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City To Adopt Plumbing Code, Set EDC Calender With City's

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Tuesday, January 18, 2000, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present. Bob Martin, Mary Dwyer, Sam Haynes, Kendra Birchfield, Jim McDonald and Charles McClendon.

Others present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar and Roger McCracken. The minutes of the December meetings were approved.

All motions were unanimously approved

unless otherwise stated.

Employee Retirement Plan was postponed until next months meeting.

Fred Smith gave a progress report on work at the landfill. The council voted to accept a new letter of credit from the bank for the financial assurance for the landfill changing the amount from \$108,386.00 to \$109,553.00.

The 1998-99 Audit was postponed until next months meeting when the auditor could be present.

The council voted to accept an Investment Policy as presented by Toni Bohlar to fulfill the requirements of the

Public Funds Investment Act.

The council voted to make the fiscal year for the McLean EDC the same as the City's, to begin on October 1st and end on September 30th of each year.

Fred Smith informed the council that because of new rules laid out by the Department of Transportation we were to let the customers know that there are excess flow valves available for their gas meters at the customers expense if they wanted them to be put in. Fred is going to see if more information or pamphlets are available to be sent out to the customers.

Fred Smith also informed the council that TNRC had implemented another program called the Customer Service Program and that the City would need to adopt a plumbing code and that back flow prevention valves would need to be installed on all new plumbing and any that posed a health threat to the water system. The council asked him to bring a plumbing code to next months meeting.

The council decided to wait until next year to seal coat the streets.

No action was taken on West Texas Gas because there was no information received.

YOU MAY CALL Beverly Odom at 779-2309 to place your Girl Scout cookie order.



The second grade McLean Scout Wolf Den toured the fire station at their meeting on January 18. Doyle Lee, scout leader, was assisted by Blake Crockett and Dennis Ward as the kids explored the building. Enjoying the evening were Caleb Crawford, Zachary Odom, Dustin Lee, and Tucker Adams and guests Kristen and Jack Odom. Other leaders are Amanda and Shaun Crawford. Amanda was also present along with Jim Bob Adams and Beverly Odom.

McLean Cagers Lose To Silverton

In non-district play against Silverton the Lady Tigers and the Tigers were defeated on January 18.

Scoring for the Lady's was Lacey Steel with 8 points, Shaley Steel with 6, Randi Riley earned 6, Annie Weaver had 3 and

Amanda Cline earned 2. The final score was 25-56.

Brett Montgomery scored 6 points for the Tigers. Randy Floyd earned 4 points, Ike Hanes and Brad Sawyer both scored 3 each,

THE VFW will meet on Feb. 1 at 7:00 p.m.

GRAY COUNTY Stock Show January 28-29.

THE HIGH School basketball teams will host Lefors at 6:30 p.m. on January 28.

THE JR. HIGH teams will travel to Samnorwood on January 31 at 6:00 p.m.

THE HIGH School teams will travel to Hedley on February 1 at 6:30 p.m.

THE MCLEAN High School Beauty Pageant is February 12.

HARRINGTON Cancer Center will have a mammogram van at the library on February 7. Cal 1-800-377-4673.

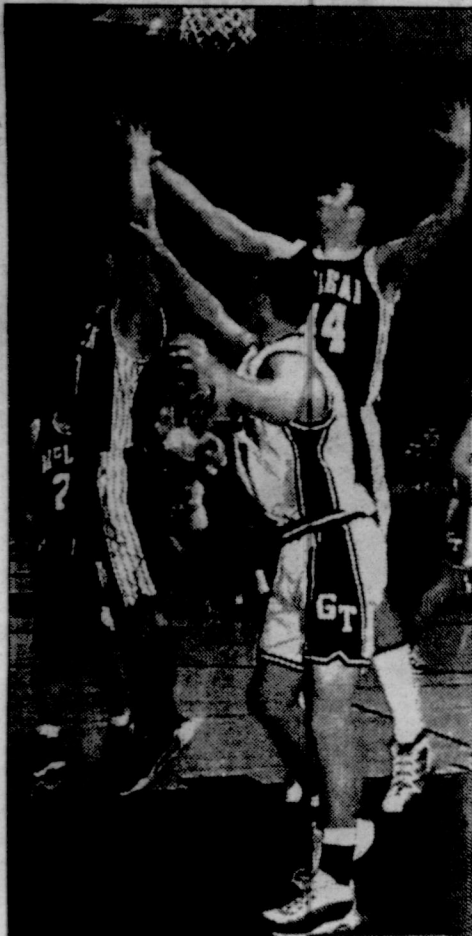
Frankie Sparling added 2, and Chris Hauck and Brian Fuller both had 1 point. The final score was 20-62.

In a tight game against Groom on January 21, the Tigers were defeated with a score of 41-48. This brings the Tigers to 2-2 in district play. Scoring for the team was Brett Montgomery with 14 points, Ike Hanes added 7, Randy Floyd had 6, Frankie Sparling 5, Brad Sawyer 4, Derek Studebaker earned 3 and Chris Hauck put in 2 points.

The Lady's are now 3-1 in district after a defeat from the Groom ladies with a score of 22-57. Amanda Cline was top scorer with 7 points, Nikki Hefley added 5, Lacey Steel earned 5 and Annie Weaver added 4.

THERE WILL BE no school on Friday, February 11.

IF YOU WOULD like to have you or your family added to the birthday list. Call The McLean News at 779-2141,



McLean's Tigers get the rebound in a tough match against Groom.

City Of McLean NOTICE

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(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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

Head United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

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

Briefs

THE McLEAN News has pictures of your children for sale 10 cents each.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
January 27 - Pat Stubbs, Mildred Mantooth, Casper Smith, Jerry Miller, Tami Marsh.
January 28 - W.A. Bentley.
January 29 - Dora Bailey, Judy Stewart, Charla Smith, Sam Haynes.
January 30 - Susan Worsham Corley, Nancy Simpson.
January 31 - Clarene Williams, Ray Kirkland, Adam Barker, Oneta Harkins, Tori Bybee.
February 1 - Lorene Guyton, Marcie Ferguson.

Cubs Beat Groom Cubs

The McLean Cubs defeated Groom on January 24 with a score of 36-25. Zane Richardson led the Cubs to victory with 13 points. Terrence Fite followed close behind with 11 points. Tyler Hanes added 5, Lucas Seymour had 4 and Dusty Moody


and 3. The Cubettes were defeated on the same night with a score of 25-45. Kendall Newton and

Sara Sawyer both scored 8 points, Jennifer Greer scored 7, and Danielle Dampier and Andria Keelin both earned 2 points.

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We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that the funding from the county has been dispensed with, so we are asking you for your support especially with our Memorial Program at the McLean Alanreed Museum.

In our next article in the newspaper, please look for further information concerning our new Program Friends of the Museum.

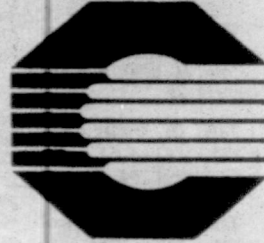
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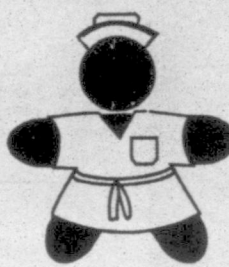
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Pioneer Study Club: "What is learned with pleasure is never forgotten"

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, January 20th in the home of Zelda McClellan, hostess.

Members enjoyed tasty refreshments of apple-nut bread, fruit cake, and assorted cheeses on wheat

crackers along with spiced cider. Those present were Patti Brass, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Ruth Magee, Sheri Martindale, Betty Morgan, Zelda McClellan, Beverly

Odom, Mary Powell, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Ella Mae Reyna, Pat Stubbs, Ruth Trew, Nama Webb and Mary Emma Woods. Guest was Shiner Webb. Words of wisdom for the meeting were: "What

is learned with pleasure is never forgotten."

And with that thought, Mary Emma Woods

presented a delightful program of learning with enjoyment in her life. Club members relived Mary Emma's trips in the 20th century. Mary Emma explained the founding of Carlsbad Caverns in the early 1900's by Jim White a cowboy from Texas and for twenty years they remained hidden until a photographer finally went with Mr. White and photographed the caverns for the world to see! Carlsbad Caverns became a national park in 1923.

In 1936 Mary Emma took us to ride on the largest wooden roller coaster at Texas Centennial Fair in Dallas. Then we stopped in Ft. Worth with her to see Casa Manna and the 17,000 ton outdoor stage!

Then we took a tour of Colleen Morris' "Doll House" in Ft. Worth, at that time the most expensive in the world, \$500,000.

Then, Mary Emma Woods took us down Polk Street in Amarillo in 1938 on Mothers-in-law Day with Eleanor Roosevelt riding in a blue convertible! Two years later we went to Amarillo State Theater to see "Gone With The Wind." Then in the 60's we traveled to the Seattle World's Fair.

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McLean Lion's Club

Mary Emma closed with a poem written by her cousin, Ava Lee Crockett, stating that "Life is how we use it or make it." Next club meeting will be Thursday, February 3rd in the home of Wayne Woods with Mary Emma Woods as hostess. Ella Mae Reyna will have the program. Submitted by Mickey Jackson.

1999-2000 Tiger & Lady Tiger



McLean gets the tip-off as the McLean Tigers go head-to-head with the Groom Tigers with both teams seeking a district win.



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Obituaries

Granvil L. Sanderson
AMARILLO - Grandvil L. "Jr." Sanderson, 55, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, January 19, 2000.

Memorial services were in Messenger Worship Center, with the Rev. Jim Patillo of the church officiating. Graveside services were in Llano East Cemetery by Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Martin Road Chapel, 15th Avenue and Martin Road.

Mr. Sanderson was born in Wheeler and moved to Amarillo 15 years ago from Shamrock. He was employed by Amarillo College in the maintenance department.

Survivors include five sisters, Hazel Gillispie of McLean, Mattie Holman of Sedan, New Mexico, Margie Johnson and Bettie Smith, both of Amarillo, and Vernell Hiller of Erick, Oklahoma; and two brothers, J.B. Sanderson of Amarillo and Bobby Sanderson of McLean.

The family suggest memorials to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176-0001.

Elsie M. Matthews
CLAUDE - Elsie M. Matthews, 88, died Saturday, January 22, 2000.

Services were in **Schooler Funeral Home** in Claude with the Rev. Synott M. Matthews officiating. Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Norman, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Matthews lived in Amarillo for 44 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Caprock Baptist Church.

Her husband, Synott Matthews, died in 1969. Her daughter, Willa Dean

Love, died in 1997. Her daughter, Donna Lee Matthews, died in 1950.

Survivors include a daughter, Delores Wilson of Washburn; two sons, the Rev. Synott M. Matthews of Mangum, Oklahoma, and Dr. Marvin Ray Matthews of Papya, New Guinea; two sisters, Jean Hooper and Mava Faulkner, both of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Bob Yoachum of Prague, Oklahoma, Herbert Yoachum of Tucson, Arizona, and George Yoachum of Norman, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to a favorite charity.

Evelyn Cline
Stubblefield
 Evelyn Cline Stubblefield, 87, died Saturday, January 22, 2000.

Services were in First United Methodist Church, McLean, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stubblefield was born in Amarillo July 15, 1912 to Clarence T. Cline and Ethel Laura French. She married R. Earl Stubblefield in 1932 at Clovis, New Mexico, and they moved from Groom to McLean, where they opened Stubblefield Dry Goods and Ready-To-Wear Store. She was a charter member of the Progressive Study Club, and Past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, and a Past Mother Adviser of Rainbow Girls.

She was a member of the Pioneer Study Club, United Methodist Church and had taught Sunday

School at the Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo. In 1955, she was named Texas Future Homemakers of America Mother.

Her husband preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Stubblefield; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Gail Light of Lake Tanglewood and Laura June Close of McLean; a son, Robert "Bob" Stubblefield of Bryan; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; an aunt, Margaret Crowell, of Groom; and a nephew Jimmy Cline of Pampa.

The family suggests memorials be to United Methodist Church in McLean; or Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, Texas 79066-2795.

Richard Brown
 Richard "R.L." Brown, 84, died Thursday, January 20, 2000.

Services were in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Buell Wells officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Brown was born January 16, 1916, in Chillicothe to Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Brown. He lived in the McLean area for more than 60 years. He retired as production superintendent from Royal Oil and Gas Co. He served as a volunteer fireman, ambulance driver and city councilman. He was an avid gardener and an active member of the First Baptist Church.

He married Olene Robinson in 1935 at Chillicothe. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Hatfield; his parents; one brother, Herman Brown; and one sister Bette Pringle.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mary Donald of Amarillo, Laura Morris of McLean, Martha Back of Gretna, La., and Brenda Parker of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Brown also raised their granddaughter Jeanette Gammon as their daughter; two brothers, J.B. Brown of McLean and Morris Brown of Kellerville; three sisters, Beatrice Brown and Willie Nicholas, both of McLean, and Dorothy Lock of Lefors; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to First Baptist Church of McLean, the Volunteer Fire Department or the EMS of McLean.

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Haynes Celebrate 50th Anniversary

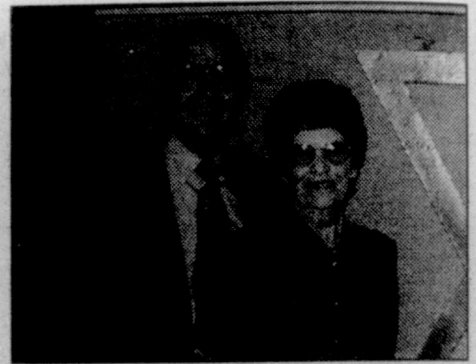
The guest register showed that 218 friends and family members attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration for John Morse Haynes and Glenda Joyce Haynes at the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean on Saturday, January 22, 2000.

An evening of food, fellowship and dancing began at 6:00 p.m. and wound down by 9:30 p.m. The party was catered by Gabe and Cozy Parsons of the Red River Steakhouse, and western music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Henson of Pampa.

Johnny and Joyce were married at First Baptist Church of McLean on January 22, 1950. They have operated a ranch north of McLean ever since. Helping celebrate the occasion were their children and families.

Mike and Kathy Haynes of Amarillo; David and Ginger Haynes, John Ruel and Sheri Ann of McLean; Sheri Haynes and Maria of Lubbock; Morse and Dorinda Haynes, Ashton, Heath and Madison of Odessa; and Sam D. and Jan Haynes of Pampa and David and Sandi Johnson, Steven and Carlee of Canyon. Not able to attend were Darren and Jalane Johnson of Perryton.

Also present were Joyce's brother Carey Don Smith and his wife Cheryl and family of Roswell, New Mexico,



and Johnny's brother Sam A. Haynes and his wife Linda and family of McLean.

The couple's children presented them with a framed family portrait, and the Rev. Thacker Haynes presented Joyce with a crystal cross from First United Methodist Church of McLean. The church's gift was in recognition of Joyce's many years of service playing the organ.

Before those presentations, David Haynes spoke for a few minutes, expressing gratitude for his parents and telling the audience how much Johnny and Joyce had appreciated each RSVP card that had been sent by family and friends.

The museum community room featured a large, gold-painted campstool, which is the couple's brand. Smaller gold campstools, floral arrangements and a small church decoration created by Deena Sparks of Prairie Flowers of McLean adorned the tables.

A white, multi-tiered cake much like Johnny and Joyce's original wedding cake was made by Anita Urbauczyk of White Deer.

Another table featured scores of snapshots of the couple and their family from the past few decades. Also on display was a letter of congratulations from Gov. George W. Bush.

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whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluating factors in accordance with Section 262.030 of said Code.

Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 8. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

Republican Party

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 Gary Robertson

Gray County
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 Sammie Morris
 Constable Precinct 4
 Frank Sparling

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Carson County District
 Commissioner Precinct 1
 Mike Britten

Carson County
 Tax Assessor/Collector
 Barbara Cosper

District Attorney
 100th Judicial District
 Randall Sims

Public Meeting

Attebury Grain Inc. will have a Public Meeting Saturday, January 29, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at our Groom Office, 101 Front St. This meeting is required by the EPA Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). This law was signed by President Clinton on August 5, 1999. We will discuss our Risk Management Plan (RMP).

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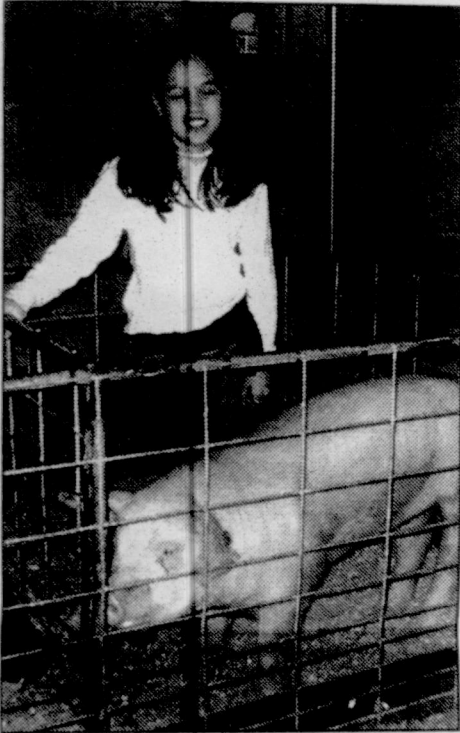
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Thursday, January 27, 2000

Justin Homen Wins Swine Showmanship At Carson County Junior Livestock Show



Malorie Homen won reserve Best of Breed with her pig at last weekend's County Stock Show.

Justin Homen earned top honors at the Carson County Stock Show last weekend when he was presented the Year 2000 senior showmanship award in the swine division. Exhibitors from Panhandle, White Deer, Skellytown and Groom vied for the trophy belt buckles.

Katrina Matthews of Panhandle won the senior beef showmanship award, Marcus Arnold of Panhandle won the junior award. Jonathan Warminski of White Deer won the senior lamb showmanship award; Lindsay Hammer of Panhandle won the junior award; Kara Lewis of White Deer earned the top honor for junior swine show. Rookie of the year honors went to Jade Bradford of Panhandle.

Katrina Matthews of Panhandle 4-H and Ryan

Vance of Panhandle 4-H earned grand and reserve steer, respectively.

Byron Norton and Katelyn Freeman, both of White Deer FFA, won grand and reserve in the pig competition.

Kayla Blount of White Deer FFA and Brandon Howell of White Deer 4-H earned grand and reserve lamb.

Groom FFAers and 4-Hers did very well at the show which spotlighted many months of work for the exhibitors. While Panhandle and White Deer took home all of the Grand Champion ribbons this year, all of the Groom exhibitors show quality animals, some who will go on to state competition.

Wyatt Britten and Malorie Homen earned the highest awards of the Groom exhibitors, both winning reserve best of

breed, Britten with his Landrace and Homen with her Spot. Homen also exhibited a 3rd place Duroc.

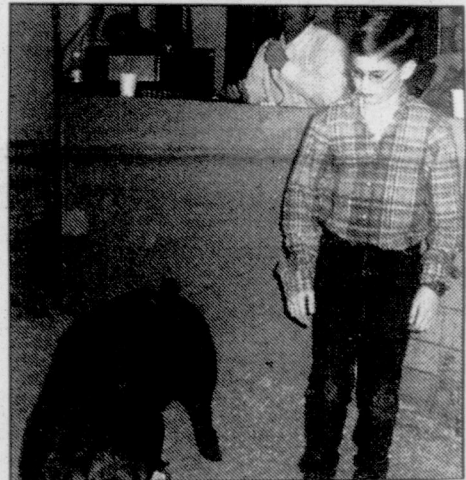
Also showing in the swine event were the following.

Justin Homen showed a 1st place Hamp and a 6th place Hamp.

Chance Barkley earned a 2nd place with a heavyweight Chester.

Amanda Martin placed 2nd with her medium York.

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Blaine Britten shows his pigs best side during Saturday night's auction.

Hospital CEO Ready To Close Groom Clinic

The Pampa Regional Medical Center recently announced the closing of the Groom Community Clinic effective January 31st.

"We are very sorry to

be closing the clinic," stated Public Relations Executive, Terry Barnes. "Economic factors, government regulations and a lack of support are

what have brought about this difficult decision."

Groom patients will have until January 31st to request their medical records. All records after that time will go to

the McLean Clinic.

Nurse Loretta Britten will join her husband in their farming interests. Physician's Assistant Jerry Wilson will be at McLean on a full time basis.

With its closing, the City of Groom will lose rental revenues of \$7,200 annually.

"This money was generally spent on the community center, in general. Upkeep, utilities, etc. The money for these items will most likely have to come from our general budget.

Mike Mannerlyn, C.E.O. of Columbia Medical Center in Pampa, stated that if there was an increased interest, Columbia might be willing to re-negotiate the conditions of the clinic lease at reduced clinic hours.

Mannerlyn indicated in a Monday interview that Columbia would be interested in renegotiating its agreement with the City of Groom. The matter has been handed over to Mayor Joe Homer.

Randall Sims Seeks Re-Election



Randall Sims

It is my intention to seek reelection as District Attorney of the 100th Judicial District. The southeastern part of the Texas Panhandle is my home. My roots, family, friends, and property are here. I am extremely pleased to have had this opportunity to offer

myself and my vast prosecutorial experience to serve the citizens of this area. So many have been a positive influence in my life and this has been my chance to give back to them and this area.

I began my tenure as your district attorney approximately five years ago and was the first full time felony prosecutor for this district. In that first year, there were more case dispositions than in any of the three previous years and the backlog was reduced by over 40%.

Crime has increased here as elsewhere; however in the last four years, the backlog of cases has been eliminated and the dockets are current. The total number of jury trials held or the total number of

appeals handled are more than either total for the previous fifteen years.

Other accomplishments have been stronger community supervision conditions, providing a trained victim assistance coordinator, transferring all costs legally allowed to the defendant, and furnishing the district attorney's office with furniture and equipment without the use of local tax dollars.

I have been elected by fellow elected prosecutors to serve as a director on two state wide boards. One oversees the Special Prosecution Unit which prosecutes offenses which occur in the Texas penal system. The other is the Texas District and County Attorneys Association which is composed of over 80%

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UNITED Methodist Youth will hold a Pancake Supper Wednesday, February 9th, 5:00-7:30 pm. Donations accepted.

THERE WILL BE no school on February 21st at Groom ISD.

THE GROOM 4th & 5th Graders will be scrimmaging at halftime of the varsity girls and boys games on Friday, January 28, 2000.

THE GROOM 4th & 5th Graders will be displaying their ball handling and basketball skills in a skills demonstration at halftime of the varsity girls game on Friday, Feb. 2, 2000.

SENIOR NIGHT will be held on Friday, Feb. 4, 2000 at Groom's last home game against Hedley.

THE GROOM School Board has tentatively set their next Board meeting for February 10th.

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Groom Birthdays Anniversaries
 January 27 - Pat and Connie Britten (A).
 January 28 - Courtney Ann Sustaire.
 January 29 - Richard G. Weller, Mrs. Bobby Burgin, Norman Gilson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Babcock (A).
 January 30 - Mrs. Floyd Knight, Mrs. Gordon W. Schaffer, LaVonda Barkley, Carol Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Britten (A).
 January 31 - Jackie H. Barnett, Michael F. Britten, Lori Jill Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Baggerman (A), Mr. and Mrs. James Moraniec (A).
 February 1 - Amos H. Britten, Ashley Williamson.
 February 2 - Bobby Caleb Pool, Mrs. Kelvin Ollinger, Jeff Jenkins, Leigh Hopkins.

Dan Ashford recently attended funeral services for his brother-in-law, Harry Branson, of Hugo, Oklahoma. Also attending were Mary Sue and Don Lyles of Groom and Danny Ashford of Amarillo.

Sunday guests in the home of Bill and Norma Jean Homer were Travis Homer, Brenda Appel, Joan Kling of Amarillo, Ken and Kathy Andrews of Houston, Kaiti and Carl Classen of San Antonio, Martin Hermesmeyer, Doug and Joannie Kling and Tiffani and Cody Kling of Groom.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer were in Amarillo Monday. Met Mary Jo Schacher of Lazbuddie Travis Homer and Brenda Appel of Amarillo and Joannie Kling of Groom at Dyers to celebrate Bill's birthday.

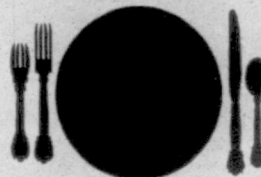
Rip and Joy Snyder visited Les and Dora Neal and Alene Brown in Clarendon Saturday.

Rip and Joy Snyder and Bill and Dorothy McKee had lunch Sunday at the J B Cafe in Alanreed.



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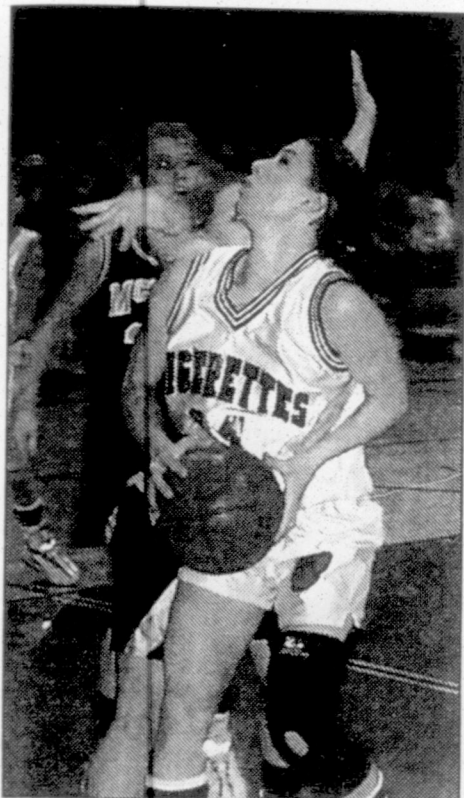
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Carrie Davis looks for a shot as the Lady Tigers of McLean guard her closely.

Ettes Lose To Hedley

The Groom Tigerettes won one and lost one last week.

The girls battled Hedley and lost by a narrow margin (41-48).

Candace Bohr led the scoring with 11 points. She earned 2 assists, 2 blocks, & 2 rebounds. Carrie Davis added 10 points and 3 rebounds. Krisanne Davis put in 8 as did Jessica Kepley, who also gained an impressive 11 rebounds for Groom. Jodie Homen and Amanda Conrad gained 2 points each for the Ettes.

The girls battled McLean on Friday night. They won handily 61-25.

Carrie Davis had an awesome night scoring 25 points. She also earned 4 offensive and 4 defensive rebounds, 1 assist and 4 steals.

Krisanne Davis contributed another 10

points, gaining an impressive 6 steals, 1 assist and an offensive and 2 defensive rebounds.

Nichole Barnett gained 6 points for Groom. She also had a defensive rebound and 2 steals.

Jessica Kepley sank 5 points. She had an awesome 5 offensive rebounds and 4 defensive rebounds. She also had a block and a steal to her credit.

Candace Bohr earned 4 points and gained a total of 8 rebounds, 3 offensive and 5 defensive. She had 3 assists, 6 steals and 2 blocks.

Staci Britten also contributed 4 points, 1 offensive block, 2 defensive blocks and 1 assist.

Amanda Conrad garnered 3 points to Groom's scoreboard. She completed 1 block and 1 steal, 2 assists and 2

offensive and 2 defensive rebounds.

Jodi Homen scored 2 points for Groom. She had 1 offensive rebound, 1 defensive rebound, 4 assists and 3 steals.

Skye Brown also scored 2 points. She completed 2 steals and 1 offensive rebound.

Laurissa Noack also added 1 defensive rebound and 1 assist.

The Ettes will face Samnorwood here on Friday beginning at 4:00 p.m. and then Hedley, there on Tuesday, February 1.

Look Who's New!

Curtis and Shellie Thornton of Altus, Oklahoma are proud to announce the birth of their son Collin Allen Thornton. The baby weighed six pounds nine ounces. He was born at 12:02 p.m., January 15, 2000, at Jackson County Memorial Hospital.

His grandparents are Jerry and Nadine Thornton, Groom; Jim and Helen King, Altus, Oklahoma; and the late Bill Whorton. His great-grandparents are R.B. Thornton, Groom; and Wendell and Dorothy Jones, Elk City, Oklahoma.

Students Win Trophies For Speech Tournament

Two seniors won extemporaneous speaking trophies at the Hereford speech tournament last Saturday.

Allison Eatmon placed third in informative speaking, and Josiah Scott placed fifth in persuasive speaking.

"In the face of fierce competition (up to 4-A schools), I thought we did extremely well," Leslie Crowell, speech teacher, said. "I'm really proud of them."

Seven other students participated in the tournament.

Lynsie Poole and Jessica Bates competed in persuasive speaking and Luke Pavlovsky competed in informative speaking.

Four competed in prose interpretation: Michele Stephens, Courtney Sustaie, Marci Babcock and Karri Britten.

Jessica Bates also competed in poetry interpretation.

"They all gained valuable experience speaking before others," poetry coach Janetta Lamb said.

On The Sick List

Rosa Lopez

Junior High Teams Split Wins With Silverton Owls

Groom Junior High teams played Silverton recently. The girls won 34-21.

Karen Wilson was high point with 15. Magan Bivens scored 6 for Groom and Britteny Martin contributed 5 points. Caren Howard

added another 6 points and Ashley Jackson had 3.

The Cubs were defeated by Silverton 26-17.

Clay Britten led the Cub scoring with 14 points. Willie Leven contributed 2 and Cody Schaffer added 1.

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Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1999, you won't need to reapply for 2000 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2000. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1999, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

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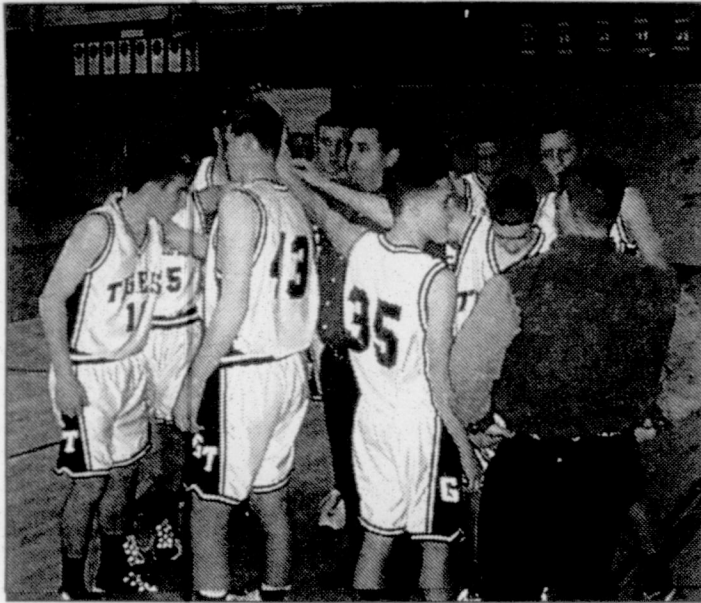
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Coach Rainer gives the boys their final instructions as the buzzer sounds the beginning of the game.

Groom - Hedley Vie For 1st Place Slot

By Coach Brad Rainer
Last week the Tigers completed the first round through district. They traveled to Hedley on Tuesday and then were at home Friday against McLean. They dropped a very close game at Hedley by a score of 61-55, then rebounded against McLean, winning 48-41. This leaves the Tigers record at 3-1 in district, and in a first place tie with Hedley

after the first trip through district competition. This week we have a non-district match up with the Valley Patriots and then on Friday its back to district as we host the Samnorwood Eagles.

In the Groom, Hedley match up, both teams prepared well, and then went out and played well. Both teams played maybe their best game of the year. This was a tight contest from start to

finish. Both teams took turns leading throughout the contest. But in the end, Hedley made a few clutch shots to pull ahead and then hold on at the end. For the Tigers, Dewayne Gray had 15 points, 2-3 pointers, 2 rebounds and an assist. Clay Ritter had 12 points, 16 rebounds, 2 steals, 3 assists, 2 blocked shots and took a charge. Dustin Babcock had 6 points, 3 rebounds

and an assist. Garrett Britten had 6 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists and a blocked shot. Chris Ollinger had 5 points, 1-3 pointer, 5 rebounds and an assist. Dusty Crump had 4 points, a rebound and a steal. Grant Weinheimer had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Russell Conrad had 3 points, 1-3 pointer, 5 rebounds and a steal.

The score by quarter shows Groom with 11 points in the first quarter, 19 in the second, 14 in the third and 11 in the fourth for a total of 55 points. Hedley had 13 points, 17 points, 15, points and 15 points for a game total of 61 points.

Fridays game was pretty important to both teams, the winner would remain tied for first in district, while the loser would drip to third. McLean already owned a victory over Hedley, so we knew we had to play really well to win this one. Again this was a tight contest, McLean led most of the first three quarters, with the Tigers coming back at the end of the third and in the fourth to take the lead and pull out the victory. Leading the comeback, with some timely, clutch shooting was Russell Conrad who connected on 4-3 pointers at the end of the third and start of the fourth quarters. He accounted for 12 points, 3 rebounds, and 3 steals. Dewayne Gray had 11

points, 1-3 pointer, 2 rebounds and a steal. Dusty Crump had 2 points, a rebound, 2 steals and he took a charge. Dustin Babcock had 2 points, 7 rebounds, a steal, an assist and 3 blocked shots. Garrett Britten had 5 points, 2 rebounds and 3 assists. Chris Ollinger had 9 points, 10 rebounds, 6 steals and 3 assists. Grant Weinheimer had 2 points and 2 steals. Clay Ritter had 5 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals.

The score by quarter had the Tigers scoring 14 in the first, 6 in the second, 14 in the third and 14 in the fourth for a total of 48 points.

Sims

of the prosecutors in the State of Texas. Those positions have provided numerous priceless opportunities to benefit this district.

As your career professional prosecutor, I welcome the opportunity to use what is now fifteen years of prosecutorial experience for you to protect the community, help the people, assist law enforcement, and seek justice. I welcome your input, and if possible your support and vote.

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Treasurer.

Stock Show

Thane Barkley placed 2nd with a medium Cross pig.

Cody Bivens placed 3rd with a lightweight Chester.

Clay Britten placed 3rd in the heavyweight Cross class.

Brooke Britten, Brett Britten, Brittney Martin, Kade Brown, Chris Ollinger, Lainie Britten, Kelby Noack, and Chad Barkley also exhibited their pigs and made the sale.

Berklee and Bailee Ruthardt were Groom's only two lamb exhibitors. Berklee placed 2nd with her medium weight medium wool lamb and 4th with her heavyweight.

Bailee placed 2nd with her heavyweight southdown and 6th with her light heavy weight medium wool.

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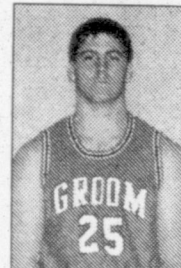
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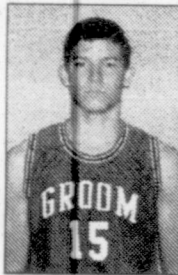
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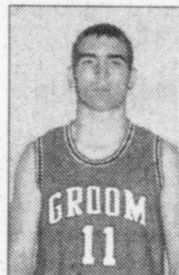
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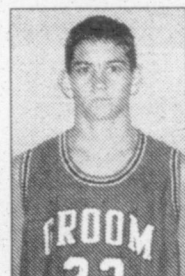
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Commissioners Approve Grievance Board

On January 24, 2000 the Carson County Commissioners' Court met with the following members present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and all claims were to be paid.

Judge Powers reported that indigent health care services provided by the county are currently allotted to one individual.

Commissioner Britten announced to the court that he will be re-advertising for a tractor-trailer rig for Precinct #1.

County Clerk Sonya Millican presented the court with a proposed committee to serve as the county's salary grievance board. The panel is comprised of nine members from the grand jury. The court accepted the nominations.

Mogie McCray, Chairman of the Carson County Historical Commission presented the annual report to the court. Mrs. McCray informed the commissioners of the groups' finances, members, committees, activities and long range goals.

Mrs. McCray announced that the Clyde and Mary Bennett Family Trust was recently recognized for 100 years of farming the same land in Carson County. The Texas Department of Agriculture in the Texas Land Heritage Program presented the award in Austin to Neal and Gale Bennett. The land was purchased in 1898 by A.F. Bennett.

Judge Powers and the commissioners accepted the commission's report. Carson County Square House Museum Director

Paul Katz gave the annual report for that entity. Mr. Katz detailed one of the highlights for the year was the addition of a permanent room-sized exhibit reconstructing the 1896 office of County dentist, Dr. C.L. Fields. Mr. Katz also informed the court of staff changes with the museum which includes education director Viola Moore.

A new honor was discussed for museums in Texas. Katz said the "Jo Stewart Randel Award" will be presented to an outstanding trustee of a museum in the state each year.

The commissioners approved the museum report.

The court discussed proposed changes for the county's policy manual. These changes include the clarification of part-time employee benefits, written job descriptions, and allotted mileage. Revised additions and corrections will be voted on during the next meeting.

Court adjourned until February 14, 2000.

The Y2K bug bit Juandell and she was home, sick. Charlene couldn't remember that Monday is OUR DAY and she made an appointment to have the carpet stretched. Pat is out of commission for a while with her back surgery. Rumor has it that Dan is a pretty efficient nurse. We surely do miss the ones who can't come. Shirley came meandering in with her salad. Mrs. Mac, Evelyn and I made up the rest.

Evelyn brought her book to learn needle tatting but left her thread at home. We mostly just talked all day and didn't get much painted. There

wasn't even any juicy tidbits of gossip that day either. Quite a way to start the new year. We thought with the start of a new millennium we would have lots of new creative ideas just busting out all over the place - but no such luck. It just meant we were one year older and had a few more aches and pains.

An update on our motor home repair!! You won't believe it but all the kings horses and all the kings men got it put together again!! They didn't even have any spare parts left over and it actually runs. We

might just get to take our fantasy trip after all.

They reported the January 10th meeting was very enlightening about Mrs. Mac and how she met her new husband, Jess. She was telling all about it and they made her stop until I was there so it could get in the paper. Now I don't know about you and your ideas on reporting the news, but that seemed a bit sneaky to me. Anyway, she waited until the next meeting and started all over. It is a very romantic and interesting story. They met in Amarillo at a Widow and Widowers breakfast at the Golden Coral. From there it was down hill all the

way to the altar. The moral of the story was "If you don't want to get married, don't shake hands on your first date."

Evelyn remembered to bring her thread this time and was doing the needle tatting bit. She uses the wrong hand though and it was very confusing to try to comprehend how

to do it. I gave up and started painting. Actually, what appeared on the paper looked like my little great granddaughter, Kassidey, was there. She really likes to use lots of water and that's what I did and the paper looked like a roller coaster. Maybe things will get better as time goes on.

Toni was very busy painting on the top of a table made out of small tree limbs with all sorts of crumpled up vines inside. It was shedding its leaves as she busily put the flowers on the top. It is really going to be interesting to find out how she dusts that thing when it gets dirty.

Charlene was trying a new technique on her project. From all appearances it is going to be really pretty. She went by Pat's to try to talk her into coming and visiting us but she didn't have any luck. Now you just ought to ask her what Pat's excuse was for not coming. Can't put down in print or trouble might come big time. Maybe she will come next time. Our bunch doesn't seem complete without her. She is a ray of sunshine.

Shirley brought her gingerbread boys and a little birdhouse to work on. She had been bitten by the flu bug and was kind of quiet. The little birdhouse turned out very cute and she even finished it. Some people actually accomplish something on these painting days.

Dorothy brought her oil paints and was worried that the smell might offend us. She sat back there and busily painted

on her birds as she related her story or romance.

The rumor has been going around town that we have been thrown out of the Community Center and can't paint there any more. To set the record straight: we still paint but they would not give us a key to the kitchen. So in reality we were just thrown out of the kitchen. Now we get our coffee water out of the bathroom. Guess they thought we were a bunch of dirty old ladies. Maybe they got that impression from the news stories and forgot how

hard we worked painting and cleaning up to get it ready to open in the first place. Anyway, we still pay our money for the privilege to paint there. And it is a privilege and a credit to the community to have such a nice place for the various activities to meet.

Remember, you can still come by any Monday and visit with us or bring your handwork and join us. We always have lots of fun. February 7th will be our luncheon at 10 a.m. Make your favorite salad and come eat with us.

Services Held For Kling

Paul R. Kling, 75, of Amarillo, died Sunday, January 23, 2000.

Services were private. Cremation and arrangements were by Rector Funeral Home, 2800 S. Osage, Amarillo.

Mr. Kling was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, and lived in Amarillo 45 years. During World War II and the Korean War he served in the Army. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1960.

He married Joan Gifford in 1947.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Doug Kling of Groom and Marshall Kling of Dallas; two daughters, Kaiti Classen of San Antonio and Kathy Andrews of Houston; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice or a favorite charity.



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Brush & Palette Meet In The New Millennium

By Nita Ramming
Brush and Palette met January 3rd for their first meeting of the new millennium. Half of us were there with our variety of salads. Evelyn is hostess for the month, and W.H. helped her carry in all the stuff. He says W. H. stands for Work Horse but this day it stood for Willing Helper. Then he came back and helped her load up. Some times husbands are worth having.



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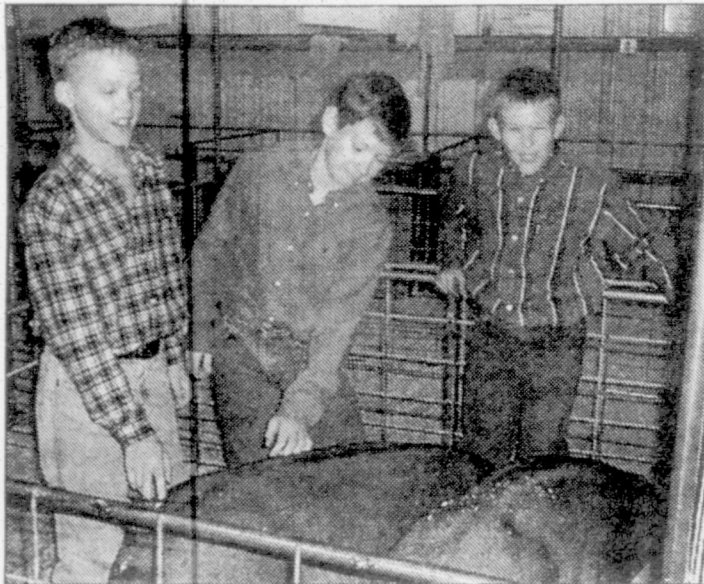
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**Brady Miller
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Brady Miller has joined the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) in Amarillo as quality Assurance specialist and market analyst. Miller graduated from West Texas A&M

University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1997 and a master's in agriculture with an emphasis in environmental ag in 1999. He will have split duties in quality assurance and market reporting. In quality assurance, he will assist feedyards in their overall quality assurance efforts and will be the point person as feedyards become certified and qualified in the TCFA Beef Safety and Quality Assurance Program. As market analyst, he will work with the TCFA Market Department in helping cattle feeders stay up-to-date on the fed cattle market in Cattle Feeding country of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. While attaining his graduate degree, Miller worked for an animal health company collecting packing plant data and worked for IBP in quality control. Miller

graduated from Booker High School and now lives in Groom. He is married and has one son.

**Groom School Menu
Jan. 31 - Feb. 4**

Mon: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate no-bake cookies, milk. Tues: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Meat and bean burritos w/chili, bean dip, tortilla pieces, mixed fruit, milk. Wed: breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, cheese zombies, applesauce, milk. Thurs: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Chaulpa, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, peaches, milk. Fri: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburgers, French fries, pork & beans, cookies, milk.

Windbreak Trees Available

A tree standing alone adds certain aesthetic quality to rural living. But the systematic planting of trees and shrubs in a windbreak becomes a management tool that effects every aspect of a farm or ranch.

Now is the time for Carson County landowners to order windbreak seedlings before preferred stock is sold out. Windbreaks protect the soil, increase land value and crop yields, and reduce livestock weight loss and mortality. But producing a high performance windbreak requires more than just planting a line of trees.

Prior to planting a windbreak, it is essential to determine the area or structure in need of protection, tree species adaptable to the planting region, and the planting dimensions of the break, be it a homestead, livestock, field or wildlife windbreak or a living snow fence.

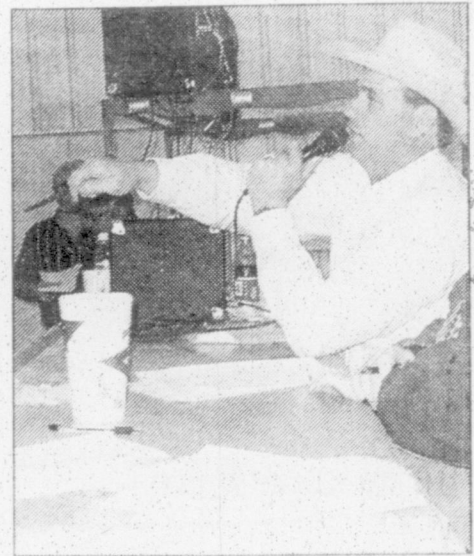
A planting dimension, such as proper spacing, prevents crowding and reduces tree stress, which also decreases insect and disease susceptibility thus extending the life of the windbreak. Generally, each tree row would be planted 20 feet apart with 10 to 25 foot spacings between each tree within a row.

When designing a windbreak, it is also recommended planting multiple rows of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs. The purpose of the windbreak

dictates the number of rows required. Each row within a multiple row windbreak serves as a backup in case one row is lost to pest damage or other conditions. Generally, insects and diseases are confined to a species. Also, within the multiple row structure a deciduous tree row will provide early protection.

Deciduous trees are faster growing than evergreen, which are the backbone of multiple row windbreaks. Specie diversity in a multiple row windbreak also enhances aesthetics with foliage that changes with the seasons (depending on the species). A single row or trees may suffice for a period, but a multiple-row windbreak established with the recommended dimensions can serve a lifetime.

Some trees available include Austrian pine, Colorado blue spruce, Eastern red cedar, Rocky Mountain juniper, Desert Willow, Green ash, Nanking Cherry, and others. To obtain more information on trees available call the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation office at 537-3504 ext. 101.



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