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Mary Sue Lyles To Assume City Secretary Position

The City of Groom met in special session last Tuesday night to interview all 14 candidates for the Groom City Secretary position. After a two hour and 40 minute executive session the Council unanimously agreed to hire Mary Sue Lyles at a beginning salary of \$1,200.00 with a 6-month probationary period.

Lyles is a life-long resident of Groom. She is the daughter of Dan and Pat Ashford and the wife of Don Lyles. Together they have three children, Julie, Aimee, and Darcee.

Lyles most recently worked for State National Bank. She served as secretary for the First

Baptist Church of Groom for several years. She was elected to the Groom City Council, resigning her post to apply for this position. She has worked on many committees at the First Baptist Church as well as been a member of the Board of Directors of the Quiveria Girl Scout Council. Community spirited, Lyles will be an asset to the City of Groom. She plans to begin work at the City office on April 7.

The City Council also held their regular meeting on March 12, 1997. Present were Mayor Greg Lamb and Aldermen Diane Bruso, Don Case, Jay Lamb and Jimmy Britten. Alderman Gary Davis was

absent.

Minutes from previous regular and called meetings were read and approved and bills were paid.

Kathleen Barkley and Dan Martin were approved to fill vacancies on the Groom Economic Development Corporation left by the resignations of Johnny Brumley and Debbie Anthony.

The Council approved the deeding of the Groom Community Center to the City of Groom from the G.E.D.C. The City will now be responsible for repairs and upkeep as well as receive monies from renting the building. No plans to change rents or any other



policies concerning the building are in the works at this time. According to City Secretary, Debbie Anthony, representatives from the Council plan to meet with the County Commissioners to see if the county plans to

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School Board Sets Special Election To Fill Anthony Position

The Groom School Board of trustees met in regular session on March 11. Attending were Dennis Babcock, Tony Treadwell, Pat Britten, Barry Fields, Adela Kotara, Superintendent Ben Ingham, Business Manager Joyce Hutsell, and Principal Danny Chisum.

Visitors to the meeting were Curtis Downs and Dianna McCoy.

Minutes of the regular February 13 meeting were approved as read.

A letter of resignation from board member Steve Anthony was approved. The Board called for a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the regular May 3 election to fill the unexpired term.

Discussion was held concerning the 1997-98 school calendar. No action was taken at this time.

No action was required on an agenda item for employee resignations, assignments or reassignments, as no resignations were received.

The following teachers were unanimously re-hired

at their appropriate state and local teachers pay scale: Debra Addy, Kay Britten, Charles Burk, Nita Childress, Julie Couch, Leslie Crowell, Marcia Davis, Georgann Hinson, Pam Hutsell, Steve Hutsell, Betty Ingham, Dudley Keim, Janetta Lamb, Terri Miller, Leatrice Reck, Larry Reid, Tara Sloan, Renee Weinheimer, and Randy Yelverton.

Shirley Fields was also offered employment with all members in approval with the exception of Barry Fields, who abstained due to nepotism laws.

Groom ISD board members filled in ballots for ESC XVI (Region 16) Board of Directors election.

The Board unanimously authorized the participation of the school in TIF/RFP and appointed Ben Ingham as District contact person. TIF/RFP is a group of Region 16 schools who have applied for grant funds to connect school computers to the internet.

District Bus Routes were reviewed and approved to stay as they are at present.

UIL Students Compete At Contest

Groom Elementary students attended the District UIL meet at Silverton recently, bringing home many ribbons and honors for their efforts.

In the 7th grade "Listening" contest Garrett Britten joined two Silverton youngsters for a 3-way tie. Wyatt Britten placed 4th, and Luke Pavlovsky placed 5th.

In 8th Grade "Listening" Sara Looten placed 1st, Macie Britten placed 4th and Liz Vega 6th.

In 6th grade Spelling, Jill Britten won the event with teammate Lauren Crowell placing 4th. Sara Blankenship of Grandview-Hopkins School placed 6th.

Groom and Grandview-Hopkins dominated the 5th grade Spelling contest taking the top four slots, with Clay Britten in 1st, Drew Jaegle of Grandview-Hopkins in

2nd, Jake Hopkins of Grandview-Hopkins in 3rd and Joanea Horn of Groom 4th.

In 4th grade Art Groom's team of Chance Barkley, Adam Britten, and Magan Bivens won the event.

In 5th grade Art the Groom team placed 2nd. The team consisted of Leah Looten, Jennifer Jenkins, and Jamie Vaughan.

In the 6th grade Oral Reading contest Drew Jaegle of Grandview-Hopkins placed 2nd.

In 5th grade Oral Reading, Collin Bowers of Grandview-Hopkins placed 5th.

In 7th grade Life Science, Brooke Britten placed 3rd; Nicholas Anthony 5th and Russell Conrad placed 6th.

In 7th grade Oral Reading finals, Kisanne Davis placed 2nd, Wyatt Britten placed 3rd and Karri

Britten placed 4th.

In 8th grade Spelling, Brooke Britten placed 2nd and Skye Brown 5th.

In 3rd grade Spelling, Katy Britten placed 1st and Malorie Homen placed 2nd.

In 4th grade Spelling, Adam Britten won the 1st place title and Chance Barkley took 4th.

In the 3rd grade Storytelling contest Megan Jouett of Grandview-Hopkins placed 2nd, Gailynn Drewery placed 4th, Will Jaegle of Grandview-Hopkins placed 6th.

In 2nd grade Storytelling, Hope Coutts of Grandview-Hopkins placed 4th tying with Berkle Ruthardt of Groom.

In 8th grade Calculator, Liz Vega placed 2nd and Nicholas Anthony placed 4th.

In 7th grade Calculator Garrett Britten placed 2nd.

Lance Ollinger placed 5th in 6th grade Calculator.

In 8th grade Impromptu Speaking Macie Britten placed 1st, Sarah Looten placed 2nd and Dewayne Gray placed 3rd.

In "Maps, Graphs and Charts", Brooke Britten placed 1st, Sarah Looten placed 2nd and Marci Babcock placed 5th.

Garrett Britten won 7th grade "Maps, Graphs and Charts" with teammate Clay Ritter placing 4th.

In 5th grade "Number Sense" Grandview-Hopkins had a great day with Jake Hopkins placing 1st; Drew Jaegle 2nd; and Erin Norris 4th.

Chera Chavedo and Kenneth Mort of Grandview-Hopkins tied for 2nd place in 4th grade "Number Sense", Will Jaegle placed 5th.

In 6th grade "Number Sense", Doug Fields placed 2nd, Sara Blankenship of Grandview-Hopkins placed 3rd and Lauren Acker of Grandview-Hopkins placed 6th.

Stephany Fraser placed 2nd and Lauren Crowell placed 5th in 6th grade "Dictionary."

In 5th grade "Dictionary" Clay Britten placed 2nd, Drew Jaegle of Grandview-Hopkins placed 4th.

In 8th grade "Dictionary",

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May Election Filings

School Board Candidates - Regular Term, Barry Fields (I), Dianna McCoy, Dale Stapp, & Tony Britten
Unexpired Term, Jody Ball.

City Of Groom - Mayor - None

Alderman - Regular Term, Diane Bruso, Jimmy Britten, Mary Brooks.

Unexpired Term, Nellie Painter

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ALPHA MU XI will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 23 at 3:00 p.m. Preschool to 3rd grade.

A WORSHIP Service will be held at the Cross of The Plains on Saturday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m. Several churches from Amarillo are sponsoring the event. Pam and Steve Hutsell will join a group in singing. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MIAMI will host a track meet on March 28 & 29.

THE GROOM TENNIS teams will travel to Memphis on March 28 & 29 for a meet.

DON'T FORGET to register to vote if you are new to the district or have recently turned 18.

MARCH 23 is Palm Sunday. Check your house of worship for special service information for the entire Easter season.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER Club will meet on Thursday, Mar. 20, at the (GHS) gym at 6:30 pm. Parents of any athlete, coaches, etc are invited to attend. Some topics to be discussed include Pee Wee basketball, high school track, athletic banquets and the Vernon Tournament.

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Local Happenings

The Danny Chisum family will be flying up to Grand Forks, North Dakota to watch daughter, Kenda play basketball. Kenda is a starter for the Lady Buffs of West Texas A & M University. The Lady Buffs are playing for the NCAA Division II women's Elite Eight Tournament.

The Lady Buffs will face off with 5th ranked California-Davis College in their opening match. West Texas is ranked 3rd.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

March 20 - Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope, Brent Payton, Vernon Baggerman, Mrs. Johnny C. Brumley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack West (A).

March 21 - Kenneth Babcock, Andrea Payton Boucher, Kay Case, Kay Lynn Britten.

March 22 - Mrs. Donald Burgin, Sabrina Leven, John Webster Thomas.

March 23 - Mrs. Gary Don Babcock, Melvin Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Earl Steed (A).

March 24 - Russell David Conrad, Brenda Diane Fields.

March 25 - Mrs. Tom Britten, Roman Friemel, Joyce Hutsell, Buck Babcock, Jessica Friemel.

March 26 - Terri Miller.

SPRING BEGINS, today, March 20.

Temperature in Groom this week ranging in the 60's, lows in the 30's. No moisture reported. Winds gusting to 30 m.p.h.

Suzy Pool was home from Hardin-Simmons University during Spring Break.

New Arrival
 Angie and Shane Beddingfield are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Yardli Shae on March 17, 1997. She weighed 6 pounds and 5 ounces and was 18½ inches long.

The grandparents include Wanda Beddingfield of Clarendon and Tom and Glenna Reed of Groom.



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THERE WILL BE NO A BOOK FAIR will be held in Groom School on Friday, March 28, or Monday, March 31. Watch for information to come home with elementary students.

Bake Sale

To Benefit the Drug/Alcohol Free After Graduation Party

Tuesday, March 25
 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 at the
 Groom Grocery

Birth Announcement
 Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hall are pleased to announce the arrival of a new grandson. Daniel Richard was born March 15, weighing 8 pounds and 9 ounces and measuring 21 inches. The proud parents are Louis and Rachel Hall of Stowe, Ohio.

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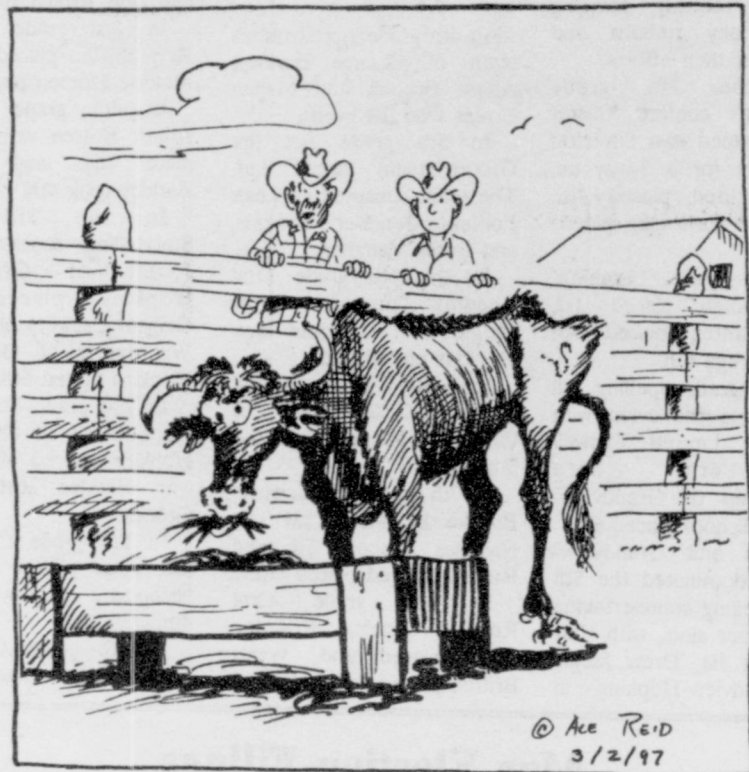
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After Graduation Program Committee To Host Bake Sale

The Groom After-Graduation Party committee will be hosting a bake sale to raise funds, next Tuesday, March 25, at the Groom Grocery. The committee has put together a party annually to allow the Graduating Class and their school mates a place to celebrate their accomplishments without the pressure to drink or use drugs. Every year, nationwide, many of America's youths lose their lives on graduation night. The temptation of drug and alcohol use is highest when teens are already celebrating an event of this caliber. The goal of the committee is to provide a safe, drug and alcohol free environment by providing activities that will attract and keep the teens attention during a time when they are most at risk. Please show your support for this endeavor by purchasing delicious, home made baked goods on March 25.

Words Of Wisdom

Blessed is the one who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night.

Groom Schools 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll

The Honor Roll was recently announced for the Fourth Six Weeks at Groom ISD.

A Honor Roll

Grade 12: Courtney Burgin, Brenda Fields, Stephanie Ollinger, Justin, Ritter.

Grade 11: Tami Ashford, Toby Burgin, Jimmy Chavedo, Angela Conrad, Mary Hutsell, Michael Stephens, Mary Thomas.

Grade 10: Dean Fields, Jacey Richardson, Jessica Stapp, Wyatt Weinheimer.

Grade 9: Dustin Babcock, Travis Britten, Allison Eatmon, Sarah Hutsell, Jessica Kepley.

Grade 8: Brooke Britten, Macie Britten, Russell Conrad, Sarah Looten.

Grade 7: Cassie Ashford, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Luke Pavlovsky, Hugh Weinheimer.

Grade 6: Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Stephany Fraser, Amanda Martin, Amber Moore.

Grade 5: Clay Britten, Faith Looten.

Grade 4: Chance Barkley, Magan Bivens, Adam Britten, Leah Looten.

A-B Honor Roll

Grade 12: Leo Britten,

Christina Galvan, Jason Prather, Julie Richardson, Brad Sustaie, Scott Weinheimer, Curtis Whatley.

Grade 11: Melissa Anthony, Kay Britten, Barbara Cockrell, Jessica Friemel, Todd Gray, Tony Homer, Martie Phillips.

Grade 10: Blake Barnett, Cody Britten, Sara Britten, Karen Conrad, Josh Evenson, Jeremy Lewis, Jamie Shuck, Sam Thomas, Dara Whatley.

Grade 9: Kristi Barkley, Evan Crowell, Carrie Davis, Jodi Homen, Chris Ollinger, Wade Ritter.

Grade 8: Nicholas Anthony, Marci Babcock, Skye Brown, Dewayne Gray, Michele Stephens, Courtney Sustaie, Elizabeth Vega, Grant Weinheimer.

Grade 7: Cody Bivens, Wyatt Britten, Krisanne Davis, Clay Ritter.

Grade 6: Brett Britten, Lainie Britten, Brin Burgin, Lance Ollinger.

Grade 5: Lorri Britten, Joanea Horn, Caren Howard, Jennifer Jenkins, Britteny Martin, Cody Schaffer, Jamie Vaughn, Lillian Wakefield, Owen Weinheimer.

Grade 4: Ashley Jackson.



Sean Crowell Chosen All Star

Sean Crowell has been selected to play in the Texas 6-Man All Star Football Game, that will be held in Lubbock this summer.

Sean, a senior is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crowell. Justin Ritter will also be playing in the game.

City

continue its financial support of the building.

Approval of the G.E.D.C. budget was tabled due to changes the G.E.D.C. board will need to make due to the change in ownership of the Community Center.

The City audit was once again tabled due to the auditor not coming to the meeting.

Spring begins today Thursday, March 20

Groom School Menu

March 24 - 27

Monday
Breakfast: Cold cereal, oats, blueberry muffins, juice, milk.

Lunch: Burritos, bean dip, tortilla pieces, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch: Charbroiled chopped steak, blackeyed peas, scalloped potatoes,

pull apart bread, Rice Krispie treats, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk.

Lunch: Stuffed baked potatoes, cut broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.

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

Lunch: Chicken breast nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, blueberry cobbler, milk.

Friday
No School - Easter

Tiger Band Booster's Fund Raiser

Large Pizza Hut Pizzas

Orders for Saturday & Must be picked up in front of the school Between 6:00 & 6:30 P.M.

Order before 6:00 P.M. Friday

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Training Law Enforcement Funds Made Available For Texas

State Comptroller John Sharp has delivered more than \$5.9 million in supplemental training funds to 2,156 local law enforcement agencies across the state.

"More than 51,800 Texas peace officers now have additional funds for ongoing law enforcement training. The good news is that the state's smaller law enforcement agencies - many of them hard-pressed for training funds - share in this allocation," Sharp said.

Law enforcement agencies across the state are required to meet standards set by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

"Many of these TCLEOSE-approved training programs cost between \$55 and \$75 per officer," Sharp said. "A class on crime-scene investigation or fingerprinting will cost \$125. A 560-hour basic peace officer certification class costs between \$775 and \$800."

In 1996, Sharp returned more than \$1.3 million to over 50,000 peace officers in 2,327 agencies. At the time of that first-ever 1996

allocation, the program had only been in effect for four months. The 1997 training fund allocations represent the first full year the program has been in effect.

"The statute enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1995 requires the 20 percent of the total amount collected from a special \$2 court cost is to be allocated equally among the state's law enforcement agencies. The remaining 80 percent is allocated based on the number of eligible law enforcement positions each agency had as of January 1.

"Based on the prescribed formula, this year each agency receives \$549.15 as its share of 20 percent of the total court cost collection, and an additional \$91.25 per officer," Sharp said. "Following the formula for the allocation, even a one-person constable's office will receive just over \$640 to help pay for continuing education," Sharp said.

The Carson County Sheriff's Department will receive \$1,557.68.

An eligible law enforcement position, as defined by law, is one held by a person licensed under Chapter 415, Government

Code, who works as a peace officer or licensed jailer on average of at least 32 hours a week, is compensated by a political subdivision of the state at the minimum wage rate or higher, and is entitled to all employee benefits offered to a peace officer.

The 1997 payments to local law enforcement agencies came from the \$2 court costs for criminal offenses, including traffic fines, assessed and collected on or after January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 and remitted to the Comptroller Office. Subsequent annual payments of the previous year's collection will be made by the Comptroller each February.

Stephanie Ollinger Competes In Miss Irish Rose Contest

Stephanie Ollinger competed in the Miss Irish Rose Contest at Shamrock during their St. Patrick's Day Celebration this weekend. She was in the top ten finalists. Stephanie was sponsored by the Groom Lion's Club, where she is currently serving as their sweetheart.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Ollinger and a senior at Groom High School.

Stephanie will be competing in the District Sweetheart Contest at the District Lion's Club Convention to be held in Amarillo on April 18 & 19.

Spring Fling Includes Hands On Centers

Experience spring and nature at it's best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas". That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when several hundred will enjoy the annual Spring Fling during April, says Jeanene Sinclair, Carson County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, two weeks are offered from which men and women alike may choose: Spring Fling I - April 8 - April 11, or Spring Fling II, April 15 - April 18. Opportunities include "hands on" learning centers where one can learn leather working, oil painting, woodworking, stained glass and other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances and other current

interests are a popular highlight.

Boat rides (weather permitting) and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes and card and table games are all popular activities.

A special "Put Some Spring' in you Step" theme featuring a costume contest (utilizing flowers) on

Thursday afternoon will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. Thursday's theme party will feature some exciting activities and entertainment.

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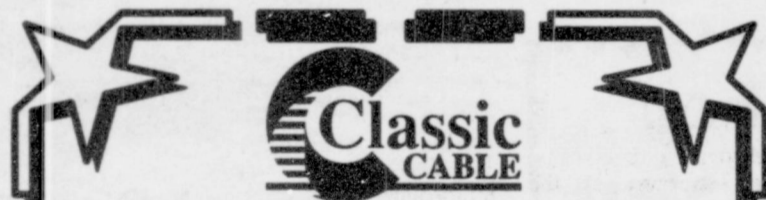
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Clarendon College's
Ladys Are Runners-Up
Clarendon College's Lady Bulldogs went into the National Small College Athletic Association national tourney as the #1 seed, but left Saturday with the runner-up title instead. In Saturday's championship game the Lady Bulldogs met up with Kansas Wesleyan University and were defeated by 23 points.

Led by coach Joel Zehr, the twelve members of the Lady Bulldogs squad started the tourney off well with a 52-44 victory over Mount Scenario on Wed., March 5. This win promoted the team into the tournament's semifinals.

In the semifinal match, the Lady Bulldogs played Michigan Christian University Friday at 3 p.m. and defeated their opponent by 18 points.

Members of the Lady Bulldogs are: Chy Waters, Hedley, Maria Hernandez, El Paso; Patricia Castillo, Sundown; Jeanenne Tubbs, Dallas; Jodi Card, Hart, Rebecca Soto, El Paso, Charmaine Alfred, Lafayette, LA; Brandy Thomas, Wellington, Angie Kopley, Groom; Chimira Williams, Rosharon; Tiffany Wilcox, Dimmitt; and Maxie Flores of El Paso.

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American Diabetes Alert

"Of the 16 million Americans with diabetes, only half know they have it." That's why Columbia is joining forces with the American Diabetes Association in the hope of raising awareness about diabetes by offering information and screenings the week of March 24-28.

Free blood glucose screenings will be offered at the following sites:

GROOM COMMUNITY CENTER

100 Broadway
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

If You Miss the Groom Visit, Feel free to come to any of the following:

FAMILY HEATH CARE CLINIC OF McLEAN
211 N. Main Street
Call For an Appointment
779-2030 Anytime

COLUMBIA MEDICAL CENTER OF PAMPA
Medical Office Building North
March 25th - 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS
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U.I.L. Contest Results

Michele Stephens placed 6th.

Sarah Looten placed 2nd, Russell Conrad 4th and Brooke Britten placed 5th in 8th grade "Number Sense."

In 7th grade "Number Sense," Luke Pavlovsky placed 2nd and Cody Bivens placed 6th.

Nichole Barnett placed 3rd, Cassie Ashford 5th and

Nichole Barnett placed 5th in 7th grade Ready Writing.

In 8th grade Ready Writing Sarah Looten placed 3rd.

In 2nd grade Creative Writing, Hope Coutts of Grandview won 1st, Karla Howard won 3rd, James Reid won 4th, and Haley Acker of Grandview on 5th.

Lauren Acker and Sara Blankenship both of

Grandview won 4th and 5th, respectively, in 6th grade Ready Writing.

Groom Elementary brought home 13 first place awards at the meet.

Candace Bohr 6th in 7th grade Dictionary.

In "Maps, Graphs and Charts", Doug Fields won the event with Lance Ollinger placing 3rd and Amber Moore placed 5th.

Grandview-Hopkins and Groom swept the 5th grade "Maps, Graphs and Charts" giving up only 6th place to a Hedley student. Drew Jaegle of Grandview-Hopkins placed 1st, Clay Britten placed 2nd, Jake Hopkins of Grandview-Hopkins placed 3rd, Cody Schaffer placed 4th, Joanea Horn placed 5th.

Adam Britten won 4th grade Oral Reading. Leah Looten placed 5th and Sarah Broadway placed 6th.

In 3rd grade "Oral Reading" Chandon Wilson of Grandview-Hopkins

placed 5th and Neal Anthony placed 6th.

Brooke Britten placed 2nd and Courtney Sustaire placed 4th in 8th grade Oral Reading.

In 2nd grade Oral Reading, Maggie Hopkins of Grandview placed 6th.

Doug Fields placed 5th and Amanda Martin placed 6th in 6th grade Mathematics.

In 7th grade Mathematics, Candace Bohr placed 3rd and Cassie Ashford 4th.

Sarah looten placed 2nd in 8th grade Mathematics.

In 5th grade Ready Writing, Jake Hopkins of Grandview placed 1st and Drew Jaegle placed 2nd.

In 4th grade Ready Writing, Magan Bivens placed 1st, Ashley Jackson placed 3rd and Chance Barkley placed 4th.

Ryan Spaulding placed 1st and Will Jaegle placed 3rd (both of Grandview) in 3rd grade Ready Writing.

Columbia Medical Center To Host Diabetes Screening in Groom

On March 25, 1997, Columbia Medical Center of Pampa and Columbia Homecare Clarendon join hundreds of Columbia hospitals across the country to help support the American Diabetes Association's (ADA) largest diabetes screening campaign conducted to date.

American Diabetes Alert is a one-day, nationwide screening and education campaign, designed to identify the nearly eight million Americans with undiagnosed diabetes. With the participation of over 300 Columbia hospitals, the ADA expects to screen and identify thousands more people than last year.

People are encouraged to call 1-800-COLUMBIA to receive the simple "Diabetes Alert Test" and, if they score in the high risk range, to schedule a free blood glucose screening at the Groom Community Center.

Because only half of the 16 million Americans with diabetes know that they have it, the screenings are important. People with diabetes, the fourth-leading cause of death by disease in the United States, do not produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone needed for the maintenance of proper blood sugar (glucose) levels. When diabetes goes undiagnosed and untreated it can lead to blindness, kidney disease, amputation, heart-disease stroke or even death.

While the statistics are staggering, the good news is that when diagnosed early, diabetes can be controlled through diet, exercise and medication. Part of the difficulty in recognizing diabetes is that the symptoms appear gradually or are so mild that they are

often ignored.

The American Diabetes Association has developed simple risk factor questions, which are included in the "Diabetes Alert Test". People are at higher risk for diabetes if they: are over 45, are overweight, do not exercise regularly, have a family history of diabetes, or gave birth to baby that weighed more than nine pounds at delivery.

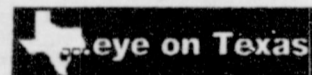
Symptoms of diabetes include excessive thirst; blurred vision; frequent urination; unusual tiredness or drowsiness; unexplained weight loss; frequent or recurring skin, gum, and bladder infections; and tingling or numbness in the hands and feet. Diabetes is more common among African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders. For more information about diabetes, call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383).

Columbia is joining forces with the ADA in the hope of raising awareness about diabetes through offering information, screenings, and physician referrals when necessary. In Groom, free blood glucose screenings will be offered at the following sites and times. For more information on local screenings, call 1-800-COLUMBIA. Screening at Groom will be held at the Groom Community Center, 100 Broadway, from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

The mission of the American Diabetes Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. The American Diabetes Alert Program supports the American Diabetes Awareness campaign, a

long-term, broad-based effort designed to increase awareness about the seriousness of diabetes. For more information about diabetes, visit the nationally acclaimed American Diabetes Association Web site at <http://www.diabetes.org> or call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383).

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To inquire about the Earned Income Tax Credit:

- Visit your local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) center
- Call IRS toll-free: 1-800-829-1040
- Call the Texas Comptroller's EITC hotline: 1-800-277-8383.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Internal Revenue Service.

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8, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Jerry Raines, Area Engineer, Pampa, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from

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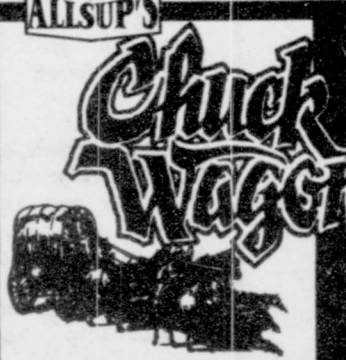

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Haynes Retires As Mayor



Long-time mayor Sam Haynes announced at the City Council meeting last week that he will not run for the office again. "I've enjoyed my years as mayor, but I think it's time for someone else to take over the job," he said. Two city council positions are also up for election. Incumbent Gary Jackson and Charlie McClendon have filed for those positions at press time.

Haynes was first elected mayor in 1973, and served

until 1983. He was elected again in 1989, giving him a total of 18 years as mayor. Haynes has a long record of community service. He was a member of the McLean School board from 1955 to 1967, serving as president of the board for 10 years. He served as chairman of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and president of Region V of the Texas Municipal League both in 1977. For six years he was a member of the

See Haynes, pg. 9



Chamber Plans City Garage Sale

The McLean Chamber of Commerce met in regular session. Attending were

Jane Pierce-Funk, James Funk, Randy Stalls, Mary Dwyer, Jane Herndon, Steve Roosa, Gordon Shepler, Ricky Jasper, J. Boyd Smith, and Garth Thomas.

A discussion was held concerning the upcoming Devil's Rope convention and how to plan a city-wide garage and craft sale. A notice will be posted in the paper.

No plans were made for a float in the Shamrock St. Patrick's Day parade.

The Car Rally and Rodeo to be held in June were discussed and more information was reported on planned activities. Garth Thomas and J. Boyd Smith were named 1997 parade chairmen.

Mary Dwyer reported that the 66 station will be repainted in the next two or three weeks by the Texas Chapter of Old Route 66,

to make it presentable for these upcoming activities.

Gordon Shepler reported that Interstate signs are to be in place between May and June.

A discussion was held on the 1/2 cent sales tax. Steve Roosa will submit an article on the advantages of passing the tax.

Discussion was held concerning the sidewalk repair along Route 66. The State Department will handle the repairs.

McLean Volunteers Clean Fire Hall

The McLean Volunteer Fire Department has been busy with spring cleaning around the fire hall, as well as answering fire calls. They would like to remind everyone to be especially careful with fires during this time of year when it is so dry.

McLean Fire Report

3-11-97: 2:16 p.m. Grass fire 1/2 mile south of Lela. 9 personnel and 4 units responded.

3-11-97: 3:15 p.m. Assist on a grass fire southeast of Shamrock. 10 personnel and 2 units.

3-12-97: 1:04 p.m. Grass fire on dump ground road east of McLean. 10 personnel and 5 units.

3-14-97: 5:40 a.m. Grass fire 137 mile marker on I-40. 4 units and 10 personnel.

3-14-97: 5:00 p.m. Assist on grass fire 4 miles south

McLean Beauties Compete

Three McLean High School girls participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day festivities at Shamrock Saturday. Colleens Kristina Carter, Lorin Hall, and Rebecca Hembree took part in the Miss Irish Rose

pageant. The three girls attended a banquet Friday night, rode in the parade Saturday morning, went to interviews with judges, and then participated in the pageant Saturday afternoon.

Hall, Miss McLean of 1997, was named in the top twelve in the contest. Carter represented the McLean Lions Club. Hembree was sponsored by Reneau Feeds.

National Honor Society Installs New Members, Elects Officers

The National Honor Society of McLean High School inducted four new members, installed 1997-98 officers, and named an honorary member in

ceremonies recently at McLean High School. New members are Francine Abdalla and Tanna Shipman, seniors; Lorin Hall, junior; and Rachel Galley, sophomore.

New officers for the next year are Lori Heley, president; Shaley Stalls, vice-president; Lorin Hall, secretary; Rachel Galley, parliamentarian; and Moriah McCracken, historian.

Earl Riley, long-time resident of McLean and

former McLean School employee, was named as an honorary member to NHS. Riley was cited for his outstanding example of hard work, integrity, and character. He was presented with an NHS pin, a certificate, and a membership card.

Former sponsor Tex Buckhaults installed the officers at the ceremony. Faculty advisor Linda Haynes inducted the new members. Refreshments were furnished by the women of the Trinity Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Church of Christ, and Assembly of God Church.



Robert McDonald and Larry Swanson (above) touch up spots on the wall, while Brandon Colpetzer (below) tapes off a door frame getting the fire hall spruced up for spring.



Reminders

Spring Begins Today



ST. JUDE'S Bike-A-Thon will be held Saturday, March 22 at 10 am at City Park.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet March 20 at 4 pm at the Library.

TRACK ATHLETES will compete in Lefors on March 21st & 22nd.

ON MARCH 21 & 22 the McLean High School and Junior High will travel to Lefors for a track meet.

THE MINISTERIAL Alliance will have their 5th Sunday night, March 23 at 6 pm at the Devil's Rope Museum. Trinity Baptist will be in charge.

Briefs

Howard Swinney was ill Wednesday night but by Sunday all was well.

Avalée Crockett was at Church Sunday morning at Borger.

Sam and Linda Haynes spent part of spring break in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico, returning to McLean Wednesday.

Rick and Jennifer Evans of Lubbock visited in the Sam Haynes home Sunday with their family, Kathy and Kristina Carter, Sam and Linda Haynes, Thacker Haynes, and Tex, Dollie, and Minnie Buchhaults.

Jim and Emma Jean McDonald spent last week in Chandler, Arizona with the David Feenstra family.

Monty Paul Joiner has been checked after his fall - not serious - he is at home.

Mary Webb of Miami is in the Pampa Hospital in serious condition.

Charles Weaver has had some medical tests run. Received a good report.

Linda McAnear is still doing well after her surgery.

School Board Candidates
Neal Odom
John Holland
City Council Candidates
Charlie McClendon
Gary Jackson

McLean EMS Responds To Numerous Accidents

3-1-97: Unit responded to McLean Care Center. Sick call transported one to Parkview.

3-7-97: Unit responded to Parkview Hospital, transferred one to McLean Care Center.

3-7-97: Responded to 121 mile marker on an accident. Transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

3-7-97: Responded to 125½ mile marker on an accident. Transported one to Medivac and two to Northwest Texas Hospital.

3-6-97: Responded to McLean Care Center. Transported one to Shamrock General. Sick call.

3-8-97: Responded to Shamrock Hospital transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony's West.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

March 21 - Linda Haynes.

March 22 - Claire McDowell, Lexie Simmons.

March 24 - Samantha Jo Brown, Brian Fuller, Betty Tate, Tincy Gideon.

March 26 - Heidi Lynn Syfrett, Colleen Orrick Huseman.

Alanreed Residents Prepare For Spring

By Lena Carter
The Twentieth Century Study Club met March 13th in the home of Lena Carter for their monthly meeting. The meeting was opened by President Mary Groves and the club collect was said in unison led by Cliffie Heasley. Minutes were read by Laura Edleman and approved as read.

The next meeting will decide the year book and each member will bring suggestions. Roll call was "An Easter Dress I Can Remember", and was answered by Relia Ayres, Laverne Brookes, Lena Carter, Laura Edleman and Mary Groves.

As this is nearly Easter the program was a video of the Easter Pageant put on by the San Jacinto Baptist Church of Amarillo.

Plates were filled with sandwiches, vegetable strips, chips and dips, cake, cookies, coffee and punch and the show began. After eating the audience munched popcorn to finish out the film.

There were two visitors, Mary and Laura's grandchildren.

The next meeting in April will be at Laura Edleman's in McLean.

Visiting Denna and Kristi Tidwell was Verna Carver and children of Lamesa. The children stayed for a longer visit.

Visiting with Nora Dragoo and others on Sunday were her niece Judy and son from Oklahoma City.

Visiting at First Baptist Church Sunday was Vonnie McKinis, working with the Annie Armstrong ministry for handicapped children.

Roger was also back visiting us.

Our sympathies are with the family of Juan Alvarado, former resident here, who passed away last week.

A Happy Birthday to Nell Keese, celebrating this week.

Dixie Crockett made a trip to Amarillo on Tuesday.

McLean Little Dribblers Play In Samnorwood Tourney

The McLean Little Dribblers teams recently played in the Samnorwood Tournament. The following are results.

The McLean 3rd, 4th & 5th grade girls took 1st place with Hedley 2nd and Samnorwood 3rd.

In the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade boys action McLean took 2nd place with Samnorwood taking 1st. Hedley placed 3rd.

The McLean 5th & 6th grade girls team placed 2nd with Hedley winning 1st. Samnorwood came in 3rd.

In the 5th & 6th grade boys games Hedley came out on top with McLean coming in 2nd and Samnorwood 3rd.

McLean School Menu March 24 - 28

Monday
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Macaroni, cheese, meat, green beans, salad, fruit, bread, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Hoagie sandwich, ham, turkey, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, cheese, pickle spears, banana pudding, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk.

Lunch: Enchiladas, ranch beans, salad, crackers, dessert, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Donuts, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, potato chips, fruit bars, milk.

Friday
No School - Good Friday.




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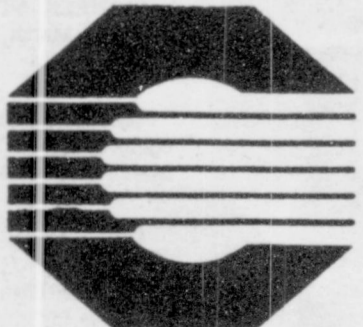
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It's All Trew The Knot Hole Season

By Delbert Trew

The stoolie squealed to the sheriff that the Powers Gang planned to rob the Amarillo stage when it stopped at the Trew Corrals to change horses. The sheriff deputized several men including Deputy Delbert and Deputy Don Trew to help prevent this outrage.

Aboard the stage was the payroll for the big mining company nearby. The loss of this money would devastate the local economy. The robbery had to be stopped.

Elaborate plans were outlined with the deputies ordered to lay hidden around the pens awaiting the arrival of the Gang. When the time was right, the sheriff would yell and the shooting would start.

Surprise was the key to the plan.

Guns were cleaned and loaded. Special hideout positions around the corrals were chosen and made ready. Of special interest was the wooden windbreak along the north side of the pens. The deputies took a hammer and knocked out numerous knot holes in order to fire their guns at the outlaws.

The day arrived - the time drew near - all the deputies had lain hidden for hours - the Powers Gang sauntered in and took up their positions - the air was hot and sultry.

The drumming of hooves was heard along with the crack of a whip. The stage turned into the pens and stopped amid the dust and horse sweat. The outlaws

pulled their guns and stepped towards the stage.

As a well trained unit the deputies arose to their positions. The sheriff yelled and a multitude of shots rang out. The gang lay dead in the dust. The payroll had been saved and all was well. That is until Father Trew discovered all the knot holes knocked out of his newly built windbreak. Erected at great cost in hard times, the protective wall was now a Swiss cheese sieve.

Down came the razor strop, and the deputies had their backsides warmed to a glow. To this day, and after many years of carpentering, I still give a knot hole in a board my utmost respect.



NHS Plans Fund Raising Breakfast On Palm Sunday

By Moriah McCracken
MHS Tiger Rag Staff

The McLean Chapter of National Honor Society may have an annual tradition in its midst. As a fund raiser, the society will hold a waffle breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 23 from 7:30 to 9:00 A.M. at the McLean Lion's Club. They will be serving made-from-scratch waffles, bacon and sausage, coffee, juice and milk.

"We are trying to raise awareness about the many activities of our chapter, and also give the community a service. Yes, this breakfast will be a fund-raiser for us, but we really just wanted a chance for the community to see our new inductees and the old members before some of us leave," former President Shanna Dent said.

The local chapter would like to invite all community members to partake of this breakfast before heading out to Sunday School and church, and give the moms of McLean a break. All members will have tickets that may be purchased in advance and presented at the door on the morning of the breakfast. Payment at the door will be accepted.

"Being a member, new or freshly inducted, of the National Honor Society is a great and prestigious honor. This breakfast will be a way of the old members 'breaking in' the newbies," said President Lori Hefley.

Current NHS members are Seniors Dent, Kristi Tidwell, Ashley Stagle, David Fuller, Tammye Cole, Jessica Rich, Francine Abdalla; Juniors Moriah McCracken, Lorin Hall, Shaley Stalls, Hefley; and Sophomore Rachel Galley.

Sam Haynes Retires After 18 Years

board of trustees of Coronado Hospital, and later served one term on the Panhandle Health Systems Agency. He was chairman of the Gray County Appraisal Board for three terms, and continues to serve on that board.

He has served as chairman of the administrative board for the First United Methodist Church of McLean, where he has taught Sunday School for 35 years. Currently, he is the secretary of the Hillcrest Cemetery Board, and a member of the McLean Lions Club with over 40 years of perfect attendance.

He is a retired rancher. he and his wife Linda have six children: Jennifer Evans of Lubbock, Thacker Haynes of McLean, Kathy Carter of McLean, Scott Raines of Austin, Sally Carter of Dallas, and Dollie Buckhaults of McLean; and nine grandchildren, Chris Evans, Jack Evans, J.T. Haynes, Kristina Carter, Charlie Carter, Brandon Raines, Shearaton Carter, Alexandria Carter, and Minnie Caroline Buckhaults.

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Letter To The Editor . . .

As I write this I am wondering how I can ever make people understand what hospice is and what hospice tries so hard to do for patients and their families who are faced with a terminal illness. I am a survivor of a family member who died of lung cancer. At the time of his illness, I had never heard the term hospice, but I know today how desperately we could have used the support that hospice provides and maybe that is why I am so desperate to share what hospice can mean to a family who feels desolate, alone and cannot see any light at the end of the tunnel. Hospice is not giving up. So many people think that if they choose hospice care, it is because there is no hope and that is so untrue. In hospice, we try to make each day the best that it can be and we do not focus on the disease. So many people that come into hospice have tried so many forms of treatment and have felt bad for so long that they need to feel good again and know that life is good. I am not speaking against chemotherapy, radiation or any other form of treatment, because if "the shoe was on my foot" I might opt to try some sort of treatment, I don't know. But, some people choose to not have treatments, while others have tried various forms of treatment and they no longer want to be stuck with needles or prodded by procedures. They just want some quality time with the ones they love. I have always said that sometimes it seems that those who are diagnosed with a terminal condition and opt for hospice care are truly the fortunate ones. Not fortunate that they have a terminal condition, but fortunate that they know that life is sacred and each moment should be shared and cherished. That is something that most of us fail to realize. We seem to take our life, our health, and our loved ones for granted, thinking there will always be a tomorrow to get whatever we need to straighten up "fixed." We

let precious moments fleet by and allow unresolved conflicts to mount, never thinking that this might be our last moment to live this life. In hospice, patients and families say their "I love you's," their "I'm sorry's," and even their "I'll miss you's." Because hospice has a team of professionals (a medical director, a registered nurse, a pastoral/bereavement coordinator and a social worker) we try to meet all the patient and family needs, whether it be psychosocial, emotional, spiritual, or physical. We care for the family as well as the patient. We never force any response by a patient or their family, but we try to provide a sense of "it's okay to say what you're feeling" and "grief is very real and personal and loss is difficult to deal with."

Had I had the emotional support and the encouragement to know that it was okay to say, feel and do these things, I might not have found myself at the funeral home standing over the casket of my father saying "I love you," to a man who could no longer hear me. We were not a verbal family, but things needed to be said and we soon found out that it was much too late to say all the things we wished we had said.

Hospice also supports the patient and family by helping them to understand what might happen during the course of the illness and the time that death approaches. Hospice never tries to minimize the great loss that will be felt by a patient and family, but the fear of the unknown is so great that it can be overwhelming. If we as a family had only known what to expect, it would have been so much easier to deal with it. A great source of fear is also that your loved one will be in a lot of pain. When pain goes uncontrolled, nothing else can be accomplished. You can't think about spending time with your family, working, or traveling. If the pain has gone on a long time and you have just "dealt with it" and accepted

it as a part of the disease, you can't even get any rest. Hospice's goal is to control the pain or what-ever symptom the patient is "plagued" with and allow that person to get on with living. After pain and symptoms are controlled with hospice care, often an increase is seen in a persons activity level and there is an interest in being a part of the things that are going on around them. Our goal in hospice care is not to have the patient "zonked" on morphine or other narcotics,

but for the patient to be pain free and alert.

Low dose morphine is very effective for pain control and allows the person to be up and about, enjoying life. When morphine is used to control true pain, addiction and tolerance are not a problem.

When someone uses narcotics to satisfy physical, emotional and psychological needs, then it is an addictive problem. Taking narcotics to relieve true pain does not classify anyone as an addict, no matter how much or how often the narcotic is taken.

Pain relief is a medical reason for taking narcotics. Drug addiction in cancer patients is rare indeed. Most patients who take narcotics for pain relief can stop taking these drugs if their pain can be controlled by other means. If narcotics are the only way to control a patient's pain, it must be remembered that the patient's comfort is the most important issue. Loss is real, but pain need not be associated with death and fears can be alleviated. As I strive to care for patients and their families, I pray that I will remain sensitive and caring and that God will allow me to use the experiences surrounding my own father's death and the families I have since been a part of in hospice care, to lighten another's load.

Connie Dwyer, R.N.
Golden Spread Hospice
Wellington, Texas

Pioneer Study Club
The Pioneer Study Club met March 6, 1997 in the Hospitality Room of the Lovett Memorial Library. Margaret Grogan had charge of the program and presented Myrtle Stages of Shamrock as her guest. Ms. Stages gave a demonstration of how to decorate shirts, and various other articles of clothing. The new techniques combined with new materials make a vast variety of effects available to the crafter.

In the absence of the president, the business meeting was chaired by Lynn Reeves, vice-president. Committee reports of the progress of plans for the Senior Tea were discussed. Margaret Grogan gave a treasurers report and Bonnie Nell Fabian read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Margaret also acted as hostess and served cookies, mints, orange balls, nuts and coffee all presented in a St. Patrick's Day motif to Jerry Corbin, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Wanda Lamb, Ruth Magee, Loyce Murry, Lynn Reeves, Jenny Stubbs, Ruth Trew, Mary Emma Woods, and a new member, Mary Drennon.

Museum Holds Annual Chili Dinner, Feb. 3

February brought only 260 visitors to the museum. They came from 15 states and 3 foreign countries.

Icy roads in the western Panhandle caused the Route 66 Association business meeting to be postponed from February 24 to March 10.

The Alanreed-McLean Area Museum held their annual chili dinner in the Heritage Room on February 3. There was a good crowd and lots of visiting took place as is always the case when everyone has been in due to bad weather.

Becky Ransom of the San Jacinto Christian Academy brought her class of 36 sixth grade students on February 27 to travel down Old Route 66 through

our local exhibit. They brought their lunches and spent about four hours completing their studies of The Mother Road. They had spent 6 weeks getting their "Kicks on Route 66". They showed us the work books they had put together and even asked all the museum workers to autograph them. They were a very nice group of kids.

Gray County hosted the Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Banquet in the Heritage Room February 27. Seventy-five people came from all over the Panhandle and South Plains. The welcome was given by Mayor Haynes and our own Delbert Trew was guest speaker. The United Methodist Women catered the meal.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday, Bro. Thacker Haynes, pastor of the Methodist Church came to hold a worship service.

Residents working in crafts Tuesday morning were Sue Cubine, Jessie Watson, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett and Teresa Richardson. Refreshments were served following crafts. In the afternoon members of the Methodist Friendship Sunday school class came to give the residents an ice-cream social. Ladies serving were Inez Trostle and Katie Graham.

Wednesday morning the residents gathered in the dining room to have their donut circle and socialize. The donuts were furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon a movie was shown and popcorn was served. An exercise program was held following the movie.

Thursday morning Inez

Trostle came to style the ladies hair and several residents had manicures. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo. Sylvia McClellan, Bud Simpson, Truman Goodlett, Jessie Watson, Dick Wheeler, Teresa Richardson, Phyllis Bailey, Lena Bailey, Eula Morrow, Florence Drake, Dorothy Patterson and Thelma Finson. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Saturday Elsa Stalls celebrated her 103rd birthday. Loyce Murray played the piano. A corsage was furnished by Lamb-Ferguson florist. Evelyn Pennington baked and decorated a sheet cake and another decorated cake was furnished by Elsa Stalls' sons, James and Bill Stalls. Mary Dwyer furnished the angel food cake. Ladies serving were Mary Dwyer, Heidi Gamble and her mother Linda Syfret.

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