

Harper, Brown, Stewart and Cooper Win Pageant Crowns


Rudy Rodriguez, $I^{4}$ Runner-Up; Lynda Fortune, $2^{\text {nd }}$ Runner-Up; and Haylea Harper. Junior Miss McLean 2006


Jacie Ketcherside. $2^{\text {mi }}$ Runner-Up; Molly Stewart, Little.Miss McLean; and Shelby Adams, I" Runner-Up

## Reminders

## PIONEER STUDY

Club will meet on March 16.

MARCK 17 - Saint Patrick's Day.

GIRL SCOUT TEA -
March 26 at the Church of Christ Annex.

PRAY FOR RANI!

SPRING BREAK March 13-17

DEADLINE TO Sign up for School Board or Cit Council - March 13.

The Little Miss McLean pageant was held on March 5 in the high school auditorium.

Four divisions were held with a new division being added this year for the toddler age called the Sweet Peas.

In the Sweet Fea division, Kinzie Cooper was crowned. Gabrielle Wells won first runner-up and Jada Jones won second runner-up.

Others competing in


Whitney Hambright, I" Runner-Up; Lexus Brown, Little Princess; and Martiza Retana. $2^{\text {sid }}$ Runner-Up.
this category were Riley Richardson, Aubrye Armbrister, Haylie
Hembree, Jurnee Bailey, Hope Moon, Clare Long. Stormi Ketcherside and Trinity Hambright.
In the Little Princess division, Lexus Brown won the crown. Whitncy won the crown. Whitncy
Hambright won first Hambright won first
runner-up and Maritza Retana won second runner-up.
Others competing were Laren Richardson, Saralyn Richardson, Shaylynn McDonald, Samantha Long, Chelsie Jasper, Whitney Davis, Jacey Bailey and Ariel Michalenko.
Molly Stewart took home the crown in the Little Miss McLean Livision. Shelby Adams won first runner-up and Jacie Ketcherside won second runner-up.
Other participating in this division were Stariette Lee Herrara, Camrynn Richardson, Shelby Passmore, Shanteia McDonald, Dezeray Blaylock, Tristan Davis, Kayla Lewis, Jordan Cox and Miranda McMordie.


Kinzie Cooper holds the balloons and stuffed animal that she received for winning ihe title of "Sweet Pea" in the Little Miss McLean Pageant.

In the Junior Miss was won by Rudy Mclean division, Haylea Rodriquez and Lynda Harper won the title and Fortune won second crown. First runner-up

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## Local Obituary

JOANE (BULLARD) LEATHERS - 78, passed away on March 4, 2006 in McLean, Texas.

Service will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2006 at the First Baptist Church of McLean with Pastor Kelly Raymond officiating. Burial will be at Citizen's Cemetary in Clarendon, Texas under
the direction of BaileyWare Funeral Home

Joane Bullard was born January 21, 1928 at Lelia Lake, Texas to Jay and Vera Bullard. She married Joc Roberts Leathers on December 25 , 1943 at Lelia Lake. They were married 56 years until he passed away in 2000.

Mrs. Leathers farmed with her husband for may
years at Leila Lake. She was the church secretary at First Baptist Church in Clarendon and she also owned a flower shop for a few years.

She is survived by one daughter, Beverly Hood of Savoy, Texas; two sons, Wayne Leathers and wife Amanda of McLean, Amanda of McLean,
Texas and Joe Lynn Texas and Joe Lynn
Leathers and wife Louise of Panhandle, Texas; eight grandchildren, Kelly Warlick, Wes Hood, Brandon Leathers, Jennifer Hardman, David Leathers, Jonathan Leathers, Sarah Leathers and Anna Leathers; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N . Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

## The McLean Girl Scouts Celebrate Thinking Day

The McLean Girl Scouts clebrated International Thunking Day in a very pectal way this year

The girls and then

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Students of the Week


Pre-K -Levi Johnston, K- Whitney Davis, $1^{n t}$ Joshua W'atson, $2^{\text {nd }}$ - Nathan Lewis, $3^{\text {rd }}$ - Jose Keever, $4^{\text {4 }}$ - Daniel Altis, $5^{\text {th }}$ - Stormy Manns, $6^{\text {th }}$ - Jace McLain, $7^{\text {th }}$ - Sami Staton, $8^{\text {th }}$ - Alexis Menefield
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leaders met at the Church of Christ for a day of fun and learning on Wednesday afternoon. February 22

Each Troop selected a country and presented a program sharing information about their particular country. The girls learned how different ountries conduct Scouting how it began and what their laws and pledges include.

Wanda Lamb, leader of the Daisy Troop, presented a program on Russia. She shared pictures and souvenirs she brought back from a trip she took with her husband Creed. The children especially enjoyed the nesting dolls she had on display

Betty Morgan shared information about London The girls had a great time learning about the different names people in England call every day objects. Betty gave everyone a taste of "fish and chips" which is fish sticks and french fries.

Nama Webb. leader of the Brownies, gave a program on China. The girls enjoyed having a Chinese New Year parade which included dragons, drums, and jumping rope the same as is done in China. The girls also got to sample delicious egg drop soup and learned to eat rice with chop sticks. Ella Mae Reyna shared a program on Colombia. She gave a history on Scouting in Colombia and spoke of her trip to that country, sharing differences in culture. The girls sampled empanadas. Colombian lunch treat

Pioneer Study Club Hears From Co. Extension Agent About Antique Buttons

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, March 2 at Elizabeth's. Hostess Barbara Bode Hostes Barbara Bode served cheesecake with strawberries.

Those in attendance were Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Janet Glass Mickey Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan,

Emma Pechtel, Mindy Reves, Pat Stubbs, Ticie Rever, Ruth Trew, Ros Taylor, Ru Trew, Rosa roy, Nama Webb, Mary ou Glass, Wanda Lamb Ruth Magee and Shirley Ennis.
Members answered roll call by showing or
telling of a special garment that someone had made.
Mindy Reeves was in charge of the program. She introduced Joan Gray Soria, Gray County Extension Agent who Extension Agent who presented a very interesting program on antique buttons. After the presentation, several members showed their button collection or special buttons.

The next meeting will be March 16 at Elizabeth's with Mary Lou Glass as hostess and Mary Dwyer in charge of the program.

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MCLEAN CARE CENTER TO HOLD COUNTY MUSIC SHOW

The McLean Care Center will be holding it's annual country music show featuring Shelia Helton On Saturday. March 11 at $3.00 \mathrm{p.m}$. There is no charge for admission.


2006 All District Basketball Players Named


Jacob Tolleson received Honorable Mention for the 2006 Basketball Season in All-Disir ct


John Haynes prepares for a three point shot that helped him receive $I^{\prime \prime}$ Team All-District in the '06 season.

The All-District players for the 2006 basketball season have been announced. According to Coach Benji Hausen and Coach Herring. three MHS players have made All-

District.
On the Lady Tigers team. Markeisha Menefieild made the First team in All-District. She was a started for the Lady Tigers and played her final games of the season with a knee injury.


Markeisha earned a spot on 1" Team All-District by using moves like this in her senior year basketball season.

Markeisha is a semor at with his three point shots McLean High School. Jacob Tolleson made made First team All Honorable Mention for the District for the Tigers. District for the Tigers. is also a junior at MHS John is a junior at Jacob also used his three McLean High School point shots and his freeJohn helped led the Tigers throw abilities to led the to many of their victories Tigers to some of theit



Local Gymnast Jacie Ketcherside Travels To Muleshoe For Competition


Tigers \& Lady Tigers Win $1^{\text {st }} \& 2^{\text {nd }} \ln$ Clarendon Invitational Golf Tournament


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runner-up
Others participating were Britnic Cooper Rena Smith Casey Graham. Kelsey Ramirez Patricia Soto. Nancy Castillo and Sierra McDonald.

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Don Case


Ellis Stapp

## County Precinct 1 To Purchase New Tractor

The Carson County Commissioners Court met on February 27 with the following members present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mile Britten, Kemneth Mige Britten, Kesweth
Ware, Jerry Strawn, and Kevin Howell. Minutes from the Febneary 13, 2006 meeting were read and approved. Claims were reviewed and paid. Mike Britten, commissioner Precinct 1 asked the court to wisthorize him to sign the contract and a note with the State National Bank of Groom to finance a tractor. The motion was approved. He also reported that he sold a tractor for $\$ 35,236.00$ and asked the Court to put the
mone/back in his budget to be used for the down payment on the new tracto purchased. This metio 1 was also approved

The Court discussed a land purchase to aid in closing a railroad crossing. Judge Powers asked the Court to authorize him to sign a contrect with the second party. The motion party.

Jo hn Paul Daver, Mart McKKierman, John Wimlerly and Bill Gray were in court representing the McClellan Creck Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Wimberly prese tited the court with the District's annual repor. John Paul Daver thank ed the court for past
and present support. Their report was approved.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Bill Hinson addressed the Court and asked that both of his employees be changed to full time/part time with one waiving insurance benefit and to set both hourly rates at $\$ 9.51$ per hour. The motion passed with one vote against with motion from Commissioner Howell.

Sheriff Terry asked the Court to approve his rehiring Olivia Gonzales effective March 15, 2006 at the salary of $\$ 22,280.76$ (25D). The motion was approved. The Sheriff also asked the court to approve his appointment of Chad Johnson as a
reserve deputy. The request was approved. He also presented a report on Racial Profiling. He commented that there had been no complaints in 2005.

Celeste Bichsel, County and District Clerk presented the Court with a letter that she received from the Department of Justice in response to the County's Pre-clearance Report regarding changes in polling places and use of a new voting system.

Bichsel asked the court to allow her and Judge Powers to sign contracts between the county, school districts and cities to lease voting machines so they will be in compliance with the Help

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TJ. Moraniec


Kyra Stevens
Groom Athletes Named Aii-District

Groom High School Athletic Department is pleased to announce that our High School some athletes that have been selected for the AllDistrict Teams. Junior

Thane Barkley and Sophomore T.J. Moraniec were named to the first team All-District All-

Stars. Both athletes have helped the Tigers have a successful season. Thane
See ALL-DISTRICT, pg. 4

LATE ELECTION RESULTS. .
Local election results as of press-time showed David Swinford maintaining a constant lead over challenger Annette Carlisle for state representative in the Republican Party. The winner of this race will take the seat due to no Democratic chaliengers. The district inciudes Carson, Sherman, and Amarillo part of Potter County. Swinford is known for his ag leadership in Austin.
As of Carson County Treasurer's race. Virgil Frick (305). outgained the other 3 candidates Denise Selzbrenner(274 ), Leasha Hobbs( 186 ), and Veronica Willburn (120). Frick or Salzbrenner will face Democratic candidete Des Schroeder in Nevember's general election after their April 11 run-off.


## Conmunity $\mathbb{C}$ aleniar

RED HAT Society Women of Groom will meet on March 21 at the Route 66 Steakhouse at 6:30 p.m..

GROOM UIL Competitors will attend the District Meet in Miami on March 21.

THENEXT AWANA's meeting will be on March 26, due to Spring Break. That night will be Camouflage night. Wear all your camouflage clothes!


GROOM LION'S Club will host a Buffet Luncheon to benefit Groom's Summer Program for Kids on April $9^{4}$ from 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the Groom Community Center. Keep watching the Groom News for more details!

CARSON COUNTY Storm Spotter Training will be held on Mar. 20. See the ad on page 2 and story on page 3 for more information.


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Carson County Historica! Commission's Ansmal Meeting will be held Monday, March 13, 2006 at approximately 8:00 p.m. immediately following the meeting of the Board Trustees of the Carson County Square House Museum in the Hazlewood Educstion Building of the Square House Muscum, 5 and Elsie Streets in Panhandle.

Reports of the $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ program will be made, and programs and projects for 2006 will be discussed according to Mogie $\mathbf{R}$. McCray, chairman of the Carson County Historical Commission.

Historical commission meetings are open meetings.


Birthday of \nniversaries

| March 9 - Pam | Davis, Amy Weinheimer, |
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| Ashford. | Rachael Hopkins. |
| March 10 - Karla | March 13 - Julia |
| Koetting. | McGee. |
| March 11 - Mr. and | March 14 - Leo |
| Mrs. R.G. Weller (A). | Britten, Blake Barnett, |
| March 12 - Janeita | W.E. (Bill) Britten, Mr. |
| Hudson, Karen Brown, | and Mrs. Terrell Britten |
| Toby Burgin, Krisanne | (A). |

Please help us kesp the Birthdey List up to date. Call 248-7333 with additions or changes!

The following are ill or recovering. Please remember them this week. Mika Lamberson, Norris Hoyt, and Jesse Baker.
If you know someone
who should be on this list, please contact us at the News Office, with the families permission, of course.

Women's Center. Grandparents are Holly Burger of Taos, NM, Lynn and Ken Burger of Groom, Irena Engels of Doylestown, PA, and Gordon Larson of Boundbrook , NJ. Greatgrandparents are Joyce and Ralph Hutsell of Groom and Donna and Dean Burger of Pampa.

| STORM SPOTTER TRAINING <br> to be heid in Carson County Monday, March 20, 2006 7:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m. War Memorial Building 500 Main Street ~ Panhandle Free to Public <br> Hosted by Carson County Emergency Management |
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The Groom News can say this election year even the wocal State House of Representative candidates visited Tous, this says the candidates are very $m$ ich in seat jobs. fusas ever before. We appreciate their visits and interested in Casson, Gray and Amstrong Counties. Casson, Gray and Ammstrong Counties.
Carson County Treasurer 's runoff election in May for the can now tum our heads toward the local ele ctions of the city and school races.
Lastly, I must mention an interesting quo e from our good Wiend and superintendent of Claude Schools, Mr. Bill Wood. The Claude News. Mr. Wood is aboul to retire from The Claude News. Mr. Wood is about to retire from atucation after 40 years and we are going o miss him. encourage folics to file for the school bocently ini his article to wost of us in the public eye can understand just what he apans when he says, "I have had the op ortunity to hear aeans complaints over many interesting top ics. I have hear gadd how to fix things, unfix things, what de cisions I should ghd how to fex things, unfix things, what de cisions I should gaken lodd when to jump, how high to jump, how far to jump, Fod somestimes to just jump. I heve been a ild which coach ta hire and which coech to fire and whet to $13 y$ and whet not 9asey. "He continues to say that this tells me there are many geople who heve opinions about whet is rig ht and wrong in asctuod system and thare are people thal feel they could nssis somo good changes to help our kids with the ebucational process, if elected you wisi heve the opportunity wast school pollicy, set the tax rate, and wo k with the good abs in this community to got a good educe ion.

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## Marcie Britten \& Barreit Ingram To Wed In April

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Britten of Groom, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Macie Anne Britten to Barrett Robertson Ingram Barrett obertson Ingram.
Ingram is the
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 $29^{\text {th }}$ at Immaculate Heart of Mary
SPRING BREAK at Groom ISD will be March 13-17.

Catholic Church, Groom TX.

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

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

GROOM ISD's National Honer Society will hold their annual induction of new members and installation of officers on March 20.

CARD OF THANKS Our sincerest thanks to all who have sent Norris their thoughts and prayers during his illness. The many cards and visits
lighten our spirits and brought comfort to us all. We still have a few more bridges to cross, but all is looking well. A special thank you to a couple of real angels... Venita Hickey and Leigh Ann Hopkins. You are wonderful!

God Bless You All,
Norris Hoyt \& Family

$\$ 59^{95^{*}}$ per month

## Carson County To Host Storm

## Spotter's Training

Carson County Emergency Management will be hosting Storm Spotter training. The training will be held on Monday, March 20, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Building located at 500 Main Street in Panhandle.

Steve Drillette, of The Amarillo National Weather Service will be conducting the training. Steve Drillette states,
Staing the traing Steve Drillette states,
"Once again, this year's "Once again, this year's program has been improved based on input we received from you.

More graphics and video are part of this year's program. We will conduct training beginning in midFebruary and continue through April. We strongly encourage Skywarn groups to receive training every year, but if you did not receive training last year, it is critical this year."
Carson County received the award of being StormReady on April 11, 2005.

This training is free to the public.


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## Groom Boy Scouts Enjoy Indoor Camp-Out At Community Center



All-District
Averaged 14.5 points, 8 rebounds and 3 assists per game. TJ. Moran ec averaged 15.4 points, 7 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game

Senior Kyra Stevens and Junior Xacic Galyean were both named to the ere borh named

Honorable Mention. Kyra averaged 11 points per game, earned 6 rebounds. 1 steal, 1 assist and earned 75\% accuracy from the Free Throw line and $40 \%$ on Field Goals. Kacie averaged 14 points per game with 8 points per game with 8
rebounds. 2 steals, 2
assisted and was $73 \%$ accurate on Free Throws and $41 \%$ on Field Goals. She also had a $30 \%$ accuracy rate on 3 Pointers.

All Groom's Athletes have made valuable contributions to the teams this vear. The Coaching

Groom Boy Scouts, pack 429 had a great time recently on an overnight indoor camp-out at Groom's Community Center.

The scouts hand made their own pizza just the way they want it. Troop Master and District Program Chair is Tim Hart. He is being assisted by Cody Schaffer.

This is just one of the many things scouts do. They are looking forward to a very educational, challenging, and fun year Any one interested in joining or helping with the boys can come to the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday or call Tim Hart for more information. The boys will not meet during Spring Break.
staff has stated on numerous occasions that they are pleased with the outcome of this years efforts and are looking forward to the future. Congratulations to these Athletes for the acciaim they have brought to our teams.

(Above) Devin Kerlee considers a future of making pizzas for a living as he finds patting out the dough a little more difficult than it looks. (Far Left) These "dough boys" have a lot of fun at their boy scout indoor comp out.





## Christian Mothers Elect Officers <br> Christian Mothers

March meeting was held in the home of Linda Bohr. Karen Fields and Donna Barnett were the hostesses. Laura Kuehler did some checking for a disposal and dishwasher for the kitchen. It was decided to tackle the updates.

Community Prayer

Service went over very well. There was a good turnout from all the churches in the commur ity.

74 individuals were served for the Spring served for the Spring
Fling. The meals was very good and a wonderful time was had by all.

A report was given in regards to the deanery
"PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL" MAY LOWER THE PROPERTY TAXES ON YOUR FARM OR RANCH LAND

Texas law allows farmers and ranchers to pay property taxes based upon the "production vilue" of their land rather than on market value. This "Mroductivity value" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to prodace crops and livestock - not it value on the real estate market. And it caa mean subs antial property tax sivings.

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DE ADLINE? If your land has never had a productivity app raisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to the Carson County Appraisal District by April 30 to take: advantage of this benefit on your 2006 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reasco and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, ycu may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty.

DO YOU NEED TO REAPPLY ANI IUALLY? If your land already receives agricultural protuctivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will noti y you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:
CARSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
102 S Main
PO Box 970
Panhandle TX 79063
806-537-3569
meeting that was held in Panhandle on March $4^{\text {m }}$

Further discussion was held in regard to the Parish Library. A request will be put in the bulletin for volunteers to build for vo
shelves.

A decision was made not to hold a Senior Pizza Supper as was in the past, but to take them out to eat.

Donna Barnett velunteered to get the velunteered to get the
Easter "No Bake" Bake Easter "No Bale letters out.

A decision was made to donate funds to the Teen Youth Ministries for their Spring Break Ski Trip and the Spring Youth Rally in Amarillo.

Michelle Bohr presented the slate of officers for the 2006 through 2008 term. President Debbic Ollinger, $1^{\text {st }}$ Vice President Michelle Bohr, $2^{\text {md }}$ Vice President Marla Britten, President Marla Britten,
3 rd Vice President 3rd Vice President
Wymath Britten, Secretary Mari Treadwell, Treasurer Shari Koetting, and Reporter Susan Britten.
The meeting was closed with a prayer and refreshments were served.

SAVE THE DATE! Alpha Mu Xi will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 9*. Keep watching the Groom News for more details.

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Serving the election. There is also an community as a member of the Groom ISD School Board or on the Groom City Council is both an honor and a challenge. The community is looking for fair minded people who are interested in the future of our school and town to serve. Those interested have until Monday March 13 to file for a place on the ballot.

Requirements include that potential candidates have resided in the district or town for 6 months or more. Two places on the Groom School Board of Trustees will be up for grabs. Incumbents Tony Britten and Tony Rocha have both filed for a place on the ballot. Tony Britten has served 3 terms of office, Tony Rocha, 1 term and is currently the Secretary of the Board.

On the City Council, Don Case and Ellis Stapp have both filed for re-

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America Vote Act. The request was approved.
Bichsel also asked the Court to appoint Brittany Hicks to work in the Central County Station for Central County Station for
the March 7, 2006, the March 7, 2006,
Primary Election. She reported that Veronica Willburn currently holds the position and because she is a contested candidate in the upcoming election she should not be present for the counting of present for the counting of
ballots. The appointment ballots. The
was approved.

One line-item transfer was considered. The County and District Clerk asked to transfer $\$ 300.00$ from Recording and from Recording and
Indexing to Repairs. The request was approved.
Brandie Hefner, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, told the court that her assistant worked forty-two hours
unexpired term that was unexpired term that was
held by Doug Kling to be filed, so three places will be decided on the City Council.
For those interested in running, an application may be obtained from the City of Groom office or from the Business office at Groom ISD. The
over her schedule because of moving. She asked the Court to find some Court to find some
alternate source to pay for the extra time. The overtime will come out of capital improvements. The request was affirmed.
Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham presented the Court with her January report which was approved.

A discussion was held
application must be completed including being notarized by close of business on-Monday. Due to the Spring Break holiday, there will not be a notary available at the school on Monday, March 13. Potential School Beard candidates should keep that in mind if they plan to file on Monday.

concerning the purchase of caliche for Precinct 2. Commissioner Ware asked that the Court allow him to sign a contract on behalf of the county for the purchase. The request was approved.

The meeting was adjourned until March 13. (All votes are unanimous, unless otherwise mentioned).

## NOTICE OF MEETING

The Texse Depsitment of Transportstion will host an Informational Meeting On March 7, 2006 concerning the planning on fuure projects.

This informational meeting is hald to explain how the depertment plens tranaportation projecte. We woild like to receive the puslic's inputregarding the current Tresspporiation Improvement Plan for the district.

The meeting will be Tueeday, March 7, 2006 at $6: 30$ p.m. It will be located at the Pampa Chamber of Cornmeres, 200 N. Bellard, in the M.K. Brown Room, Pampe, Texes.

The meeting will cover transportation plars for all ansee of the Panhande end the city of Amarillo: An overall view of the plaming process will be presented, as well as the criteila used for seiecting individua projects. Drat versions of current transportation plans will be presentiad at the meeting for public comment.

The pubtic is invited to speak regarding projscis currerily planned or any additionel projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limitad to five minutes. Verbel and wititen comments from the puctic regarding ary project msy be submitted at the meeting. Wintion atatements and other exthibits may be stomitted to the District Office at 5715 Caryon Dive (P.O. Bex 7368) Anarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be recsived no later than March 17, 2006.

All interested cilizens are invited to attend this putic meeling. Persons interested in affending the meeting whom have spscial communication or sccormmodition needs are oncouraged io contact Chery Luther at 806.356 .3249 . TxDOT will mike enty resaonebio eflort to sccommodete these needs.

## $47^{\text {th }}$ Annual Sausage Supper To Be Held

Saint Francis parishioners are making preparations for their 47th Annual Sausage Diuner on Sunday, March 12, according to Bernice and Danny Detten, Sav sage Dinner chairmen.
The Sausage Dinner has undergone an evolution over the past 47 years, as has Saint Fra ncis Church. Sausage din iers Church. Sausage din iers
began in the 1930s is a began in the 1930 s is a
way for the parish to raise way for the parish to raise
funds to keep the little funds to keep the little
community church a loat during the depression and dust bowl years.

In 1959, the ladics of the parish rejuvenato the
idea of a Saint Francis the sausage using the Sausage Dinner. The "secret recipe". The late sausage was served as patties, but was not well received and the idea of serving link sausage was servin.
Throughout the 1960 s , parishioners gathered at neighboring farms to process their home-raised hogs into sausage for the dinner. Three hogs were butchered that first year, butchered that first year,
but as the popularity of the dinner increased into the 1970s, the parish found itself unable to accommodate the demand. In 1972, the parish hired a meat processor to make
secret recipe". The late of Saint Francis originted the sausage-seasoning the sausage-seasoning
recipe. That recipe is still recipe. That recipe is still
used today, with only a few parishioners knowing the correct combined ingredients. Eades' Custom Meats of Amarillo is responsible for the processing and making of the 3,500 pounds of sausage which will be cooked and served during the March 12th dinner
The menu consists of traditional or smoked German sausage, fresh
mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, homemade bread and peach cobbler. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults tickets are $\$ 8$, children $\$ 4$ with ages 6 and under eating free. Take-out dinners are also available for $\$ 8$ each.
The Country Store, hosted by the Saint Francis Christian Mother's organization is also a big draw during the dinner. The Country Store always promises the very best in homemade goods with many parish women baking as many as 100 loaves of homemade bread
as well as cookies, cakes, pies and other palatable delights. Handcrafted items can also to be found within the boundaries of the Country Store.
A silent auction will also be held during the dinner. Several items have been donated for auction and will be on display with bidding taking place throughout the day
"We hope everyone will
come out and join us again this year. If you have never attended the dinner, come on out and enjoy the wonderful food and fellowship at Saint Francis," said Detten.
Saint Francis Catholic Church is located on Hwy 60,10 miles east of Amarillo, north of the Santa Fe Railroad tracks or 1 mile east of IBP south of Saint Francis Avenue.


PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS!
"RENDER" YOUR TAXABLE PROPERTY BY APRIL $15^{\text {TH }}$.

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring types of business personal property you owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. Failure to file will result in a $10 \%$ penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a $50 \%$ penalty is mandated. The rendition form is available at the Carson County Appraisal District.

WHO MUST FILE A RENDITION? You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income -such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

ARE THERE ANY ADVANTAGES TO YOU? Yes, the advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your texes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2005. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2006.

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE? The last day for filing 2006 renditions is April 15. Call the appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

WHERE DO YOU FILE? File renditions at the:
CARSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 102 S Main

PO Box 970
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