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Reminder

DON'T BE CONFUSED about the two upcoming elections! In the Primary Election: Last day to vote early - March 8. Election will be held on March 12. In the Local Elections for City Council and School Board: Early voting begins on April 17th. Election will be held on May 4th.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS Tournament at Wheeler on March 1 & 2, 3rd-5th grade only.

FFA students will be traveling to the San Angelo Stock Show next week. Good luck!

MARCH 20th is the last day for a place on the ballot if you want to run for the school board.

FAMILY READING Night in Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Library.

Primavera Crowned Miss McLean, 2002

Brittany Primavera was crowned Miss McLean of 2002 on Saturday evening, February 23. Brittany is 16 years old and is a Junior this year at McLean High School. She is the daughter of Butch and Katie Warner of McLean. She was escorted by Tyler Hanes. Tyler is 15 years old and a freshman at MHS. He is the son of Tammy and Marshal Hanes. Brittany looked lovely in a pale pink dress of satin and chiffon.

McLean, Randi Riley, first runner up, Jamie Seitz, second runner up, Daneille Dampier, Katrina Roton, and Jennifer Smith. Ashley McClendon was voted Miss Congeniality.

Miss McLean 2001, Cesily Cadra, crowned Brittany Miss McLean. Cesily wore a periwinkle sequined dress.

Brittany will represent Miss McLean at the Shamrock parade.

Robinson Runs For County Commissioner



Ed Robinson is running for Gray County Commissioner, Precinct 4. Mr. Robinson has stated that he wants to preserve the underground water in Gray County. He wants to entice new business to locate in Gray County but in a responsible manner so as not to jeopardize the water. Mr. Robinson also wants to promote more self-



employment so that Gray County residents can lessen their reliance on government. He wants to continue to improve

the emergency services in Gray County with a special emphasis on elderly citizens.

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Time For City, School Candidates To File For Place On May Ballot

Filing is now open for those interested in serving on the McLean ISD School Board or the McLean City Council. Potential candidates have until March 20th to file.

Two terms will expire on the School Board which are currently held by Billie Ward and Don Dorsey.

On the City Council, three places will be on

the ballot, currently held by Doyle Lee, Jim McDonald, and Joe Creed Lamb. Doyle Lee has filed his application for a place on the ballot. He is seeking re-election after being appointed to fill an unexpired term. Mindy Reeves has placed her name as a candidate for the ballot for city council.

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Parent Teacher Association Hosts DPS Program On Drugs & Alcohol Abuse



The McLean PTA met Tuesday, February 19 at the McLean Elementary cafeteria. The minutes were read by Beverly Odom and Susan Williamson gave the Treasurer's report. Jay Burnett gave a membership update and informed those present of four awards that the PTA earned. The Golden Apple Award was awarded for 100% faculty membership. The Hand In Hand Award was given for twenty-five or more community members who do not have children attending school in McLean. The Lone Star Award was given for winning at least three other awards and the 10% Increase Award was given for a 10% increase from last year's

membership.

Mr. Crockett presented the PTA with the school's report card given by the state of Texas. The McLean Schools once again received a five-star rating. This is the highest rating that a school can receive. This is a special achievement since none of the other schools in this area received such a high rating. Of the four schools in Pampa, one received four stars. Of the thirty-four schools in Amarillo, only five schools earned five stars. Of the thirty-nine Lubbock schools, four schools received the five stars. Of the 146 Dallas schools, only 23 received five stars.

Following Mr. Crockett's report

unfinished business was discussed. A resolution passed to pay the childcare workers during the PTA meetings. The popcorn and pickle sale item was tabled. The Teacher of the Year nominations are being taken. It was decided that the PTA would pay for an "Exemplary School" banner at the cost of \$25.00.

New business included a passed resolution to give the kindergarten and first grade classes \$25.00 for a field trip in March. A scholarship committee was formed. On April 6, a CPR class will be conducted. This class will be held all day for those to receive a certificate for the first time. It will be four hours long for those

individuals who are recertifying. The cost will be \$5.00. It will be conducted in the cafeteria or the gym. New business concluded with the reading of "thank you" notes by Janet Glass and Shelly Long.

Lucinda Russell, the Information Officer of the Department of Public Safety, provided the evening's program. Ms.

Russell has been with the DPS since 1993. Ms. Russell spoke on drug and alcohol abuse especially among children. She also emphasized the importance of seat belts. Ms. Russell educated the PTA about the many types of drugs used by kids both legal and illegal. She stated that

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**McLean Birthdays
Anniversaries**

February 28 - Mike Acuna.
 February 29 - Mike Harkins.
 March 1 - Shane Coleman, Betty Mackie, Marvis Godfrey.
 March 2 - David Swafford, Robin Smith, Allison Hill, Joel Wilson.
 March 3 - Ann Pierce, Glenda White, Wayne Ennis.
 March 4 - Norma Sue (Hill) Bassett, Jacque Riley, Herschel Wolfe.
 March 5 - Doris Hill, Trudy Myers, Jerry Corbin, Nona Turpen, Jason Thomas, LaTonya Phillips, Becky M. Thomas, Jason Thomas, Sami Staton, Betty Mackie, Gordon Sheplor.
 March 6 - Chuck Pierce, Holly Crystal Myers, Sarah Holland, Ande Shank, Wanda Sharp, Linda Syfrett, John Dickinson.

New Case Of Rabies Confirmed

There has been a second confirmed case of rabies in Gray County involving a skunk and a pet. The location was a ranch just north of Pampa. It took a place on February 14, 2002.

A ranch hand and his wife had entered a barn to look at a puppy and witnessed the skunk biting the puppy. The skunk was killed and taken to a veterinary clinic for testing. The rabies test results were positive and the puppy had to be euthanized.

In 2001, there were seventeen confirmed cases of skunks with rabies. Protect your pets and have them vaccinated as soon as possible. Neither in 2001 or 2002 have there been any reported cases of humans being bitten by rabid skunks.

Bron Bohlar Is Junior Firefighter



Bron Bohlar has become McLean's only junior firefighter for many years. Bron is the 17 year old son of Toni Bohlar; he is a junior at MHS.

A junior firefighter is now allowed to ride in the trucks to an out of town fire and cannot go into a burning structure. They do not fight the fire but provide back up services to the other workers like running errands, filling the trucks with water and bringing

food and drinks to the other workers.

Bron trains with the rest of the firefighters and when he turns 18 he will do everything the other firefighters do except drive a truck for

one year.

To be a junior firefighter you must be between the ages of 15 to 18 years old and a junior firefighter can be male or female. Many of McLean's firefighters

started out as a junior firefighter.



The Uilleann pipe is a type of bagpipe native to Ireland. It is normally played while seated. It has a range of up to 2 octaves.

Fire Burns 2500 Acres

On Sunday, February 24 at 10:45 a.m., the McLean Fire Department was called to a grass fire on the properties of the Trew and Kade-Matthews Ranches. The fire started along I-40 and burned approximately 2,500 acres of range. Due to strong winds the fire was not put out until 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening.

Eight fire departments responded to the call with three precincts in Gray County providing equipment. Donnelly County provided road graders. Altogether 65 people fought the fire and 38 pieces of equipment were used.

Many people in the community provided food, drinks and services to the firefighters. Pucketts Food Store opened to provide food and drinks. Thanks to all of you for your help, it was appreciated by the firefighters.

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ROBINSON
 For Gray County Commissioner
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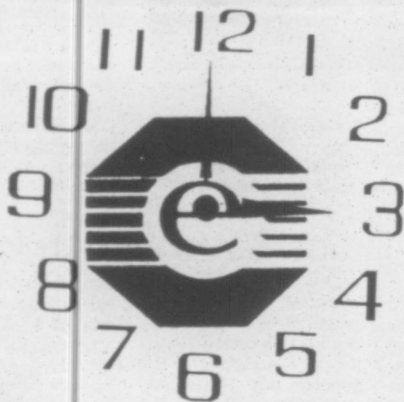
Delbert and Ruth Trew would like to thank the McLean Fire Department and other units from Lefors, Clarendon, Shamrock, Groom and maybe others we did not see for their help during our range fire last Sunday. Thanks also to the county precincts for the use of county equipment and drivers to grade firebreaks. We appreciate neighbors from the Mathews Ranch, Johnson Ranch, Mike Darsey, Dale Steel and Lane Thompson for their help.

In spite of the strong, changing winds, the fire which started along I-40, damage was held to approximately 2500 acres burned away and a few fences. Good work folks and thanks a million for your help!

Delbert Trew

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Wednesday: Cinnamon toast, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday: Scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Sloppy Joes, fritos, veggie sticks,

pickle spears, brownies, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, scallop potatoes, carrots, texas toast, pudding, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle, onions, curly fries, lazy daisy cake, milk.

Thursday: Chicken fajitas, peppers, onions, salad, refried beans, sopapillas, milk.

Friday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

ROBINSON

Ed Robinson has run a small business in Pampa for eighteen years. Ed and his wife, Christy, have five children and ten grandchildren. They have lived in Pampa for twenty years. They moved there from Bartlesville, Oklahoma where he owned a restaurant for five years. He owns livestock and is interested in livestock.

Mr. Robinson says that he likes the living conditions in Pampa. He also says that he sees a lot of potential for McLean since it is located right on I-40. He says that he will work hard in the best interest of McLean. "I want the people of McLean to know, if I win, I will be their servant also and will be on call twenty-four hours a day if needed."

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McLean beauties take home honors after Miss McLean Pageant.

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CORRECTION

The School Board minutes of Feb. 18, 2002 should have read that applications will be reviewed for a Kindergarten teacher. Sorry for the mistake.

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K-2ND LITTLE DRIBBLERS

We want to congratulate all the teams for doing so well in our Little Dribbler Tournament this past Thursday and Friday. We also want to thank all the parents and other volunteers for helping through many long hours. We appreciate all who donated their time to ref., keep books, run the score clock, work the gate or clean up. A special thank you to Project Graduation for making a concession stand possible. The tournament was a big success but it would not have been possible without all your help. Thanks also to the parents for letting us have this learning experience with your children.

McLean Little Dribbler Association



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marijuana, alcohol and tobacco are the three most popular gateway drugs. She said that 22% of kids are taught about drugs by their parents and 88% were taught by teachers. Sixteen percent of kids say that they have used marijuana at friends' houses, 10% at the park, 8% at home and 4% at school. Most kids use drugs on Friday and

Saturday nights. Ways to discourage drug usage among kids is for parents to wait up for their children, to look throughout the kids' rooms and cars for drug paraphernalia and to listen and discuss things with the kids. It should be noted that children who use marijuana experience an increase in appetite and sleepiness. In large doses, it can

induce hallucinations. Some drugs cause rapid weight loss.

Ms. Russell said that marijuana is the largest crop with two harvests in Mexico. It is moved across the country year r o u n d . Methamphetamines are easy to make in the home by simply using easily obtainable ingredients using recipes found on the internet.

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Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
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First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Brian Gilsenberry, Pastor 779-2175
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(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

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

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
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Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

PIONEER STUDY CLUB

The Pioneer Study Club met at the Library on Feb. 21.

Jerry Corbin called the roll and gave the minutes of the last meeting.

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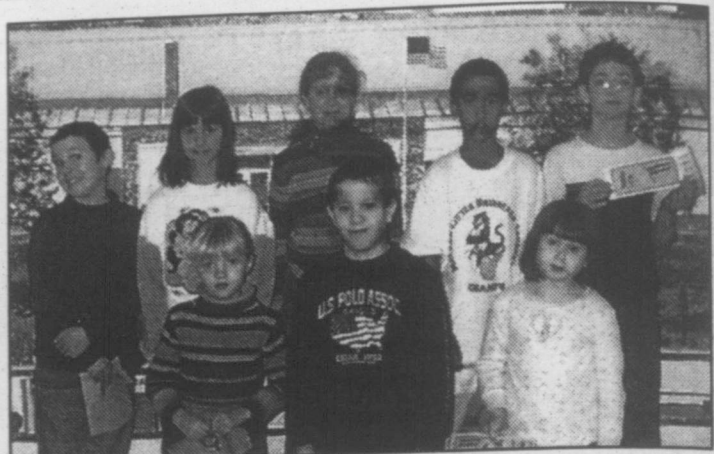
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Students of the Week for Feb. 18 - Feb. 22: Kindergarten-Shelby Adams; 1st Grade-Emilee Blum; 2nd Grade-Chase West; 3rd Grade-Anthony Shackelford; 4th Grade-Jessi Skipper; 5th Grade-Jamie Sanderson; 6th Grade-D.J. Menefeld; 7th Grade-Brandon Phillips.

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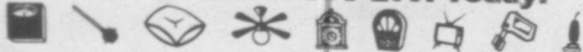
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary from the estate of Margie L. Smith, Deceased, were issued on February 18, 2002, in Cause N. 3353, pending in the County Court of Carson County, Texas to: Don A. Smith.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Groom, Carson County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: Marshall Sherwood Attorney At Law P.O. Box 947 Panhandle TX 79068

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DEMOCRAT

For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 **Bill Hinson**

For Carson County Treasurer **Jeannie Cunningham**

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk **Celeste Bichsel**

REPUBLICAN

For Carson County Judge **Lewis Powers**


For Carson County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 **Phyllis Tyler**


For Gray County Clerk **Susan Windom**

For Gray County Inspector Of Hides and Animals **Bill Reeves**


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Community Calendar

SPRING BREAK for Groom ISD will be March 11-15.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY will install new members on March 21.

AFTER Graduation Meeting, next Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dairy Queen. Everyone is invited.

GEDC will meet tonight, Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. On the agenda are committee reports, homebuyers assistance applications and discussion of 1-40 sign lease.

DON'T BE CONFUSED about the two upcoming elections! In the Primary Election: Last day to vote early - March 8. Election will be held on March 12. In the Local Elections for City Council and School Board: Early voting begins on April 17th. Election will be held on May 4th.

HIGHLAND PARK Relays will be held on March 1st & 2nd.

FEB. 25 is the 1st day for early voting in the Primary Election. March 8th is the last day to vote early.

Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat.....\$2.39
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GEDC Agrees To Hear From Dairy Consultant On Feasibility

Over thirty people gathered at the monthly meeting of the Groom Economic Development Corporation meeting last Tuesday night. All were interested in what the Board would have to say in light of the recent announcement by school officials that the future of the school is in serious jeopardy.

President David Brown called the meeting to order with the following members of the board present: Vice President Nathan Wieberg, Secretary Joyce Hutsell, Members Kim Brumley-Bates, Sandra Britten, Rick Prather, and Joe Rae Richardson. Visitors included Alvin & Judy Adams, Dennis Babcock, Kathleen Barkley, Rodney Bohr, Tony Britten, Karen

Brown, Mike Brown, Tim Case, Catarino Chavez, Marci Conrad, Connie de la Paz, Barry Fields, Gary and Julie Friemel, Mike Friemel, Joe Homer, Phillis Jackson, Sharlene Lewis, Forrest McLaughlin, Bill Musser, Kevin Noack, Kelvin and Debbie Ollinger, Tony Painter, Larry Roskens, Ellis Stapp, Fabian Torres, Tony Treadwell, Pat Weinheimer Jr., Chris Welch, Kenny Weller and Donna Burton.

Mike Friemel took the floor to explain what he knew about a company called Dairy Strategies LLC. The group is a type of consulting firm that does feasibility studies in rural areas to help develop dairy farms. The group will come in and do a 3 to 4 hour

presentation for the public and then if the public or group likes what they hear, Dairy Strategies LLC will conduct a feasibility study to find out among many other factors, the best place to put a dairy in our area and the environmental impact.

According to Friemel, the group had talked to him about, eventually, a 2800 head operation, which would increase tax values approximately 7 million dollars. The initial meeting would cost \$375.00 and the feasibility study would cost between \$5,000-\$6,000. Friemel stated that after that is done, the consulting firm would put investors in touch with dairy people. The operation would not necessarily be a new dairy, but rather a relocated or

See GEDC, pg. 5

Ollinger Files, Case Will Not Run Again



W. H. Ollinger

Filing is now open for those interested in serving on the Groom ISD School Board or the Groom City Council.

Potential candidates have until March 20th to file for a place on the ballot for the May 4th election.

No one as of yet has filed

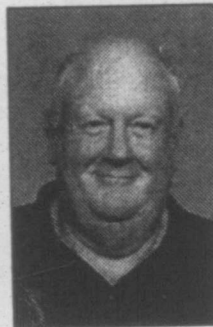
to serve on the Groom ISD School Board. Two terms of office will be expiring on the board that are now held by Kelvin Ollinger and Tim Case.

On the City Council, incumbent W.H. Ollinger has filed his application for a place on the ballot. He is seeking his second term.

Alderman Don Case has announced that he will not seek office again.

"I think it is time for new blood on the city council," stated Case, when asked why he did not plan to seek another term of office. He was elected to serve the City in 1996.

Ellis Stapp holds the third seat. He has not yet announced if he will seek another term of office as city alderman.



Don Case

Early voting will begin on April 17th. Those who wish to vote early in person may do so at the School Business office or City Hall. Ballots may also be requested by mail. Contact early voting judge Joyce Hutsell at the school or

See Election, pg. 2

Bohr Named MVP



Candace Bohr

Candace Bohr was named "Most Valuable Player" in the Region 1 District 3 1-A All-District Basketball section announced by district coaches this week. Bohr is a senior and the daughter of Rodney and Michelle Bohr. She, with her teammates, lead the Tigers to the Bi-District level of play this year.

Barnett and Jackie Barnett earned 2nd team honorees. Haley Bennett and Amber Solis of Hedley, Rachel Matthews of Samnorwood and Amanda Daughterty of Lefors were also named to the second team.

Making the honorable mention list were Staci Britten and Lauren Crowell of Groom. Staci is a junior and the daughter of Jigger and Sandra Britten. Lauren is a junior and the daughter of Jerry and Lezlie Crowell.



Amanda Conrad

Also with Honorable Mention honors are Kasi Woodard of Hedley, Kattie Barnes and Savannah Smith of Lefors, Randi Riley, Nikki Hefley, Shaley Steel and Danielle Dampier of McLean and Rosanna Ramos of Samnorwood.

In the Boys All-District



Krisanne Davis

Also honored as 1st team All-District were Amanda Conrad and Krisanne Davis. Amanda is a junior and the daughter of Donnie and Marcia Conrad. Krisanne is a senior and the daughter of Gary and Marcia Davis. Other players in the district who were named to the 1st team are Lauren Hill, Lora Llewellyn and Rebekah Howard of Hedley.

Nichole Barnett, senior and daughter of Donna



Clay Britten

Selections Josh Collins of Hedley earned the MVP honors.

See MVP, pg. 4

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Groom Texas Tech Students Make Honors List

Groom students at Texas Tech University are working hard and many have earned honors for the fall semester. Macie Britten was named to the President's List. She is a freshman and Human Development and Family Studies major.

Brooke Britten, Chris Ollinger and Dara Whatley earned places on the Dean's List. Brooke is a Freshmen taking pre-dental courses, Chris is an Agriculture major and Dara is majoring in Public Relations.

Local Happenings

THE ELEMENTARY music department will hold a spring concert on March 28 at 10:00 am. K-3 will participate.

ILL OR RECOVERING On the "ill or recovering list" this week are Ronny Fields, Bertha Knight, and Ellis Stapp.

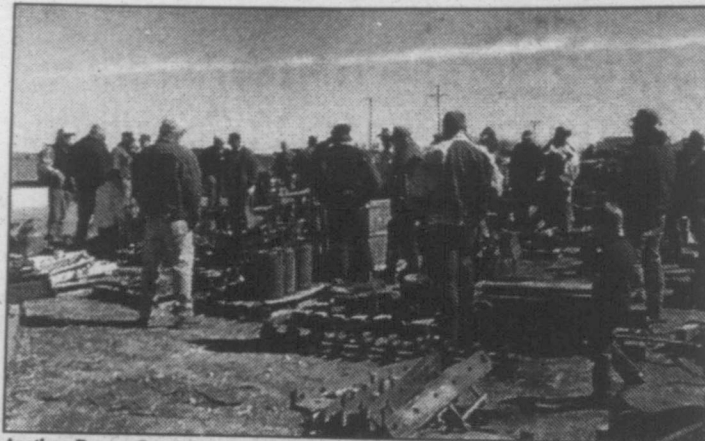
ELECTION Mary Sue Lyles at the city for more information. The election judgment to be held on May 4th.

Terrence Eatmon graduated from Texas Tech last August with a Bachelors Degree in Computer Science. He is the son of Judy Eatmon.

CARD OF THANKS
We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and friendship shown to us during the loss of our mother and grandmother, Mamie Poole. She was an amazing lady, and she loved the people in Groom. That is the reason for moving back so many times! Every phone call, card, and dish of food has been appreciated. Our thanks to Bill Hinson and the ambulance crew, to the ladies who prepared the lunch, and to all who attended the service. She will be missed.

Friends are such a part of all our lives and mean so much to us. We hope you know what a special place you have in our hearts.

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& Skye Brown
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& Kade Brown
Lynita Brown
Tracy, Heidi, Mamie,
Maggie, McKinley,
& Montgomery Brown
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Auction Draws Crowd! At least a couple hundred people turned out for the auction of inventory of Blackwell Supply last weekend. There was so much merchandise that two auctions were being conducted at the same time.

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Beulah Shockley has a new mailing address. It is 714 S. Austin, Room 19, in Tulia, Texas 79088. She also has a new phone number: 806-995-1967. She welcomes all her friends to write or call!

CARD OF THANKS

Our many thanks to each of you for the cards, phone calls, the meal that was prepared for us and the many many prayers after Jessica's accident. It is a blessing to be back in this community where many of you care about the well being of the citizen's and we appreciate each one of you.

Kim, Jessica,
& Brandi Bates

It's a Boy!

John and Karla Neusch are proud to announce the arrival of their son, David Timothy Neusch.

Davis was born February 11, 2002 at 7:42/ He weighed 9 pounds and was 22 inches long. He is welcomed by his siblings William, Ryan Kara and Andrew.

Grandparents are Karen and Don Case of Groom, Texas and Ida Arnold Neusch of Amarillo.

Great-Grandparents are Alice and Bill Longshore of Goodwell, Oklahoma and Lucille Case of Panhandle, Tx.

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The primary function of Carson County elected officials, their time served as well as their salary are included as follows:

County Judge Lewis Powers has served as Carson County judge since 1999 when he outnumbered Jay Roselius who had the job several terms. Power's salary is \$33,732.00 per year from the county and two \$5,000.00 supplement stipends from the state for a total of \$43,732.00. The duties of Carson County Judge include: judicial and administrative powers, who presides over a five-member Commissioners Court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over county government operations. The County Judge handles such widely varying matters as hearings for beer and wine license applications, hearing on admittance to state hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded, juvenile work permits and temporary guardianships for special purposes. The County Judge is also responsible for calling elections, posting election notices, and for receiving and canvassing the election returns. The County Judge may perform marriages.

The County Judge in Texas may have judicial responsibility for certain criminal, civil and probate matters - responsibility for these functions vary from county to county. In those counties in which the Judge has judicial responsibilities, the judge has appellate jurisdiction over matter arising from the justice courts. The County Judge is also head of civil defense and disaster relief, county welfare and in counties under 225,000 population, the Judge prepares the county budget along with the County Auditor and County Clerk.

Sonya Shieldknight,

County Clerk since 1999 draws a salary of \$32,281.00. The same salary drawn by County Attorney, Scott Sherwood. He has been serving the position since 1997. Also, receiving \$32,281.00 per year is County Treasurer Jeanne Cunningham, since 1995 and Barbara Cosper who was appointed in 1998 to the position of Tax Assessor-Collector.

The duties and responsibilities of the County Clerk Sonya Shieldknight are: Administering all county and state elections, including early voting and primaries, unless the commissioners court has transferred the function to the tax assessor-collector or an office of county election administrator; serving as clerk of the county court and the commissioners court and keeping records of the proceedings; acting as record of deeds and other instruments; filing and recording birth and death certificates; recording assumed names, wills and probates; issuing marriage licenses; and accounting for all funds paid to the office by way of fines and fees, and the amount owed to county judge jurors for service.

In Texas counties with a population of less than 8,000, unless there has been a special election, the County Clerk also serves as the District Clerk, assuming all constitutional and statutory duties of the District Clerk, along with those of County Clerk.

The duties of County Attorney are: to represent the state in criminal cases. The County Attorney works with law enforcement officers in the investigation and preparation of cases to be heard before the criminal courts. When requested in writing, the county attorney provides legal counsel to county officers.

The overwhelming importance of the office of public prosecutors arises from the fact that upon the prosecuting attorney rests the power of determining whether prosecution in any given case shall be inaugurated or, if inaugurated, pushed to a successful conclusion.

The duties of County Treasurer are: serving as chief custodian of county finance; receive all monies belonging to the county from whatever source; keeping and accounting for all monies in a designated depository; and paying or disbursing all monies in such a manner as commissioners court may direct, by law.

All receipts of any official belonging to the county must be turned over to the County Treasurer daily. The County Treasurer often acts as the chief liaison between the county and all depository banks. In this capacity, he or she maintains records of all deposits and withdrawals, and reconciles all bank statements, thus assuring their accuracy and the safety of county funds. The County Treasurer, who may be designated as the county's investment officer, is required to submit regular reports on county finance to the members of Commissioners Court to inspect and verify.

The major duty of the Tax Assessor-Collector is the assessment (calculation) of taxes on each property in the county and collection of that tax as established by the State Property Tax Code. In addition, as an agent of the Texas Department of Transportation, the Assessor-Collector is responsible for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles owned by residents of the

county.

Another duty of the county Tax Assessor-Collector is that of voter registration. In most Texas counties, a person would register to vote

through the office of county Tax Assessor-Collector. In a few counties, the Commissioners Court has designated the County Clerk or an elections administrator to provide this function. The county Tax office voter registration responsibilities include accepting applications for voter registration, issuing voter certificates, maintaining voter registration lists, verifying petitions for local option elections and submitting required reports to the Secretary of State's Office.

The county Tax Assessor-Collector is also responsible for the collection of special fees imposed by the county and state on coin-operated vending machines and the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Four commissioners, each elected from a quarter of the county's population serve along with the County Judge on the Commissioners Court. In Carson County, Mike Britten is in his 16th year with all four commissioners at a salary of \$25,565.00 for Precinct One. Kenneth Ware, Precinct Two has served since 1999, Jerry Strawn since 1985, Precinct Three and Kevin Howell serving since 1995 in Precinct Four.

In Precinct Four, four candidates are seeking the Commissioner's seat. They are incumbent Kevin Howell, Bart Wyatt, Grady Milton, and Dudley Pohnert.

Among the responsibilities, the Commissioners Court: sets the yearly property tax rate and approve the

budget and employment level for the county; sets commissioners and justice of the peace precinct boundaries; calls,

conducts and certifies elections, including bond elections; sets employment and benefit policy; establishes long-range thoroughfare, open space, land use, financial and law enforcement/jail needs plans; acquires property from rights-of-way or other uses determined to be in the public's best interest; reviews and approves subdivision platting and wastewater treatment for rural areas; provides rural ambulance services and subsidizes rural fire protection; oversees the construction, maintenance or improvement of county roads and bridges; appoints non-elected department heads and standing committees; supervises and controls the county courthouse, county buildings and facilities; adopts a county budget; determines county tax rates; fills vacancies in elective and appointive position; and has exclusive authority to authorize contracts in the name of the county.

Justice of the Peace, Bill Hinson has served since 1992 the Groom Precinct at a salary of \$23,295.00. Phyllis Tyler, Precinct of Panhandle also serves at a salary of \$23,295.00 since 1991 and Sharon Harper, the Skellytown Precinct since 1983 has served at a salary of \$19,092.00.

Sharon Harper will be retiring when her term expires in January. Four candidates are viewing for the position; they are

Marcy Ruth, Randy Elliott, John R. Corley, Brandie Hefner, Bob Epperson, Stacie Wells.

Section 19 of Article 5 of the Texas Constitution provides that: Justice of

the Peace Courts have original jurisdiction in criminal matters of misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only and such other jurisdiction as may be provided by law. Original jurisdiction is the authority to accept a case at its inception, try it and pass judgement based upon the laws and facts.

This is distinguished from appellate jurisdiction which is jurisdiction to review a court's action. The Justice of the Peace performs the functions of a magistrate and conducts inquests.

A Justice of the Peace may issue warrants for search and arrest, conduct preliminary hearings, administer oaths, perform marriages and serve as the coroner in counties where there is no provision for a medical examiner. The Justice Court also functions as a small claims court in civil matters in which exclusive jurisdiction is not in district or county court and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$5,000.00. They can also deal with matters concerning foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property.

Carson County Sheriff, Gary Robertson has served that position since 1999 taking over the position of Loren Brand who is now the City of Panhandle, Chief of Police. Sheriff Robertson makes a salary of \$32,281.00. Robertson's deputies include Chief Ray Davis, Sergeant Tim Dockery, Deputies Jason and Jay Banks.

Duties of the Sheriff include: providing security for the operation of county and district courts; enforcing traffic laws, other county ordinances and other state laws; service or process; conducting sales of seized and unclaimed properties; accepting bail for prisoners in his custody; and taking charge of and responsibility for the county jail and prisoners.

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MVP

Clay Britten was named to the 1st team All District. He is the son of Greg and Belinda Britten and a sophomore. Also named to the 1st team were Bradley Conatser and Aaron Bugg of Hedley and Ricky Vaughn and Andrew Johnson of Lefors.

Second team honorees include Garrett Britten, Doug Fields and Cody Babcock. Garrett is a senior and the son of Cliff and Susan Britten. Doug is junior and the son of Barry and Carole Fields. Cody is a junior and the son of Gary and Cindi Babcock. Also making the team were David Evans of Hedley and Jessie Ramos of Samnorwood.

Honorable mention honors were awarded to Lance Ollinger and Luke Pavlovsky of Groom. Lance is the son of Kelvin and Debbie Ollinger and a junior. Luke is the son of "Pav" and Toni Pavlovsky and a senior. Also making the Honorable Mention list was Shane Mangelsdorf of Hedley, Josh Jackson of

Lefors, Chris Sparling of McLean, Jeff Hammond and Justin Egner of Samnorwood.

Congratulations to all these fine athletes on their accomplishments this year.

Tennis Teams Prepare For New Season

Groom's tennis teams will compete in the following competitions:

Mar 1 & 2: Vega @ Amarillo's Austin Tennis Center.

Mar 5: Panhandle here @ 4:15.

Mar 19: Small School Invitational Tourney @ Amarillo's Austin Tennis Center

Mar 28: Panhandle, Here

April 2 & 3: District Tennis @ Pampa

April 20: Regional Qualifiers Meet @ Amarillo Tennis Center.

April 24 & 25: Regional Meet @ Levelland.

May 6 & 7: State Meet @ Austin.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 28 - Katie McGuire, Matthew Keith Fields, Mrs. Harris E. Howard, Gary Don Davis, Ellis Stapp.

February 29 - Erma Ray Rutherford, Mary Spencer.

March 1 - Sharri

Renee Britten.

March 2 - Kenny Schultz, Kenneth Ray Burger, Tommy Head.

March 3 - Dara Whatley, Curtis Whatley, Joe McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burgin (A), Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope (A), Mr. and Mrs. Tony Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray

(A), Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burk (A).

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 - Stacy Ford, Donald Burgin, Wayne Shaw, Shirley Parrish.

March 6 - Keston Walf, Michael W. Fraser.

GRANDVIEW HOPKINS 4TH SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL A HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Claire Hopkins and Alex Stevens.

Second Grade: Amber Harris, Chloe Zedlitz, Hilary Zedlitz.

Third Grade: Kyle Turner.

Fourth Grade: Hilary Acker.

Fifth Grade: Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins, and Tyler O'Neal.

Sixth Grade: Rusty Warner.

A-B HONOR ROLL Second Grade: Ty Baggerman.

Third Grade: Reid Bradley.

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT NAMED

Academic All-District teams were named for the season. Groom had several athletes make the prestigious list. They include:

Freshmen Chance Barkley and Adam Britten; Sophomore Clay Britten; Juniors Cody Babcock, Doug Fields, and Lance Ollinger; and Seniors Garrett Britten, Wyatt Britten and Luke Pavlovsky.

On the Girls Academic All-District list are: Sophomore Britteny Martin, Juniors Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Lauren Crowell, Amanda Martin, and Laurissa Noack; Seniors Cassie Ashford, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, and Krisanne Davis.

Girls To Compete in Track Meet

Four girls will compete in a track meet to be held at Highland Park in Amarillo this weekend on March 1 & 2. They are Laurissa Noack, Jennifer Jenkins, Staci Britten and Krisanne Davis.

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- Great Plains Crop Service
- Friemel Brothers
- Juandell & Jack Bivens
- Jiggs & Janie Britten
- Travis Trussell

TIGERETTES END SEASON

The Groom Tigerettes ended their 2002 Basketball Season with a 19-8 record. They competed against Nazareth for the Bi-District Championship in Canyon at the WTA&M Box. Candace Bohr lead the scoring with 12 points. Krisanne Davis added another 10. Amanda Conrad scored 9 points. Nichole Barnett had 7. Lauren Crowell 6, Amanda Martin 4, and Staci Britten had 2 points. The final score was Nazareth 74, Groom 50.

"I was very proud of the outcome and hard work these ladies showed throughout this year,"

stated Coach Shannon Fisher. "They should also be proud of themselves, given their tough schedule. They did a really great job

adjusting to a different style of game than what they are use to. It's because of their hard work and dedication that allowed them to be so successful. I knew the

first time I saw these girls play we were going to have the potential of being great, and they proved that to me."

"I would also like to thank the parents and fans for their support this

year. Its very important to have support such as this to boost the success of these student athletes. Thanks to you and the girls, we had a great year."



expansion of an existing one.

The Board unanimously agreed to cover the cost of the initial presentation so that the firm can present their information to the public.

A discussion was held concerning a wind farm similar to the one located near White Deer. Not much was known concerning the particulars of such project except that quite a bit of research must be done in advance of construction of this type of facility. President Brown appointed Member Joe Rae Richardson and Tim Case to further investigate the feasibility.

Mike Friemel presented some information on a regional economic development corporation called "The High Ground of Texas". The organization was at one time linked to SPS. Mayor Joe Homer agreed to research the group for possible membership on behalf of the city and the EDC.

An application for "Homebuyers Assistance" was submitted to the board by Catarino and Connie de la Paz for the purchase of a home on Lot 4, Block 2, Power Subdivision in Groom. A special meeting will be called to vote on the application at a later date.

The Board voted to match the Athletic Booster Club's \$300.00 contribution toward the payment of team chairs, already purchased for the high school gymnasium. All

were in favor with the exception of Sandra Britten who abstained.

Approval was given for the purchase of 40 vests at approximately \$5.00 each for the "Keep Groom Beautiful" committee. The vest will be worn for safety by volunteers during clean up efforts. All member voted in favor except President Brown who abstained.

Mayor Homer offered to check to see if the City can help with various fees paid by the Keep Groom Beautiful committee which is chaired by David and Lanna Brown.

Negotiations with the estate of Nathan and birdie Helton in the purchase of Lots 10, 11, 12, in Block 21 Original Town of Groom for the amount of \$3,500 as authorized by vote in the meeting of October 23, 2002 were approved for finalization.

The Guidelines for Land Grants were amended. A copy of the new guidelines are available for public inspection by seeing the secretary, Joyce Hutsell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were corrected and approved.

The current budget was reviewed and the bank balance of \$45,386.23 was reported.

The board meets monthly and all meetings are open to the public.

What a talker he is—he could persuade a fish to come out and take a walk with him.

—Mark Twain

Area Obituaries

WILLIAM OSCAR "BILL" MOORE

CLAUDE-William Oscar "Bill" Moore, 79, passed away on February 18, 2002. Services were held on Feb. 22 at the Clarendon Church of Christ. Burial was in the Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Moore was born July 27, 1922 at Clarendon and had been a resident of Donley and Armstrong Counties most of his life. He married Ella Marie Miller on January 18, 1947 at Neodesha, Ks. She preceded him in death on September 25, 1997. He married Carrol Jean Morgan on October 15, 1999 at Clovis, NM. He was a rancher and was a member of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association and the American Quarter Horse Assoc. He was a US a

Navy veteran of WW II and a Bronze Star Recipient. He was a member of the Claude Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Carroll Moore of Goodnight; four daughters Barbara Jean Heady of Meade, KS, Debra Vogt, Dianne Hammer and Brenda Fields all of Panhandle; 3 sons Harold L. Moore of Stratford, Rodney Morgan of amarillo. Bradd Morgan of Panhandle; 3 sisters Iva Tucker of, CA, Ruth Nettles of AR and Florence Buckley of NM; 19 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

MARGARET WELER GIFFORD-Margaret Catherine Weller, died Sunday, February 24 at the age of 99 in Gifford, Illinois.

Rosary service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Neal Dee officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Groom following the service.

Mrs. Weller was born on February 19, 1903 in Roseland, Nebraska. She was a cook for the school district. She was a member of St. Malachi Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Weller in 1957 and by a son. She enjoyed reading and crocheting.

Survivors include one daughter, Lois Rooney of Rantoul, Illinois; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

The family suggest memorials be made to St. Malachi Development Fund, 311 E. Grove, Rantoul, Illinois 61866 or to Country Health Nursing Home, 2304 County Rd. 3000 North, Gifford, Ill. 61847.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- Caillou information at www.pbskids.org/caillou.
- NikonNet at www.nikon.net.com.
- The Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association at www.slma.org.
- The Volvo Cars and Ford Motor Company at new.volvocars.com/safetyConceptCar/index.shtml.
- Fruit of the Loom at www.fruit.com.
- The RTI alert at www.RTIalert.com.
- Home Made Simple at www.HomeMadesimple.com.
- Toyota Camry at www.toyota.com/camry.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS MONDAY

Early voting for the March 12, 2002 Republican and Democratic Primary Elections begins Monday, February 25, 2002 in the Carson County Clerk's Office. Voting by personal appearance will be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, through March 8, 2002. Anyone is eligible to early vote if they are a registered voter.

The clerk's office is also accepting requests for a ballot by mail. The applicant should mail the request to Sonya Shieldknight, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 487, Panhandle, TX 79068. The applications should state who is requesting the ballot, a permanent address along with the address where the ballot will be sent, which primary you are wanting to vote in and the reason for voting by mail. The qualifications to vote by mail include any of the following: (1) 65 years of age or older, (2) disabled, (3) confinement in jail or, (4) expected absence from the county on election day. Applications for the ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on March 5, 2002.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were six persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of February 11 through February 17, 2002. Currently there are 11 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 17 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

- Tommy Hess, age 49 of Amarillo, TX-Theft.
- Heather Queen, age 29 of Kansas City, KS-Possession of controlled substance, greater than 400 grams.
- Tracy Zeek, age 31 of Lefors, TX-Possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.
- Michael Marsh, age 45

of Pampa, TX-Possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Jackie Vaughn, age 42 of Lefors, TX-Possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Antonio Calvo, age 48 of Ft. Worth, TX-Public intoxication.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 10 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of February 18 through February 24, 2002. Currently there are 9 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 14 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

- Daniel Anaya, age 48 of Amarillo, TX-Public intoxication.
- Jeff Morat, age 30 of Los Angeles, CA-Possession of Marijuana more than 5 lb, but less than 50 lb.

Jerry Garcia, age 29 of Panhandle, TX-Credit card abuse.

Luis Ferreyra, age 25 of St. Louis, MO-Money laundering.

David Borego, age 32 of El Paso, TX-Money laundering.

Melissa Heard, age 33 of Fritch, TX-Assault causing bodily injury-family violence.

Bertha Cervantes, age 22 of Tuscon, AZ-Money laundering.

Luis Rico-Vazquez, age 30 of Chihuahua, MX-Possession of controlled substance, greater than 400 grams.

Tony Woods, age 67 of Amarillo, TX-Driving while intoxicated-3 or more.

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Bring the whole family to THE BLUE GATOR BAR & GRILL. You'll like the great food, the modest prices and the fabulous service. As the editors of this 2002 Business Review, we heartily recommend this quality-conscious new restaurant to all of our readers.

NATIONW

Larry Thomas - General Manager

Discover the beauty and value of manufactured home living by visiting NATIONWIDE HOMES at 4701 Amarillo Blvd. E. in Amarillo, phone 342-0440 or toll free 1-800-820-0103. They are dealers for the popular single and double-wide manufactured homes. Here, friendly salesmen will discuss your living needs, and then give you a guided tour through their fine display of these luxurious, spacious homes. You will find just the model suited to the size of your family, in just the floor plan and decor that is your choice, at prices well below that of a site-built home.

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S R BOOKKEEPING & INCOME TAX

Shirley Romaine - Bookkeeper/Owner

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Paul & Debbie Goodin - Owners

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Denise Campbell - Owner

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