 3002 East 3rd, Amarillo, TX, is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The phone number is (806) 376-2271.

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### DPS REPORT

Labor Day is fast approaching. This seems to be the holiday that most everyone tries to enjoy before really getting back into the swing of the school year and being tied down again. Labor Day always brings heavy traffic to our roadways and especially to our recreation areas. Lakes seem to be one of our most popular areas during this holiday period.

Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Region 5, urges every motorist to be especially watchful during this time period. "We want everyone to have a good time and to enjoy the holidays, but above all we want it to be an accident free weekend," Major Cawthon stated.

Major Cawthon also stated that this being the last big weekend before school really gets into swing that a lot of people will be trying to get the so-called gusto over by indulging in alcoholic beverages. He stated, "If you drink, don't drive and if you drive, don't drink." Eighty-five percent of all Americans drink, but most of that eighty-five percent drink responsibly. Be one of those responsible people and plan your weekend ahead. Take that designated driver with you and don't put yourself in a position of making a decision of whether or not you must drive after you have already influenced your brain with alcohol.

Major Cawthon stated that since a lot of people will be pulling boats to the lake that we should take the time to make sure that our vehicles and the trailers are in good condition. Being broke down on the side of the roadway always has a tendency of spoiling a good weekend. Let's live this holiday weekend, so that we can live to live another.

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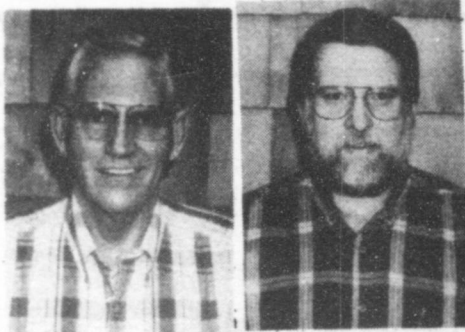
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