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McLean's Bill Reeves Named Representative To Silver-Haired Legislature Organization

hree Panhandle of Texas Silver-Haired Legislators are busy informing their of the constituents the priorities passed in their September 2000 Legislative Session. Then ten top proving are being sponsored by various State Senators and Representatives.

Veteran Representative serving her ninth year as a TSHL is Nikki Gatlin, 5006 Yale, Amarillo, Texas 79109, (806) 353-2460. First term co-workers are: Mary Latham, 11740 Jim Latham, 117 TX (806) 352-7977 and Bill Bill Reeves, P.O. 429, McLean, TX 79057, (806) 779-2979.

is Senate Bill- SB 535 and companion House Bill- HB 1421, which are Bills to retain the Texas Department on Aging as a single department. If these do not pass, Bills already enacted last session will become law in 2003 and they will then merge TDOA with the Department of Human Services. We know the departments are each very departments are each very large now, serving many persons and the thought is if merged, the two groups would become unwieldy and services for each group would be diluted and delayed until the services would be insufficient and come after it is too late to after it is too late to effective benefit the client. signed

The other Bills are for picture

"Prescription Drugs for Seniors." Senate Bill-SB 556 and House Bill-1231 would Medicare recipients buy prescription drugs at the Medicaid price would be considerably less.
Your TSHLs are

Your TSHLs are asking you to write and urge support of these Bills from Senator Teel Bivins about the two Senate Bills and Bills warren Senate Bills and
Representatives Warren
Chisum, Pampa and
David Swinford, Dumas
about the House Bills,
immediately! The
Legislature is in session! Immediately! The Legislature is in session! Addresses are in your telephone Directory. Personal handwritten letters are much more effective than one letter signed by many.

"4-B or Not 4-B" Is The Question On City's May Ballot

the present members of the McLean Economic Economic Development Corp. feel that the one-half cent sales tax that is presently being collected for the 4a could be used so much more effectively for the community as a whole if it were being used under direction of the 4b guidelines.

On May 5th election will be two propositions. The first proposition will give the voters a choice line first proposition will give the voters a choice to vote for or against abolishing the present 4a sales tax. The second proposition will be to vote for or against the adoption of the 4b sales

The reason for these two proposition is this: the present 4a tax is limited as to how it can be spent. The primary purpose of the 4a tax is to promote expansion and development of manufacturing and industrial facilities. It can be used for other projects but only under limited circumstances. This tax is primarily for use by larger cities and has restricted the McLean EDC as to how to present funds can be present funds can be used. The 4b sales tax can be used for the same purposes of the 4a plus the following: parks, municipally-owned buildings towicing solution.

The City Council and facilities, streets, roads, e present members of water and sewer facilities, and commercial facilities. The 4b can be used for nearly anything that a small town might want or need to improve and will be more feasible for our purposes.

To be able to adopt

the 4b adopted in its stead. There is also one draw back on the 4b tax and that is that the board of directors has to have seven members instead of required members on the 4a.

REMINDERS

EADIES Study will be Tuesday March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in

ADULT Volleyball will be held Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the old gym.

FEBRUARY 19, 2001 was the first day to accept applications to run for McLean ISD Board of Trustees. 3 seats will be open for this election-Mike Darsey, T.D. Simmons, and Bob Glass. You may sign up to run for School Board at the MISD Business Office, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Break, the week 12-16, During Spring Business Office will be closed, but you may see Toni Bohlar at City Hall to sign up for School Board. The last day to apply for a place on the ballot will be March 21, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. At this time there have been no applications.

CITY COUNCIL will neet on March 12th at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL CHAMBER of Commerce meeting at

SCHOOL will dismissed at 2:30 p.m. on Friday March 9th.

> The price for Gas in the City of McLean for the month of March is \$6.78.

ST. PATRICK'S Day is on March 17th.

FAMILY READING night every Monday night at 7:00 in the Elementary/Jr. High

SCHOOL BOARD meeting will be held March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

PTA MEETING will be held on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the school

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet on March 15 at 2:00 p.m. Mindy Reeves will serve as hostess.

APPLY for a seat on e City Council or the City Council or School Board at the City Hall during Spring Break.
Deadline for filing is
March 21.

PTA MEETING will be held March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the school

EMPLOYEE Appreciation Day is on March 9th.

SPRING BREAK will be held March 12-16.

CITY COUNCIL will meet on March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

COMET CLEANERS will do Free Pickup-Tues. and Free Delivery-Thurs. at Elizabeth's in McLean. Call 779-2445 for Info.

Kristin Ellis Named Top Salesgirl For 2001 Girl Scout Cookie Drive

Ellis a fifth at McLean Kristin grader Independent School District was named top seller for the McLean neighborhood in the Girl Scout's Cookie sales 2001. She sold over 600 boxes of cookies. At \$3 a box, she raised over \$1800 for her troop.

Girl Scouts learn many things from cookie sales including marketing, team work. budgeting, and responsibility.

Kristin will receive prizes for her hard work

and a trip to Amarillo. She is the daughter of Stefanie



McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

March 8 - Joe Bidwell, Lorene Brown, Billie Kingston, Joe Billingsley.

March

March 10 Bill Kingston, Jason erside.

March 11 - Barbara Richards, Valerie Bradley, Angie Purcell, Wilbur Angie Purcell, Wilbur Lee Wilson. March 12 - Elmer

March 13 - Maudin Rutherford, Cheyenne Collins, Missi

Richardson.

March 14 - Rita Jo
Crockett, Lynn Swanson,
Brent Green, Lori Hefley. Danny Lee.



McLean Elementary-Jr. High Students of the Week Feb. 26-Mar. 2: Kindergarten Shiloh Brown, 1st Grade Britnie Cooper; 2nd Grade Holly Phillips; 3rd Grade Cailin Mantooth; 4th Grade Emery Crawford; 5th Grade Johnny Benecomo; 6th Grade David Jeffries; 7th Grade Russell Anglin; 8th Grade Nick Jones.

The Honor of Your Presence is requested at a Wedding Shower For Donna Mixon Bride of Allen Mixon Cuesday, March 13, 2000 A1 7.00 R.C. The Caplor Mart, McRean

Ketcherside Earns Awards



Five year old Jacie Ketcherside represented Flippin Farm Gymnastics in Dumas on February

She participated in Level 1 for four and five year olds. Jacie received a 4th place ribbon for her performance on the trampoline. She earned a 6th place on the floor in tumbling.

Jacie is the daughter of ason and Wendi Jason and Ketcherside Ketcherside and the granddaughter of Casper and Jeanie Smith



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McLean Honor Roll Announces

All A Honor Roll

1st Grade: Tori Tori Bybee, George Patterson, Becca Reyna, Ashley Russell.

2nd Grade: Nic

Nicole McClendon, Sami Staton, Erin Vassey.

3rd Grade: Tucker Adams, Lyndsey Ellis, Sheri Aynes, Caitlin Mantooth.

4th Grade: Emory Crawford, Trenton Darsey, Jamie Sanderson, Dashae Toleson, Arely Vega.

5th Grade: Travis Fish, Stephanie Henson, Kristen Odom, Mark Kristen Odom, Mark Smith, Lucas Webb.

nith, Luca 6th Grade: Erin Iohn Haynes, Bailey, Samantha Krueger, Courtney Lamb, Tamara Lova

7th Grade: Talitha Newton, Krista Smith. 9th Grade: Jennifer

10th Grade: Katrina Routon.

11th Grade: Nikki Hefley, Riley, Randi Teddra Simmons. Will

12th Grade: Frost, Gabe Vega.

A/B Honor Roll

Alvarez, K.J.
Bohlar, Dev.
Britnie
Fish, Iamie Saber Briting Chambers, Briting Cooper; Taylor Fish, Trent ChamCooper; Tayno.
Daniel Jeffries, Trennear, Jace McLain,
Rudy McAnear, Jace McLain, Jack Odom, Rudy Rodriguez, Rena Smith, Chase West.

2nd Grade: Jocob Azzazi, Ashley Byron, Clay Crockett, Holly Phillips, Zachary Anthony Seymour. Shackelford, Staci Smith.

3rd Grade: Daniel while Connors, Caleb Crawford, Riding Lisa Ellis, Jessica reading, Glazener, Mark Jeffries, jacks, James Krueger, Zach Odom, Amber Staton. Zachary cotton,

4th Grade: Nikki favorites. Alvarez, Stacey Estes, books Suzanne Howard, Kaid library Jones, Amanda Loya, Evan McMordie, Kortney Loya, Factor Smith, Tammy Syfrett, Cameron Taylor, Tanner

Wilhelm.

Grade: 5th Jacob Conners, Autumn Dillman, Stephen Ingle, Ieffries, Kaci Autumn Maddox, Casey Phillips, Trey Skipper, Logan Sparling, Lacee Wallis.

6th Grade: Justin Dillman Amanda Fricks, Jarvis, David Brandon Phillips, Charli Jeffries, Brooke Seymour, Jacob Tolleson

7th Grade: Russell Anglin, Nicholas Odom, Kevin Smith.
9th Grade: Danielle

Dampier, Jaclyn Grigsby, Kendall Newton, Traci Rigsby, Delinda Simpson. 10th Grade: 1 0 t h

Kimberly Hutcherson, Tami Marsh, Jennifer Smith, Shaely Steel. 11th Grade: Chase

Barnes Barnes.
12th Grade: Cesily
Cadra, Steven Foshee,
Ryan McAllister, Randy
Northcutt, Brad Sawyer, Ricky Smith.

Pioneer Study Club

The Pioneer Study March Ist in the home of Mary Emma Woods.

Assorted treats from the Club Orient strawberry cheesecake, coffee, and tea were served to tea were served to members Barbara Bode, Brown, Jerry Mary Dwyer, Mickey Babe Corbin. Margaret Grogan, Mickey Wanda Magee, Jackson, Lamb, Ruth Sherry Martindale, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Beverly Odom, Pam Lynn Quisenberry, Reeves, Ruth Trew, Nama Webb, and Mary Emma Woods. Roll call was answered with a favorite past-time

growing horseback paper dolls, biking, and ju g, picking just being outside were among the Memorial "O'Reily were

and

"Flower

Wisdom". Plans are being made for the annual Senior Tea which

will be April 22nd. Ruth Trew ga gave reading of excerpts from a 1942-43 diary kept by a 16 year old senior girl concerned about the war.

Excerpts: May 1942: listened to radio radio programs of American the Free, American the Free, Cheers from Camp, A Date with Judy, Army Hour, Treasure Chest;

Fibber Magee.
June 1942: 6-4-42, Japan idway bombed, 6-4-42, Japan bombs Midway Isl., 6-21-42 harvest started, 7-4-42 a dull July 4th, not one firecracker, 7-22-42 brother Henry enlisted, 8-3-42 war babies the thing, 8-19-42 first yanks Henry left, 11-7-42 gas rationed, 9-43 rationed shoes, 2-24-43 no more school, 3-1-43 on way see Henry, 4-21-43 \$15,742 bonds sold at school, 5-14-43 - 9-9-43 first time in Amarillo, went to Dallas to business school which cost \$985.00 a year for college, \$8.40 senior ring, \$5.08 for yellow and dress.

The girl, Katharine, who kept the diary was Ruth Trew's sister.

"Happiness is product of trying to make someone else happy.

Next meeting will be March 15th with Mindy Reeves as hostess, program by Pat Stubbs.

Chamber Holds March Meeting

The McLean Chamber Commerce met on arch 1. President, March Vonda Averett called the meeting to order at 7:05 Other present were David

as they enjoy their lunch at the museum.

Diana Roosa, vice President; Terri Adams, secretary; Mary Dwyer, Ted Simmons, F.J. Hess, Reiff,

Thomas, and Ruth

Magee.
Vonda gave a budget report, stating that there was only \$454.00 in the checking account. After the budget report, she read Treasurer, Rhonda Graham's resignation. The letter stated that the reason for her resignation was her move to

Vonda then began the discussion about the Chamber of Commerce going inactive or folding. Issues such as lack of participation and money for bills were the main concern on the board's

Perryton.

mind.

A discussion of raising the rent for the offices to cover the rising costs of utilities was presented to the board. No decision was made on the issue.

The board of the chamber announced that it would seek a place on the agenda for the next city council meeting to see what would happen to the office building and the left over funds if the decision to fold was made. A motion was made by Garth Thomas to remain an active Chamber until the

see Chamber, pg 10



Buck, Stella, and Doyle Lee enjoy the stew and chili luncheon at the Devil's Rope



Ted Simmons (standing) talks to Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs and Mr. and Mrs. Haynes

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McLean's Hohensee Wins Recipe Contest

"Texas Co-or Power" magazine recently held a recipe contest and winners were announced in the February issue. Scott Hohensee from the McLean area and a wildlife biologist for TR Land and Cattle won in the chocolate category with his recipe for Texas Doodle Pie.

Scott received a copy of "The Second Typically Texas Cookbook" and an assortment of McCormick seasonings.

The recipe for Texas Doodle Pie is as follows:

Crust: 6 tablespoons or 3/4 stick melted butter graham cups cracker crumbs 1 tablespoon sugar

Fudge Layer: 1/2 cup flour teaspoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt 6 ounces semi chocolate (chopped) semiswe 10 tablespoon butter 1/2 cup pl tablespoons sugar plus 2 eggs 1 egg yolk 11/4 teach

extract Snickers cups 21/1 chopped (about

teaspoons vanilla

Cream Cheese Layer: ounces cream cheese 1/2 cup sugar 1 egg

1 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Ganache: 1/2 cup heavy cream 8 ounces milk chocolate,

chopped Preheat oven to 350 Make crust b degrees.

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melting butter and adding to crumbs and sugar. Mold into 10-inch round, narchment lined cake pan

with Pam. For the fudge layer, sift dry ingredients and set aside. Melt chocolate with butter and set aside Beat sugar, eggs, and a. Add chocolate vanilla. mixture onto crust and bake until almost set up (about 15 minutes). Remove from heat and

has been sprayed

To make cream cheese layer, mix cream cheese and sugar and then add egg and vanilla. Top pie with cream cheese cream mixture and bake until cream cheese is set. About 15 minutes.

add chopped Snickers

About 15 and Let cook. Make ganache by bringing ganache boil. Add chocolate and let slightly thicken. Top cream thicken. layer ganache. Cool. Serve

CHAMBER

elections in May in order

to see what was going to become of the Economic

but no second was made

A special meeting date was decided for the 19th of March at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the city council's decision on the building and to make a feet of the special process.

decision on the state of

to make a final

and the motion died.

Committee,

Development

Sanderson, daughter of Elmer and Dorothy of Alanreed, spent her youth in Alanreed and is is spending her middle age along with husband, Dale in Arkansas. Sanderson Their are Jennifer age 17, who will Jennine. graduate in from high Cody age 14 and Adam age 11 are in school. Kara stars Adam age 11 are in school. Kara stayed at home until the kids grew up a little but has returned to nursing and working in a hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Linda Daniels Hastings

By Jeanette Fish

and husband Vance have in L Lindsey, Oklahoma years. Their children are Logan, age 21 who is at present at Alanreed with grandparents Elmer and Dorothy Daniels. The Hastings other Quentin is 17 and still in Vance is an oil school. field worker and he and Linda built a beautiful log home in Lindsey. log home in Quentin plans to join the Air National Guard later. James and Melinda Daniels are driving all over the country in trucking business.

Daughter Missy and
Chris Bybee live with their son Brayn in New Mexico. Missy is a busy mother and dog groomer. Ashley daughter of James and Melinda lives in the Dragoo house Alanreed. She works at Wal Mart in Pampa. Daughter Jessica also of Alanreed works Hardy's in Pampa.

Jerry Money, grandson of Elmer and Dorothy

Daniels of Alanreed was police officer a police officer in Cleburne for many years. Jerry, wife Dawn who is an R.N. and their two year old daughter now year old daug. live outside Miami, Florida where they both Jerry is in work. Jerry is in construction work now. He was a 1986 graduate of McLean High School.

Trevor Scruggs, son of Daniels McLean, is living Brandon, Florida w wife Doris, daughter Samantha, age 4 and

Nathaniel age 5 months.

Linda Nell Daniels

Bailey and husband Bailey and Rocky, live in McLean. Linda recently had neck is doing surgery and well.

Kimberly Wigginton family live at Kim 1987 graduate of McLean High School Hartley. High School. Her children are Megan age 14, son Kyle age 8 and baby girl, Carleigh 6 months.

Glynda and Dan Martin still live in Alanreed in the old Mug Castleberry home which they bought many years they bought many years ago. Glynda and Dan Martins children, Sherrie attends school in Abilene son Christopher is in the electric and plumbing business in Mississippi, son Gregory is police officer in Spearman. They are the grandchildren of Don and Kathy Alanreed. Kathy says her and Don have 22 grandchildren. Kathy has worked at the Alanreed Travel Center for 15

Gougeeye once a month at Gary McFalls meets down and later on at Jimmy Shaws they will meet. Last Sunday they had forty one archers. Sid Keese says the deal goes real good because they are not organized. Shoot you can't hardly get forty one people to church to church Sid has anymore. Sid has worked at the Alanreed Center for Travel

Lady Tigers Place 2nd in Golf Tourney

Last Friday, the high school golf team traveled to Amarillo to play in a and Danie tournament at the Ross shot a 135.

Rogers Golf Course. For the Rogers Golf Course. For the Tiger golf The Lady Tiger team, Shane Estes shot a placed second in the 94. Brad Sawyer shot a tournament.

Randi Riley shot a Shaley Steel shot a Teddra Simmons a 123. Kim shot

shot a 128. Nikki Hefley shot a 130 and Danielle Dampier

the Tiger 105. Jacob Eddleman shot a 121 and Terrell Hembree shot a 127

McLean Church Directory

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

First Assembly of God 4th & Main Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm First Raptist Church Rev. Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm

(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

> Heald 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

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You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.

You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2000. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE? The last day for filing 2001 renditions is April 16. Call the appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 16 deadline.

WHERE DO YOU FILE? File renditions at the:

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of application.

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should be postmarked the should be postmarked the day the job vacancy closes and sent to: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Tx 79110; Attn: Human Resources. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, contact Vicki Gross at contact Vicki (806) 356-3233.

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March 8 - Grant
Weinheimer, Tammy
Bivens, Mrs. Raymond
Ruthardt.

March 9 -Ashford.

March 10 - Karla

March 10 - Karla Koetting.

March 11 - Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Weller (A).

March 12 - Janetta Lamb, Mrs. Larry D. Brown, Toby Ray Burgin, Krisanne Davis, Amy Weinheimer, Rachael Hopkins, Jess & Dorothy McMullen (A).

March 13 - Julia McGee.

McGee.

March 14 - Leo Britten, Blake Barnett, W.E. (Bill) Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Britten

March 15 -March 16 - Lonny Brown.

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Groom Jr. High Students Take Science Fair Honors

Britten Noack distinguished themselves as young scientist last week after competing in the High Plains Science Fair held at Amarillo College.

and Noack Britten ere presented the Young Discoverer Science Award. Sharri earned a 1st place ribbon for Biochemistry. Kelby took 1st place Environmental Science. in

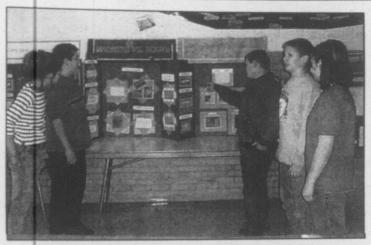
Malorie Homen placed in Health Medicine. Medicine. Javier Caro was 2nd in Botany. Katy Britten was 2nd in Javier Caro Environmental Science.

Carter Wilson earned the Peace Farm Award. e Peace Parm Also participating in were Jan event were Jan teree, Gailynn Ratteree, Gally Ratteree, Frank Leven,

These students are all 7th graders. They competed against other young scientist from all over the Texas Panhandle including larger schools like Amarillo and Canyon.

currently on display in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Susan Noack is their instructor



Groom Jr. High Students show off their Science Fair projects.



Dinner, Workshop, and Play All Set For **Tonight In Groom**

Tonight will be a very busy night in Groom. Several activities have been scheduled, one right after the other, but all are worthy of the publics attention.

Alpha Mu Xi is hosting a Baked Potato dinner beginning at 5:30. hosting a Baked Potato dinner beginning at 5:30. If you eat a little early you can attend the Open Meetings workshop hosted by the City of Groom.

Marcus Norris, Amarillo City Attorney, will offer a layman's look marcus and the control of the One Act Play at Groom High School beginning at 7:30.

All these event are important. Please take the time and trouble to attend them all.

at open meetings laws. Anyone who is interested City, School, or meetings or in County thinking of running for

an office will be interested in this informative, but short

Grandview Hopkins ISD To Host Barn Dance, Auction

Grandview will again host it's bi-annual Barn Dance/Silent Auction on March 8, 2001. The Dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. Due to the construction of the new facility we were unable to have the last slated Barn Dance. The Grandview children have been hard at work learning how to "two-step" and "cotton-eyedstep" and "cotton-eyed-joe." They have learned how to dance with out stepping on to many toes and have had a lot of

Hopkins fun at the same time n host it's The children will be performing a special dance just for the Barn Dance.

parents Grandview Hopkins (PTO) will have available refreshments along with approximately 200 silent auction items displayed. We will have two live DJ's to play the music the entire evening. Their is no admission charge. Please come and support our kids and have a great time. For more information call more in 665-7318.

Groom National Honor Society Inducts Nine New Members



National Honor Society inducted new members in ceremonies last week. In

the academic club a points. They must be student must maintain a enrolled in a weighted

order to be asked to join cumulative average of 90

taken 2 as a senior, and see N.H.S.,pg 3

COMMUNITY CALENDER

GRANDVIEW Hopkins will host a barn dance and a silent auction today, March 8th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

DON'T FORGET to Attend the "Open Meeting" workshop on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

DISTRICT Competition will be on March 26 and 27.

INTERESTED Education or Civic Responsibilities? Sign up Education Responsibilities? Sign up for a place on the ballot for Groom ISD School Board or Groom City Council, beginning on Feb. 19, at the School Business Office or City Hall.

GROOM SCHOOL Thespians will perform their UIL One Act Play for the Groom Area Residents on March 8 at 7:30 p.m. They will compete in one on March 20. They have selected "Steel Magnolias" as their production for 2000.

GROOM SCHOOL Board will meet on March 6th at 7:00 p.m.

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Local Happenings

Staci Britten Laurissa Noack recently competed in the Top O Texas Relays in Pampa.

Staci placed 5th in the 400 meters and Laurissa placed 6th in the discuss.

"Jump Rope For Heart" Event Planned For Groom Students

The students of Groom Elementary, K-5th graders are jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. On March 26-30 the school will hold its first annual Jump Rope for Heart event.

Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope for Heart is by the Heart cosponsored American Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Recreation. Education. and Dance.

Jump Rope for Heart teaches participants about the importance of healthy lifestyle. The event lifestyle. children empowers they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoy being part of a

By Ace Reid

team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event. help Please

Please help our children help others. When a student asks you to be a sponsor, support Jump Rope for Heart with whatever you can afford to give. If you would like to help more, If you call your American nearest Heart call Association office at 1-800-AHA-USA1. For more information about the event, contact Brad

Houston Stock Show Results

Rainer at 248-7971.

Bivens Cody Mallorie Homen recently returned from the Houston Livestock Show

and Sale.
Cody Bivens Cody Bivens placed 12th out of a class of 76 with his Chianina Steer. Bivens made the sale with his animal as only a certain percentage of each

class are sold.

Malorie Homen placed
9th with her Cross pig. against hundreds of pigs by the time she made the over the site had a tre-cut at Brennam, a pre-show qualifying sift in which only the best animals are sent on to Houston (1800 crosses were entered). She also made the sale.

Showing but not placing were animals owned by Wyatt Britten, Megan Bivens, and Cody



GROOM ISD welcomes new custodian, Rebecca Shaw. Shaw lives north of town in the Paul Field's house, with her husband and two preschool children. Welcome Aboard,

Rebecca!

Pray For Rain

Sheriff's Report

There were 3 person booked into the Carson County Jail during the County Jail during me week of February 26 through March 04, 2001. Currently there are 10 persons incarcerated in persons incarcerated in this jail and 12 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

Edward Larribas, 38 of Albuquerque, NM-Possession of a controlled substance more than gram, but less and gram, but less and 4 gram and possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. Marlin Kraft, age 49 of Albuquerque, NM-

of Albuquerque, NM-Possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram, but less than 4 grams and possession of

marijuana less than 2 oz.
Abraham Torres, age
29 of Lynwood, CA-Failure to Appear on the charge of possession of marijuana more than 5 pounds, but less than 50 pounds



It's A Girl!

and Apollo Angie Amphay are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Samantha Brooke, born on Friday, Feb. 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Donnie and Marcia Conrad and Alex and Manivanh Amphay.

Great-grandparents are Page Blackwell, Louise Conrad, and Khamxoa Amphay.

She is welcomed by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Marshall Sherwood

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Bo Burgin Named "Employee Of The Year" At Cardinal Logistics

Bo Burgin has been named "Employee of the Year" for the Cardinal Logistics Management, Inc. for 2000. Cardinal transportation company located in Concord, NC. Bo is a Field Support Manager and works out of their Grapevine, TX office. He was also named the company's Employee of Month in November and has been with the company for only thirteen months. He grew up in Groom, has a Business Finance degree from Finance degree from West Texas A&M and is the son of Donald and Nila Burgin. For his efforts, he has been awarded a five-day, all expense paid trip for two and spending money.

This is a quote from the first text of the second second

This is a quote from one of his nomination recommendation letters: gets excited about working for Cardinal!! Everything he does gets 110% effort. We ask him to travel very extensively, and he does it without question. He travels for 21 days straight and all of the time works non-stop and keeps a smile on his Bo has a

ethic that is second to none, and is truly a professional in dealing with customers

Vin McLoughlin the chairman and CEO of Cardinal stated, "I don't know what's in the water in Groom, but I sure wish I could copy the recipe. For Bo Burgin to be named Employee to be named Employee of the Year among 2000 employees is truly special. Yet, Bo is only 23 years old and has only been in transportation for a bit over a year. This is an incredible achievement. Additionally, I have hired several other managers from Groom and have had them produce similar results. The work ethic and values that you and values that and values possess is Groomites possess is don't stated many times, don't be afraid to put Groom on your resume, it on your resume, it definitely has an impact with Cardinal Logistics

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The Groom Volunteer ance Service and Panhandle Regional Advisory Council-Trauma Service Area hosted a bicycle safety class for Élementary Students.

Kindergarten fifth grade students were demonstrated proper hand signals and traffic signs. video was shown the group demonstrating bike safety.

Each participant signed a pledge to be a safe bicycle rider, to follow the rules of bicycle safety, keep their bicycle in a safe operating condition, and always wear their helmet when condition,

they are riding a bicycle, just like the professional bicycle racers. Each participate also stated that participate also stated that they knew that always wearing their helmet would help keep them from being badly hurt in a bicycle crash.

86 students were fitted with free helmets with the help of Groom teachers.

The Groom Ambulance Service will be having a drawing in two weeks for a bicycle. Volunteers throughout Groom will be watching to see students are wearing their helmets, which makes them eligible for a free

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Kendall Weller adjust his new bicycle helmet given to all the Elementary students by the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Department.

Groom ISD Earns Money For Being Exemplary

Monetary awards in the amount of \$1267 were made to Groom Independent School District as part of the Texas Successful Schools
Award System (TSSAS),
John Wilson,
superintendent of the Groom Independent School Discontinuous announced today.

The schools are being recognized for gains in student performance on indicators that are part of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), more commonly known as the state's school report card. The Groom ISD schools are among 552 cash-winning schools awards for:

Exemplary recognized, or acceptable performance.

A ranking in the top 25 percent of all campuses in the same unique comparison group statewide, with respect to growth on the Texas Learning Index (TLI) derived from the Texas Assessment of Academic skills (TAAS) reading and mathematics given at Grad test Grades

through 8, and 10.

3. A campus exemption rate in TAAS math, and reading, math, and writing for special education students and for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students that was not deemed excessive.

The awards are bas spring 2000 mance on the performance TAAS test, which measure performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. Schools also had to meet performance standards for dropout and attendance Schools

Cash awards from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given, depending on the number students served at of students served at school. In the exemplary category, schools had at least 90 percent of all students and students in each student population group (White, African American, Hispanic, and Economically Disadvantaged) passing each section of the TAAS, a 1998-99 dropout rate of 1 percent or less for all students and each student group, and a 1998-99 attendance rate of 94 percent or

greater. category, schools had at least 80 percent of all students and those in each student group passing each section the TAAS, a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less for all students and each student group, and an attendance rate of at least

94 percent.
TSSAS award TSSAS awaru
recipients had to rank in
the top 25 percent of all
campuses that are in the
same unique comparison
group statewide, with respect to their growth in student performance in reading and math. Campus categories are based on several factors including the percent of students identified as African American, Hispanic, White White, E c o n o m i c a l l y Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and

Mobile.

In addition, if the campus exemption rate in any subject area of the TAAS test was greater than the exemption rates of 75 percent of all followed the ceremony.

campuses in at least one subject area, the campus was eliminated from the list of possible winners.

A total of 2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.

N.H.S.

participate in a UIL academic event. The group expects the highest ideals of character, ideals of character, conduct, and leadership from its members.

This years officers are President Michelle Stephens, Treasurer Stephens, Treasurer Brooke Britten, Vice President Macie Britten, nd Secretary Marcie recited Babcock principals of the National Honor Society and performed a candle performed lighting ceremony before swearing in the members.

The new members are Skye Brown, Britten, Garrett Britten, Russell Conrad, Candace Bohr, Dewayne Gray, Wyatt Britten, and Luke Pavlovsky.

Jessica Bates provided

the entertainment wonderful inspirational

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Groom School Announces Honor Roll

Fourth Sixth Weeks

Fourth Grade: Brett Friemel, Bailee Ruthardt. Fifth Grade: Cha Chad Barkley, Matt Wilson.
Sixth Grade: Karla
Howard, Kecia Howard, James Reid

Seventh Grade: Katy Britten, Malorie Homen, Carter Wilson.

Megan Eighth Grade.

Bivens, Adam Britten.

Clay Eighth Grade:

Ninth Grade: Clay Britten, Britteny Martin, Owen Weinheimer.

Tenth Grade: Jessica Bates, Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin,

Laurissa Noack.
Eleventh Grade:
Cassie Ashford, Nichole
Barnett, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten.

Twelfth Grade: Babcock, Brooke Britten, Russell Conrad, Michele Courtney Stephens,

Fourth Sixth Weeks A-B Honor Roll

Fourth Grade: Britten, Trevor Friemel,

Britten,
Brittany Weinhers
Kelton Weller.
Fifth Grade: Taylor
Drewery, Whitney
Drewery, TJ Moranic,
Steads

Sixth Grade: Thane arkley, Blain Britten,

Barkley, Blain Britten, Berklee Ruthardt. Seventh Grade: Sharri Britten, Gailynn Drewery, Kelby Noack. Eighth Grade:

Chance Barkley, Ashley Jackson.
Ninth Grade: Lorri
Britten, Caren Howard,

Britten, Cody Schaffer. Tenth Grade: Cody

Tenth Grade: Cody
Babcock, Brett Britten,
Lance Ollinger.
Eleventh Grade: Karri
Britten, Wyatt Britten,
Krisanne Davis, Luke
Pavlovsky, Clay
Hugh Weinheimer.
Twelfth Grade:
Ergness Britten, Macie

Frances Britten, Macie Britten, Skye Brown, Dewayne Gray, Kristin Johansen, Kristina Tjarks.

LeVick-Burger To Exchange Vows May 18

LeVick Levelland Levelland and Chris Burger of Groom have announced engagement upcoming marriage.

The bride to be is the daughter of John Debbie LeVick Levelland. She junior at Texas John and She is Tech University, pursuing degree in Early Childhood Education and is a 1999 graduate of levelland high school.

The prospective groom the son of Ken and Lynn Burger of Groom and Holly Burger of Taos, New Mexico. A laos, New Mexico. A lifelong resident of the area, he graduated from Groom High School in 1995. He is also a graduate of Texas Tech, receiving a degree in agribusiness in 1999. He makes his home near Groom where he is a self-employed farmer and

The couple will reside on the farm and ranch near Groom, and the



bride plans to continue West Texas A&M University

place on May 18 at Hudspeth Canyon, Texas.

Grandview Hopkins ISD Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

A-Honor Roll First Grade: Amber Harris, Lyndi Whitson, Chloe Zedlitz, Hilary Zedlitz.

Second Grade: Brenna Ellison, Kyle Conor Wilson. Turner,

Third Grade: Hutto, Kade Wilson. Andi

Fourth Grade: Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins, Alex Hutto. Sixth Grade: Maggie Hannah Hopkins.

A-B Honor Roll First Grade: Marisa Ponce, Ashtin Sackett.

Second Grade: Reid radley, Channar Bradley, Third Grade Hilary

Acker, Robert Ponce, Zachary Ponce.
Fourth Grade: Brodie

Fifth Grade: Taylor Smith, LaTeasa Wheat. Sixth Grade: Haley Acker.

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On February 26, 2001, the Honorable Carson in Commissioners Court of Carson County, Texas met in pursuant to adjournment with the members and officers Present were s W. Powers, resent. Hon. Lewis County Judge; Mike Commissioner, Britten, precinct 1; Kenneth Ware, Commissioner, precinct 2; Jerry Strawn, Commissioner, precinct 3; Kevin Howell, Commissioner, precinct 4.

The minutes were read and approved.

A motion was passed to pay all claims.
Committee

Members Joyce Hoffman and Dixie Surratt met with the court to discuss costs for upkeep of the War Memorial Building. Current rules state that no charge can be applied for use of the 50-year-old building. The structure is currently structure is currently maintained by donations and dues from the Lion's Club, Rotary Club, and 55+ Club. The county pays all utilities, insurance, and extensive maintenance projects. The court discussed the possibility of requiring a deposit for usage, with part or all of the part or all of the payment being returned once the building has been inspected. decisive action was taken at this court date.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper petitioned the court to amend that office's budget due to bond schedules all

due in this budget year. The tax assessor-collector and her 2 deputies all renew their bonds this year with the county, along with the tax assessor's bond with the state. Commissioner made the motion to amend the budget by \$1645 to cover the premiums. The motion was passed.

The court approved a security release from State National Bank for the amount of \$300,000.00. The motion was passed to release release was passed receipt #420029799 and replace it with cusp

#3133M5OB9. Judge Powers discussed the replacement heating and conditioning systems the courthouse. The court will look into the possibility of hiring an engineer to study all bases and liabilities that the county could encounter as specs written and the awarded to replace 50-year-old units. job the The court will meet again on March 12, 2001.

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If You Ask Me... And Nobody Did!

By Donna Burton

I don't think Groom is any more gossipy than any other small town, so usually, the first time I hear a rumor I take with a grain of salt. But when I hear a rumor 3 or 4 times in a week from people who are not considered especially gossipy, I begin to wonder if there is some merit to it.

This was the case last week when I heard not once but several times, that Groom ISD and Grandview ISD were considering exploring a merge. I contacted each Superintendent and learned that there had never been any kind of dialogue on this subject between them. Both, speculated that it was possible that some board member may have talked to one another, but nothing official had ever taken place.

So, playing the devil's advocate, I asked both if they could see any advantages to such a far fetched idea. Surprisingly, both said they could see a lot of advantages.

began to wonder... Grandview has a lot of Groom has money.... Although opposite ends of the spectrum, are subject to the whims of the legislature. At any given time one careless given time one careless bill, could put us both of business the Robin Hood Plan).

Maybe it is time a discussion of this nature occurs.

After all

Grandview and Groom are pretty much family. It makes sense to me that these two schools help each other in order to stay in business, rather than risk having

than risk having something forced on us.

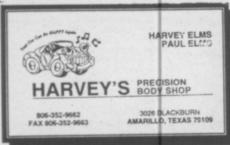
I know that Groom is not the only school that is in trouble. White Deer ISD, who had so much money last year that they had to give Groom \$60,000, is looking at a deficit of \$240,000 in the coming year

A merge would be a long process. Nothing could happen unless residents of both Groom and Grandview-Hopkins Districts agreed. Maybe something like this is the answer to our problems rather than cutting programs and running off all our experienced teachers. It's just food for thought... and I think some of us are starving!

School Board Candidate Workshop

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 22, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center (1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo).

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Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreaks 1/00-2/01



Foot & Mouth Disease Marches Westward ... North America Untouched By Outbreaks So Far

Animal health officials Texas are watching with concern the relentless westward march of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), the most recent outbreak of which was confirmed in late February at several sites in England, where where livestock operations have been already have been financially ravaged by the disease, brain-wasting BSE (bovine spongiform

encephalopathy) and outbreaks of the viral infection, hog cholera. Additional cases of

Additional cases of FMD have been detected among cattle, sheep, and swine in Great Britian (encompassing England, Wales, and Scotland). In addition to the loss of thousands of animals, British farmers may lose as much as \$73 million just from the week long ban (which could be extended) on the transport and marketing of livestock susceptible to the disease.

FMD, which has not the U.S., been in caused by a hinfectious virus that highly cause death or disabling blisters and sores in and mouth, the muzzle, teats, and feet of livestock with cloven or 'split" hooves. Cattle pigs, sheep, goats, and deer are highly highly and can susceptible, and can exhibit clinical disease signs after an incubation period of only three to of infection, animals slaught or buried. Premises and equipment must disinfected to prevent disease spread.
"Foot and mouth virus

"Foot and mouth virus poses special challenges, requiring proper disinfection and biosecurity protocols. People who have worked around or been near infected animals can inadvertently carry and spread the virus via their equipment, cars, clothing, shoes, or even for a short time in their lungs or pharynx (throat)," said Linds Logan, Texas State Veterinarian and head of

the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's stock health regulatory agency. She pointed out that studies indicate the virus can drift up to 40 miles on the wind, another hurdle to confining an FMD outbreak to a defined geographic area.

"FMD is probably the

"FMD is probably the most economically damaging livestock disease." The disease is currently affecting four of the world's seven continents: Asia, Africa, South America, and Europe, leaving only North America, Australia, and Antarctica free of the disease.

"An outbreak costs millions country dollars to fight, and thousands of animals can Additionally, livestock markets must be closed to prevent spread of infection, dairies may not be able to operate, and transportation of livestock must cease. Furthermore, there's the cost of depopulating and disposing of affected or exposed animals and vaccinating clean animals to create a "disease-free

buffer zone," said Dr.
Logan, a specialist in
tick-borne and foreign
animal diseases. She
also serves on a national
team reviewing how best
to safeguard U.S.
livestock from foreign
diseases and pests.

Dr. Logan urged

livestock producers in Texas to step up their surveillance and to take precautions to protect herds from possible contamination. "If you've traveled internationally, don't risk carrying disease home to your herd. Disinfect your boots





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