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Superintendent and Principal Forum Held By the McLean P.T.O.



The small crowd seems to enjoy the comments made by the Superintendent and Principals at the forum held in the school cafeteria.

The McLean Parent Teacher Organization held a Superintendent and Principle Forum for the public on January 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

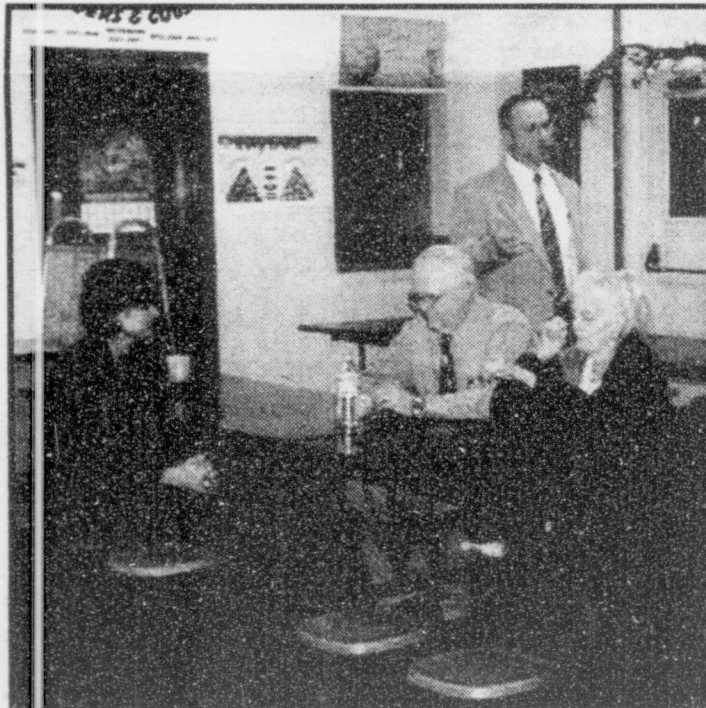
P.T.O. President, Wendi Ketcherside opened the meeting. McLean parents, staff and citizens from McLean had the opportunity to ask questions.

Although the crowd was small, Superintendent Jimmy Hannon addressed those in attendance with the school's goals. He also spoke about working with the community to achieve those goals for the betterment of the school.

Elementary - Jr. High Principle, Dick Crockett reinforced the statements that Mr. Hannon had made.

High School Principal, Rhonda Patterson also spoke to the crowd about the goals on the high school campus.

Those in attendance had few questions, but some comments were made regarding Mr. Hannon's positive support for the school and it's staff.



Superintendent Jimmy Hannon speaks to the crowd at the recent P.T.O. Forum.

The meeting adjourned. P.T.O. President, Wendi Ketcherside did comment to the crowd

that the P.T.O. would be selling flowers for Valentine's Day. Anyone interested in helping put

the flowers together and delivering them should call Wendi Ketcherside at 779-2660.

McLean Lion's Club Announces Christmas Decoration Winners

Lion's Club President, Angie Ware has announced the winners of the Christmas Lights Decorating contest.

Decorating her way to

first place was Ann Griffen who's house was adorned with white lights and red ribbons.

Roy and Mary Richardson won second

place with their interpretation of the meaning of the season.

Third place winners went to Casper and Jeanie Smith who's home is

decorated with lights everywhere.

First place winners received \$50.00. Second place winners received \$30.00 and third place received \$20.00.



Susan Winborne Seeks Re-Election

Susan Winborne has announced her candidacy for Gray County Clerk.

Mrs. Winborne graduated from Pampa High School in May 1969. She went on to graduate from a two year secretarial

school at West Texas State University in May 1971. She obtained an Associate Degree in Business from Clarendon College in May 1992. For the last seven years, she has completed

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Reminders

TIGERS AND LADY
Tiger Basketball, here, January 27 against the Samnorwood Eagles.

JR HIGH TOURNEY
at Hedley, January 26 and 28.

SCHOOL BOARD
Policy Review meeting on January 31 at 6 p.m. in the Business Office.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY Lunch at the United Methodist Church has been cancelled.

PIONEER STUDY
Club will meet on February 2.

4-H MEETING will be held on February 2, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Church of Christ Annex.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS
tournament, February 2-4 in Lefors.

MISS MCLEAN
Pageant, February 11 in the High School Auditorium.

VALENTINE'S DAY - Tuesday, February 14.

ALL YOU CAN EAT Sirloin Steak Dinner, Jan. 29, noon to 2 p.m. at the McLean School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for 8 and under. Purchase tickets at the door or from a Jr. Class Representative.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 26 - Imogene Longino, Ida Wilson, Daniel Lee, McKenzie Ellis, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Reyna (A).
January 27 - Pat Stubbs, Casper Smith, Tami Marsh, Vesta Smith, McKenzie Ellis.
January 28 - W.A. Bentley, Bobby Richardson.
January 29 - Dora

Bailey, Judy Stewart, Charla Smith, Sam Haynes.
January 30 - Susan Worsham Corley, Nancy Simpson, Olin Weldon, Jacey Steel.
January 31 - Clarene Williams, Ray Kirkland, Adam Barker, Tori Bybee, Lee Roy Buckhaults.
February 1

McLean School Menus

for the week of Jan. 30 - Feb. 3
BREAKFAST
 Monday: Cinnamon Toast, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Tuesday: Donuts, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Wednesday: Pop Tarts, Nutri-Grain Bars, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Thursday: Biscuits and Gravy, Sausage, Juice, Milk
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
LUNCH
 Monday: Taco Salad,

Meat & Cheese, Refried Beans, Pineapple Orange Salad, Milk
 Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, Fritos, Veggie Sticks, Pickle Spears, Fancy Jello, Milk
 Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas, Hot Rolls, Milk
 Thursday: Enchiladas, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Fresh Fruit, Milk
 Friday: Mini-Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggies, Oranges, Milk

Former McLean Resident Passes Away

LaVetta Gunn McDonald, died Saturday, January 14, 2006. Services were held January 17, 2006 in Stratford, Oklahoma with Retired Chaplain Leo McDonald and Reverend Thacker Haynes officiating. Arrangements were by Pickard Funeral Home of Stratford, Oklahoma.
 She attended school in McLean, Texas, graduating in 1949. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother,

great-grandmother and sister.
 Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Scotty McDonald of Stratford; a daughter, Yevon Bolles and husband Chris of Stratford; a son Jeff McDonald and wife Thelise of Farmington, N.M.; two sisters, Gloria Carpenter of Canon City, CO. and Naomi McCarty of McLean, TX; one brother, Rodney Gunn and wife Genie of Austin, TX.

The Pioneer Study Club Learns About The Texas Zodiac

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, January 19 at Elizabeth's. Hostess Emma Pechtel served guests eclair cake, almond turtle candy, mixed nuts, coffee and raspberry tea.
 Members present were Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Micley Jackson, Zeldia McClellan, Betty Morgan, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Angie Ware, Nana Webb, Mary Lou Glas, Wanda Lamb, Ruth Magee and Mary Emma Woods.

Guest Shirley Ennis was also welcomed.
 Members answered roll call with their zodiac sign or month of their birth. Jerry Corbin presented an entertaining program on the "Lone Star Zodiac."
 The Club will host a tea for all McLean Girl Scouts on Sunday, March 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex.
 The next meeting will be February 2 at Elizabeth's with Pat Stubbs as both hostess and in charge of the program.

Young At Heart Elect New Officers And New Board of Directors

There were 35 members and guests at the January 17 Young at Heart luncheon. Guests included Dean & Inez Williams, George Shaw, Joanne and Al Ratcliff, and Brandon & Charlie & Haley Stone (grandchildren of Boots and James Stone).
 Tammy Johnson and Amanda Hauck with

McLean Home Health did blood pressure checks. A motion was made by Billie Kingston to add Rosa Troy to our Board of Directors. It was seconded by Vera Pauley and was passed. A motion was made by Boots Stone, seconded by Billie Johnston, to re-elect the 2005 Board of Directors with this change for 2006.

Directors are Mary Dwyer, President, Mindy Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer, Boots Stone, Director, Rosa Troy, Director, Ben Reeves, Director, and Marjorie Fish Ex-Officio Director.
 Lynn Switzer, the Gray County District Attorney, spoke to the group about Identity Theft. She recommends everyone use a crosscutting shredder (especially on unsolicited credit card applications) for paperwork you are discarding with personal information on it. And that we also reconcile bank

statements promptly, and closely check credit card statements. It is a good idea to periodically place all your credit cards on a copy machine and make front and back copies and store in a safe place. (These copies might be needed to be used to notify your credit card companies in the case of loss or theft).
 The next luncheon meeting will be a Valentine's party on February 7 with Dr. Alan McCarty speaking about "The Aging Eye".

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Pr-K - Jayden McLain, K - Brooke Alley, 1st - Morgan Reynolds, 2nd - Jordy Walker, 3rd - Deza Ray Blaylock, 4th - Devin Richardson, 5th - Starlette Herrera, 6th - Patricia Valles, 7th - Lynda Fortune, 8th - William Eldridge

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The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

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Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty. To nominate an educator, or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

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McLean Tigers Tar And Feather The Owls

The McLean Tigers brought home a victory on January 17 against the Hedley Owls with a win of 54 - 47.

John Haynes put 21 points in the basket to lead the score board for the night. He had four three pointers and a 60% free throw average for the game.

Zack Richardson scored 17 points for the night with five three pointers.

Kevin Smith added six more points to the board with a 67% free throw average for the game.

Manden Conklin scored five points for the Tigers. Jacob Tolleson and Jayme Welch both added two points to the score and Chase Fohlar added one.

McLean Tigers Lose To Groom Tigers In Two Close Games

On Friday, January 20, the Tigers and Lady Tigers suffered tough loses against their Groom Tiger opponents on the home court.

The Tigers played a tight game with the final being 47 - 49.

John Haynes sunk four three pointers and two free throws to score 14 points for the game.

Manden Conklin added 11 points with a 83.3% free throw average.

Zack Richardson scored nine points for the night.

Ronnie Alexander and Jacob Tolleson both added

four points each for the game.

Tiger, Kutter Anderson added three more and Jayme Welch put in two.

The McLean Lady Tigers succumb to the Groom Tigerettes with a final score of 35 - 47.

DaShaë Tolleson led the Lady pack with 10 points on the board.

Jacey Carter and Brooke Seymour each put in seven points for the night.

Keisha Menefield added five more points and Lacey Wallis sunk four. Tamara Loya also put in two.



Tiger Ronnie Alexander puts one in the air and scores two for the team to defeat the Hedley Owls and bring home a victory for the Tigers.

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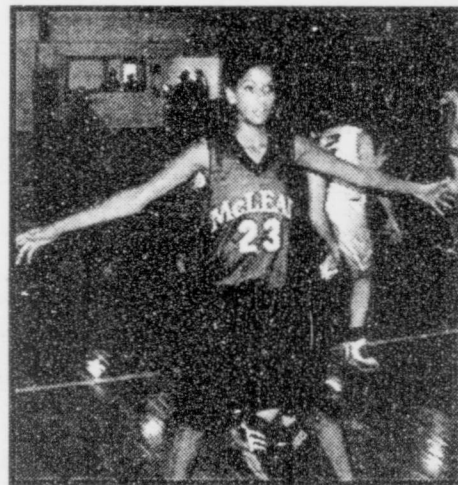
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McLean Little Dribbler Schedule

Lefors Tournament (K-4 Only)	Feb. 2 & 4.
McLean Tournament	Feb. 7 & 9 - 11
Shamrock Tournament	Feb. 14 & 16 - 18
Wheeler Tournament	Feb. 23 - 25



Lexi Menefield stands guard to keep the other team from throwing the ball inbounds and scoring.

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Cancer Screening To Be Held On February 28 At Lovett Library

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Lovett Memorial Library, 302 N. Main in McLean on February 28, 2006.

Breast Cancer effects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam,

mammogram and performing a breast self examination each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

McLean Troopers Arrest Man With 15 Lbs. Of Marijuana

An Oregon man was arrested on I-40 near McLean when troopers found marijuana inside his vehicle following a traffic stop.

A 5:18 p.m., troopers stopped a 2006 Toyota Camry traveling eastbound on I-40 near McLean for a traffic violation.

After consent to search was given, 15 pounds of

hydroponic marijuana was found hidden in the subjects luggage.

Arrested and booked into the Gray County Jail was: 36 year old Wayne Cox of Eugene, Oregon.

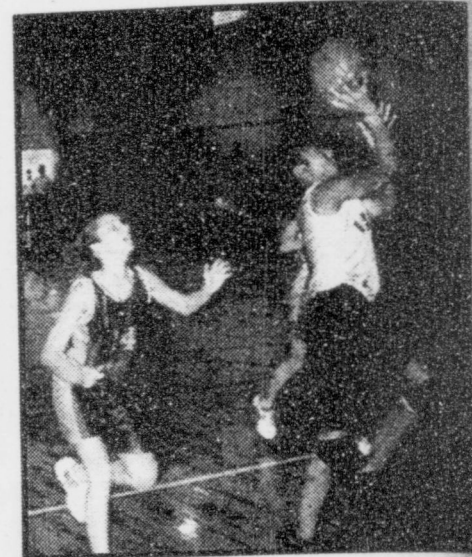
The marijuana was believed to have originated in Eugene, Oregon and was headed for Nashville. The marijuana has an estimated value of \$8,775.00.



The Cubs pay close attention as Coach Herring gives them direction during half-time at a recent game.



Ag teacher, Bill Layman looks on as his students guide their barrows around the arena during the McLean Stock Show.



Nancy Castillo goes up for two to bring the Lady Cubs to victory during a recent game.

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Pastor Jim Reyna 779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

New Life Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor Mahlon Richardson
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday night Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thea Lister Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Head United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
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Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
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Wednesday 6:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church @ The Arena of Life 119 E. 3rd
Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135
Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.

Winborne

the continuing education requirements for the County Clerk position.

She is a member of the County and District Clerk's Association, the Board of Directors of Panhandle Community Services, the Board of

Directors of Panhandle Transit District, the Gold Coats, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, the First Baptist Church of Pampa and a charter member and past president of the Celebration of Lights.

During her time in the Clerk's office, she has computerized all office functions. She has made available the ability to have access to and print birth

certificates from all counties within Texas. She has made available all real estate records from 1990 to

present on the computer that can be viewed from a public viewing station and beginning with the March 2006 Primary, Gray County will be voting on electronic voting machines.

Susan has been married 35 years to Danny Winborne. They have two children, Lisa, age 31; Matt, age 29 and his wife Cortney; and two granddaughters, K'Lyn King and Hailee King who are 11 and nine respectively.

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Exhibitors Do Groom Proud At Carson Co. Jr. Stock Show

With only 11 Groom students in the Carson County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, Groom ISD did very well!

Chris Homen was the big winner from Groom in the Steer Show, winning a Best of Breed with his Heavy Weight British Steer.

Carey Carter earned a Reserve Breed Championship with her Heavy Weight British Steer.

Blaine Britten exhibited a light weight British Steer and did very well in his class and placed 3rd.

Groom exhibitors also did very well in the Pig Show. Kade Brown showed the Reserve Breed Champion in the "Other Pure Breeds" classification.

Trenton Fields placed 1st with his Medium Heavy Weight Hampshire pig.

Thane Barkley and Javier Caro competed



against each other and a very large Medium Weight Hampshire class. Thane placed 6th and Javier placed 7th.

In the Heavy Weight Hampshire class, Chad Barkley placed 3rd and Taylor Fields placed 5th.

Kyler Barkley did very well in the Heavy Weight Duroc class. He placed 2nd.

Chris Homen placed 9th in the Heavy Medium Weight Cross classification.

Brooklyn Kerlee

exhibited a very good heavy weight cross pig and placed 6th in a large class of pigs.

Some of the Groom exhibitors will be showing their projects in the Major

See STOCK, pg. 6

Jackie Lewis To Seek Office

Jackie Lewis is the current tax collector-assessor for Carson County, after being appointed after the vacancy of Barbara Cosper. She recently announced her intent to seek office...

"I, Jackie Lewis, am announcing my candidacy for election of Carson

County Tax Assessor-Collector. I have been employed in the tax office for 14 years and was appointed Tax Assessor-Collector March 1, 2005, by the Carson County Commissioner's Court.

The tax office is responsible for assessing and collecting ad valorem

See LEWIS, pg. 6



Preliminary Report In...

Murder Weapon Linked to Conrad Murders

The Texas Rangers confirmed today that a preliminary ballistic match has been made to the weapon from Levi King. King was charged with a double murder in Missouri and became a

suspect in the Conrad murders after a piece of evidence linked him to the killings in Pampa.

The DPS Crime Lab confirmed by phone that they have made a match to King's weapon. The

official report is pending and no charges will be filed until officials receive the written report. No time line has been given as to when that report might be received.

Virgil Frick Announces Candidacy



Virgil Frick is one of several candidates running for the Carson County Treasurer's seat. The following is his official announcement.

"I, Virgil Frick, would like to announce my candidacy for Carson County Treasurer. I have worked 36 1/2 years for ASARCO, LLC, Amarillo Copper Refinery. Having held

many positions, I am currently the Accounting Specialist where I am responsible for all the monthly and year-end closing of cost and financial books. I also take care of the monthly profit and loss. Besides doing many types of government reports including income tax and tax reports, I work with

See FRICK, pg. 6

Groom Community Calendar

SPRING BREAK! Is March 13-17 at Groom ISD.

GROOM JR. High basketball teams will play Valley, here, on Jan. 30. This is their final home game.

GROOM HIGH School basketball teams will play Hedley, here, on January 27.

Tuesday's
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GROOM HIGH School and Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, January 30 in the Business Learning Lab at Groom School from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All Donors will receive a T-Shirt in honor of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.

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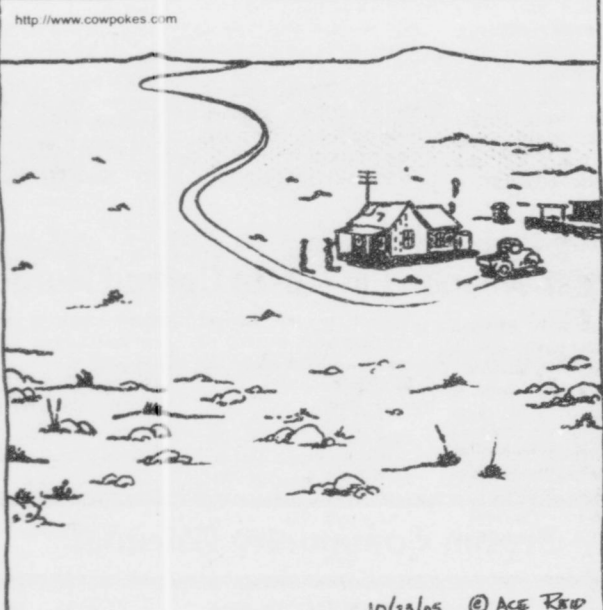
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Local Happenings

Dorothy and Jesse McMullen recently visited their new grandson in Van Horn, Texas. He is Chase Tanner Clark. He is the son of Matt and Tammy Clark.

ITEM OF INTEREST

Claude School Board approved it's football program to participate in a sub-varsity schedule for the next two years. Therefore, the Mustangs will not compete in a football district and will not be eligible to participate in the UIL play-offs, only in the football program, not any other sports.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer spent a couple of days last weekend in Lazbuddie with their daughter and family; Mary Jo and Daniel Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi Jo, Justin and John Henry. They attended the Palmer County Livestock Show on Thursday to watch Jacob, Kinzi Jo and Justin show their pigs.

On Friday evening they went to Happy to watch Brittney and Jacob play basketball.

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Birthday & Anniversaries

January 26 - Robert West, Shirley Lamberson.
 January 27 - Carson Ritter, Pat and Connie Britten (A).
 January 28 - Courtney Sustaire.
 January 29 - Richard G. Weller, Shirley Burgin, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Babcock (A).
 January 30 - Bertha

Knight, Mrs. Gordon W. Schaffer, LaVonda Barkley.
 January 31 - Jackie Barnett, Michael F. Britten, Lori Jill Britten, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Baggerman (A), Mr. and Mrs. James Moraniec (A).
 February 1 - Amos H. Britten.

Mad Hatters Meet

The Groovin' Mad Hatters commonly known as the Red Hat Society met Tuesday evening (January 17) at the Route 66 Steakhouse. Plans were made for the coming year. All those attending had a fun filled evening. Red Hatters have fun wherever they go and whenever they meet. That is the basis of the "disorganization". There was a time for remembering a favorite member who had so much fun - Roberta Ellington. Her wonderful personality is missed.

If you were unable to be at the meeting, you should contact Mary Sue or "Queen Mother" Pat to chip in with your annual dues or renewal fee. Also you could sign up to be a hostess for a month that has not been chosen.

Attending and contributing to the frivolities were the following: Juandell Ritter, Shirley Ann Fields, Dorothy McMullen, Karen, Case, Juanita Brown, Mary Sue Lyles, Queen Mother Pat Ashford, Charlotte Duke, Shirley Sustaire, Rose England and a visitor and newcomer to our fair city, April Olive (who bought the house formerly owned by Melissa and Seth Ritter).

Card of Thanks

My sincerest thanks to all my dear friends and family for their love and support during my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks so much for the cards, flowers, visits and especially your prayers.
 Shelly Britten & Family

It's A Boy!

Joe and Beth Winner of Lewisville, Kentucky are the chosen parents for their adopted son Michael Joseph, born January 6, 2006. He weighed 7lbs, 9 oz, and was 19 1/4 inches long. Robert and Alice Kuehler are the Groom grandparents, as well as Hank and Barbara Winner of Warner Robbins, Georgia.

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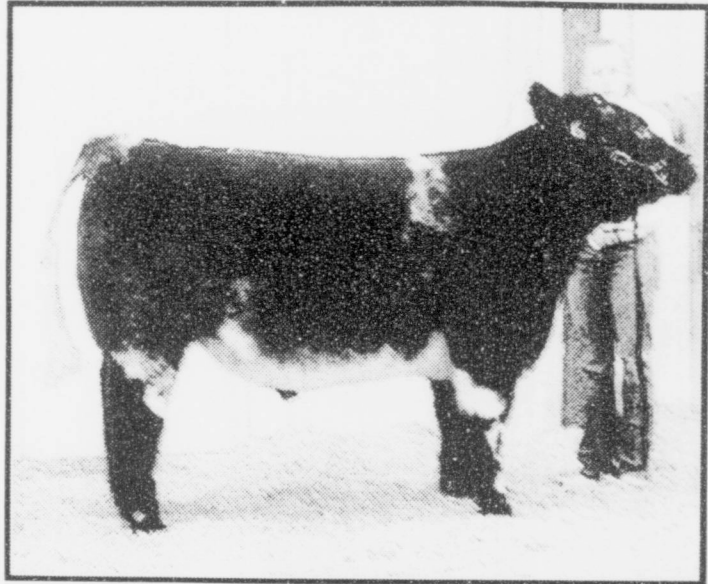
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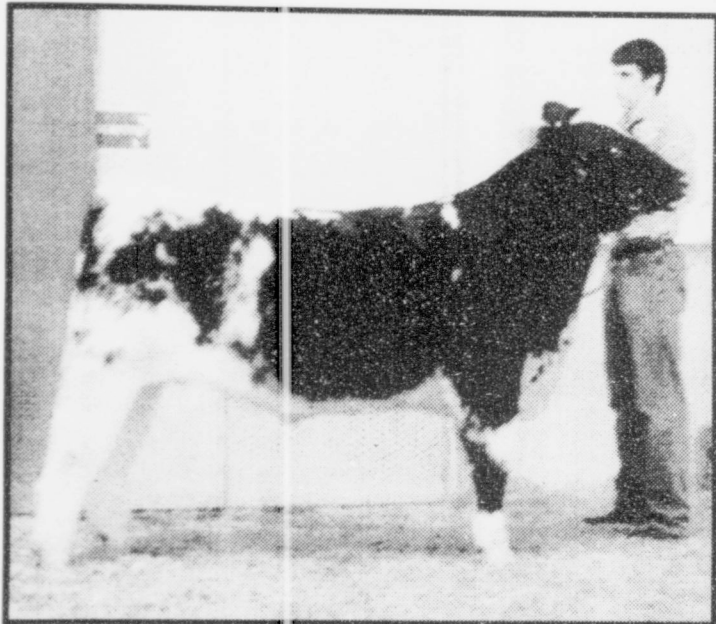
First Baptist Church
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If you can't attend but would like to send a card, her address is:
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Stock Show Highlights



(Top left) Chad Barkley checks to see that his pig is resting comfortably after the Saturday Show. (Top Right) Cary Carter will be taking her good looking steer on to the Majors. (Lower Left) Blaine Britten has his calf looking very good for the show on Friday. (Lower Right) Trent Fields has his very own cheering section with his mom, Karen Fields and his big brother Taylor watching his performance. (Below) Board President Joe Homer helps direct ring workers to keep the show running smoothly.



Slim Finck Is Appointed Public Works Supervisor

The City of Groom held its regular monthly meeting with the following members present on January 9: Mayor Joe Homer,

Aldermen Ellis Stapp, Don Case, Chris Welch, and Kenneth Weller and City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles and Public Works Assistance Bobby

Ratterree. Visitor was James Allen, Auditor. The Managements Discussion and Analysis letter. James Allen of Cox,

Allen & Co. presented the 2004-2005 audit. It was approved as presented.

The board accepted the resignation of Donnie Evans who is retiring.

The Board held a discussion concerning Powers Street. In a unanimous vote, they decided to leave the street as is and not make any changes.

Eddie Finck was unanimously appointed as the Public Works Supervisor.

Don Case moved to go into closed session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The council reconvene into open session at 8:07 p.m.

Chris Welch moved and Kenneth Weller

seconded the motion to increase the pay of Eddie Finck by \$150.00 to go along with his added responsibilities as Public Works Supervisor. The motion was unanimous.

In another unanimous decision, Bobby Ratterree was approved for weekend

pay, anytime after February 1, when the Public Works Supervisor is confident with his experience.

December minutes were approved. The financial reports were also approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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On the Honor Roll

Jessica Bates was named to the Dean's List at WTAMU. She is a Speech Communications Major with a second in Marketing. She is the daughter of Kim Ritter.



Groom Tigers Roar Past McLean Tigers

Groom Tigers and Ettes battle their neighbors, the McLean Tigers last Friday night. Carey Carter scored 14 points to lead the Ettes to victory, ending the game Groom 47-McLean 35. Kacie Galyean contributed 13 points. Michaela Roskens scored 11, Kyra Stevens 7 and

Sharri Britten 2. The Groom Tigers had an old fashioned cat fight on their hands but were victorious 49-47. T.J. Moraniec and Thane Barkley shared high point honors by scoring 12 each. Chad Barkley added 10, Blaine Britten added 7, Javier Caro 6, and Brandon Jenkins 2.

Valley Bests Groom

Groom High School Football teams squared off with Valley last week.

The Tigers fought a valiant battle, but came up short 51-48.

Thane Barkley scored 20 points to lead the team as high point. T.J. Moraniec added another 14 points. Brandon Jenkins contributed 4 points, Javier Caro 2 and Chad Barkley 1.

In the Ettes game, Valley won 67-38. Kacie Galyean lead the scoring with 17 points. Kyra Stevens earned 9. Carey Carter addend another 6 points. Brandi Bates 3, Michaela Roskens 2, and Sharri Britten 1.

Groom Junior High Boys paired up with Kelton on Monday and won 42-9. The Kelton team is made up of boys and girls.

Eric Torres was high point with 14. Jacob Torres contributed 6 points. Miles Friemel and Shane King each put up 4 points. Chris Homen, Tyler Babcock, Michael Kelly, Tyler Case, and Trent Murray score 2 points each.

The Cubs will play in the Miami Tournament on January 26 & 28, and then play Valley, here on January 30 for their final home game.

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Week of January 30-February 3, 2006

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Tuesday - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk.
Wednesday - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk.
Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, juice, and milk.
Friday - Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, and milk.

Lunch
Monday - chicken Fajitas, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit cocktail, sauteed

onions and green peppers and milk.

Tuesday - Burritos with chili and cheese, bean dip, pears, chips, milk.

Wednesday - Char Broiled steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, milk and apple crisp.

Thursday - Mexican pile on, corn lettuce, tomatoes, peaches, graham crackers, and milk.

Friday - Stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, milk and sherbert.

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Panhandle Folks Invade Hawaii

R & B Ag Services hosted a Hawaiian Trip. The Texas Panhandle delegation stayed on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. While there, the men enjoyed the Mid-Pacific Research Station, where many of the test plots for fertilizers used in the Texas Panhandle are tested. The men learned to grow bananas! The women enjoyed shopping, sun and surf.

Pictured are Steve and Paula Smith, Dean and Donna Burger, Dave and Natalie Davis, Rodney and Michele Bohr, Greg and Belinda Britten, Kelvin and Debbie Ollinger, Donne and Marcia Conrad, and Troy and Kim Ritter.



Piano Recital Held During Holidays

Students of Mrs. Floyd's School of Music performed in a recital recently. Pictured are Bekah Roskens, Tiffani Kling, Trent Britten, Tyler Case, Tanner Britten, Mrs. Leslie Floyd, Amy Weinheimer, McKenna Britten, Chris Homen, Katelyn Weller, R'Leigh Welch, and Kari Weinheimer.

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Case's On The Go!

Tim and Tammy Case spent last week in Tucson, Arizona attending the 2006 National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC) Annual Meeting. Tim ended his term as president of the organization. He will continue to serve on the board for one year as the past president.

Tim also ventured overseas to attend the Association of Independent Crop Consultants (AICC) meeting in Daventry, England. While there, he also toured Edinburgh, Scotland as well as the famed St. Andrews Golf Course.

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G.E.D.C. Discusses Promotions

Groom Economic Development Corporation met on January 19, 2006, for their regular monthly meeting. Attending were Joe Rae Richardson, president; members Chris Welch, Lisa Roskens, Cecil Gwyn, Rick Prather, Jamie Bowen, Mary Sue Lyles and visitor Bill Musser.

During the "Open Forum" part of the meeting, the secretary reported that everything had been taken care of regarding the sale of the Fehr property and the \$1,320 that was the prorated portion of the amount left on the contract had been put back in the GEDC funds. It was also noted that Mewyn Webb from Amarillo is writing a book about the attractions of the Texas Panhandle. She will be meeting in Pampa on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Pampa Chamber Offices with anyone who is interested in getting the tourist attractions in their area publicized.

Chris Welch moved

and Jamie Bowen seconded the motion to instruct the attorney to proceed with a title search on the Adam's property to make sure there are no other liens against it and then based on the outcome of the title search, to continue with whatever method is best to get the deed for the property back to GEDC.

Jamie Bowen presented two requests for land assistance. Because of the lack of property available to the GEDC at this time, Chris Welch moved and Joe Rae Richardson seconded the motion to table these requests until we can get a clear title to the Adams property of GEDC is able to obtain more lots for land assistance.

The following promotion ideas were discussed: 1. Check with contractors to see if anyone would build a spec home in Groom. 2. Help the city obtain someplace outside the city limits to place a burn pit. 3. Get someone to paint murals on the buildings facing

old Rt. 66. 4. Get a funeral home interested in placing a branch office here. 5. Sample brochure for promoting Groom.

Minutes from the December meeting were approved as presented. The financial statement was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Frick

internal and external auditing on metal inventories and the financial books as well as figure cost forecasting for the plant. I also check expense reports and approve them for payments.

I am a member of the Panhandle Church of Christ and am on the financial committee.

I served 4 years in the United States Air Force, one of which was in Vietnam. I am a member of the VFW here in Panhandle holding the position of Quartermaster,

where I keep the finances and records for this post.

I have been an active leader with Cub Scouts Pack 501. I keep the financial books for both the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts.

My wife and I have lived in Carson County for 30 years. My children graduated from Panhandle High School. In the past I have taught Bible Classes and coached Little League baseball and basketball.

I feel that I am highly qualified for this job. If elected, I promise to serve Carson County with integrity, honesty and common sense. Thank you.

Pd. Pol. Ad by Virgil E. Frick, PO box 243, Panhandle, TX, 79068.

The heart has reasons that reason does not understand.

—Blaise Pascal

Lewis

taxes for the county, as well as for the cities of Groom and Skellytown. All vehicle titles and registrations are handled throughout the tax office. The Carson County Tax Assessor - Collector also serves as the County Voter Registrar.

With my certification, years of experience, and continuing hours of education, I am qualified and feel I can continue to serve the residents of Carson County in an honest and professional manner.

I am asking for your support in the March and November elections.

Pd. Pol. Ad by Jackie Lewis, Box 1276, Panhandle, Tx. 79068

Stock Show

Shows later this month and next.

J. Duncan won the pick-up drawing.

Drugs & Money Confiscated

Groom- Two men and a woman from Mississippi were arrested yesterday afternoon on I-40 after troopers found drugs and cash hidden in their vehicle.

At 1:30 p.m. yesterday

Methamphetamine was found in various locations inside the vehicle along with \$10,000.00 in cash which was hidden inside the dashboard.

Arrested and booked afternoon, troopers stopped a 2003 Nissan Altima which was traveling eastbound on I-40 near Groom for a traffic violation. After the troopers became suspicious, consent to search the vehicle was given. Later, 2.5 pounds of into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug charges were: Katie Marie Smith, 23 of Saucier MS; John Earl Trahan Jr., 29 of Gulfport MS; Richard Daniel McClellan, 25 also of Gulfport MS.

Investigators believe this load originated in Las Vegas NV and was headed for Gulfport MS. The Meth has an estimated value of \$111,890.00.

Editor's Note!

For future reference, The Groom News does not charge candidates to announce their intent to seek office. We do, however, charge a fee to put their name on the Political Calendar. It is our policy that we DO NOT run their announcement, if they do not wish to be on the Political Calendar, so some candidates think that what they are paying for is the announcement. That is why some absolutely insist on the political disclaimer being at the bottom of what we, at The Groom-McLean News call a news story. But to clarify, an announcement is not a paid ad.

Services Held For Long Time Area Resident Henry F. Fields



Henry F. Fields of Claude passed away on January 18, 2006. Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Claude. Burial was in the Claude Cemetery.

Mr. Fields was born June 26, 1916 in Clarendon to Dr. Charles and Elizabeth Fields. He married Koma Beryl Mahler on February 27, 1943, in Fort Meade, Maryland. They lived near Fort Meade before Mr. Fields went overseas during World War II. After WWII was declared, Fields was

sent to Officer Training School in Ft. Belvoir, VA. Upon commission as Lieutenant, he was sent to Special Services School. Then became Commander of 27th Special Service Company where he spent war days in all parts of

South Pacific and Korea organizing live shows and recreational activities to refresh troops pulled back off the front lines. He was Honorably discharged as Major in 1945.

He and his wife moved to Claude where they have lived for over 60 years. Mr. Fields was a farmer and rancher. Prior to WWII, he was a coach and an industrial arts teacher. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Claude where he was a Deacon and a Sunday School Teacher. He was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason in Claude Lodge #719 and in various agriculture/ranching organizations. He was preceded in death by thirteen siblings.

Survivors include a daughter: Kay Fields Henard and her husband Joe John of Amarillo; a son: Jack Douglas Fields and wife Shelley of Claude. Seven Grandchildren: Nancy Fields, Matt Cox, Lindsey Fields, Ben Cox, Karli Fields, Evan Henard and Nikay Fields and five great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial be sent to First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund of Claude P.O. Box 170 Claude, TX 79019.

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The Primary Election is March 7, 2006. Beginning January 6, 2006 you may call the Clerk's Office at 806-537-3873 to request an application to vote by mail or ask questions.

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