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Five Area Youth To Dance in *The Nutcracker Ballet*



Minnie Buckhaults



Lee Buckhaults



Mia McCracken



Elle McCracken



Haley Macina

This year marks the 32nd year for the Lone Star Ballet's *The Nutcracker*. It will be performed December 8, 9, and 10th at the Civic Center in Amarillo, Texas. It is under the artistic direction of Stephanie and Daniil Gaifullin.

Several area youth are dancing in *The Nutcracker*. As first year ballet students, Lee and Minnie Buckhaults were tapped for supporting roles in the presentation. Lee will dance in the party scenes and will perform as a toy soldier in the fight with the

Mouse King and Mouse soldiers. Minnie dances as an Angel of Light, leading nine younger girls through the beginning of the second act.

Both youngsters are students at Clarendon Elementary. Minnie is a fifth grader with special interests in UIL competition. She is an avid writer, takes piano lessons and has received recognition in the Duke University Talent Search. She has performed in a mime troop with the United Methodist Church in Clarendon and played

on the Royals softball team last summer.

Lee is a Cub Scout in the Bear Troop, where he has won various awards and completed several badges. He enjoys hiking and outdoor adventures. He also takes piano lessons. He played on the Astros Little League team in Clarendon.

Lee and Minnie are the children of Tex and Dollie Buckhaults of Clarendon, former McLean residents, and the grandchildren of Sam and Linda Haynes of McLean.

Elle and Mia

McCracken will also be dancing in *The Nutcracker*.

Elle, who is 5 years old is beginning her 4th year of ballet at the Lone Star Ballet. She took ballet with Lugene Cole for the past 3 years. In 2005, she danced as a tiny tot. This year she will be an animated toy Swiss doll and an Arabian attendant. She attends Kindergarten at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. Her other activities include Suzuki violin and the Anderson Talent Agency.

Mia McCracken, who is 3 years old, is beginning

her 2nd year of ballet at the Lone Star Ballet. She took ballet with Lugene Cole last year. This year she will be a tiny tot in *The Nutcracker*. She is in Primer at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. She takes Suzuki violin and loves horses.

Elle and Mia are the

daughters of Ethan and Robin McCracken. Grandparents are Janet and Roger McCracken and Gayle and Art Rhode. Great-grandmother is Johnnie Rohde.

Haley Macina, a McLean sixth grader, will dance in *The Nutcracker* again this year. This is Haley's fourth year to dance in *The Nutcracker*. She will be a present dancer in the party scene and a mouse in the battle scene.

Haley has taken ballet for 11 years from the Lone Star Ballet and Dance Academy of Shamrock. Her interests include basketball, church and hunting.

Haley is the daughter of Paul and Lee Ann Macina and the granddaughter of Launa Cain.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TIGERS AND LADY
Tigers will play Channing at home December 5th at 6:30 PM.

TIGERS -LADY
TIGERS will play in the Miami tournament November 30-December 2.

MCLEAN 4-H Club
will meet Dec. 5, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Church of Christ Annex.

YOUNG@HEART
will meet Tuesday, December 5th for their regular pot-luck luncheon.

RED HAT Ladies will meet Dec. 6th at 11:30 AM at the Red River Steakhouse for their annual Christmas party. Please wear your red hat and bring an inexpensive gift for the gift exchange. Everyone is welcome.

ANGELS OF LOVE ministry helps local children in need at Christmas. Call 779-2337 for more details.

CUBS AND LADY
Cubs will play Kelton December 4, at 6 PM, at Kelton.

ALAN REED COMMUNITY Association will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, Dec 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Alanreed Community Center. A potluck dinner will be served.

CANNED FOOD drive for Loaves and Fishes at McLean ISD Nov. 27-Dec. 15.

BOOK SALE at Lovett Library, Nov. 27-Dec. 15. Book donations accepted.

PTO ANGEL baskets due back at school Dec. 6th.

ANGEL GIFTS are due at the Methodist Church, Thursday, Nov. 30

MISD Board Decides Not To Offer Softball

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 20, 2006. Board members present were Terri Adams, David Fuller, Joe Riley, Randy Eddleman, Carey Richardson, Chet Bohlar and Toni Bohlar. Also present were Superintendent Jimmy Hannon, Leslie Darsey, Rhonda Patterson, David Haynes, Tim White and Charles Kuntz.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Joe Riley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Carey Richardson gave the

opening prayer.

There were no visitor comments.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by David Fuller to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 16, 2006. The motion passed with 5 voting "FOR" and Chet Bohlar abstained.

Motion by Terri Adams, second by Toni Bohlar to approve the monthly financial reports for October and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.


David Haynes thanked the Board for their consideration of possibly adding Girl's Softball as another Spring sport. He stated that the sport was of

interest to the community, and an excellent spring sport that encompasses lots of girls.

Mr. Kuntz presented the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2006. McLean ISD closed the year with a fund balance of \$1,836,074. Mr. Kuntz stated that the Gray County Tax Office was very efficient in collecting the tax dollars for the district. He also stated that it was a clean audit, with no discrepancies to report. Mr. Kuntz reminded the Board of what good stewards they had been for the District which had caused the significant increase in fund balance. He suggested making

serious plans for the future, such as reserving funds for plant maintenance or

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Christmas Is Coming!
Be sure to stop by and pick out your Christmas Greeting at The McLean News Office, Today!

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 30 - Cliff Heasley.

December 1 - Robert McDonald, Shanna Dent, Anthony Shackelford.

December 2 - R.C. Parker, Joyce Eck, Mason Reynolds.

December 3 - Vicki Smith and Adam Alexander Cook.

December 4 - Inez Trostle, Buck Lee, David

Burrow

December 5 - Tammy Carter, Ryan Swanson, Amber Staton, Misty Keene, Craig Cunningham, Paula Wall.

December 6 - Mike Long

December 7 - Mary Emma Woods, Judy Orrick, Dawson Jackson, Bettie Warren.

McLean School Menu

Breakfast-FRI-cinnamon rolls, toast & jelly, juice and milk. MON.-biscuits and gravy. Tues.-cereal, toast & jelly, fruit, juice and milk. Wed.-pancake, bacon, toast & jelly, fruit, juice and milk. Thurs.(Dec. 7)-egg patties, toast & jelly, ham, juice and milk.

LUNCH-Fri-BBQ sandwich, pickle spears, potato wedges, veggie sticks and milk. Mon.-

pizza, corn on cob, pineapple and orange salad and milk. Tues.-burrito w/ chilli and cheese, pinto beans, salad, tater tots, fruit and milk. Wed.-grilled BBQ chicken breast, broccoli and rice casserole, green beans, Texas toast, fruit and milk. Thurs.-(Dec 7)-Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, French fries, veggie sticks, pickle spear, pudding and milk.

Young At Heart Hear Music Program

There were 19 members and guests present at the Thanksgiving luncheon. Guests were Mary Lou Roach, Katy Graham and Betty Morgan. Betty did a musical program. Lacy

Poole was on hand from McLean Home Health for blood pressure checks. Puckett's Grocery provided the turkey and ham. Mary Dwyer cooked the turkey and Zelda McClellan cooked the ham. The

Second Six Weeks Honor Roll

Elementary/ Jr High All A Honor Roll- 2nd Six Weeks

1st Grade- Brooke Alley, Chandler LaRoe, Jack Reyna and Saralyn Richardson.

2nd Grade-Braden Armbrister, Callie Crockett, Ashley Ferguson, Charles Graves, Whitney Hambricht Haley Hardman, Chelsie Jasper, Alex Mull, Christian Mull, Nolan McClellan, Morgan Reynolds, Daniela Rodriguez, Kearston Tolleson, Joshua Watson and Shiner Webb.

3rd Grade-Jacey Bailey, Lexus Brown, Bailey Herring, Samantha Long and Daniel Syfrett.

4th Grade-Summer Ferguson, Kaleyton Kinsey, Jared McClellan, Jasmine Montoya and Charlie Webb.

5th Grade- Trae Hannon, Jacie Ketcherside, Jordon

McLain and Oscar Rodriguez.

6th Grade-Haley Macina, Miranda McMordie and Kendra Richardson.

7th Grade-Saber Bohlar, Tori Bybee, Taylor Fish, Jordan Herring, Jace McLain, Becca Reyna, Dalton Richardson, Rudy Rodriguez, Ashley Russell and Moriah Wooldridge.

8th Grade-Elementary/ Jr High A/B Honor Roll-2nd Six Weeks

1st Grade- Whitney Davis, Trista Greenwood and Martiza Retena.

2nd grade-Hunter Burnett, Patrick Eldridge, Hailey Hutchison, Karson Johnson, Joshua Martin and Rachel Soto.

3rd Grade-Andrew Bybee, Maria Haynes, BJ Ketcherside and Jordy Walker.

4th Grade- Cody Crockett, Mason Reynolds, Camrynn Richardson and Kendalyn Richardson.

5th Grade-Shelby Adams, Calvin Armbrister, Hayley Burnett, Braxton Cooper, Tristan Davis, Ian McMordie and Kaleb Perkins

6th Grade-Shiloh Brown, Braden Hambricht, Kaulin Kinsey, Zachary Morrow, Kirstie Perkins, Rocco Rodriguez, Jeremy Smith and Molly Stewart.

7th Grade-Britnie Cooper,

Ashley Medlock, Lacy Nix, George Patterson and Rena Smith.

8th Grade- Katy Acuna, Ashley Byron, Tanner Cadra, Clay Crockett, Nicole McClendon, Sami Staton and David Stevens.

HONOR ROLL-HS

90 or Above Honor Roll-High School -2nd Six Weeks

9th grade- 10th grade- DaShae Tolleson

11th grade- Jessica Mann and Mark Smith

12th grade-John Haynes, Tamara Loya and Brooke Seymour

80 or above

9th Grade-Tucker Adams, Candice Canaday, Haylea Harper, Sheri Haynes, David Passmore, Jessica Skipper and Amber Staton.

10th grade- Veronica Hungate, Jamie Sanderson and Patrick Seager.

11th Grade-Zach Richardson and Lucas Webb.

12th Grade-Kutter Anderson and Erin Bailey.

4-H News
The McLean 4-H Club met Nov. 7, 2006 at the Church of Christ Annex for their regular meeting. The meeting began with congratulations going out

Card Of Thanks

To the people of McLean: Thank you for the generous gifts of love showered on our family during the illness and death of Faris; our husband, father, brother, grandfather and Uncle Bud. Your kindness, compassion and prayers have supported our family during this difficult time.

We would specifically like to thank the pallbearers, Thacker Haynes and Jim Reyna. We would also like to thank the McLean football team for honoring Faris. He would have been so proud of the football jersey you left on his grave. He loved his McLean Tigers and truly was your greatest fan.

We are proud to be part of this community and call you our friends. Thank you. The Hess Family

to Tammy Syfrett and Daniel Syfrett on their wins in the Gray County Food Show, Nov. 2nd at Lefors.

Danny received 2nd place for his homemade applesauce in the nutritious snack category and also Rookie of the Year.

Tammy received 1st place and Best Place Setting in the Fruits and

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Memorial Held for Roy and Chloe McMullen

Memorial services were held for Chloe and Roy McMullen on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 2 PM at the United Methodist Church of McLean. Rev. Thacker Haynes officiated with Brother Joe Jernigan and Brother Larry Perkins assisting. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Katie Chloe Hanes was born August 13, 1918 in Emerson, Texas to G.W. and Emily Hanes. She married Roy Abner

McMullen on June 23, 1942. They were married for 64 years.

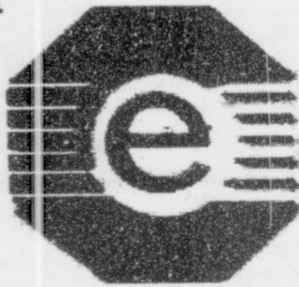
Mrs. McMullen was a homemaker. She taught school for two years at the Pakan school. She loved to be at home where she enjoyed quilting and gardening, but most of all she loved her family.

Mrs. McMullen passed away on November 25, 2006 in McLean, Tx. She was 88. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Abner McMullen on November 14, 2006.

Survivors include one daughter, Emma Jean McDonald and husband, Jim, of McLean; one son, Roy Lynn McMullen and wife Teresa of Tulsa, OK; five grandchildren: Mark Tate, Lee Ann Feenstra, Kara Fox, Steven McMullen and Katie McMullen; and ten great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the McLean Fire Department, Mclean, Texas 79057.

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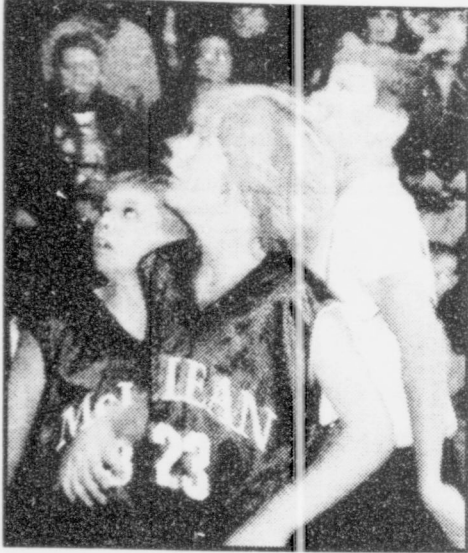
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McLean Cubs and Lady Cubs Win Games



Jace McLain and Jordan Herring wait for the rebound

The McLean Jr. High Cubs played Lefors November 20th, in McLean and blasted the Pirates 45-15.

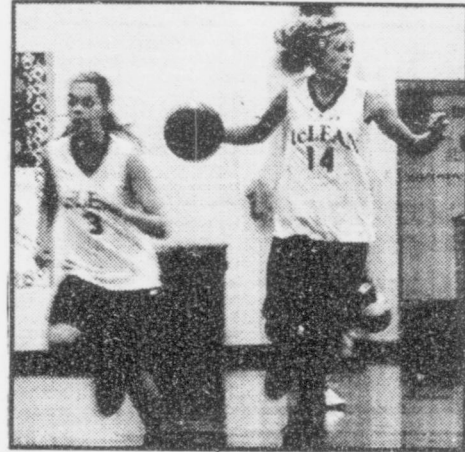
Clay Crockett was high point for the Cubs with 9 points. Tanner Cadra scored 8 points, Jordan Herring 7 points, Zach Seymour 6 points, George Patterson 5 points, Jace McLain 5 points, Dalton Richardson 5 points.

The Cubs traveled to

Groom November 27 and came away with a 37-31 win

Tanner Cadra was high point for the Cubs with 22 points. Clay Crockett scored 4 pts., Jordan Herring 3 pts., George Patterson 2 pts., Jace McLain 2 pts., Tyler Lamb 2 pts., and Zach Seymour 2 pts.

The Cubs will play Kelton December 4, at Kelton at 6 PM.



Nicole McClendon and Ashley Byron bring the ball down the court

The Lady Cubs beat Lefors 37-8 November 20th at McLean. High point for the Lady Cubs was Rudy Rodriguez with 10 points.

The Lady Cubs

traveled to Groom November 27th and won their game 50-26.

The Lady Cubs will play Kelton, December 4th, at 6 PM, at Kelton.



Ashley Byron enjoys win.

Samnorwood Advances To The State Quarter Finals

Samnorwood, the second place seed from our football district, beat Cotton Center 46-26 last Friday, November, 24, in a Division II Regional Six-Man playoff game at Silverton. Samnorwood beat Follett in Bi-District 56-7 the week before.

Samnorwood will play Whitharral at 6 PM at Bushland, in a Six-Man State Quarterfinals football game Saturday, December 2.

Defensive coordinator for the Samnorwood Eagles is Andy Glass, a 1996 graduate of McLean.

Tigers Lose Opener To Shamrock

The McLean Tigers played their first basketball game of the season last Tuesday, November, 21 losing to Shamrock 61-39.

The Tigers had a 27-25 lead at halftime, their shooting went cold in the

second half. McLean had four points in the third quarter and eight points in the fourth quarter, while Shamrock scored 14 points in the third quarter and 22 in the fourth quarter.

High point for the

Tigers were Chase Bohlar with 11 points and John Haynes with 10 points.

The Tigers will play in the Miami tourney beginning Thursday, Nov. 30th, and they will play Channing December 5th, at 8:00 PM, in McLean.

McLean Tigers & Lady Tigers

Lady Tigers Lose In Overtime

The McLean Lady Tigers were nipped by the Shamrock Lady Irish November 21, in overtime, 51-44, at Shamrock.

McLean was lead by Brooke Seymour with 15 points and Nancy Castillo

In overtime Shamrock outscored McLean 9-2 and pulled away for the win.

The Lady Tigers will play in the Miami tourney that begins November, 30. They will return home to play Channing December, 5th at 6:30PM.

with 14 points. The Lady Tige s built a 23-20 lead at half time and a 32-27 lead through three quarters. Shamrock came back with a 15-10 run in the 4th quarter to force an overtime.



Brooke Seymour



Summer Morris



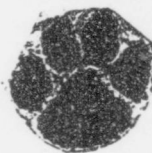
Tamara Loya



Lacey Wallis



Amanda Loya



Jessica Mann



Lyndsey Ellis

McLean ISD 779-2301	C & H Supply 779-2209	McLean Care Center 779-2469	Red River Steak House 779-8940
Country Corner 779-2209	Magee Ranch 779-2532	McLean Feedyard 779-2405	Charlotte's Unique Stop 779-2445
Baily Ware Funeral Home 779-2424	The Flower Cottage 779-2900	Kirk's Auto Supply 779-2654	Hambright Construction 779-8989
The McLean News 779-2141	Puckett's Grocery 779-2661	Cozy Parson Real Estate 779-2021	McLean Home Health 779-2485

School

construction.
 Tim White, architect of White Associates proposed a physical plant evaluation of all the buildings. His proposal was to provide architectural and cost-estimating engineering services, necessary for a comprehensive, on-site survey of the District's facilities. The results would be issued in a detailed report which will include recommendations for non-compliant items. Itemized probable costs of construction and building sketches would be included for a proposed fee of \$7500.00. This proposal is for discussion purposes only, therefore no action was taken, and the plans for the improvement of facilities will be discussed in the months to come.

Mr. Hannon discussed two options with the Board regarding

the Energy Management system. The District could continue the control system contract with Troy Wesley of Control Tech which would need some upgrading and cause an increase in the annual contract from \$2300 to \$2900 with a minimum commitment of four years. Another option would be to have Kent Payne of Quality Heating & Cooling to install programmable thermostats to control each heating/cooling unit. This would accomplish the same cost savings as our current option, with a one time charge of approximately \$3500.

The funding of Dual Credit Courses for High School students was discussed. Three spring courses will be offered: a technology course instructing students to troubleshoot and maintain computer operating systems, college algebra, and a second semester English class.

Costs for books, tuition and fees for these classes will result in additional expenses for students. Some funds could be available through House Bill One High School Allotment money. Certain criteria will have to be met by a student before they can enroll in the dual credit courses. Action will be taken next month.

Under other business Mr. Hannon informed the Board of the Staff Christmas Party on December 18th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Red River, to which the Board is also invited, and afterwards the Board Meeting will be held in the Superintendent's office at 8:00 p.m. Superintendent evaluation forms were handed out, so the appraisal could be done at the December meeting, and goals could be set for next year.

It was Mr. Hannon's recommendation not to offer softball at this time. His reasoning was so that the students could concentrate on academics by being in class during the spring. The Board voted not to offer Girl's Softball, with a motion by Chet Bohlar, second by David Fuller, with 4 voting "FOR," Carey Richardson voted "AGAINST," and Randy Edleman abstained. Motion carried.

Upon Mr. Hannon's recommendation a motion was made by Toni Bohlar, and seconded by Carey Richardson to accept the Audit Report as presented by Mr. Kuntz. Motion carried.

Mr. Kuntz requested a change to Policy CH (Local). This item was tabled until TASB Update 79 has been issued.

Motion by Terri Adams, second by Randy Edleman to approve Option 2 for Energy Management, upon this recommendation by Mr. Hannon. As a result of this motion, the contract with Control Tech will be cancelled, and programmable thermostat will be installed in each

room. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannon recommends that the Board approve the NovaNet contract with Region 16. This internet based credit recovery program will also provide TAKS remediation to students in need. The contract was approved with a motion by Toni Bohlar, and second by Terri Adams. Motion carried.

Motion by Terri Adams, second by Chet Bohlar to appoint Joe Morgan as the Gray County Appraisal District Board Representative on behalf of McLean ISD. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Terri Adams to approve an extra duty stipend for each school employee to be given at the Staff Christmas Party. Each full-time employee will receive \$100 and part-time employees will receive \$50. Motion carried with 6 voting "FOR," and Joe Riley abstaining.

Motion by Terri Adams, second by Chet Bohlar to approve the student transfer for Veronica Hungate as recommended by Mr. Hannon. Motion carried.

It isn't long until Santa brings good boys and girls presents. If you would like to share your child's letter to Santa, please bring it by The McLean News Office or mail it to us at Box 148.

Please limit your letters to one paragraph. This is limited to children too young to be in school. (McLean Elementary will send us school-aged children's letters)

4-H

Vegetables Category. Tammy made homemade Pea Pod vegetable dish. Tammy and Daniel will both compete at District on December 2nd in Amarillo.

On December 9th at 5 PM, the 4-H ers will meet at the Church of Christ

Annex for their yearly Christmas Party. They will go Christmas caroling. 4-H ers need to bring a snack and a gift that is \$5.00 or less.

The next meeting will be Dec. 5th at 7:30 PM in the Church of Christ Annex. (Braxton Cooper is the 4-H reporter.)

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 605 W. 7th P.O. Box 780
 McLean, Texas 79057
 806/771-2469, 779-2515 fax
 Billy Ray Johnson, Administrator
 Nita Marisey, Asst. Administrator
 Kim Daughtry, Director Nurses
 Connie Brilen, Asst. Director Nurses

McLean Home Health
 LYNN SWANSON, RN
 Administrator
 Director of Nursing
 603 N. Grove St.
 P.O. Box 47
 McLean, Texas 79057
 Phones
 806-775-2485
 800-873-4842
 Toll Free

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
 Pastor Jim Rayns 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 Z.A. Myers
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday night Service 8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m.
 Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

Trinity Church Railroad Street
 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
 Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
 Life Group Sunday-5:00 p.m.
 Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
 Wednesday 8:00
 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

McLean Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life 119 E. 3rd
 Pastor Ronnie Ferguson, -779-2135
 Worship Service Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.
 AA Meetings - Call Randy Stalls 881-4534
 Clarendon College Rodeo Ministry - Tues. 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE

The Cowboy Church now owns the property where the old Dairy Queen was located. This is private property.

NO TRESPASSING NO DUMPING, PLEASE

MCLEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Date Control Codes		10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,877,283	\$ 21,739	\$ 1,899,022
5800	State Program Revenues	143,385	25,733	169,118
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	156,535	156,535
5020	Total Revenues	2,020,668	204,007	2,224,675
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	797,805	113,162	910,967
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	51,395	689	52,084
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,544	1,675	4,219
0021	Instructional Leadership	1,716	-	1,716
0023	School Leadership	125,932	710	126,642
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	19,982	3	19,985
0033	Health Services	176	300	476
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	69,834	103	69,937
0035	Food Services	2,180	97,338	99,518
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	47,247	145	47,392
0041	General Administration	142,745	333	143,078
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	186,585	1,335	187,920
0053	Data Processing Services	39,094	417	39,511
Intergovernmental:				
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	12,305	-	12,305
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	25,625	-	25,625
6030	Total Expenditures	1,525,165	216,210	1,741,375
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	495,503	(12,203)	483,300
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915	Transfers In	1,235	12,202	13,437
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(13,437)	-	(13,437)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(12,202)	12,202	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	483,301	(1)	483,300
0100	Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	1,352,772	-	1,352,772
3000	Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 1,836,073	\$ (1)	\$ 1,836,072

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Claude ISD is accepting bids on:
 A. 1995 Ford Diesel Van
 B. 1990 71 Passenger Carpenter Bus
 Specifications may be picked up at the Superintendent's office. All bids must be submitted and received in the Office of the Superintendent, 5th & Vine Street, Claude, Texas 79019 no later than 10:00 AM on December 18th, 2006. The district retains the right to reject any and all bids. Bids will be opened at 10:00 AM on 12-18-06.

SHAMROCK LAUNDRY - 200 N. Wall, (Corner of 2nd & Wall). Coin operated, bring soap & change! Come wash and dry in Shamrock, Texas.

THE MCLEAN Housing Authority is accepting bids on lawn Care for 2007. Job includes mowing 2 HUD properties and 1 Rural Development. Also, applying a pre-emergence chemical to combat grass burrs at both locations twice during the year -once in Jan or Feb. And once in June or July. Edging, raking, removing debris and trimming bushes and trees that obstruct mowing is also necessary. Job should look professional upon completion each time it is mowed. Contact Brad Dalton at the Housing Authority Tuesday-Thursday for more information. Bids will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2006. Bids may be taken to Linda McDonald At Cantrell Oil Co.

WANTED COTTEN stalks for grazing, call 248-7000, Groom Feed Lot.

MCLEAN HOUSING Authority is taking applications for part-time maintenance man. Pay will be determined by experience. Applicant must have tools and transportation. Contact Brad Dalton at the McLean Housing Authority, 711 N. Wheeler, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 AM-4 PM.

CITY OF GROOM employees may be contacted for after-hour emergencies by calling Slim Finck at 242-1416 or paging him at 342-8312; or call Bobby Ratterroe at 223-9565 or paging him at 342-8433.

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Naughty List

Clay Britten having plenty of "fun" at a recent party and being just as ornery as ever!

A really nasty flu bug putting in an appearance over the holiday.

Nice List

Toby and Erin Burgin brightening the holiday by enjoying an outing with their parents, Donald and Nila Burgin.

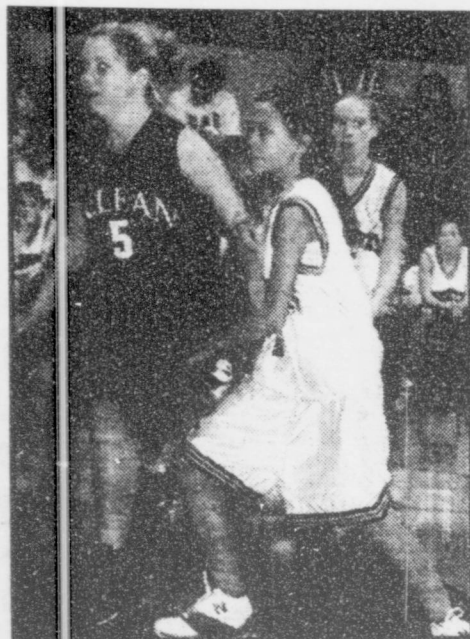
Colby Britten promising that he was headed home to help his momma make pies, just before Thanksgiving.

Post Officer Worker Toni Pavlovsky cheerfully helping out customers as the busy season begins.

Some very sweet Boy Scouts delivering popcorn treats just in time for the holidays.

P.S. From Santa... Don't forget to send in your letter to Santa. The Groom News will be printing those letters on December 21. I will be checking for last minute changes in your Wish List from them!

Groom Cubs & Ettes Battle McLean



Groom teams play a couple of very physical games against McLean.

Groom Junior High Cagers Lose To McLean

Groom Junior High Basketball teams faced off with McLean on Monday night in the Groom Gym.

A very fast paced game was played with Groom being outdistanced by the very quick McLean team.

Groom's final was 29, McLean 50.

Maddie Wieberg, #22, See Basketball, pg. 4

City To Sponsor Contest

It is time to get up out of that easy chair and work off a little of that turkey and dressing by putting your Christmas decorations! Don't worry... it will all be worth while when you win the annual City of Groom Christmas Decoration Contest.

The contest will once again offer "Fame & Fortune" as the reward for all your hard work. The city fathers will bestow a 1st place cash prize of \$25 on the lucky winner. 2nd place will earn \$15 and 3rd

place \$10. Plus the winners will be announced in the annual Christmas keepsake edition of the Groom News on Dec. 21, 2006.

Voting for your favorites will begin next week with ballots found in The Groom News. Vote for your favorite homes by placing the name or address on the ballot for your 3 favorite residences. Ballot boxes will be placed in the Groom Grocery and City Hall. Deadline to vote will be December 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Calendar

A CHRISTMAS Program will be held at the school on December 7 at 6:00 p.m. It will include Kindergarten - 6th grade.

CITY OF GROOM water bills will be late this month due to computer problems. Please be patient. They will mail them as soon as possible.

GROOM UNITED Methodist Church will have their Christmas Program on Dec. 13.

THE CHRISTMAS Program at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church will be held on Wednesday, December 20th.

NOTICE! A Special class will be given to the Groom EMT's in training on Dec. 2 in Groom. This class will be concerning Extracting Patients from Accident Scenes, working with the Life Star helicopter and the Department of Public Safety. The simulation will include several wrecked vehicles and the helicopter may be on the scene. Notice is given as to prevent alarming local citizens.

ONE ACT Play performance of "Dearly Departed" will be held on Dec. 9th at 6:30 in the school auditorium.

GROOM HIGH School Basketball teams will be traveling to the Rising Star Tournament Nov. 30-Dec. 2 to compete. See the bracket in this weeks issue of The Groom News.

HIGH SCHOOL teams will also play Ft. Elliott, here, on Dec. 5.

GROOM JUNIOR High will play Hedley on Dec. 4th, there, at 6:00.

Accident Claims Three Lives

KELTON — At 8:00 PM on the 25th of November a 2004 Ford pickup ran the stop sign at the intersection of FM 592 and FM 2697. The pickup was west on FM2697 and when it ran the stop sign at FM 592 it struck a 2004 Mack Truck Tractor Simi-trailer in the side.

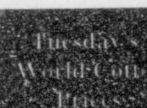
The Ford pickup was driven by Rafael Benito

Lopez 19, of Wheeler. Lopez and two other passengers Carlos Hernandez 18, of Wheeler and Adrian Gallegos 17, of Wheeler were all pronounced dead at the scene by JP Meadows form Wheeler Co. A fourth passenger Daniel Diera 17, of Wheeler was taken to NWT Hospital with massive injuries, Diera is in critical condition but stable.

The driver of the truck Willie Smith of Elk City, Ok was uninjured.

The Ford pickup struck the rear of the Truck Tractor and upon impact the Simi-trailer separated from the Truck. The pickup wedged underneath the trailer and both over turned at the same time. The trailer ended up on top of the pickup.



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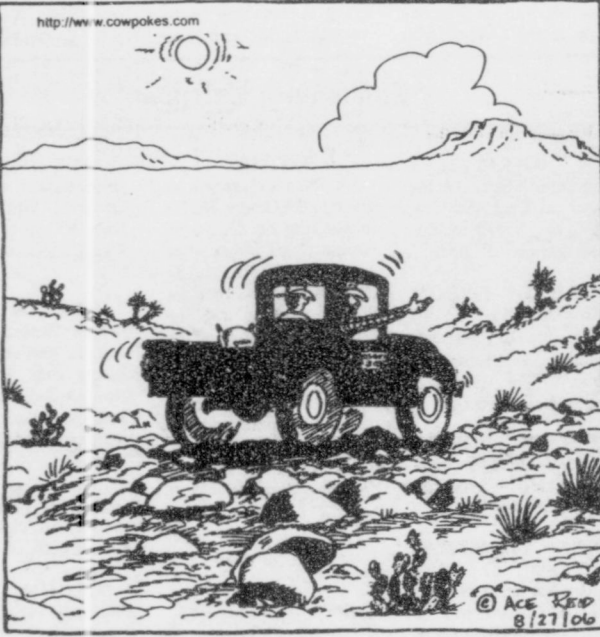
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Local Happenings



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Groom Birthday and Anniversary
 November 30 - Marcus Miller, Trent Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pavlovsky (A).
 December 1 - Gage Wyatt Whatley, Don Lyles, Dena Lambert, Kevin Kerlee, Devin Scott Kerlee.
 December 2 - Paul Thias
 December 3 - Calvin Clay Schaffer, Darlene Jones, Jill Ann Britten, Forrest McLaughlin, Jamie Vaughn, Jaclyn "Jacee" Breann Fields.
 December 4 - Martie Jo Phillips.
 December 6 - Zac Brown.

Visiting in the Jerry & Tina Knowles home for the Thanksgiving Day holiday were their son Richard and his daughter Brittany of Oklahoma.

Kenzeth and Frances Payton traveled to Missouri to visit her sister this Thanksgiving..

Terry and Laura Stephens were joined by their two daughters for Thanksgiving at his parents home in Wayside. Two of his brothers and their families were able to attend, as well. They all enjoyed a terrific meal and a wonderful day of visiting and watching football.

The Royce Brown family had their Thanksgiving feast at Paula Brown's home this year. Royce fixed the turkey, dressing and cherry cobbler. Erynn and Victory Brown cooked devil eggs, banana pudding and boiled chicken for the dumplings. The rest of the family helped prepare other foods for dinner. Visitors and family attending this year were Royce, Scotty, Pam, Kassandra, Erynn, Zachary and Victory Brown of Groom; Jimbo & Renee Brown, Raymond Brown and Jacey Little of Groom; Marn & Neva Sue Cheng and Wesley Shields of El Dorado, Ark; Parker Kerlee of Pampa; Kaci Shields and friends Cory and Chris of Yukon,

Oklahoma; Faye and Colton Ybarra of Groom; Danny Shields, Sr. of Goodnight and grandson Drew of Boys Ranch, and Andrew and Joseph Verone of Pampa. The people eating lunch will always remember who asked for the goblet gravy. All the little children will remember the candy Uncle Marn passed out on Friday afternoon.

Musser Earns PhD in Physics

Joseph Alan Musser recently completed his PhD in physics at Texas A & M University. He is the youngest son of Ed and Pat Musser of Canyon. He is a 1988 graduate of West Texas State University. He has accepted a research position in the physics department of A & M University.

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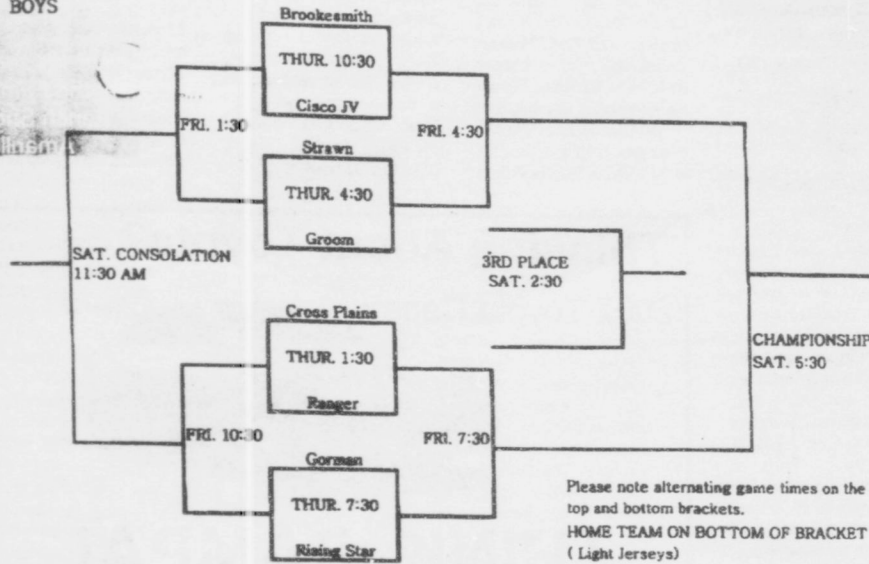
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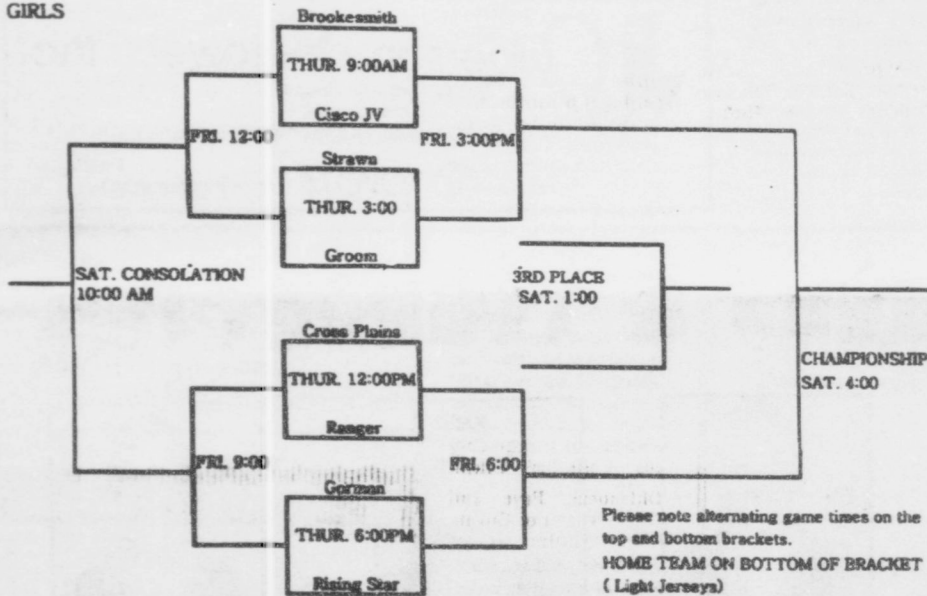
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Carson County Commissioners Hold Short November Meeting

The Carson County Commissioners met on Monday, November 27, 2006. Attending were Lewis W. Powers, Judge; Mike Britten, Kenneth

Ward, Jerry Stawn, and Kevin Howell Commissioners. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

were held. Minutes of the Nov. 20th and the Nov. 13th meeting were approved. A motion was made and approved to pay all claims.

There was no action on Right of Way Easements, Indigent Care, Roads, Labor and Machinery.

Treasurer Jeanne Cunningham submitted her October report to the Court. The report was acknowledged.

The meeting was adjourned until Dec. 11.

Veterans Medical Clinic

To Offer Flu Shots
The Amarillo VA Health Care System now has flu vaccine. All eligible veterans will be able to receive their flu shot at their scheduled appointments. In addition the Thomas E. Creek VAMC will have walk-in flu fairs each Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 AM until Noon, through December 6. A flu Fair will also be held on Saturday, December 2, from 10:00 am until 2:00 PM in the main lobby.

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

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, & milk.

Friday: Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH

Monday: Soft Tacos, Corn Lettuce, Tomatoes, milk and ice cream.

Tuesday: Char Broiled Chopped Steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, milk and rice krispie treats.

Wednesday: Frito pie, pinto beans, peaches, graham crackers, and milk.

Thursday: Fried Chicken, green peas or carrots, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, milk and cake.

Friday: Cheeseburgers, Curley fries, baked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, milk and cookies.

Groom High School Teams Face Off With Booker

Groom High School basketball teams faced off with Booker last week before the Thanksgiving



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break.

In the girls match up, Groom lost 29-65. Rachel Hopkins and Cady Wilson shared high point honors with 12 each. Robin Burnett added another 5.

In the Junior Varsity Boys game, Groom won 37 to 34. Tyler Babcock lead

the team in scoring with 12 points, Brett Friemel added another 6. Anthony Luna added another 5. Shane King, Ben Thompson, Keiton Weller each added 4 points a piece. Tyler Case contributed 2 points.

The Varsity Tigers blasted past Booker, 55-35.

T.J. Moraniec lead his team to the victory by putting up an impressive 21 points. Josh Kelly offer up 10 points for the team. Thane Barkley added 9 more. Blaine Britten contributed 7 points. Trevor Friemel and Eric Torres added 4 points each.

Basketball Continues....

lead the scoring with 10 points, Hali Bohr #32 contributed another 7 points. Neva Corley #12, added another 3. #11 Haley Kuehler, #14 Rebekah Roskens, and #30 Elizabeth Merrell each put up 2.

In the boys match, Groom narrowly missed

the win 31-37. Michael Kelly offered his leadership by scoring 9 points. Taylor Fields added 8 more points. Jacob Torres put up 7 more points. Trent Murray added another 2 points each.

The Cubs will face off with Hedley, there, next Monday at 6:00 p.m.

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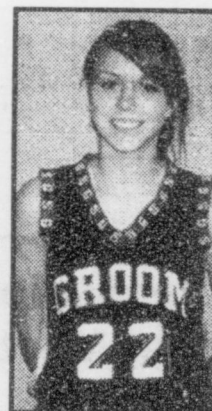
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The signup period for the 2007 Environmental Qualities Incentive program (EQIP) in Carson County is rapidly coming to an end with Friday, December 15th being the last day to apply. Cotton and milo harvest have kept many farm operators and land owners out in the field and busy. Signup to date has been very light, according to John Wimberley, district conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCS) in Panhandle.


There is 30% cost-share assistance for installing new pivots on previously row-watered cropland, while 50% cost-share is available to help with the installation of numerous other conservation practices including planting cropland back to grass, installing terraces, installing drip irrigation. Cost-shared practices on grassland at the 50% rate included cross fences, livestock water development (tubs, pipelines, wells, solar and submersible pumps), and brush control (aerial spraying of mesquite or

perennial broomweed, individual plant treatment and dosing of mesquite and cedar.) These cost-share rates are based on an established average cost for each eligible practice and aren't based on the actual cost incurred at the time of installation.

For 2007, at least \$200,000 is available to be used in Carson County for eligible conservation practices. If these funds aren't used here, they will be re-allocated to other counties that have more requests than they have money available, according to Wimberley. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Some practices, such as terraces will require extensive field work and design to determine what is actually needed. For more information, call (806-537-3533, ext 3) or come by the NRCS office in Panhandle in the south end of the Hippy State Bank building. Additional information including ranking criteria, eligible practices, and cost-share rates for all programs, can also be found on the Texas NRCS Web Site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

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This program is designed to present the latest hot topics in tax and legal planning; new legislation, cases and rulings of relevance to the general practitioners in preparing 2006 tax returns and advising clients during this tax season. This program highlights the new developments practitioners will need to assist their individual and small business clients during tax season.

This course is approved for five (5) credit hours of continuing education and continuing legal education for attorneys, CPAs and tax professionals.

Topics covered include:

- The 2006 legislative changes impacting small-business owners
- New IRS rulings impacting individual taxpayers and small-business clients
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- Tax-planning opportunities available for 2006.

The course is \$60 and will include admission for one person and all course materials. Reservations are required. For more information or to register for this program, please contact Harp at 665-6753.

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MORE HOLIDAY VISITORS

Visiting in the Jerry & Melanie Britten home over the holiday weekend were Jeremy Britten and kids Asia and Grayson of Abilene. Jeremy has recently joined the staff at Abilene Bone and Joint Clinic as an orthopedic surgeon. Jerry and Tanner took the guys fishing at a favorite spot at Alanreed.

Jim and Donna Burton hosted a Thanksgiving Day meal. Attending were Donna's brother & family, Terry, Brenda & Britnee Alward; the Burton children, Melody Simpson and April and Brandon Jones all of Amarillo; and Allie and Norris Hoyt of Groom.

Attention:

Groom Booster Club will not have a meeting on Monday.

Darrell Whatley's Host Family Thanksgiving Feast

Darrell and Charlotte Whatley hosted the "Whatley Family Thanksgiving" in their home on Thursday, November 23, Guests

enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner and each others company. In attendance were: CJ, Kamy and Gage Whatley of Fabens, Tex., Dara Whatley, Debbie and Ron Tigg, Sheila Whatley,

Carol King, Brandon, Tisha, Madison and McKayla Kuhn, Irene Baggerman, Willafaye Whatley of Amarillo, Curtis and Margaret Whatley, Sharlene Lewis, Rozelle and Kevin Collingsworth and Darrell and Charlotte Whatley of Groom.

Darrell, Charlotte and Dara Whatley traveled to Childress on Saturday to visit with family and friends.


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Ag Station To Experience With Perennial Wheat

BUSHLAND - Perennial wheat? The possibility is being looked at by a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher.

Annual wheat, which is traditionally grown in the Great Plains, is planted in the fall and dies after harvest in mid-summer. But Dr. Charlie Rush, Experiment Station plant pathologist, is testing some perennial lines of wheat bred in Washington state. These perennial lines regrow after harvest and may survive for up to five years, Rush said. And eastern Washington is climatically similar to the Texas Panhandle, except it has harsher winters.

"This wheat, if it works here, will start growing back as soon it rains or is irrigated after harvest," he said. "Right now, we don't know if it will work in our area or not. But there definitely could be some applications for it if it does."

The perennial wheat could be used as a ground

cover for highly erodible lands, wildlife habitat and an alternative crop for Conservation Reserve Program lands, Rush said.

However, primarily he is interested in evaluating use of perennial wheats in dual purpose grain-grazing cropping systems that are prevalent in the southwestern Great Plains.

Over the years, different breeders have crossed bread wheat with wild wheat grass in order to acquire a variety of desirable traits, such as drought tolerance and resistance to diseases and insects, Rush said. In making these crosses, some of the resulting lines inherited the perennial trait.

Perennial wheat programs are already underway in Kansas and Washington. But it was work on disease resistance by Dr. Tim Murray, professor and chair of the plant pathology department, and Dr. Stephen Jones, wheat breeder, both at Washington State

University, that first gained Rush's interest.

"For perennial wheats to have a place in our dual-purpose cropping systems, they must have good resistance to disease and insects," Rush said.

For this reason, his primary concern is determining how the 20 experimental lines will hold up against wheat streak mosaic and greenbugs, something both Jones and Murray also are researching. In addition to screening for disease and insect resistance, Rush is also evaluating the perennial wheat lines for forage quality and yield, water use efficiency and drought tolerance.

"If they have drought tolerance and natural resistance to diseases and insects, it opens up real possibilities," he said. "Producers could save the cost of replanting at the very least. But it could also allow cattle to graze later in the spring and earlier in the fall, and still allow farmers to harvest for grain."

Also, Rush said, producers would be able to avoid the fallow period that sets fields up for erosion. If the perennial wheat is rained on or irrigated in July, it is possible that cattle might be able to start grazing as early as August.

"Since perennial wheats typically yield only 70 percent of the best bread wheat cultivars, I don't see this as competition for the grain crop, but primarily as another option on forage," he said.

Lower yields are the primary reason researchers have not been very interested in perennial wheats, Rush said. But with increasing energy costs and environmental concerns, perennial wheats are worth a new look, especially for the dual-purpose systems. In September, Rush planted three replications of 20 lines of perennial wheat in

September, plus seven non-perennial varieties already in commercial production in the High Plains for comparison. Additionally, he bordered the plots on one side with a variety highly susceptible to wheat streak mosaic virus and on the other side with a highly resistant variety.

"One of the things that could quickly kill this project is if all the perennials are highly susceptible to wheat streak mosaic," he said. "We don't want to have that bridge for the virus and mites to over-summer and threaten the fall wheat crop."

"However, we are confident that some of the lines will be disease-tolerant, because some of Dr. Murray's preliminary findings on resistance to wheat streak in Washington state," Rush said. Additional testing for insect and disease resistance will be conducted in the greenhouse with the perennial lines being inoculated with wheat streak mosaic virus and tested for resistance to greenbug and possibly bird cherry oat aphids, which also vector barley yellow dwarf virus, he said. All the insect screening will be conducted by Dr. Jerry Michels, Experiment Station entomologist at Bushland.

"Because this whole research is so brand new, we're limited in the number of treatments we can do until there's more of this perennial wheat seed available," Rush said.

Disease screening and forage quality sampling using remote imaging techniques to measure the biomass, instead of clipping it, has already started and "we're getting good data," Rush said.

In the first sampling, some of the perennial wheat lines yielded roughly the same amount of forage as the bread wheats and also exhibited good

resistance to wheat streak, he said.

"I can hardly wait until our next field day to show our regional wheat producers these new wheat lines," Rush said.

Pesticide Applicator will Need to Use Drivers License or Pesticide License Numbers

VERTON - Producers can no longer use their Social Security numbers as identification when they attend pesticide applicator trainings, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist. Extension is hosting two such training sessions on Nov. 30 and Dec. 5 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton.

In years past, producers could present a valid pesticide applicator's

license, their driver's license or their Social Security number to receive credit for the training. Not any more, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist.

"TDA advised we cannot ask for their Social Security number - only driver's or pesticide licenses," Higginbotham said.

By state law, the Texas Department of Agriculture requires private pesticide applicators to earn 15 hours of continuing education units every five years to maintain their licenses, Higginbotham said.

A news release distributed in late October listed Social Security numbers as still being an accepted identification method.

"We are still getting lots of calls from folks that must have seen the original mail-out," Higginbotham said.

For more information on the two pesticide applicator recertification trainings offered at Overton.

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