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Don't Forget To Cast Your Ballot and Vote On Sat. May 5th, For City & School

This is the final segment of The News' "Meet the Candidates" profiles. We encourage you to give your vote careful consideration and remind your neighbor to get out and vote on May 5th.

DONNIE BASHAM FOR SCHOOL BOARD

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TERRI ADAMS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Terri Adams grew up in McLean and graduated from McLean High in 1988.

"I believe McLean has a good school system," stated Adams. "My husband, Jim Bob and I moved back to McLean from Amarillo so that our children could go to school here."

They have two children, Tucker, who is nine and Shelby who is almost five.

Terri is vying for a seat on the school board during the May 5th elections.

"Making the right decision for the future of our children is not always easy or popular, but I believe the children of our community need advocates who are willing to take that extra step," she continued.

Making parents and community members feel more welcome at board meetings and hiring qualified teachers and coaches when slots need to be filled are just a few of Adams goals.

"If elected, I don't promise that every vote I make will please everyone," she said. "However, I do promise that the decisions I make will be ones that I have prayed about and make for the benefit of our children."

BOB MARTIN FOR MAYOR

Bob Martin in running for mayor in the May 5 election. For the past three years he has served the people of McLean as alderman for the City Council. In the past year, he has been Mayor Pro Tem. This experience with city government has given him knowledge of the current conditions of the City as well as its problems.

He is a graduate of Amarillo High School and Attended the University of Southern California Business School. He is retired after spending 20 years as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer.

"I believe there are two areas where the city government could provide additional attention," he said. "One, is to clean up certain areas of the city. This can only be accomplished with the

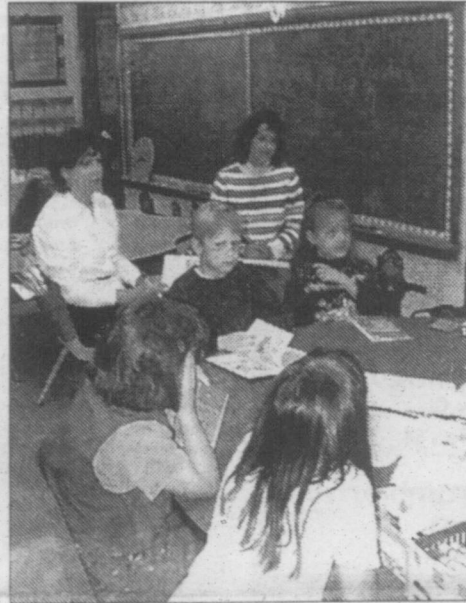
help of the citizens of McLean. Second, we need to find a way to replace old water lines. New lines should be larger in size which will provide more water pressure to individual homes."

JOE BILLINGSLEY FOR CITY COUNCIL

Joe Billingsley has been a resident of the city for 32 years. He and his wife, Myrtle have two daughters, Cherrie Nutley and Susie Vance. They also are blessed with four grandchildren.

As an incumbent, Billingsley would like to see projects he has helped begin finished. He is honest and has integrity and thinks that each person in McLean is entitled to an even break.

"There should be fairness to all our people," he commented.



Valley ISD teachers observe McLean's balanced literacy program in action recently.

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Teachers Visit McLean Elementary

Janqualyn Ham, Shadi Buchanan, Audry Hill and DeLane Brown from Valley ISD spent the day last Friday visiting with K-2 and the Reading Recovery teacher at McLean ISD.

Janet Glass, 1st grade teacher and Shelli Long, Reading Recovery teacher, had recently spoken to a workshop group at Region XVI about the merits and processes of Balanced Literacy. They invited anyone in the group who wanted to come and observe and visit McLean.

The ladies from Valley visited with Janet, Shelli, Lesa Greer, 2nd grade teacher, and Evelyn Sander, Kindergarten teacher. They observed, asked question and got

REMINDERS

McLean Golf Association Kicks Off New Season

The McLean Golf Association had its first meeting of the 2001 golf season on Monday night, April 23, at the McLean Lion's Club building. Many things were discussed and many ideas were voiced. The biggest thing on the agenda was membership dues. Our small golf course here in McLean has no employees. Most of the work is done by volunteers. The dues for a golf playing membership are \$60.00 per year. That includes a family membership, provided that your children still live at home. When you consider that to be a member at the Shamrock country club it cost \$42.00 per month and at Canadian golf club it costs \$35.00 per month, \$60.00 per year is a very small amount. With this in mind, there are a lot of McLean area residence who go out and use the golf course and never pay a dime, except maybe to enter a tournament. That money does not go to help

improve the golf course. The fact is that without dues paying members, the golf course will evenly have to close. Everyone who uses this course needs to become a member by paying the \$60.00 per year.

If you were a member last year and have not yet paid your dues, they are now due. There are a few people who don't play golf, but want to support the course. They pay only \$36.00 per year. To them the club says "Thank You!"

Because of a lack of dues paying members, the organization will be going to a new system for Tuesday night scrambles and Sunday scrambles. It will cost members \$4.00 to enter and non-members \$8.00 to enter on Tuesday. On Sunday members will pay \$5.00 and non-members \$10.00. To avoid the doubled entry fees, you only need to pay your annual dues of \$60.00. Mail your check to: McLean Golf Association, P.O. Box 655, McLean, Tx 79057.

TODAY AT 7:00 pm there will be a meeting at the McLean Library to discuss the difference between the EDC's "A" and "B" versions on the May 5th ballot. All are encouraged to come.

DON'T FORGET to vote Saturday May 5th for School Board, mayor and City Council.

TUESDAY, MAY 8 is "Bring Mom To Breakfast" day at McLean ISD. Breakfast starts at 7:45 am.

FUN DAY is Thur. May 10 for McLean Elementary, Junior High from 9 am to 2:30 p.m.

NO SCHOOL will be held on May 11th.

2ND ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER TO BE HELD

The second annual Alanreed Baptist Day of Pray will be held on May 19th beginning at 10:00 a.m. till 7 p.m. A covered dish luncheon will be held. Preachers, speakers, musicians from Texas, Oklahoma, and all through the area will be speaking.

HEALD UNITED Methodist church on Kellerville RD. will celebrate their 98th anniversary Sun. May 6. Worship is at 9:15 am and a covered dish luncheon will be at 12:15 pm. There will be gospel singing.

BLOOD PRESSURE & blood sugar check will be held Sat. May 5 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the EMS station, 110 E. 2nd St.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet May 3rd at the home of Nama Webb. Meet at the bank parking lot at 1:30 p.m. to carpool.

WALK FOR LIFE will be held on May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Contact Luann Mantooth for details.

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They traveled to Levelland to compete in the regional golf

tournament. The McLean team has five members: Randi Riley, Teddrea Simmons, Shaley Steel, Nikki Hefley and Cesily Cadra.

The McLean team took eighth place out of sixteen teams. They played eighteen holes each day for two days. The two day scores are as follows: Riley 219, Simmons 220, Steel 225, Hefley 256 and Cadra 308.

Coach Walker said, "The girls had a good tournament and I am very proud of them. There isn't a doubt in our minds that next year we will go to regionals as District Champs."



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

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

can be used for the same purposes of the 4a plus the following: parks, municipally-owned buildings, tourism related facilities, streets, roads, water and sewer facilities, and commercial facilities. The 4b can be used for nearly anything that a small town might want or need to improve and will be more feasible for our purposes.

To be able to adopt the 4b tax, the 4a tax has to be abolished and the 4b adopted in its stead. There is also one draw back on the 4b tax

and that is that the board of directors has to have seven members instead of the required five members on the 4a.

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

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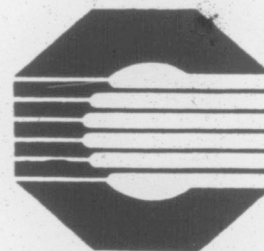
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McLean School Board Visits With Region 16 Rep. On School Finance

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met on April 23. Board members present were Mike Darsey, Billie Ward, John Holland, Neal Odom, Don Dorsey, and Bob Glass. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Blaze Herring, High School Principal, Dick Crockett, Elem. Principal, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Terri Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harris. Absent from the meeting was T.D. Simmons.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Revisions of the EPSSA Policies, Procedures and Operating Guidelines 2001-2001, according to Federal Law.

Roy Harris, Field Agent from Region 16 ESC was in attendance to give the Board a clearer understanding of how the financial funding works. McLean ISD receives Tier I funding, which is a cost sharing program, partially state funded and partially funded by the district. Formulas are used to determine the cost of operate Foundation programs, such as Instruction, Vocational, Special Ed.

or Compensatory Ed. Other factors used to calculate funding, include ADA (average daily attendance), kinds of students served whether they are regular ed, special ed, vocational G.T, or comp ed. WADA (weighted average daily attendance) is also used in formulas, which are all calculated on worksheets to help determine the taxable value in the district. The wealth of a district, versus the students supported, affects the amount of state aid that the school district will receive. McLean ISD also receives Tier II funding, which is an incentive program that guarantees for every cent over \$.86 will bring in per WADA locally, times \$4.00, from the state. ASA is very important, and largely determines the amount of funding the district will receive from the state. Mr. Harris addressed question from the Board and helped them to understand better how the funding process works, and that it can be a very complicated task.

Student transfers for the year 2001-2002 school year were approved for Russel Anglin, Trent Cadra, Suzanne Howard, Lucas

Webb, Nathan Brantley, Jennifer Greer, George Patterson, Ashley Byron, Bradley Howard and Sarai Sawyer.

All board members and

the superintendent will be registered to attend the Canyon Spring Workshop Board Training on May 16.

Votes will be canvassed for the School Board Election on May 8, 2001 at 7:00 pm at the McLean School Business Office.

The resignation of 3rd grade teacher, Nicki Adams was accepted.

Financial reports were heard and approved.

March bills were presented and approved for payment.

Executives session was called at 8:30 to consider employees for open positions. Open session was returned at 9:00 pm, no action was taken.

In other business, discussion included a scholarship form Hillcrest Cemetery Association for the 3rd ranked student in the graduating class. The 2001-02 school calendar will be approved at the next meeting. The school will begin taking sealed bids on the Alanreed property in the near future. Blase Herring reported on the TAAS score, class trips, sports banquet, prom and other calendar items. He reported that the Science Fair was a big success, and UIL and Golf participants competed at Regional. Current enrollment is at 201 students. Teacher interviews are currently being conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03



Students of the Week for 4-23-4-27, K-Miranda McMordie, 1st-Becca Reyna, 2nd-Staci Smith, 3rd-Zachary Odom, 4th-Chase Bohlar, 5th Daci Maddox, 6th grade Samantha Krueger, 7th grade-Krista Smith, 8th Grade-Leann Rogers.

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- May 6 - Mark Cadra.
- May 7 - Mrs. Harold C. Petty, Hunter Burnett, Danny Simpson.
- May 8 - Johnnie Rigsby, Johnnie Hutchison, Jay Burnett, Cassie Jones, Bill McKee, Zach Richardson.
- May 9 - John C. Haynes, Ronald Vernon Kennedy, Shawn Bybee.



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Candidates

"I've been here a long time, raised my family here, the city of McLean has been good to me and my family. I would like to give back what has been given to me."

JOE RILEY FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Joe Riley is also a long time resident of McLean. He attended school in McLean and graduated in 1974. He graduated from West Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and is a certified teacher and counselor. He is knowledgeable of the education system in general and is willing to listen. It is his desire to have the best system possible for the children of McLean.

"A successful school must have open lines of communication," Riley said, "a positive learning atmosphere and students, faculty, parents and a community that is dedicated to the best possible learning environment that includes academic, extra curricular, social awareness, and cultural values."

MIKE DARSEY FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Incumbent Mike Darsey has lived in the McLean School District all of his life. He and wife Leslie have two children Melissa and Trent. His father is Les Darsey of McLean and his mother Roberta Darsey, lives in Amarillo.

Mike attended school in McLean before earning a B.S. in Business from Texas Tech University. "Even though the ground work for the "New Gym Project" was already started when I was previously elected, I am still proud of our new gym and proud to have been part of it" he said.

His degree in business, his honesty, open mindedness, and fairness give him a good background to serve as a school board member.

"My past term on the board has given me knowledge on the business side of school operations, and I have learned a great deal about education. I am very proud of our school's exemplary rating on the TAAS testing the last two years. If elected, I will be fair,

honest, and any decision I make will be in the best interest of our school as I see it."

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JODY SMITH FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Jody Smith is making a bid for a seat on the School Board. He and his wife, Vicki, have lived in McLean for 7

years. They have two children Kortney and Staci. John and Sue Griffin are Jody's in laws.

Smith was raised in Detroit, Texas and works for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Sweetwater Work Camp.

"I feel I have the ability to look at all things objectively and not one-sided," he commented.

He would like to see less emphasis on TAAS, "special programs" and non-academics and an increased focus on academics.

"I care about getting our children the best education that McLean ISD can offer. I would also like to see students being taught from the state board of education curriculum and not what individual teachers want to teach, after all, these children are our future," he stated.

**Adams, Bowlin
Hired By City
Council**

The City of McLean recently held two special meetings to discuss personnel issues. The following were present: Bob Martin, Doyle Lee, Joe Lamb, Joe Billingsley and Charles McClendon. Jim McDonald was

absent from both meetings.

In a unanimous decision, Jim Bob Adams was fired at a salary of \$1600 per month, with a raise of \$100.00 per month if his performance is satisfactory at the end of the six month probationary period.

In the second meeting, Steve Bowlin was hired to the position of Director of Utilities at a salary of \$2917.00 per month, with a six month probationary period.

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Balanced Literacy is a framework in which skills are taught in such a manner that all subjects work together to make a successful balanced program instead of one where subjects are taught in isolation.

McLean Early Literacy teachers were trained in Balanced Literacy three years ago. They still attend conferences and classes during the year to update their training.

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Sunday School 9:45, Worship 11 am & 7 pm
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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Countdown To Election...

New Faces Expected On City & School Board

Don't forget to get out and vote this Saturday in the local City Council

and School Board elections. Voting begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Groom School Business Office. Balloting will end at 7:00 p.m.

City ballots will find

residents voting for an uncontested mayoral position held by Joe Homer. Mayor Homer will be beginning his third term of office with his election.

Two seats will be available in the City Alderman race. Kenneth

Weller, incumbent, is being challenged by Chris Welch, Forrest McLaughlin and Rick Prather.

On the school board, 3 seats will need to be filled. Incumbent Clifton Britten currently holds one of the seats and is seeking re-election along

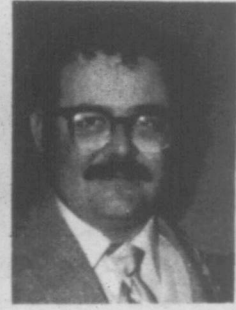
with challengers Carla Koetting, Ron Kuehler, Jigger Britten, Lonny Brown, and Mike Friemel.

Be sure to take the time to get out and vote this Saturday. The future of our community and public institutions like the school depend on strong leadership.

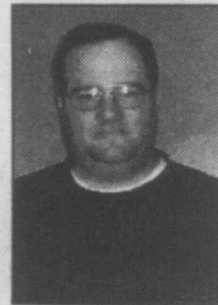
Candidates not pictured in last week's issue:



Forrest McLaughlin



Joe Homer



Ron Kuehler

Don't Forget To Vote Saturday

Candidate Cliff Britten, picture not available

Donation Makes Nice Addition To Playground

Groom School must have it's very own angels! For as long as anyone could remember, elementary students have had to stay inside even after bad weather passed because the play-ground was too muddy. There was no shade on hot days and no sand box.

Thanks to an anonymous benefactor and the hard work of the Ag Department, the Groom playground now has a wonderful addition that will provide shade from the sun, a wonderful sandbox and a dry place to play when the ground is still damp from rain or morning dew.

The shelter measures approximately 20 x 24 feet, it is 1/2 concrete slab and 1/2 sandbox. It will provide the elementary students a



wonderful place to safely gather for recess as well as school parties without crossing the street to the park.

Deepest thanks to the Angel who saw the need,

took the initiative to get something done about it, and paid for all the materials. Also thanks to the Ag department and Mr. Burk for helping with a project that would

have been very costly if not for the classes free labor.

It is a wonderful shelter and will be appreciated for many years to come.

Groom To Retire Two Educators This May

Groom School will be losing almost 50 years teaching experience with the retirement of two important people. Leatrice (Reck) Nelson and Juanita Brown will hear their last school bells ring on May 25. Mrs. Nelson has been a teacher at Groom for 27 years. Mrs. Brown has served the school in many areas for 22 years.

Nelson has been and elementary teacher and has influenced almost 3 generations of students at Groom School.

"Teaching has been a wonderful and rewarding experience," said Nelson. "But I am looking forward to doing new things!"

Nelson plans to raise

horses, get involved in Equine therapy, spending time with her grandchildren and landscaping her yard. She also is planning some continuing education. She wants to do some volunteer work and continue working with children in some way, perhaps abused children or children with special needs.

Nelson feels that the education system has changed tremendously over the years.

"The way children learn and how they react to things has really changed," she commented. "They are under so much more things!"

See Retirees, pg. 6



Juanita Brown



Leatrice Nelson

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COMMUNITY CALENDER

GROOM DAY will be held this year on August 4th.

ELEMENTARY Track Meet will be held on May 5.

GROOM ISD WILL hold its awards assembly on May 9th and 10th. May 9th will be the Elementary Awards beginning at 8:00 a.m. May 10th will be the Junior High and High School Awards, also starting at 8:00 a.m. Both events will take place in the High School Auditorium.

PRESCHOOL STORY hour will now be held every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

ANY CHILDREN who will start Kindergarten in the fall may play T-Ball. Contact Kathleen Barkley at 248-7070.

PARENTS! Please meet to finalize plans for After-graduation party and the Athletic Banquet on Wed. May 9, at 6:30 at the Dairy Queen.

KEEP GROOM BEAUTIFUL team leaders Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 at the Dairy Queen. Elderly persons who have larger items to dispose of, please call 248-7926.

MOTHER'S DAY is on Sunday, May 13th.

GROOM BOYS' Basketball First Annual Charitable Track Meet will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Groom High School Track. Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Divisions include Pre K to 6th Grade. Events include baseball throw, long jump, jump rope, 50m dash, 100m dash, and 400m relays. Contact Brad Rainer at 248-7971 or 248-1203 for more information. Need not be from Groom to participate.

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Local Happenings

Glynn D. Harrell and his son-in-law, Jim Ingram of Amarillo celebrated their April 27 birthdays with dinner at Desperados in Amarillo Friday evening. Others present were Sybil Harrell, Beverly Ingram and Kemp,, Glynda Eschle and Jerry Houchkin of Lubbock, Louise and Bob Mulkey, Jeremy and Tanya Mulkey of Panhandle.

CHOWLINE IS meeting every Tuesday at noon in the Community Center.

Thomas To Graduate At Pampa

Maggie Thomas will be graduating from Clarendon College-Pampa Campus on May 4th with an associates degree in arts. Maggie is the daughter of John and LaVern Thomas of Groom and a Groom High School graduate. She is a day care director for St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School. She plans to attend WTAMU to major in elementary education.

RICHARDSON ACCEPTS NWOSU OFFER

Jacey Richardson, Groom High School graduate, has accepted an offer to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Ok next years as a member of the NWOSU Rodeo Team. Jacey will participate in break-away roping and goat tying.

Jacey has been attending Wester Oklahoma State College in Altus, Ok for two years where she has been an active member of the WOSC rodeo team participating in the Central Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

Jacey will be seeking a degree in Social Services with a minor in Spanish.

Julie Richardson will be remaining at Oklahoma state University this year in Stillwater on an academic scholarship. Julie is a past member of the WOSU and OSU Rodeo Teams as Julie has used up her four years of NIRA eligibility. Julie is majoring in Elementary Education.

Julie and Jacey are the daughters of Joe and Jody Richardson and the granddaughter of Charles and Jackie Rennie of Groom.

EATMON EARNS TOP HONORS AT AC CONVOCATION

Allison Eatmon was recently give the "Most Outstanding Radio-Television production Student" award at the amarillo College Honor Convocation. She was also recognized for being a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Allison has also been awarded the Panhandle Plains Association of Broadcasters scholarship which is given to the outstanding mass Communications student at Amarillo College and West Texas A & M University.

Stapp Earns Honors At Amarillo College

Jessica Stapp was recently recognized by Amarillo College for academic excellence by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average with 30 or more hours. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stapp and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stapp of Groom.

Thought For The Day

When you have been wronged, a poor memory is your best response.

Burton Earns Scholarship

April Burton, a junior psychology major at West Texas A & M University was recently the recipient of several honors. She has been awarded two scholarships.

The first is the Sarah Raffkind Scholarship from WTAMU. The second is a national scholarship named for one of the Challenger Astronauts, Robert McNair. The program is designed to encourage careers in science for first generation college students and minorities.

The McNair Scholarship is similar to a research grant in that Burton will be required to do an 8 week research project this summer. Findings from her project will be published in a science publication. The scholarship provides a \$2800 stipend, housing, food and supplies as well as travel expenses to present her work to other Universities. She will also earn 3 hours toward her major.

The McNair program also offers guidance and tutoring programs for her as she prepares to enter graduate school.

April Burton was also accepted into Gamma Beta Phi, an honor society organization and elected Vice President of the West Texas A & M University Psychology Club.

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Invites all members to the 2001 Annual Stockholder's Meeting on Saturday, April 28, 2001 Ambassador Hotel, Amarillo

It is time once again for the annual Stockholder's Meeting of the Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA. Our special entertainment this year is the group *Blue Prairie*. Their West Texas music and humor is sure to be enjoyed by all!

In addition to the musical entertainment, there will be cash door prizes for some lucky stockholders. We will all enjoy the Ambassador's fabulous prime rib with all the extras and good company throughout the evening.

Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting will consist of a director election, president's report, and chairman's report. We hope to see you this year at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West in Amarillo on April 28, 2001.





Welcome To New Residents

Groom is pleased the welcome new neighbors, Glenn and Melissa Hill and Gerald Hill to Groom. The Hills have a new mobil home and were awarded one of the GEDC lots which is located at 1st and Wilkerson. They have already done a tremendous amount of work to the property, making it and them a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Glenn works for Affiliated Foods and is a truck driver. Melissa is a Lab Assistant in the Art Department at Amarillo College. Her father, Gerald Hill who also lives with them is a Supervisor at Affiliated Foods. Glenn and Melissa have four children and four grandchildren. They have 3 sons and a daughter; Steve, a youth minister has a son Josiah;

daughter Shalan is a massage therapist in Atlanta; son Kenneth is a cook in Colorado Springs and has 3 children, Kenny, Austin and Alyssa; daughter Jessica is in Houston and designs kitchen.

Melissa enjoys drawing and painting in her spare time and Glenn likes working in the yard and building things.

"We are very happy to be a part of Groom," said Melissa, "Everyone has been very nice!"

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

May 3 - Venita Hickey, Betty Raye Brown Kotara, Morgan Elizabeth Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Shuck (A).

May 4 - Barry Fields, Mrs. Robert Ledwig, LaTisha Leigh Garrison.

May 5 - Stephanie Ollinger, LaVesta Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Kuehler (A).

May 6 - Mrs. Bill Britten, Billy J. Homer, Janath L. Ratterree, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dee Schaffer (A).

May 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burgin (A).

May 8 - Tony E. Painter, Rodney and Michelle Bohr (A), Roxie and Ellis Stapp (A).

May 9 - Cody Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Treadwell (A).



W.D. Class Donates Books To Library

White Deer's 6th grade class was in Groom last week to donate preschool books to The Groom Branch Library as part of a Texas Learn and Serve Grant.

The program is part of the Texas Literacy Campaign. The students applied for the grant themselves and were awarded money to help promote early childhood development. The program is administered by the University of

Texas. The class had many projects in conjunction with the program including being reading tutors to kindergarten and 1st grade students, and assisting programs like "Bright Beginnings" and

"Head Start". The group was especially interested in The Groom Library's preschool story hour program. Jennifer Rapstine is the classes teacher and sponsor for the program.

Please get out and vote on May 5!!! Consider Rick Prather for City Council

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Carson County Deputies Incarcerate Eleven

There were 11 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of April 23 through April 29, 2001. Currently there are 12 person incarcerated in this jail and 12 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Arrests mad this week:

Dela Cruz Coronel, Borger, 24 - Assault (Family Violence).

Demarco Wilcoxson, Atlanta, Ga, 26 - Warrant, Shelby Co., Tn.

Gabriel John, Mesa, AZ, 42, Possession of Marijuana, more than 5 lbs but less than 50 lbs.

Robert Chance, Guymon, Ok., 33, - Possession of a controlled substance & possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

Rhona Redman,

Guymon, Ok, 33, Possession of a controlled substance & possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

Noemi Whit, Borger, 33 - DPS Warrants - Traffic.

Chantal Wood, Waynesville, MO, 40,

Theft by Check - Pulski Co. Mo.

Carrie Brownlow, White Deer, 19, - Criminal Trespass.

Arne Pirkanen, San Bernardino, Ca., 46, Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Kevin McGregor, Panhandle, 23, Driving while intoxicated & escape from Arrest.

Robert Langford, Panhandle, 19, DPS Warrants - Traffic.

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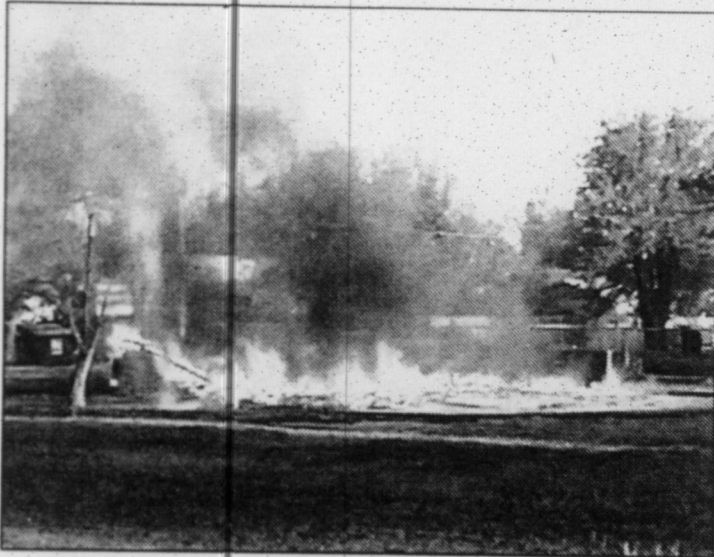
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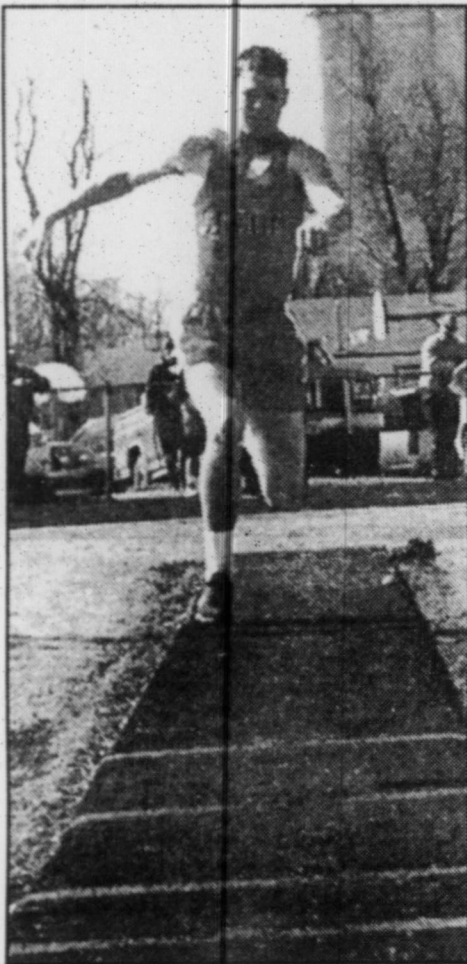
Sometimes progress requires a little destruction before it can move forward! Pictured is not the scene of disaster, but something that is beneficial to all.

An old garage was all that was left of what had once been a home that was destroyed many years ago by a fire. The local fire department used to as a training exercise rather than use conventional means of demolishing it. Work is already underway to move in a huge triple wide trailer home on the site at 3rd and Wilkerson. Another new family is moving to Groom!



Local firefighters carefully watch the controlled burn of an old garage.

Clay Ritter gets the most out of his stride at Regional.



The boys relay teams is Dewayne Gray, Garrett Britten, Clay Ritter and Clay Britten.



The Billy Jones' Visit Grandson & Tour Eastern & Southern States

On Tuesday, April 10th, Billy and Virginia Jones flew out of Amarillo for Albuquerque. They visited briefly with Calvin and Irene Jones they reboarded the plane and left for Baltimore on their way to Raleigh/Duram where they were met by their grandson, Luke Jones, son of Kerry and Kathy Dian Jones. He is in Army Intelligence and was stationed at Fort Bragg. He took them to Fayetteville near Ft. Bragg where he had a motel room reserved for them. They spent 2 days riding with him while he did errands preparing to go to Europe. He showed them all around the area and explained the finer parts of "driving a jeep". All too soon, he had to leave and they climbed in his Jeep and started driving it home for him. They went north to Virginia and to



West Virginia and were impressed with the coal mining and watching the coal barges go down river. The homes along the highways didn't look a thing like "Coalminer's Daughter". They drove through Kentucky and Tennessee to hit 1-40 and head home. All the highways were good

except Arkansas. They were very glad to get home to Jericho.

Bill wore a Texas Tech cap and everywhere they went they were asked how they liked Bobby Knight. They always answered "We think Marsha Sharp is great!"

Local Athletes Compete At South Plains

Groom High School athletes traveled to Levelland last week to compete in the Regional Track Meet. All of the athletes did very well, even though none qualified for State.

"Several of our athletes ran their best times of the year," state Coach Chris Sumrall. "We are

very pleased with their performance, hard work and dedication."

Krisanne Davis narrowly missed qualifying placing 3rd in the Long Jump with a leap of 17 feet. She placed 6th in the Triple Jump with 35'1".

The Mile Relay team ran their best time of the

year, 4:20, as did Russell Conrad in his 800 meter run.

Athletes attending the meet were Staci Britten, Candace Bohr, Krisanne Davis, Amanda Conrad, Nichole Barnett, Amanda Martin, Russell Conrad, Clay Britten, Garrett Britten, Clay Ritter, and Dewayne Gray.



Krisanne Davis is out of the blocks in good form.

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Alpha Mu Xi Honors Sharlene Lewis With "People Helping People" Award

Alpha Mu Xi Sorority recently celebrated Founder's Day with a picnic theme. Members and guests enjoyed fried chicken and all the fixings. After the meal, Charlotte Whatley read the annual message from the international Beta Sigma Phi office and President Cindy Babcock presented the officers and sweetheart charms.

A special certificate was presented to now-retired Easter Bunny Robert West in recognition of his many years of service to the annual sorority Easter

Egg Hunt. A special friendship gift was presented to Barbara Homer for opening her home to Judy and Allison Eatmon after the loss of their home last September. The Woman of the Year plaque was also presented to Barbara in recognition of her hard work and the past year as chairman of the Gazebo Committee.

Finally, The "People Helping People" award was presented to Sharlene Lewis in acknowledgement of the many acts of kindness show to the residents of

Groom. Local organizations rely on Sharlene for her expert advice in planning fundraising events and she is one of Groom's best in public relations.

At the conclusion of the evening, the theme for the upcoming years was revealed - "Weave a Web of Friendship".

More Local Happenings

Dr. Dan Witt lives in Hoisington, Kansas, where a deadly tornado occurred last week. His house received minor damage with blown out windows and a part of the deck destroyed, but from just across the street houses were leveled for about six blocks. The roof was blown from the hospital but patients were not injured and were evacuated quickly to the hospital in Great Bend were Dr. Witt also has other patients. Hoisington was declared a disaster area and Dan and Sandi feel very, very lucky.

Helen Witt returned Thursday from a ten day cruise. She was accompanied by her daughter, Lynell Peek, of Clarksville, Tx.

They met in Dallas and flew to Costa Rica where they boarded the Sun Princess Cruise ship. They went through the Panama Canal which includes three sets of locks and two lakes and took most of one day to go through. Their first stop was Categena, Colombia, in South America. From there they visited the islands of Aruba, Barbados, Dominica, St. Thomas, and then docked at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and flew to Dallas from there.

They saw many interesting things including a butterfly farm, plantations of bananas, pineapple, coffee, cocoa beans and many others, and came home a few pounds heavier from the wonderful cruise food.



Groom's 3rd and 4th grade Pee Wee girls team: Coach Herndon, Rachel Hopkins, Ashley Murray, Ritney Evenson, Cady Wilson, Coach Koetting; (front) Korri Brown, Catherine Herndon, Ashley Randall and Danielle Rodriguez.



The Groom 5th and 6th grade Pee Wee boys team was undefeated again this year. Pictured are (back) Coach Rainer, Bryan Newton, Blaine Britten, Thane Barkley, Chad Barkley, T.J. Moranic, and Coach Hickey; (middle) Kade Brown, Matt Wilson, James Reid, Anthony Luna, Kendall Walker; (front) Joel Horn, and Tommy Head.

NOTICES OF APPRAISED VALUE TO BE SENT TO PROPERTY OWNERS

State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. Around May 15, the Carson County Appraisal District will mail property owners letters showing their 2001 proposed appraised value.

Donita Davis, chief appraiser of the district, reminds property owners that the letter of appraised value is not a tax bill.

Davis emphasized the importance of this letter and the key information that it contains. "If an informal agreement cannot be made with the appraisal district, the property owner has the right to appeal to the Carson County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership, and other areas," she said. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest and a protest form.

What should a property owner carefully review? "Look at the proposed value for 2001," Davis said. "The letter states the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the current year." The letter also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last year's value, also.

Letters to property owners will also include "estimated" taxes. These taxes are based on the new taxable value and the taxing unit's tax rate from the prior year. Final tax amounts may vary from the "estimated" amounts.

Davis asks property owners to check the legal description and mailing address to be sure there are no mistakes. "If the letter has an old address, please let the appraisal district know. The post office forwards mail to a new address for a short time, and tax bills do not go out until October," Davis added.

A property owner is responsible for informing the appraisal district of the correct mailing address, and is also liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill that is not paid on time.

Property owners are encouraged to contact the appraisal district with any questions. Please call the appraisal district at 806-537-3569.

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pressure than they used to be... so many one parent families and social changes have affected the way they learn. But there are also so many more opportunities for children. As teachers, we must urge them to take advantage of them." Mrs. Nelson smiled when asked if she would urge someone else to get

into the teaching field. "If they feel they have the calling, it is a wonderful, rewarding job!" Mrs. Brown has had a wide variety of jobs at Groom School over the years. She began by teaching on an temporary certificate, teaching Biology, Speech, and Homemaking and

Reading. She was just a few hours shy of being certified as a home economics teacher, when she married and settled down to life on the farm. She returned to Groom School after a few years as the Migrant Coordinator and worked with the children of

migrant workers in the area. "English As A Second Language" has introduced her to many wonderful students. Over the years, she has worked with the Resource program, Chapter One Reading, Computer reading, and the Library. She was in

charge of vision testing, hearing testing and testing for scoliosis. She also has worked in the cafeteria, doing the billing and bookkeeping. The biggest change in education, according to Brown, is the students themselves.

"They are so much more independent than a generation ago. Their thoughts, actions and the way they interact with each other and adults is very different than even a few years ago," she commented.

Brown plans to stay busy at home with her new found time.

"I will really miss hearing... 'Mrs. Brown! ... Mrs. Brown!'"

From the students and parents, thanks to these ladies for all they have given over the years. You will be missed.

BASKETBALL Camp will be held on June 4th-7th for K-9th grade boys and girls. Registration will be on June 4th. The boys and girls grades K-5 will attend camp from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day. Boys and girls grades 6-9 will attend camp from 1:30-4:30 p.m. each day. Call Brad Rainer or Chris Sumral for more information at 248-7971.

All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.

—George Washington

PANHANDLE PLAINS FEDERAL LAND BANK EARNS TOP RATING

SAN ANTONIO, TX - Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA received the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) Pacesetter Award April 5 for achieving the bank's highest possible rating in 2000. The award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of growth and financial operations.

Panhandle-Plains was one of 17 rural financing cooperatives honored during the Tenth Farm Credit District Annual Stockholders Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Award recipients included eight Agriculture Association (ACAs), eight Federal Land Credit Associations (FLCAs) and one Production Credit Association (PCA).

"The recipients of this Pacesetter Award exceeded a rigid set of growth and financial performance standards set by the bank," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "They are setting the pace in the Tenth Farm Credit District as exemplary lending institutions."

Henson noted that the number of Pacesetter Award recipients has increased each year since the award was established in the mid-nineties, indicating the outstanding performance of the Tenth District lending network as a whole.

The district is composed of the bank, 10 ACAs, 10 FLCAs, and three PCAs in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. Together, these co-op lenders have more than \$5.2 billion in mortgage and production loans outstanding to agricultural producers, rural residents, and agribusiness operations.

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association is headquartered in Amarillo with offices in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

Report of Jeanne Cunningham, County Treasurer of Carson County, Texas of receipts and disbursements from January 1, 2001 thru March 31, 2001

FUND	BALANCE Jan. 1, 2001	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE March 31, 2001
General	1,048,640.17	429,774.09	1,388,750.76	89,664.10
Indigent Health	7,428.74	32,481.00	31,018.83	8,900.91
Law Library	1,780.83	395.00	1,994.00	381.83
Road & Bridge #1	85,036.41	52,922.73	114,949.31	23,009.83
Road & Bridge #2	101,590.54	56,989.31	117,446.79	41,233.06
Road & Bridge #3	98,506.53	54,545.57	122,625.25	30,426.85
Road & Bridge #4	78,111.46	82,988.10	133,649.52	27,450.04
White Deer Library	1,733.25	10.56	340.00	1,423.81
Check Collection Fund	5,828.46	424.90	-	6,253.36
Records Management	41,534.21	2,831.56	1,500.00	42,865.77
Courthouse Security	33,709.42	3,734.18	267.04	37,176.56
MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS				
General	99,442.09	30,284.17	-	129,726.26
Indigent Health	13,096.18	3,957.19	17,053.37	-
Unemployment Tax	61,595.35	782.71	297.78	62,080.28
Road & Bridge #1	5,616.62	314.57	-	5,931.19
Road & Bridge #2	5,466.31	6,894.04	-	12,360.35
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT				
General, Panhandle	1,550,000.00	900,000.00	-	2,450,000.00
General, Groom	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00
General, White Deer	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00
Indigent Health	190,000.00	-	15,000.00	175,000.00
Road & Bridge #1	45,000.00	40,000.00	-	85,000.00
Road & Bridge #2	195,000.00	50,000.00	-	245,000.00
Road & Bridge #3	80,000.00	45,000.00	-	125,000.00
Road & Bridge #4	20,000.00	70,000.00	-	90,000.00
Taxpool	1,065.73	15.09	-	1,080.82
Capital Improvements	24,512.46	335.86	-	24,848.32

Before me undersigned authority on this day personally appeared J... Cunningham, County Treasurer of Carson County, Texas who duly swore upon oath, says that the within report is true and correct.

JACQUELINE WEST
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Comm. Expires 10-20-2004

Jeanne Cunningham
day of April, 2001

Jacqueline West
Notary Public for the State of Texas

Groom School Lunch Menu For 5-7-5-11

Mon: Chicken Strips, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, milk and apple crisp.

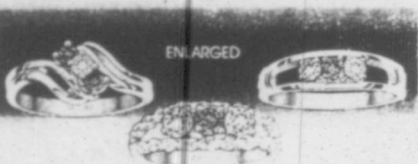
Tues: Soft tacos, corn, lettuce 7 tomatoes, milk and yogurt.

Wed: Burritos with chili, bean dip, applesauce, milk

Thurs: Chicken Fried Steak, ranch style beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls
Fri: No school.

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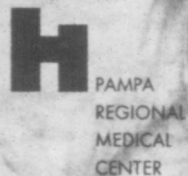
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