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Taylor's Food Mart Robbed, Suspect In County Custody

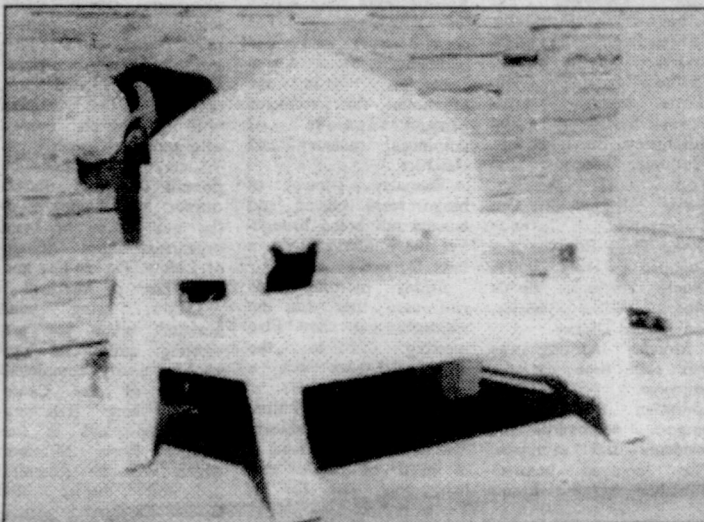
On the morning of February 25, somewhere between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am, the Taylor Mart was robbed. The thief or thieves entered the building by breaking out the glass on one of the front doors.

According to employees of the store, a strange array of items were stolen, including disposable cameras, the inexpensive motor oil, four twelve packs of

soda, one brand of cigarettes and sunglasses.

Gray County Sheriff Larry Wallis is currently investigating the robbery and has verified that one suspect is in custody. He states that this investigation has led to the discovery of several more robberies in McLean.

At press time the investigation was continuing and there will be more information in next week's edition.



Main Street Gets Face Lift With New Benches

The Area Chamber of Commerce is improving the main street area of McLean by placing newly constructed benches by the local businesses.

The chamber will conduct its next meeting on March 3 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the upcoming rodeo. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chamber of Commerce workers were busy Monday placing benches downtown.

More Miss McLean Highlights



Runners-up Teddra Simmons and Jessi Fish join Miss McLean, Valerie Joiner, in a salute from the audience.

Loss of Funds Demands School Personnel Cutbacks

In a March 1 meeting with Superintendent John Griffin, the McLean News has learned that McLean I.S.D. will be losing approximately \$170,000 in cash money

due to the drop in oil prices recently. Because of the money loss, the school will also experience cutbacks in personnel.

The first position to be

let go due to the cutback was high school principal, Edgar Bailey. Several others have been told that there is a possibility they will not be rehired next year. According to

See School, pg. 12



Jessi Fish is pictured with her proud parents J.D. and Becky Fish.

McLean Reminders...

REMEMBER! The last day to sign-up for school board or city council is March 17.

FOR THE Hometown folks, remember Homecoming will be June 18 and 19. So come out and visit old friends!

SPRING BREAK is March 8-12.

ON MARCH 6 the Jr. High and High School will compete in a track meet at Lefors.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet on March 4 at 2:00 pm at Sweet Savors.

THE AREA Chamber of Commerce will meet March 4 at 7:00 pm.

McLean Alanreed Area Museum Has 65 Visitors In Feb.

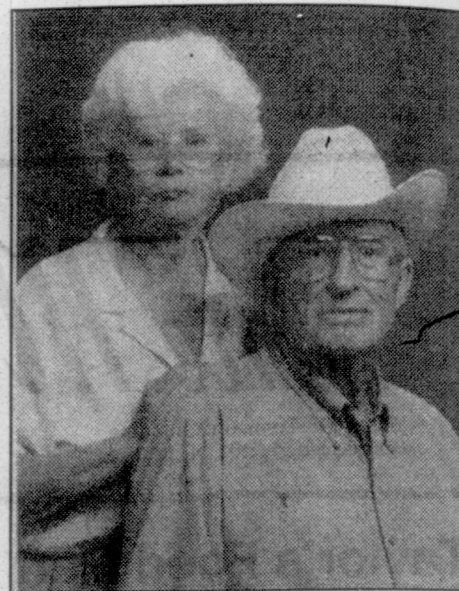
By Dorothy McKee
For the Month of February the McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 65 visitors. They were from Maryland, California, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Mississippi, New Mexico, New Hampshire, and Idaho. Come by and see the new window display. One window has a western scene and the

other window has a sewing room. We are proud of the new sign on the front of the building, painted by Leland Myers and his

daughter, Sarah. Anyone having old school annuals from McLean or Alanreed, the McLean Alanreed Area Museum would be glad to get them.

Quilt Show At Museum

"A thing of beauty..." that phrase describes the Western Heritage Room of the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean. The many quilts will be shown from March 2 through April 4. Old and new, small and large, every description, pattern, and color imaginable, they have to be seen to be appreciated. Quilts may be seen from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Viewers will cast a vote for their favorite quilt and these votes will determine which quilts win first (\$100), second (\$75), and third (\$25 gift certificate) places. Several quilt related items will be raffled, winners will be chosen Sunday afternoon April 4. Winners need not be present to win. Raffle tickets are available at the quilt show or from organizers Susan Oldham of Lefors, Pat Stubbs and Ruth Trew of Alanreed. Ladies, bring your husband, while you are viewing quilts, he can see the nearly completed History of the Cattle Brand, and Ranching History displays in the Devil's Rope Museum which will be formally dedicated during the Collector's show in April.



Brown's Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary

Emory David "Pete" Brown and Zella Mae Crawford celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on January 14, 1999 with family and friends at the home of daughter Rita Crawford of McLean. The couple have lived in McLean all their married lives. The couple also have one grandson, Shaun Crawford and two great-grandchildren, Emory and Caleb also of McLean.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Friendship Methodist Class. In the afternoon church services for the residents were held by the Assembly of God Church. Those attending services were Jessie Watson, Sue Cubine, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Dorothy Patterson, Gladys Andrews, Phyllis Bailey, Thelma Finson, Oleta Harris, Johnnie Mertel, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Beryl Halbert, Alexander Watkins, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Bessie McClemore, Ora Billingsley, Florence Drake, Polly Burnett, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Willie Wheeler, and Mable Dickey. Monday morning was nail care time for the residents. In the afternoon they played bingo. Afterwards the residents did exercises. They enjoyed bananas furnished by the Lion's

Club. Our helper was Billy Lowe. Tuesday morning was the Church of Christ social. In the afternoon the residents enjoyed a craft session. Wednesday Morning Circle was enjoyed with funny quotes being read by the activity director. Refreshments were served to everyone. The cookies were made and brought by Auisa Lancaster. In the afternoon the residents played games of dominoes, memory and checkers. Thursday games of bingo were played and banana nut bread brought by Betty Lowe was a treat for everyone. Friday morning was nail care time for the residents and Care Plan meeting. In the afternoon there was a craft session. Saturday was mail time and a movie was shown. The activity department is in need of junior size baby food jars for an Easter project.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

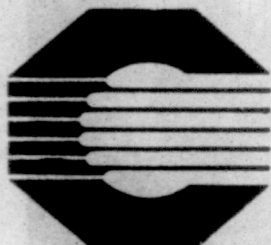
- March 4 - Norma Sue (Hill) Bassett, Jacque Riley, Herschel Wolfe, Lee Ayn Jordan.
- March 5 - Doris Hill, Trudy Myers, Jerry Corbin, Nona Turpen, Jason Thomas, LaTonya Phillips, Becky M. Thomas.
- March 6 - Chuck Pierce, Holly Crystal Myers, Sarah Holland, Ande Shank, Wanda Sharp, Linda Syfrett, John Dickinson.
- March 7 - Murrell Emmitt Hill, Mary Davis, Lena Carter, Mary Ann Carpenter.
- March 8 - Joe Bidwell, Lorene Brown, Billie Kingston.
- March 9 - Jack Odom.
- March 10 - Bill Kingston.

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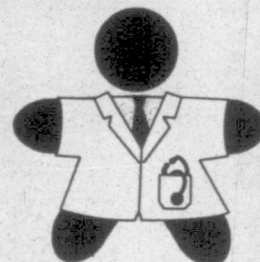
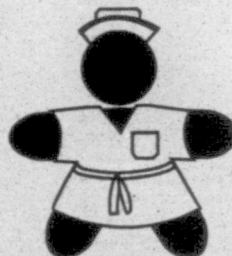
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Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glass along with daughter Diane from Penrose, Colorado and Judy

Howard visited Dale and Mary Lou Glass and Bob, Janet, Andy and

Scott Glass. They also together at the Red River enjoyed a family get- Steakhouse.

Thinking Day Celebrated By Scouts

The McLean Girl Scout Service Unit celebrated Thinking Day on February 24 at the school cafeteria from 3:30 to 4:30. Thinking Day stresses the fact that Girl Scouting is a worldwide organization.

Sophie Kochmann described the contrast between the United States and her homeland, Germany. Sophie is the exchange student at McLean High School and is a very accomplished speaker. Her favorite food here is Mexican food.

Russia was the subject of the presentation by Jane Sheplor. She recently traveled there on a mission trip. She told the audience about the orphanages, living conditions and cathedrals and described how precious the children are in Russia. "No one would ever consider harming them because they are the future of the country," she said.

Bierox, bratwurst and cookies were the refreshments enjoyed by twenty nine Girl Scouts, five leaders and twelve guests.



Basham Named DAR Good Citizen

Donald Basham was recently selected as McLean's DAR Good Citizen. Requirements of the award are dependability, leadership, service and patriotism.

Six other area students were honored with Donald by the Las Pampas Chapter of the

Daughters of the American Revolution.

Basham is the president of both the senior class and FFA at McLean High School. He is a member of the 4-H Council, student council, choir and Alpha Chi youth group. His community service includes helping sponsor the Angel Program at Christmas for needy children through his youth group. In 4-H, he helps keep a two-mile section of highway clean, and, through the student council, helps collect canned goods to provide meals for those in need.

Basham plans to enter the Air Force following graduation. His parents are Donald and Mary Basham.



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No Gifts Please



McLean Elementary Students of the Week February 22th-26th: Kindergarten Sami Staton, 1st Grade Trenton Darsey, 2nd Grade Lyndsey Ellis, 3rd Grade Tyler McMinn, 4th Grade Anthony Ruiz, 5th Grade Russell Anglin, 6th Grade Zane Richardson, 7th Jaci Grigsby, 8th Grade Jeffery Lee.

Feedyard Women Claim Victory Again

McLean Feedyard Women's basketball team received their third win. Their record now stands at 3-1. Scoring and team efforts were wide spread among the ladies. There was no let up as Celanese had a lot of heart and determination.

Scoring for McLean's team was Sally Seymour with 6 points, Leslie Darsey 4, Julie Reynolds 2. Paula Waters scored 9 points, Angie Billingsley had 8, Dea Ann Burkes and Alicia

Reynolds each scored 4 points and Joetta

Kirkland added 5. Sheila McFatrige did not score for the ladies but added her talents in other areas.

The final score was McLean Feedyard 42 and Celanese 35.

The next game will be on Wednesday, March 3 against Sun-Trol, (just as the paper goes to press) which will be a tough game as they have been the league winners for three years in a row.

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Weekly Bible Question

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Q. What does the Bible say about faith?

A. The topic of faith is worthy of study and could be a satisfying lifetime consideration! Let's consider just a few aspects about faith. First, let's define faith. Primarily, it means to have a trust and confidence in God. Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that without faith it is impossible to please God. Many heroes and heroines of faith are listed in Hebrews 11. Their faith prompted them to act upon God's commandments in obedience even if they did not fully understand God's reasons. They truly walked by faith and not by sight.

Our faith increases as we witness God's mighty activity in our lives. Let's also notice Romans 10:17: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." The word of God must be heard to produce belief. The Apostle John also wrote in John 20:30,31, "Many other signs therefore also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name." Apart from God's Word, faith cannot be created. Let us diligently read God's word, apply it daily in our lives and watch our faith grow!

Send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 155, McLean, TX 79057. You are warmly invited to worship with us: Sundays 10 AM (Bible Study), 10:50 AM (Worship) 6 PM (Worship) and Wednesdays 7 PM (Bible Study). You may request a free Bible study in your home at your convenience. May God bless you in the study of His Word.

Services held For William Foster, Jr.

The Reverend Dr. William Hague Foster, Jr., died Saturday, February 20, 1999, peacefully at his home in Sherman. The memorial service was Thursday, February 25, 1999, at First Presbyterian Church in Whitewright. The Reverend Dr. Robert H. Thompson, minister at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, and the Reverend Michael Rutledge, minister at First Presbyterian Church, Whitewright, conducted the service. His parents, the Reverend Dr. William Hague Foster and Bess Hardwicke Omohundro Foster, and daughter, Judith Lynn Foster Salmon, predeceased Dr. Foster. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Sitter Foster; daughter, Nancy Foster McGraw and husband, Jack W. McGraw, of Englewood, Colorado; son, Evan Sitter Foster and wife, Gwen M. Foster of Murphy, Texas; son, William Hague Foster, III, and wife Janeice White Foster, of Highland Park, Texas; and William Gordon Salmon, widower of the late Judith Lynn Foster Salmon of Plano, Texas. Dr. Foster is also survived by seven grandchildren, Todd Foster Salmon, Andrew Russell Salmon, Elizabeth Sitter Salmon, Mark Wilson McGraw, David Foster McGraw, Patti Anne Stilwell, Evan

Sitter Foster, Jr., and Katie Marie Foster, and great-grandchildren, Dory Stilwell, Josh Stilwell, Katie McGraw; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dr. Foster was born July 13, 1918, in Midland, Texas. A graduate of Austin College, Sherman, Texas. Dr. Foster received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1942. He and Dorothy were married at Highland Park Presbyterian Church on August 28, 1942. Upon ordination, he was called to First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, Texas. He served his country during World War II as a chaplain with the U.S. Navy SeaBees in the Philippines. Following his military service, Dr. Foster earned a Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, at which time he also studied at Westminster Choir College. His master's thesis at Princeton on church music led to the creation of a new Presbyterian hymnal. He was a member of the committee that produced *The Hymnbook* used by the Presbyterian Church for over 30 years. In 1948, Dr. Foster became an assistant minister at First Presbyterian Church in Houston, whose senior minister was the

renowned, Reverend Dr. Charles King. He was one of four clergy and physicians who met frequently to combine their training to improve care to patients. From this start, a national organization emerged. He also conducted a weekly radio program called "Ask the Minister", which was broadcast in Waco, Texas. In 1952, Dr. Foster accepted a call to be a pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Virginia. During his 23-year tenure at Trinity, the congregation grew in size from 300 to 1,850 members. While at Trinity Presbyterian, he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree from Austin College, he conducted a preaching mission on behalf of the U.S. Air Force at various air bases in Turkey, and he served as a chaplain on the M.S.S. Kungsholm. Under his leadership, Trinity Presbyterian was well known for its Christmas celebrations, notably its live manager scene and bright star and cross on top of the church hill. He was a long time member of the Board of Trustees of Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia. Moving to Sherman in 1977, Dr. Foster served as interim minister at First Presbyterian Church in Dennison and for nearly 17 years at First Presbyterian Church in Whitewright. He retired from the ministry in 1995. Dr. Foster was revered by many, including the congregations he served, the sick and elderly in hospitals and nursing homes, and immigrants seeking a new start in this country. He always had a firm handshake, a smile and a friendly greeting for all. He had a gift for making everyone he met feel important, whatever their station in life. Throughout his life, he was involved with numerous civic organizations, including serving as president of the Arlington Virginia Rotary Club, president of the junior high school Parents-Teachers Association, and president of the Friends of the Library. He was active as a member of the Boy Scout Council, the Sherman, Texas Chamber of Commerce, and the Christian Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, US. In addition, he served for many years as a chaplain to the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association of Washington, D.C. His Christian ministry was marked by a genuine faith in Jesus' resurrection, the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He was a

man with an abundance of interests: old-fashioned American patriotism (he flew the flag daily), storytelling, jokes, singing (especially church choirs), playing piano (by ear), stamp collecting, coin collecting, chess, birdhouses (for purple martins, especially), gardening, reading, politics, his beloved dogs, Kerry and Tuppy. But, mostly he cherished his family, children, and grandchildren. He loved nothing more than reading a story to a grandchild sitting in his lap. He was a man who loved the Lord and was thankful for the life he led. Though he has "gone to Glory" and will be missed deeply by his family and friends, he has left a legacy of

Services Held For Former Resident

Veta Lankford Smith FRITCH - Veta Pauline Lankford Smith, 81, sister of a McLean resident, died Wednesday, February 24, 1999. Services were in Franklin Street Church of Christ with Jay Henderson and Craig Keel officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors. Mrs. Smith was born at McLean. She was a longtime Fritch resident and belonged to the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband,

Lloyd Calvin Smith, in 1985. Survivors include three daughters, Emily Wall of Amarillo, and Elizabeth Pauline Rawlins and Beverly Marie Herin, both of Fritch; three sons, Cecil Eugene Smith of Amarillo, Lloyd Douglas Smith of Vidor and Jimmy Raymond Smith of Brenham; a sister, Zella Mae Brown of McLean; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; 2 nieces of McLean, Rita Brown Crawford and Mickey Lankford Jackson.

Girl Scout Sunday Observed

March 7, 1999 is designated as Girl Scout Sunday. Girl Scouts will be celebrating Girl Scout Sunday as they meet with their troops during the week and wear their Girl Scout uniform to places of worship. Girls will also wear their Girl Scout pin during the week. Churches throughout the Panhandle will be recognizing Girl Scouts during March 7 services. Today Girl Scouts is the largest voluntary

organization for girls in the world, with a national organization in 129 countries. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. alone serves nearly three million girls ages 5-17. The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council, which serves girls in 17 Panhandle counties, has as its mission "to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens."

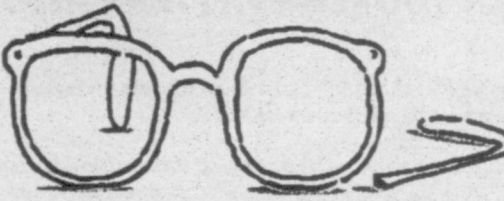
Christian love and friendship for all time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. William Hague Foster, Jr. Music Award, Austin College, 900 North Grand Ave., Ste. 6G, Sherman, Texas 75090, the Home Hospice of Grayson County, P.O. Box 2306, Sherman, Texas 75091, or the charity of donor's choice.

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Wild Fire Warning Issued For Area Plains

Wildfire Danger Report

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Soil moisture up in some areas, but dormant vegetation still very dry across western half of state. Caution needed to prevent wildfires.

Source: Texas Forest Service and cooperating organizations 02-09-99

In response to extremely dry fuel conditions and increasing wildfire activity in the Texas Panhandle, the Texas Forest Service has issued an extreme wildfire danger warning for the region and recommended that outdoor burning be postponed while dangerous conditions persist.

Though much of the Panhandle received significant moisture from snow, sleet or rain a few weeks ago, the resultant increase in soil moisture didn't translate into reduced wildfire danger. Indeed, continued windy weather has sapped moisture from dormant vegetation, rendering it dry and extremely fire-prone.

At least 7,000 acres have burned in the Panhandle over the past two weeks, according to the Texas Forest Service. A fire started by a wheel coming off a trailer burned an estimated 3,000 acres off I-40 near McLean before being controlled by local firefighters. Pampa firefighters responded to a fire caused by electric lines that burned an estimated 2,000 acres before being stopped. Canadian firefighters responded to six fires within the past week, the largest a 2,000-acre blaze that started in the middle of a prairie dog town near the Lipscomb-Hemphill County line. While the presence of rugged terrain contributed to the size that some fires attained before being controlled, the presence of such terrain over large areas of the Panhandle indicates that additional large fires are possible in the future.

Reports obtained by the Texas Forest Service from Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in the Panhandle indicate that though the region is seeing some green-up of vegetation beginning to take place, additional precipitation and more warm weather will be needed to achieve a significant reduction in fire danger.

Increased observance of outdoor fire safety precautions by Panhandle residents and visitors can help prevent potentially devastating wildfires from occurring, said Mahlon Hammett, fire prevention specialist with the Texas Forest Service in Lubbock.

Implementing safety precautions can help keep wildfires from occurring, said Hammett. Observe bans on outdoor burning. Avoid using welding equipment near dry grass and brush; or, where vegetation can't be cleared from the work area, use a field sprayer or backpack sprayer to wet vegetation both in and downwind from the work area. Make sure all outdoor equipment

recommended several fire safety practices to help safeguard homes and outbuildings. Establish firebreaks around buildings and between buildings and road right-of-ways. Keep vegetation (even dormant grass) closely mowed for at least 30 feet from buildings. Keep tall brush and grass out from under overhanging power or telephone lines to protect essential utility service. Maintain roads and bridges on your property so heavy water-laden fire trucks can get to your home and outbuildings. Identify your location with street name and house number, and make sure that your address is easily visible from roadways.

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SBA Disaster Loan Filing Deadline Approaching LUBBOCK
Businesses in some Texas counties have until March 23, 1999 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from drought that occurred from June 1, 1997, through July 8, 1998, and continuing; and

flooding, hail, and high winds that occurred on May 25 and May 26, 1998. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Drought: June 1, 1997 through July 8, 1998 and continuing Texas Counties: Entire State. Flooding, hail, and high winds: May 25 and May 26, 1998 Texas Counties: Coke, Concho, Irion, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher,

Sterling, and Tom Green. Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.

such as mowers, chain saws and vehicles are equipped with working mufflers. Dispose of smoking materials properly, in an ashtray or crushed in bare soil if away from the house or vehicle. Keep vehicles out of tall, dry grass; so hot pollution control equipment doesn't come in contact with flammable vegetation.

Hammett also

School
Griffin, he will be taking up some of the slack along with someone else who is currently on staff due to the loss of the principal's position. Staff positions will be voted on by the board at the next school board meeting. The meeting will be on March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Bible Class 7:30

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Wed. Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
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First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
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Thursday, March 4, 1999



The Cross Of The Plains now displays most of the stations of the Cross. They need only 4 more to have the project complete. "Christ Dies On The Cross" is a set of 3 life sized statues depicting Christ's anguish on Calvary. Easter services have been planned for Good Friday afternoon and Easter Sunday at sunrise.

"Cross of the Plains" Plans Easter Services

The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ is putting out a call to everyone wishing to participate in Easter services out at the Cross.

"We are planning services to begin around 2:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 2. We are looking for preacher's, lay people, singers, choirs,

people to give testimonials or anyone else who would like to participate in the services," commented one volunteer.

The services will continue all afternoon and visitors are encouraged to stay as long as they wish.

There will also be Sunrise services at the

Cross at 7:00 a.m. on Easter morning. All planned services have been ecumenical, however, the volunteer indicated that they would welcome a Mass if someone wished to have one.

Anyone wishing to participate in Good Friday services should call 248-9006.

Local Businesses Gear Up To Take Up Slack Caused By The Closing Of Groom Grocery

The residents of Groom were surprised Monday morning to find the Groom Grocery closed. All day potential customers parked and walked to the front doors only to find them locked.

Dondra Rogers, who has been operating the store, stated last week that Saturday, February 27, would be their last day. The Rogers took the store over in 1997 from Sharlene Lewis.

While rumors have been running rampant, Lewis stated that she is unsure as to what will happen.

"While I am looking into the possibility of purchasing the store, I do not know at this time if it will be feasible," commented Lewis.

Rogers could not be reached by phone for comment as to their future plans.

As for now, Groom Grocery remains closed. However, Groom people are not without options.

Bonnie Peters, manager of Allsup's stated, "We are increasing our supply of basic food items and will be looking into the

See Store, pg. 3

Community Calendar

THE CITY OF GROOM will meet on March 9th. An agenda will be posted on the office door on Monday, March 8th.

THE NATIONAL Honor Society will induct new members on March 25.

GROOM ISD will have Spring Break on March 15-19.

GROOM CITY Council will meet on March 9.

GROOM ISD Spring Break will be on March 15-19.

GERMAN Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 14 in the St. Francis Parish Hall, 10 miles east of Amarillo.

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Joe Homer Re-Up's For Mayor's Race

Joe Homer signed up last week to run for a second term as mayor. Homer is the only candidate who has signed up on the city's ballot to elect a mayor and two city aldermen.

Mary Margaret Brooks and Jimmy Britten will be finishing a term as aldermen. Any interested person may sign up at the city office during regular business hours until March 15.

No one has signed up for two seats on the Groom ISD School Board of Trustees. Tony Treadwell and Tim Case will be ending their current terms in May. Case is finishing up an unexpired term for a member that moved out of the district. The deadline is also March 15 for the School Board.

The election is set for May 1.

TOM GRANTHAM, CPA will be at The Groom News office on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 till 3:00 through April 15. Call his office in Pampa for an appointment.

THE GROOM Lion's Club will hold its annual buffet to raise funds to benefit the Summer Youth program, on March 7 at the Groom Community Center. Serving will begin at 11:30 and end at 1:30.

GROOM SCHOOL Board meeting will be held on March 9th. Please see the west door at the school for a look at agenda on Monday, March 8.

THE FIRST Track Meet of the season will be on March 5 at Lefors.



Girls Just Want To Have Fun? And this is the lively bunch of girls who attend Groom's Chow Line. They are Rosa Lopez, Joy Snyder, Gloria Ledwig and Barney Davis.

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Local Happenings

Last Thursday evening while Ray Pool went to Canyon for a computer lesson taught by his nephew Ronnie Mashburn, who is a college professor at West Texas A&M University, his wife Gaynelle and Bertha Knight visited in Amarillo with Bertha's brother William Neal and wife Floretta. Also visiting the Neal's were the pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, the Reverend Jim Fox, and his wife and daughter.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Rip's niece, Martha Sublett, in Pampa Friday.

Groom School Lunch Menu

Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, fried okra, salad, breadsticks, crackers, pineapple, milk.

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

Lunch: Charbroiled chopped steaks, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, cherry cobbler, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, graham crackers, applesauce, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Sandwiches w/shaved ham, bologna, tuna, pork & beans, peaches, milk.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

March 4 - Wayne Kotara, Mrs. Arthur Britten, Bruce Thornton, Eddie Neal Finck, Chandler Paul Bowers, Mike Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leven (A).

March 5 - Donald Burgin, Wayne Shaw, Tammy Bivens.

March 6 - Michael W. Fraser.

March 7 - Terri Rose, Mary Ann Koetting, Mary Head.

March 8 - Grant Weinheimer, Mrs. Raymond Ruthardt.

March 9 - Pam Ashford.

March 10 - Jeffrey Weinheimer, Karla Koetting.

Sick Or Recovering
 Jerry Thornton, Tom Reed, Mildred Miller.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Johnny Mertel and M.L. Rowan in McLean rest home on Saturday.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Palo Duro rest home in Claude on Sunday.

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Due to the recent discovery of billing problems, please, contact us here at the Groom Clinic with any questions regarding your billing. We will work to get these problems corrected as soon as possible. We regret any inconvenience or frustration to you, our patients.

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Bill Bohr of Circle B Meat stated, "People are welcome to come by and purchase a pound or two of any kind of meat we have... and we have just about all kinds of beef and pork. We also carry pies, cobblers, cheeses, bologna and chopped ham, as well."

Groom's Stop N Shop will also be looking as to what they can do to ease this crisis.

"We will do what we can to help out,"

commented owner Hop Britten. "We will have extra basic items and try to get specialty products if we can."

Circle B, Allsup's and Stop N Shop are committed to helping the residents of the area get through this situation and sharing the business once again when the Groom Grocery reopens.

Words Of Wisdom

Lead me not into temptation, I can find it myself.

Annual St. Francis Dinner Slated

St. Francis Catholic Church is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 14, 1999 in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving time will be from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and those under six years of age eat free. The menu includes traditionally-cooked or smoked German sausage, sauerkraut, green beans,

mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade bread, and homemade cobbler. Take out dinners are available. Advance tickets are available by calling either 335-3856 or 383-1669.

A Country Store will feature a great variety of homemade and baked items. Sausage will be sold and a drawing held.

St. Francis is located 10 miles east of Amarillo on U.S. Highway 60 or one mile east of Iowa Beef Packing Plant.

Groom Ambulance Dept. Memorials

The following memorials were gratefully received in memory of:

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Koetting-Ward Announce Spring Wedding Plans

John and Janice Koetting of Groom announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheridan Michelle, to Tye A. Ward.

Ward is the son of Hal and Judy Ward of Vega.

The couple plans to be wed May 22 at St.

Marys Catholic Church in Groom.

The bride-elect attends Amarillo College and works at Lovelady-Christy Associates.

The prospective groom served in the U.S. Army and is employed as a Field Lieutenant at the Clements Unit.

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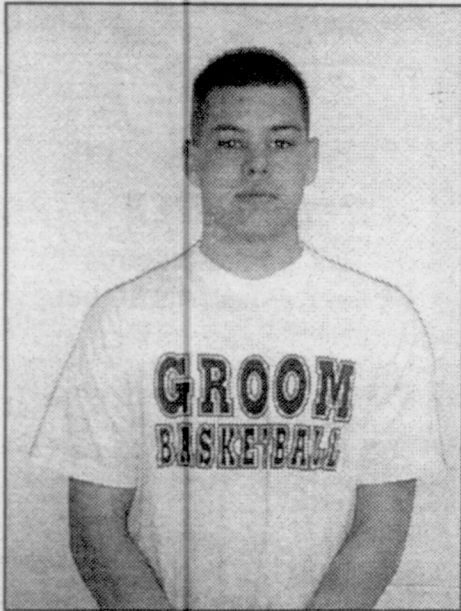
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Groom Tigers End 1998-99 Basketball Season

The Groom Tigers ended basketball season with a loss to Paducah. "The first half, I thought we moved the ball well. We were patient," commented Randy Yelverton, head coach of the Tigers.

The Tigers scored 15 points in the first half to Paducah's 28. Josh Evenson sank two 3-pointers during the period.

"During the second half, the Tigers got a little anxious and got out of rhythm and they (Paducah) took advantage," continued Yelverton.

Evenson led the scoring in the second half as well, earning him high point honors with a total of 14 points. Dwayne Gray had another 7 points for the Tigers. Wyatt Weinheimer added 5 more. Dean Fields and Dusty Crump added two each. The final score was Groom 30, Paducah 66.

All District Team Named, Evenson Selected All-Star

District 9-1A coaches are pleased to announce the All-District team. Josh Evenson and Daniel Treadwell have been named to the first team. Wyatt Weinheimer and Chris Ollinger were named to the second team.

Josh Evenson was also selected to the 6-man, All Star team.

"We are very proud of these players," stated Coach Randy Yelverton. "The seniors will be missed next year."

Former Stranded Motorist Remembers Groom

Weather Related Story From Ohio
[From the Jan. 9 edition of the Chronicle-Telegram, Elyria, Ohio]

A snowstorm is whipping up through the Texas Panhandle and into the Midwest and might dump 8 to 12 inches of snow in Lorain County.

The National Weather Service report made this reporter recall memories of another storm in the Texas Panhandle.

When I moved from Ohio to Arizona for a previous job, a snowstorm along Interstate 40 stranded me, my cousin and the U-Haul truck in Groom, Texas, a tiny town along Route 66.

Ice was caked like cobblestones about 4 inches thick along I-40. It caused three semi's to jackknife and block the road, which forced other motorists off the highway.

All the motel rooms were taken, but the townsfolk showed their southern hospitality by opening up the Baptist church as an overnight shelter for travelers.

Groom, which is part of the nation's Baptist belt, stakes its claim to fame as being the town to feature the tallest cross in the western hemisphere.

It also is the same town where most of the Steve Martin movie "Leap of Faith" was filmed - with Martin playing the role of a traveling evangelist who made it appear as if he miraculously could cure people.

So have faith, this winter can't last forever. . . can it?

(By Mike Sakal)

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GOP Party For Rural Counties

The Republican Party in rural counties of the Texas Panhandle is having a barbeque dinner and auction on Saturday, March 20, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Drive to promote enthusiasm and provide a pool of funds to help GOP candidates in rural counties,

Sponsoring tables for six dinner guests and attendance to a press conference and reception at 5:00 p.m. are available for \$600. Dinner tickets are \$25 each or \$150 for a table of six.

For information on tickets and contributing items and services, call Jeri Osborne, Carson County Chairperson at 335-2163.

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Obituary

William Thomas Sweatt
MEMPHIS- William Thomas Sweatt, 83, died Friday, February 25, 1999.

Services were Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. O.K. Bowen officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery by Memphis Funeral Home.

Mr. Sweatt was born in Collingsworth, and was a farmer and a mechanic. In 1937, he married Lena Lacy.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Thomas "Ned" Sweatt of Arlington, Kenneth Dale Sweatt of Childress and Darrell Wayne Sweatt of Memphis; a brother, Don Sweatt of Fort Worth; a sister, Bell Hughes of Childress; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Kenneth Sweatt is the former Superintendent in Groom. Friends may extend their sympathy by writing to him at 700 Ave G SE, Childress TX 79201.

Words Of Wisdom

If an offense comes out of the truth, it is better that the offense come than the truth be concealed. (St. Jerome)

Brush & Palette Plan Spring Fling

By Nita Ramming
Brush and Palette met Monday, March 1, for their monthly luncheon and all day meeting. It is good to be back again after missing several meetings. Nobody would write the news article for me. They all said it was good to be able to talk freely without the threat of seeing what they said in print. It's a good thing I have thick hide or they might hurt my feelings a bit.

We had a real great variety of salads. Charlene said she would never make a pasta salad that came out of a box like mine did. Hers came out of a bag. Juandell worked hard on hers all weekend in Lubbock. She stopped at WalMart on the way home this morning. Now that is using your head. Attebury was hosting a Steak And Tater doin's next door. Tony and Bob were so generous and brought us all a steak. Now that was real neighborly of them and the steak was delicious. Thanks a lot! Hope they have all their eating meetings on the first Monday at noon.

I'm sure they enjoyed listening to us giggle while they were trying to hear the speaker. Rick and Kelly stuck their

heads in to see what we were up to on their way home after filling up on that good eating. Sure am glad we weren't misbehavin'.

Dorothy is back with us after being in VanHorn for a while. She just brought another trailer load in this weekend and has boxes everywhere. All that stuff came out of that house but she doesn't think it is going to fit back in again. She brought her beans in a round casserole bowl with one ear and a square lid. Now figure that one out. We are very glad to have her back.

As usual, Pat sat there painting up a storm while the rest of us chattered and did nothing. She said Dan was feeling so poorly that he wasn't even going to play golf. He missed out on a beautiful day on the slopes. Get well soon, Dan.

Pat, Charlene and I are so busy at home we hardly have time to clean house or cook. The computer game of FreeCell is the guilty culprit. Pat was so smug about winning 54% of the time that Charlene and I challenged her to a contest. The winner will be announced next month.

Charlene was busy running back and forth to her house trying to remember everything she was supposed to remember. It is getting harder and harder as the years go by for all of us. She was going to look in Buddy's shop for a pattern for me and he told her to just stay out and he would find it for her. Sounds like she might be a catastrophe. Reckon she would let him rummage in her upstairs room? I don't think so!

Evelyn is about finished sewing little holes and cutting them out again on her tablecloth. It is really going to be pretty on some lucky someone's table. Think she is going to bring her paints next time. We all are a little on the uncreative side this year except Pat and Charlene. We did watch some painting videos and got a little inspiration. Maybe we will all get started on something next week.

Debbie dropped by to tell Shirley that Lance would spray her weeds after school so she left early to go help him. Just call her "Motorcycle Mama." Bet that was quite a sight with Shirley at the wheel of the four-wheeler and Lance

hanging on for dear life spraying those weeds.

Now Dorothy had to have a lesson about the birds and bees. It took a lot of explaining how my grandson and his wife will have three babies under 21 months of age, but we finally got it across to her that you don't count your chickens until they are hatched.

Our Spring Fling is coming up March 29th. We are going to visit Kenneth Wyatt's Studio in Tulia and then do some shopping here and there. We would be glad to have you join us. We always have a blast. Once again we were saddened by the loss of another painter's husband. We extend our sympathy to Shirley and her family in the loss of Billy.

Pat, Charlene, Evelyn Juandell, Shirley, Dorothy and Nita were present. Toni wasn't feeling well and stayed home. Hope she is better soon. We need some more numbers so come visit us. You just might like us and I promise to get your name in the paper with some juicy tidbit of news. See you next month.

Thought For The Day

If it goes without saying, let it.

Call IRS For Service

It's easier to get tax help and information from the Internal Revenue Service. Print, fax, telephone and computer services are available all year long. Here are some numbers to remember. "800" and "877" numbers are toll-free.

* Free forms and publications - 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-TAX-FORM). Get Publication 910 for a list of most publications, some in Spanish.

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publications - buy a CD for \$25 from the National Technical Information Service at 1-877-233-6767 or for \$18 at www.irs.ustreas.gov/cdor on the Internet.

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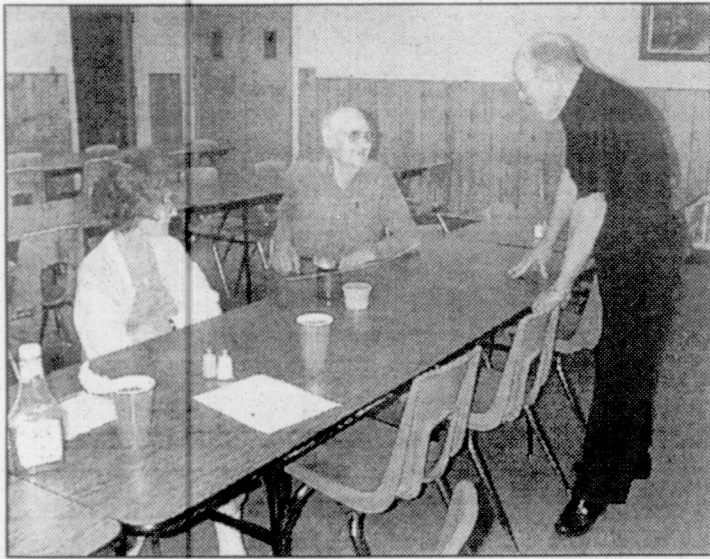
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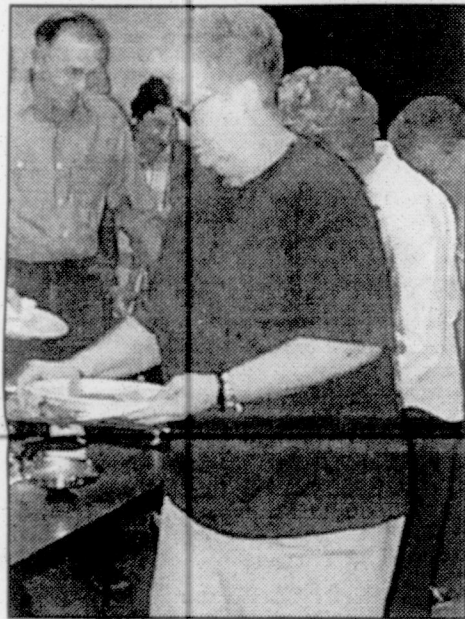




Joy and Rip Snyder visit with Scott Shurley at Chow Line. Below: Mary Margaret Brooks visits Chow Line whenever she gets the chance.



Nurse Loretta Britten and Lucille Merrick get ready to enjoy a delicious meal.



Windbreak Trees Offered For Spring Planting

Windbreak trees suitable for Spring planting are being offered by the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District. Applications may be made by land-users who reside in Carson County.

Orders will be taken through March 9. However, orders should be made as soon as possible to assure a good selection. Delivery of the trees will be in late

March. The trees may be used for improving wildlife habitat and for establishing field and farmstead windbreaks. Evergreen trees available include Austrian Pine, Redcedar, Spruce, Pinon, Ponderosa, Juniper, and Scotch Pine. Hardwood

trees available include American Plum, Aromatic Sumac, Catalpa, Desert Willow, Fourwing Saltbush, Green Ash, Honey-locust, Lacebark Elm, Lilac, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Sandcherry, Sand Plum, and Shumard Oak.

To obtain more information, contact the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District. The office has moved to the Sun Bank Building at 221 Euclid in Panhandle. The phone number remains the same, 537-3504.

Advertisement to Bidders

Sealed proposals addressed to Board of Trustees, Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District, Rt. 1, Box 27, Groom, Texas 79039 herein called "Owner", will be accepted for the Construction of:

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- Proposal 3: Removal of Building C
- Proposal 4: Removal of Building D
- Proposal 5: Demolition and removal of concrete and construction of new building pad.

Bids will be received at the Grandview-Hopkins School Board Meeting Room located 18 miles South of Pampa, Texas on Highway 70 and 2.8 miles West on FM 293 in Gray County, Texas until 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 25, 1999. Bids will be opened publicly and will be read aloud at that time. Plans and specifications have been prepared by Stephen L. Butler, Architect, P. O. Box 1307, 300 T-Anchor View, Canyon, Texas 79015 (phone: 806-655-9361) and may be obtained at the Grandview-Hopkins I.S.D. school offices (806-669-3831) or Jerry Haning Builders, Inc., Construction Manager, P.O. Box 50005, Amarillo, Texas 79159 (806-353-3846). Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope with the name of the project and bid proposal written on the outside of the envelope. Bidders are required to submit with their bids a bid bond or certified check deposit made out to the Owner as payee or obligee in the amount of \$5,000.00 per proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds will be required of the successful contractor supplying a bid bond. The certified check deposit will be returned to the successful contractor upon completion of the project, less any liquidated damages as described in the specifications.


A pre-bid meeting will be held for any bidders wishing to attend on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 2:00 pm at the Grandview-Hopkins I.S.D. school building located 18 miles South of Pampa on Hwy. 70 and 2.8 miles West on FM 293 in Gray County, Texas.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or reject any proposal and to waive all formalities.

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