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Emergency Grants Help Local Residents



Angie Ware visits with fire victim Colleen Sherrod after presenting her with her gift cards.



Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter receives her Wal-Mart cards from Lion's Club President Angie Ware.



Suzy Thomas gives Angie Ware a hug after she is presented with Wal-Mart cards.

Whenever there is a natural disaster, Emergency Grants in the amounts up to \$10,000 are available to help Lion's districts with distribution of relief aid to victims when needed.

According to the board-established grant criteria, Emergency Grant funds must be used to provide basic necessities such as food, clothing, blankets, kitchen supplies, bottled water and medical supplies for those affected by the disaster. The grant funds may not be used to rebuild structures damaged by any natural disaster or to provide housing on a long-term basis.

According to local

Lion's Club President, Angie Ware, the District Governor, Lila Vars applied for this grant and received \$10,000. "Much of this money is being used here in McLean to help six families who lost their homes in the fire," stated Ware.

Each family member received a Wal-Mart card valued at \$500.00. 16 total family members were given a card.

The families that

received help are Bob and Colleen Sherrod, Jim and Evelyn Shaw, Billie and Patty McBee, C.W. and Suzy Thomas, Johnnie and Mary Ann Carpenter, and

Bob and Lenore Preston. "The McLean Lion's Club is very thankful for this grant and proud to be able to help these families," says Ware.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FFA AREA JUDGING - April 8.

DISTRICT TRACK - April 7 in Panhandle.

SCHOOL WILL BE Dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on April 13 and there will be no school on April 14 for the Easter Holiday.

TAKS TEST - April 18 - 21

GIRL'S SOFTBALL - April 13 in Clarendon.

IF YOU SENT FOOD to the fire station in pans or bowls, water coolers or ice chests to the fire station, please contact Linda McDonald to get them back.

CITY COUNCIL Meeting, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

PICTURE DAY AT School - April 10.

DISTRICT TENNIS - April 11 in Amarillo.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet today.

DEVIL'S ROPE Annual Barbed wire and collector show will begin tomorrow, April 7 and continue through Saturday, April 8. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COUNTY WIDE 4-H Fashion Show, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Golf Team Wins District Championship

The Tigers and Lady Tigers have taken first place in district golf.

The McLean boys won the first place title shooting a team score of 402.

Zach Richardson led the way with a 90, followed by John Haynes with a 92. Sparling shot a 102. Treat Darsey shot a 114, followed by Matt Applewhite with a 118. Anthony Ruiz shot a 120 and Jesse Parks shot a 122.

Second place was Wheeler with a 454. Third

place went to Ft. Elliott with a 468. Miami took fourth place with a 479. Fifth place was Lefors with a 512 and sixth place was Channing with a 516.

The Tigers also finished with the top three medalist of the tournament with Zach Richardson placing first, John Haynes placing second and Sparling placing third.

The McLean Lady Tigers won the first place title by shooting a team score of 494.

Lindsey Ruiz paced the Lady Tigers with a score of 113, followed by Brooke Seymour with a 121. Tamara Loya shot a 129 and Carrie Thompson with a 131. Erin Bailey shot a 136 and Arely Vega shot a 155.

Second place went to Miami, who finished with a 510.

Finishing in the top 10 medalists for the Lady Tigers was Lindsey Ruiz with fourth place, Brooke Seymour in fifth place,

Tamara Loya in sixth place, Carrie Thompson in seventh place and Erin Bailey in a tie for 10th place.

The Tigers and Lady Tigers will advance to Regional competition in Lubbock on April 24th and 25th.

"I'm very proud of both teams," stated Coach Herring. "They have improved all season long and I am proud McLean

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McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 6
 April 7 - Margaret Milam, Pat Andrews, Cozy Parson, Kendra Richardson, Shot Cole.
 April 8 -
 April 9 - Logan Taylor Tate, Ruby Jones.

April 10 - Becky M. McClendon, J.C. Skinner, Ashley McClendon, Bob Martin, Dawson and Mickey Jackson (A).

April 12 - Virginia Dalton, Aline Winegeart.

DaShe Tolleson To Compete In Regional UIL Meet



DaShe Tolleson

On Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 22, nineteen MHS students traveled to Miami High School to compete in the 2006 UIL District Academic Meet.

Two of those students came away with awards,

entitling one to compete at the 2006 Regional Academic Meet on April

21 at Levelland. Freshman DaShae Tolleson competed in Ready Writing at the district meet, winning a second place medal and a trip to the regional competition.

Sophomore Mark Smith won a fifth place ribbon in Current Events.

Others competing at the district meet were Kevin Smith, Lucas Webb, Keith Raines, Tamara Loya, Brooke Seymour, John Haynes, Jessica Mann, Steve Vassey, Jacey Carter, Jayme Welch, Manden Conklin, Lindsey Ruiz, Lacey Wallis, D.J. Menefield, Jessica Mann, Tammy Syfrett and Evan McMordie.

McLean School Menus

for the week of April 10 - 14

BREAKFAST

Monday: Cinnamon Toast, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Milks, Juice

Tuesday: Muffins, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice

Wednesday: Breakfast Mini Pockets, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice

Thursday: Biscuits and Gravy, Sausage, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice

Friday: NO SCHOOL

LUNCH

Monday: Tuna Sandwich

or Peanut Butter Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Pickle Spears, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday: Frito Pie with Chili and Cheese, Pinto Beans, Salad, Apple Crisp, Milk

Wednesday: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Hot Rolls, Milk

Thursday: Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cheetos, Banana, Milk

Friday: NO SCHOOL

McLean High School's One Act Play Cast Performs Fourteen Lines

The MHS cast and crew of "Fourteen Lines" traveled to Follett on Monday and Tuesday, March 27 and 28 to compete in the Zone 2 One Act Play competition.

Six schools competed for two positions which were won by Ft. Elliott's "Alice in Wonderland" and Higgin's "The Rivers and Ravines". Those two plays competed Thursday, March 30 at Amarillo College in district competition.

The cast members of the MHS play were Carrie Thompson, Keith Raines, Manden Conklin, Kevin Smith, MarKeisha Menefield, Lindsey Ruiz, Tamara Loya, John Haynes, Brooke Seymour,

Amanda Fricks, Jacob Tolleson, Steve Vassey, Erin Bailey and Jacey Carter.

Carrie Thompson received "All-Star Cast" recognition and John Haynes received "Honorable Mention All-Star Cast".

The crew for the play were Trey Skipper, Lacey Wallis, Lucas Webb and Connie Vega. Alternates for the play were Jayme Welch, Matt Applewhite and Jessica Mann.

The group is planning the annual "Dinner Theater" on May 1, 2006 at the Devil's Rope Museum. Watch for signs when tickets go on sale for this night of entertainment.

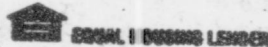
High Plains Softball Schedule

4-13	Clarendon #3	There	7 p.m.
4-24	Clarendon #2	There	8 p.m.
4-27	Claude Reds	Here	7 p.m.
5-1	Clarendon #1	There	8 p.m.
5-4	Claude Blues	There	8 p.m.
5-8	Clarendon #3	Here	7 p.m.
5-11	Clarendon #2	Here	7 p.m.
5-18	Claude Reds	There	6 p.m.
5-22	Clarendon #1	Here	7 p.m.
5-25	Claude Blues	Here	7 p.m.

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*The people that sent food and drinks.

*Those who took out of town fire fighters into their homes.

*The people that stayed at the fire station cooking and cleaning for us.

We had supplies come in from not only the good people of McLean, but the towns around us also. We could not do our jobs if we did not have the support of all these fine people.

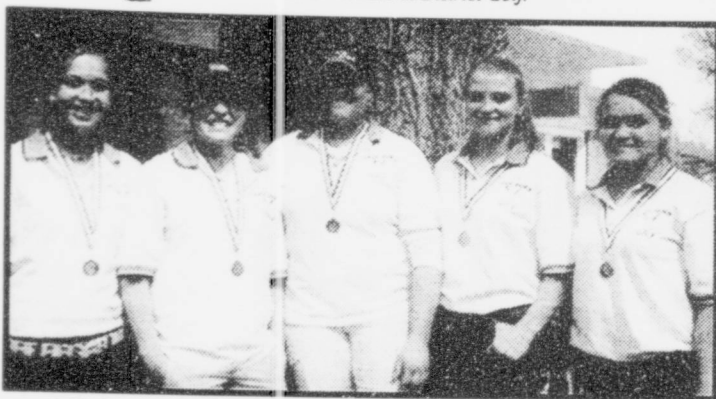
McLean Fire Department
 &
Fire Chief Clifford McDonald

GOLF

has continued to qualify for regional competition over the past four years. I would like to thank the community volunteers who have donated time and some equipment to help our kids."



Logan Sparling 3rd, John Haynes 2nd, Zach Richardson 1st medal winners at District Golf.



Lady Tiger team members Erin Bailey, Carrie Thompson, Lindsey Ruiz, Brooke Seymour, and Tamara Loya take first place with a team score of 494.



District winners Logan Sparling, Matt Applewhite, John Haynes, Zach Richardson and Anthony Ruiz prepare to take on the Regional competition.

Devil's Rope Museum Opens For Spring Visitors

The Devil's Rope Museum is reopened for Business as of March 1. Visitors are few and far between but the ones we have had have been enthusiastic and appreciative of the exhibits. We have had people from Japan and some from Australia and Holland.

The Student Council continues to clean for us on the first Saturday of each month as their community service project. We really do

appreciate Mrs. Woodard and her students.

Since the fires made national news, we have had several calls to see how the museum fared. One lady from Los Angeles called because she was afraid "our wonderful museum" had burned. She had stopped in the museum before and was glad to know we are still here.

We are looking forward to several tours this year and of course we have the community Room rented

for several activities next month.

The Devil's Rope Museum's Annual Barbed Wire Show will be April 6th, 7th and 8th in the community room. There will be collectors here from several states. They will be displaying their wires, tools and other collectables. Their ladies will display their treasures. We invite everyone to come out and visit the collectors and see their wares. Admission is free.

Track-ster Compete In Miami Meet

The McLean Tigers and Lady Tigers traveled to Miami for a track meet on April 1.

The Tiger team competed against four other schools including Wheeler, Groom, Lefors and Miami. The team came in fifth with a team score of 61.

Jayne Welch brought home a first in the Long Jump with a jump of 18'1/4". He also placed first in the 800 with a time of 2:16. He also brought

home a first in the 400 with a time of 58.63.

Trey Skipper came back with two firsts and a third place. In Long Jump, Trey placed third with a jump of 17'43/4". He placed first in the 100 with a time of 11.55 and he placed first in the 200 with a time of 25.20.

The Lady Tigers went up against competition from Lefors, Holy Cross, Wheeler, Follett, Fort Elliott, Miami, Groom, San Jacinto, and Higgins. The

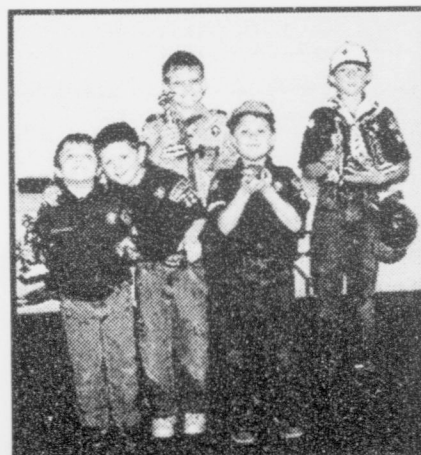
ladies came home in sixth place with a team total of 45.

The team won third in the 400 Relay with a time of 58.22.

DaShae Tolleson won second in the 100 Hurdles with a time of 19.01. She won first in the 300 Hurdles with a time of 58.92.

Brooke Seymour brought home a third in the 100 Hurdles with a time of 20.84.

(right) Pinewood Derby winners prepare to go on to the next level of competition.



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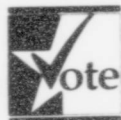


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Lovett Memorial Library Gets Face Lift



Librarian Sally Bohlar

Pioneer room (a meeting room).

I applied for a Tocker Grant for a New Circulation Desk/Area and some storage cabinets plus books. The grant was awarded.

The library needed new carpet. It was decided that I go before the local EDC and ask if they might be willing to buy new carpet for the library. They voted to purchase the carpet and also choose to put new ceiling tiles in the library book area as it had stains from where the ceiling had once leaked.

With the help of volunteers we started painting, the ceiling tiles were installed and books were all moved and carpet lain. Then the circulation desk and storage cabinets were installed.

With the memorial money we have purchased tables and chairs for the Pioneer room. New comfortable furniture such as a couch and stuffed chairs will be purchased shortly.

The library now has the feel of a modern, well organized place where everyone can come in a checkout books, use the

computers or just come into visit.

With the help of volunteer we accomplished all of this in 12 days. The wonderful volunteers were Deanna McClendon, Tammy Morrow, Jackie Worsham, Joe and Betty Morgan, Delbert and Ruth Trew, Nancy Woodard, Lucas Webb, Kevin and Mark Smith, Chase Bohlar, Susan and Shaunna Corley. These people were

instrumental in getting the library remodeled. It could not have been done without them. Thank you so much.

Some upcoming events to look for happening at the library:
Free library card replacement week

Open house
Summer Reading Program

Adult Summer Reading Program

As the Apostle Paul says in Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens and in so doing, fulfill the law of Christ."

We have seen so many examples of this scripture being fulfilled since the March 12 fires. We take this opportunity to thank everyone for their calls, food, help, hay, feed and most of all prayers.

In Christ, Les & Lyda Darsey

Mike, Lesli & Trent Darsey

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Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
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Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

New Life Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor John Richardson
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday night Service 6:00 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 Thecker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Ch 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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


Trinity Church Railroad Street
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
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.

by Sally Bohlar

Lovett Memorial Library in McLean has just finished a remodeling project. It all started with a Memorial we received from a loyal patron's family when she passed away.

The recommendation from the family was that the money not be used for books or computers. The Library Advisory Board and the Friends of the Library met and decided that the best use for the money was to update the front entry area and the



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Johnny and Joyce Haynes

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The Board of Trustees of McLean ISD will be voting to approve the calendar for the 2006-2007 school year pending the approval of a waiver by the Texas Education Agency. The proposed calendar has the first day of instruction scheduled for August 16, 2006. The public is welcome to attend the April 18, 2006 meeting at 7:00pm in the Business Office at 4th and Rowe and provide input regarding the calendar.

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Run-Off Election To Be Held On April 11 For County Treasurer

Republican voters and those who did not vote at all in the March primary may go to the polls on Tuesday, April 11 to decide the Republican candidate for the Carson County Treasurer. Candidates Virgil Frick and Denise Salzbrenner were the two top vote getters in the primary election that fielded 5 Republican candidates. Of the 885 ballots cast, Frick received 305 and Salzbrenner 274.

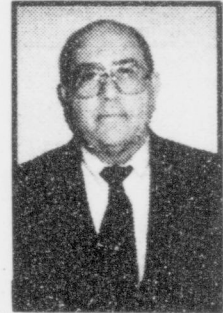
Virgil Frick lives in Panhandle and is well qualified for the job. He is currently employed by ASARCO, LLC, Amarillo Copper Refinery where he has worked for over 36 years. He is an Accounting Specialist. He served in the US Army in Viet Nam. He is a

member of the Church of Christ and is active in many volunteer organizations including Boy Scouts and the VFW.

Denise Salzbrenner has lived in White Deer for 26 years. She has 21 years working in the banking. She is currently working for Cabot & NOI Employees Credit Union and where she is the General Ledger Manager. She is also active in her community and church. She has served in many volunteer positions over the years in the First United Methodist Church including youth minister and communion steward. She has been a participant in the Carson County Relay for Life and was active in school activities with her children as they grew up in White Deer.

Both candidates are well qualified for the position. Who ever wins

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Virgil Frick



Denise Salzbrenner

Fire Dept. Gets Donation From Lion's Club

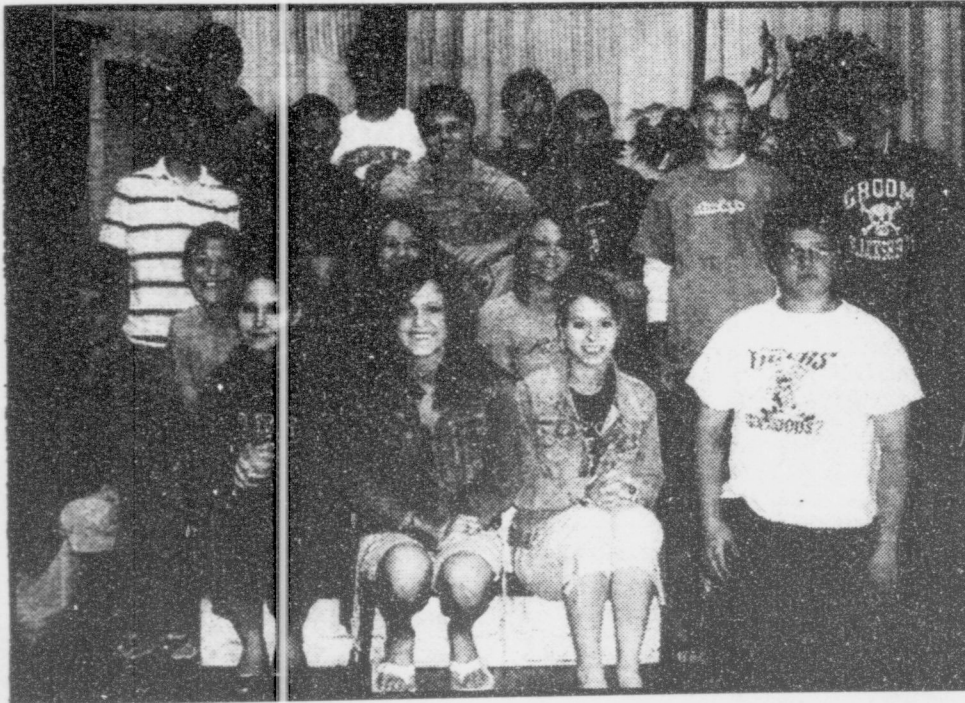
Groom Volunteer Fire Department is just one of ten Texas Panhandle Fire Departments that has been awarded funds from the District Lion's Club to cover some of the extensive expenses that

area fire departments like Groom suffered in the recent fires.

"Fires like the ones we suffered two and three weeks ago are very hard on the department's budget. Equipment gets

harshly used because of the urgency and the rough terrain, not to mention the additional cost of gasoline," said Fire Chief Tony Treadwell.

See Donation, pg. 6



UIL & One Act Play Will Advance In Spring Competitions

Once again, Groom School has proven that being small in enrollment does not make you small in stature when it comes to

the success of it's students. Groom High School continues to excel in spring time events. Several students will soon be competing in Regional

UIL after qualifying at the District Meet last week.

Groom One Act Play is also advancing to the Area Competition. The production of *Fourteen*

Lines by Alan Hachnel, has been well received in the competitions.

Several actors and

See Spring Event, pg. 4

Community Calendar

GROOM LION'S Club will host a Buffet Luncheon to benefit Groom's Summer Program for Kids on April 9th from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. at the Groom Community Center.

AWANA'S CLUB will meet on April 9. It will be Wild Hair Night! Make your hair crazy and come and join the fun!

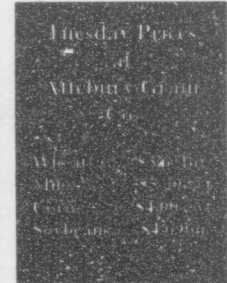
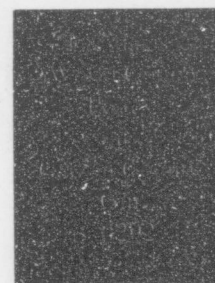
EASTER WILL be celebrated on April 16.

ALPHA MU XI will host an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Groom Memorial Park.

NATIONAL HONOR Society, Groom Chapter will install new members on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Distance Learning Lab.

ANNUAL BABIES Clinic will be on May 4 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.


CITY ELECTION will be on May 13, 2006.



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Local Happenings

When it rains, it pours...

If Denise Salzbrenner did not have enough to do these last couple of weeks campaigning for the Carson County's Treasurer's seat, she was working cattle and one cow decided to jump up catching her arm and breaking her arm in two places. Denise is campaigning throughout the county for the runoff position for Carson County Treasurer's seat set for April 11. Denise not only broke her left arm in two places but she broke her left arm in two places and she is left handed.

She is set to find out this week if she is to have surgery.

Denise is the penning secretary and was in Amarillo when it happened. There are 136 teams, with three to a team.

Denise's mother was hospitalized in Colorado this weekend but her mother had told her not to come because she had too much to do anyway and if she had come, she would not have been in the position to break her arm. And if she had made the trip to Colorado, it might not have rained!

DID YOU KNOW?
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Allie Hoyt was the honoree at a weekend party for her birthday. She was visited by her brother Jim Jones and his friend, Simone, of Albuquerque, NM; her granddaughter Paula Been and great-granddaughter Jessica of Red River, New Mexico; granddaughters Melody Simpson and April Burton of Amarillo. A wonderful time was had by all.

Easter Events To Be Held At The Cross

On Good Friday, April 14 beginning at 12:00 noon, Father Frank Pavone of the Amarillo Diocese will lead the Stations of the Cross. The stations will be followed by scripture and song. Jim Lummus of Pampa will lead the Rosary. At 3:00 p.m., Kay Britten of Groom will lead the Divine Mercy Prayers.

Easter Sunrise Services (7:00 a.m.) will be lead by Pastor Larry Perkins of the Trinity Church of McLean, Tx.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 6 - Hannah Yelverton, Mrs. Ruben Egggerman, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Painter (A).
- April 7 - Candace Bohr.
- April 8 - Marcia Conrad, Angela Conrad Amphay, Maggie Zamudio, Belinda Britten.
- April 9 - Charles Fields, Hugh Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brooks (A).
- April 10 - Kreed Kotara
- April 11 - George (Jigger) Britten, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bowers (A).
- April 12 - Rodney Bohr, Brandon Jenkins, Elizabeth Craft, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruthardt (A).

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Groom Breakfast & Lunch Menu

For the week of April 10-14.

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- Monday - Cold Cereal, muffins, juice and milk
- Tuesday - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk.


Thursday & Friday - no school due to holiday
LUNCH

Monday - Mexican pile on, corn, fruit cocktail, lettuce, tomatoes, graham crackers & milk.

Tuesday - Corn Doges, macaroni & cheese, tator tots, pears, pickle spears, & milk.

Wednesday - Bar-b-que beef on a bun, french fries, peaches, & pickle slices.

Thurs. & Friday No School



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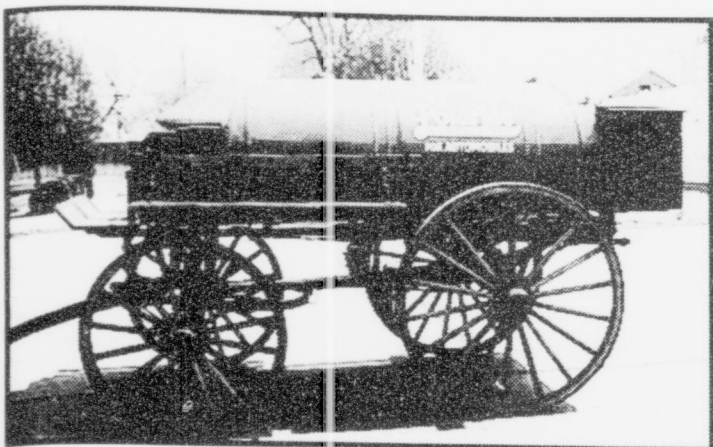
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Brumley Finishes Historic Project



Johnny Brumley has just finished an interesting project, an early oil tanker. He started on it last summer when it was found in the sand hills near Gage, Oklahoma. All the wood had rotted and had to be reproduced in order to fit in its special place. He had Tom Black Sandblasting and Painting in Pampa to sandblast the metal and paint it. After that he began assembling the parts that he disassembled some six or eight months ago. At times it was a challenge to remember what went where and how it fit. The wagon belongs to Eddie and Judy Longhofer near Canadian. They have a high quality wagon collection.

Most of the eastern U.S. oil fields were in rugged terrain which required staunch wagons to haul heavy equipment. This wagon is no exception. It has heavy duty springs that would support twice its load. The tank has three compartments, one for gas, one for kerosene and one for oil. *Polarine* was

the oil division of Standard Oil of New York. Standard Oil was forced to break up into 33 component companies in 1911. A number of them, alone or in combination, leading eventually to nine major brands, would eventually market gasoline. The breakup of Standard would thus coincide with the development of the retail gasoline station and related marketing efforts that would introduce gasoline brands to worldwide motorists. *Polarine* was another of the shared Standard trademarks, used by the other divisions for their motor oils.

Kramer Wagon Builders located in Oil City, PA, and dates back to the 1860's built many tankers like this one. This tanker was popular around 1907 when the automobile was to be the market for the product it hauled. Until now the tanker was used to deliver kerosene for heating fuel that replace coal stoves. It can be said that this tanker was a "transition

piece" for it delivered oil and fuel by horse drawn means for the automobile. Not for long because in 1918 companies mounted tanks on truck chassis. As the means of transport changed heavily to motorized vehicles the companies had to build different tanks to fit the motorized chassis, thus the end to the horse drawn tanker except for those who could not afford the motorized chassis.

In the 1890's the tank wagons were usually pulled by one horse, two, and even three horses depending on the size of the tank and weight of the load. This tanker required two big mules because of its weight. When this tanker was popular, major companies such as Standard and its affiliates had large departments overseeing the bulk marketing of products by tank wagons. The usual daily sales and delivery radius from the station was more or less 12 to 15 miles, but distances such as 20 miles or more were sometimes undertaken.



ALPHA MU XI PRESENTS

Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

April 9th at 2:00 pm

Groom Memorial Park

For Children Pre-School through 3rd Grade

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Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

The Easter Bunny will make a personal appearance!



Card Of Thanks

Dear Friends,

Monte & I would like to say thank you to each and everyone of you. Your generosity and sincerity for the loss of our home during the recent fire has been overwhelming. We truly appreciate all the help we have received so that we can get back on our feet.

Thank you again,
Monte & Sandie Schaffer

The main span of the tank wagons only lasted about 30 years or a little more except for a few diehards.

A piece of history has been restored that gave way and at the same time served the needs of the newly invented internal combustion engines. It would be interested what this old tanker would say if it could talk. An interesting project for our friend, Johnny Brumley! We are all looking forward to the next one.

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The following students will be advancing in UIL Academics. They are (back) Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Josh Kelly, Kelton Weller, and Kyra Stevens. Congrats & Good Luck!

Groom EDC To Ask For Return Of Deed In Lieu Of Foreclosure

The Groom Economic Development Corporation held its regular monthly business meeting on March 16, 2006 with the following members present: Joe Rae

Richardson, Chris Welch, Jamie Bowen and Lisa Roskens.

Chris Welch summarized and discussed the Economic

Development Sales Tax Training Seminar in Abilene that he and Mary Sue Lyles received on March 10. The session was presented by the

Spring Event

actresses have been singled out for honors in their recent performances. At the Zone Competition, Brandi Bates and Kyra Stevens were named Honorable Mention. Michaela Roskens and Chad Barkley were named to the All-Star Cast.

At the District competition, Brandon Jenkins was named to Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Brandi Bates, Ben Thompson, and Chad Barkley were named to the All-Star Cast. The group will perform at Amarillo College on April 16 at 2:00 p.m.

The complete cast consists of Ben Thompson, Brett Friemel, Josh Kelly, Andrew Thompson, Trent Britten, Chad Barkley, Michaela Roskens, Stephen Ingle, Anthony Luna, Thane Barkley, Kade Brown, Kacie Galyean, Brittany Kuehler, Carey Carter, Brandi Bates, Brandon Jenkins, Javier Caro, Shari Britten and Kyra

Stevens. Ande Ragsdale is the director of the play. Student who competed

in the UIL events are as follows:

Computer Applications - Brett Friemel & Andrew Thompson

Current Issues & Events - Kelton Weller, Brandon Jenkins & Javier Caro.

Literary Criticism - Shari Britten, Kacie Galyean, Kyra Stevens, and Carey Carter.

Mathematics - Josh Kelly, Blaine Britten, & Thane Barkley.

Number Sense - Josh Kelly, Thane Barkley and Blaine Britten

Ready Writing - Robin Burnett, Thane Barkley, Michaela Roskens.

Science- Brandon Jenkins

Social Studies - Kelton Weller & Kyra Stevens

Spelling & Vocabulary- Blaine Britten, Chad Barkley & Trent Britten.

Poetry Interpretation - Brandi Bates & Carey Carter

Persuasive Speaking - Brandi Bates, Stephen Ingle.

Prose Interpretation - Brittany Kuehler, Kyra Stevens, & Ben Thompson.

News Writing - Andrew Thompson.

Editorial Writing - Trent Britten.

Headline Writing - Cody Stell, Trent Britten, Andrew Thompson.

The following competitors will attend the Regional Meet in Levelland on April 21: In Prose Interpretation- Kyra

Stevens. In Number Sense - Josh Kelly. In Number Sense and Spelling- Blaine Britten and in Number Sense - Thane Barkley.

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office of Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General. Welch said the session was informative and offered suggestions on how to handle matters concerning how the GEDC can create development opportunities for the community.

Chris Welch moved and Joe Rae Richardson seconded to table discussion and action upon information from Davis Ford, an Amarillo Builder, as Mr. Ford was unable to attend the meeting.

Chris Welch and Jamie Bowen seconded to accept back the deed on the Adams' Property in lieu of foreclosure. This option was one proposed by attorney Jim Shelton. The motion include the city office starting the work of obtaining currently contact information for the Adams.

In discussion promotion and development ideas, Chris Welch noted that surveys on the property easer of the community center had been initiated. In addition, Joe Rae Richardson proposed getting a contract

developed to present to the summer program concerning the partial funding of the restroom at the baseball park. Proposed improvements to the t-ball field were also discussed.

Minutes of the February meeting and the financial report were approved.

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Over \$1 Million In Drug Arrests Made Over The Weekend

The following were booked into the Carson County Jail recently:

Jeffery Paul Patterson, 41, a geologist from Canadian was arrested by Panhandle Police Department Officer Tanner Blackburn for Driving while Intoxicated, 2nd offense and Driving while license suspended. He also had 2 warrants for theft by check. He released on \$10,000 bail.

Ruben Leal, 27, a truck driver from Dalhart, was arrested by Carson County Sheriff Deputy Clarence Mabbitt for driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense. He was released on \$2,500 bail.

Adam Obrecht, 25, a farmer from Panhandle was arrested for warrants outside the county and released to Randall Co. by Panhandle Police Department by Tanner Blackburn.

David Funk, 18, of Apache Junction, Arizona was arrested at the 108 mile marker on I-40 by DPS Trooper Dennis Brassfield for possession of a controlled substance. He is being held on \$10,000 bond.

Kevin Needham, 21, an electrician of Amarillo was arrested on HWY 60, east of White Deer for an out standing warrant for theft by check, Randall County, by DPS Officer Ron Shanks. He was

released on \$1,500 bond. Nickolas Johnson, 20, of Panhandle was arrested by Carson County Deputy Clarence Mabbitt for Minor in possession of Alcohol. He was released on \$1,000 bond.

Christopher Narenus, 31, of East Windsor, CT a self-employed carpenter was arrested by DPS Trooper Mike Smith for driving while intoxicated and having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. He was released on \$3,000 bond.

Barry Don Baird of Canyon, Texas a welder was arrested by DPS Trooper Mike Smith for driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more at Interstate 40 and the 105 mile marker.

Charles Vernon Underwood III, 29, of Fontan, CA was arrested by Trooper Mike Vernell on charges of possession of 29 kilos of Cocaine with a street value of \$1.6 million.

Javier Osornil Pena, 31, a printer from Tucson, AZ, was arrested by DPS Trooper Jerome Ingle for charges of possession of 40 lbs of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Kent Russell Hughes, 52, a ranch hand from Panhandle, TX was arrested for driving while intoxicated by Trooper Mike Smith. He was released on \$2,000.00 bond.

Adelita Hughes, 57, of Panhandle, a retail store manager was arrested for public intoxication by Trooper Mike Smith. She was released on \$500 bond.

Lara Shelly Hayes, 36, of Louisville, Ky was arrested by DPS Trooper Darrin Bridges for possession of 118 pounds of Marijuana.

Jermyan Jerome Dunken, 32, of Skellytown was arrested for arson when he was observed setting the grass on fire by Gray County Deputy Clark Teague. He was detained until Carson County officers arrived.

Run-Off

this run-off election will face off with Democrat Dea Schroeder in the Fall General Election. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m on April 11 at the Groom Catholic School building on the corner of 4th and Martin. Bring your voters registration card, if possible.

Tennis Touney Held

The Groom Varsity/JV Invitational Tennis Tournament was held on March 27th & 29th. The boys competed in Singles and Doubles on Monday, the 27th. The girls competed in Singles and Doubles on the 29th. A new event was held on the 29th—Mixed Doubles.

Groom results were: Boys' Singles 1st - Javier Caro 1, 2nd - Thane Barkley
Other competitors: Kelton Weller, Trent Britten, Steven Ingle.

Boys' Doubles 2nd - Chad Barkley/Brandon Jenkins, 4th - Blaine Britten/Breit Friemel, Blake Galyean/Trevor Friemel were runners-up in Consolation bracket. Other competitors Josh Kelly/Kendall Weller.

Girls' Singles Competitors- Carey Carter & Robin Burnett
Girls' Doubles- 3rd Place- Kacie Galyean/Michaela Roskens
Mixed Doubles - 4th Place Shari Britten/Ben Thompson

District will be held on April 11th & 13th in Amarillo.

Boys Place 2nd At Miami Track Meet

Groom athletics competed in the Miami Track Meet recently. All the teams did well. The High School boys team finished 2nd behind Wheeler out of 10 teams.

The High School girls only had two competitors but still finished higher in team totals than 2 other schools!

Both Junior High teams finished 5th out of 14 teams.

The results are as follows:

High School Boys:

4x200 relay (Stephen Ingle, Blaine Britten, Thane Barkley, Chad Barkley) 2nd Place

4x100 relay (Stephen Ingle, Blaine Britten, Thane Barkley, Chad Barkley) 2nd Place

4x400 relay (Andrew Thompson, Thane Barkley, TJ Moraniec, Brandon Jenkins) 2nd Place

300 hurdles Blaine Britten 1st Place

Triple Jump Thane Barkley 1st Place

Shot Put Chad Barkley 2nd Place

Shot Put Brandon Jenkins 6th Place

High Jump TJ Moraniec 1st Place

High Jump Thane Barkley 2nd Place

1600 meter run Brett Friemel 3rd Place

1600 meter run Josh Kelly 5th Place

3200 meter run Trevor Friemel 3rd Place

3200 meter run Brandon Jenkins - 4th Place

3200 meter run Josh Kelly 5th Place

400 meter dash, Blake Galyean 4th Place

Other participants included Kendall Weller, Kelton Weller, Trent Britten and Javier Caro.

Girls:

Triple Jump Kacie Galyean Galyean 4th Place

300 hurdles Kacie Galyean 2nd Place

400 meter dash Michaela Roskens 3rd Place

800 meter run Michaela Roskens 3rd Place

No other girls competed.

Junior High:

BOYS:

4x200 relay (Jacob Torres, Eric Torres, Shane King, Tyler Babcock) 5th Place

Discus Tyler Case 3rd Place

200 meter dash Tyler Babcock 2nd Place

1200 meter run Michael Kelly 1st Place

Shot Put Eric Torres 2nd Place

100 meter dash Tyler Babcock 3rd Place

1200 meter run Michael Kelly 6th Place

Other participants included Tanner Britten, Myles Friemel, Jes Roskens, and Billy Corley

Girls:

4x100 relay (Korri Britten, Ashley Murray, Rachael Hopkins, Maddie Wieberg) 2nd Place

4x200 relay (Rachael Hopkins, Ashley Murray, Korri Britten, Maddie Wieberg) 2nd Place

100 meter dash Korri Britten 6th Place

200 meter dash Maddie Wieberg 1st Place

400 meter dash Rachael Hopkins 4th Place

High Jump Maddie Wieberg 1st Place

High Jump Rachael Hopkins 3rd Place

Shot Put Ashley Murray 4th Place

Other participants included Alannah King, Tiffany Kling, and Virginia Froese.

ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS MAY DEFER PROPERTY TAXES

Texans aged 65 or older may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Carson County Appraisal District.

This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's home, according to Donita Davis, chief appraiser of the Carson County Appraisal District. "To stop a delinquent tax suit," Davis said, "the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending."

"If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Davis said.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

Davis stressed that the tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home, it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 8 percent per year continue to add up. She said, "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the delinquent taxes during the deferral time. However, filing the deferral affidavit will not forgive penalties that were already due. Also, if the taxes remain delinquent more than 90 days after the deferral ends, a taxing unit may charge an added penalty if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney.

Tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Davis said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Carson County Appraisal District, at 102 S Main or at 806-537-3569.

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Macie Britten and Barrett Ingram to Exchange Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Britten of Groom, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Macie Anne Britten to Barrett Robertson Ingram.

Ingram is the son of Elizabeth Seay Glenn of Shreveport, Louisiana and the late, Dickie Glenn Ingram of Amarillo, TX.

The couple plan to wed April 29th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Groom, TX.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a Child Protective Specialist for the State of Texas.

The prospective groom is of Austin, TX. He is the Service Training Coordinator for ASCO Equipment, Inc. in Lubbock.



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CLARENDON COLLEGE PLANS EX-STUDENT REUNION

Broadus Spivey to be featured speaker at banquet

The 68th Annual Clarendon College Ex-Students Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, April 22.

The reunion is open to all current and former students, faculty, regents, and supporters of Clarendon College.

The classes being recognized this year are 1956, 1966, 1976, 1981, and 1986.

Registration for the reunion will start at 10 a.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center. All Alumni are invited to enjoy brunch during the registration period. Donations will be taken for the brunch.

A business meeting will be held in the BAC from 11:30 a.m. to noon followed by a break for lunch at a restaurant of your choice.

At 2:00 p.m. reunion attendees are invited to attend a matinee of "Kiss or Make Up," performed by the CC Theater Department, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

The Alumni Banquet and Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the BAC. Austin attorney and 1956 CC graduate Broadus Spivey will be the featured speaker at this year's banquet.

CC's outstanding current students will also be honored. Those wishing to attend may register contacting Darlene Spier at 806-874-3571, ext 102 or darlene.spier@clarendoncollege.edu.

The cost of banquet tickets is \$10 if registered before April 10, or \$15 at the door.

As always, The Lion's Club is on top of things when it comes to offering help in the place where it is most needed. Jimmy Britten, president of the local chapter and Boss Lion, was a leader in the decision for the District to make the presentation.

"We had a meeting by phone with the our District Governor, Lila Vars. The money is a result of a grant from the Texas Lion's Foundation and contributions from area Lion's Club," commented Britten.

Britten presented Fire Chief Tony Treadwell with a check for \$1,000 on Monday. Other area fire departments will soon be receiving checks from the Foundation.

The Lion's Club works on many wonderful projects to help the community of Groom. They have, for several years, helped fund the Groom Summer Youth Program and the Groom Scholarship Program. Anytime there is a need or a crisis, The Groom Lion's Club is on hand to offer a helping hand.

Fire Chief Tony Treadwell offered his thanks

on behalf of The Groom Volunteer Fire Department.

"The funds will help us be prepared for the next time we are needed," he said, "We are very appreciative of the donation of funds."

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