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FFA Participates In Livestock Shows

by Tamara Loya
FFA Reporter

This year at the Top of Texas Livestock Show we had sixteen barrows, two lambs and two goats.

On Saturday, in the second class of the day, Mark Smith exhibited a Medium Weight White OPB. In the Heavy Weight White OPB, Ethan Smith came home with a third place ribbon. Jamie Sanderson and Logan Sparring both had barrows in the Extra Lightweight Hampshire class, while Amanda Loya showed a barrow in the Lightweight Hampshire class.

Kutter Anderson had a Hampshire in the Medium Weight class which received fourth place. Daniel Lee and Kutter Anderson both had Medium Heavy Weight barrows in the Hampshire class.

In the 11th class, Suzanne Howard had a Heavy Weight Hampshire. Kevin Smith showed in a Spot in the Lightweight Spots and Poland's class.

Ethan Smith had another barrow in the 13th class of Medium Weight Spots and Poland's class. Logan and Jamie Sanderson were together again in the Lightweight Yorkshire class.



Kutter Anderson earned top Grand Champion Award at the McLean Livestock Show last weekend at the Gerald Tate Ag Barn.

The two last classes of the day were the Medium Heavyweight Cross and the Heavyweight Cross, in which Kutter Anderson, Jesse Parks, and Suzanne Howard all exhibited.

At nine o'clock on Sunday, the Lightweight goats started off the day. Anthony Ruiz had both of his goats in this class. He received 6th and 7th place.

Tanner Cadra received 6th place in Extra Lightweight medium wool class and 7th place in the

Medium Weight Medium wool class.

The McLean FFA Livestock Show was held at the Gerald Tate Agriculture Barn last Saturday afternoon.

In the steer category, Tanner Cadra took home first place, Grand Champion and Showmanship. Tanner also took home the same awards in the lamb category.

Anthony Ruiz won Grand Champion and



McLean Girl Scouts Kick Off Annual Cookie Sale

Girl Scout troops from McLean were treated to a "Cookie Kick-off" party at the

McLean United Methodist Church, Saturday January 15th. Marion Wynn of

Scout Council displayed prizes the girls could win with their cookie sales.

Reserve with his goats.

In the barrow categories, 1st Class, Logan Sparring took home first place. Kevin Smith won second. Jamie Sanderson placed third and Logan Sparring placed fourth.

In 2nd Class, Kevin Smith won first place.

Kutter Anderson won second. Third place was Mark Smith. Amanda Loya won 4th place and Jamie Sanderson took home fifth place.

In 3rd Class, Kutter Anderson earned first and second place. Ethan Smith took home third.

Tanner Smith placed fourth. And Suzanne Howard placed fifth.

In 4th Class, Kutter Anderson won first. Jesse Parks earned second. Daniel Lee placed third. Suzanne Howard won

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Jr. Varsity & Varsity Tigers Defeated By Small Margin

The JV Tigers entered the court at Silvertown with a 4-1 record, but came home with a 4-2 record after a tough loss of 43-46.

"We had trouble getting together," stated Coach Farmer. "We had way too many turnovers to win the game. Over all, we just did not play well."

Jayne Welch put over half of the points on the board with 22. Trey Skipper earned 7 points. Logan Sparring put up another 6. Kevin Smith, Cole Dampier, Daniel Lee, and John Haynes each added 2 points to the board. Anthony Ruiz scored 1.

The Varsity Tigers also

had an upsetting loss against the Owls with a final of 40-45.

"Poor free throw shooting and the most turnovers we have committed all year contributed to this tough loss," stated Farmer. "We are going to refocus and prepare ourselves to be more ready to play next week."

Manden Conklin led the pack with 12 points. James Alexander scored 11. Zach Richards scored 9 points. Tyler Hanes and Jacob Tolleason both earned 4 points each.

The McLean Tigers face off against the Groom Tigers tomorrow night in Greens at 6:30 p.m.

REMINDERS

TIGERS AND Lady Tigers will travel to Valley, Jan. 25 @ 5:00 p.m.

THE FIRE Department is looking for volunteers, if you are interested you may talk to any fireman for more details.

BREAST CANCER Screening at the Lovett Memorial Library, Feb. 17. Must have an appointment.

SCHOOL Board Meeting, tonight, 7:00 p.m. in the Business Office.

PTO MEETING, tonight, 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

TIGERS AND Lady Tigers face off against Groom, there, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

JR. HIGH Basketball against Samnorwood, here, Jan. 24 at 6:00 p.m.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet Feb. 3 in the home of Jerry Corbin.

MCLEAN I.S.D. will dismiss at noon on Jan. 28 for a teacher in-service.

THE GRAY CO. JR. Livestock Show is January 22. Show begins at 8:00 a.m.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to e-mail your news, you may do so to jlv@centrmedia.net



Kevin Smith was awarded the Showmanship Award during the McLean Livestock Show on Saturday.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 24 - Darren Johnson, Mozelle Miller, Lorin Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Husted (A).
January 25 - Rhonda Thornton.
January 26 - Imogene Longino, Ida Wilson, Daniel Lee, McKenzie Ellis, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Reyna (A).
January 20 - Valeria Wolfe, Myrtle Billingsley, Joe & Cindi

Glass (A).
January 21 - Darlis Joiner, David Johnson, Kristie Crockett.
January 22 - Cash Carpenter, Norma Wiginton, Jody Smith, Johnny and Joyce Haynes (A), Gordon and Jane Shepler (A).
January 23 - Ben Reyna, Sherry Watson, Kimberly McClellan Dollander.

Letter From The Editor

from the Editor:
 With the beginning of a new year, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thanks for all the help the community has been with the McLean side of the paper.
 As I am sure most of you realize, I cannot be at every event, though I would like to. So, I am asking for your continued help in making this paper the best

we could possibly have in our small town.
 I wanted to give you some tips about how by working together we can accomplish this.
 I go to Groom on Tuesday mornings, usually by 11:00 a.m. It would help me a great deal if you are e-mailing me information, to get that to me by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Also, if you are bringing information to the office, please try to do so by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. If I am not there you can just slide the information under the door.

Sometimes, I am unaware about events that are happening in our community. If you know of an event, please call the news office and I will do my best to attend or try to send a camera with someone who is attending. If I am not at the office, please leave a message on the machine.

Another thing that I ask from all of you is patience. Sometimes due to limited space, a story or picture may not be in the paper the week of the event.

Also, I try very hard to get pictures of the McLean I.S.D. students in all the activities. I try to place various children's pictures in the paper as everyone deserves to be a star once in a while. So if your child is accelerating in an event, please be kind if their picture is only in the paper once in a while.

Any story that is brought to the news office with a "thank you" inserted into the story will be charged a small fee, as that is considered an ad by this paper.

Wedding stories and baby announcements with or without a picture are free of charge up to a certain amount of words. These are some of my favorite things to put in the paper because they mean new beginnings.

I am looking forward to 2005 and I am looking forward to making the paper great. The best is yet to come.

Thanks,
 Terri Adams

Pioneer Study Club Learns Home and Kitchen Safety Tips

Pioneer Study Club of McLean met Thursday, January 13th in the home of Mindy Reeves. After delicious refreshments of carrot cake and quiches, tea and coffee, a short

business meeting was held. Roll call was answered with a "short cut" to use in the kitchen.

Those present were Barbara Bode, Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin,

Mickey Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Betty Taylor, Ruth Trew, Angie Ware, Nama Webb, Rosa Troy, Mary Lou Glass, and Ruth Magee.

Mindy Reeves introduced guest speaker, Beth Murray of Accolade Home Care Service. Ms. Murray spoke on important home and kitchen safety tips.

Jerry Corbin, Angie Ware and Nama Webb won door prizes from Accolade Home Care Service.

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 Wednesday: Donut, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk
 Thursday: Breakfast Mini Pockets, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Lunch
 Monday: Cheeseburger

Bake, Scallop Potatoes, Corn, Texas Toast, Cookies, Milk
Tuesday: Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Carrots, Texas Toast, Milk
Thursday: Pizza, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Cake, Milk
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 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- United Methodist Church** 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
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 Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Heald United Methodist Church**
 Kellerville Road
 Sunday 9:15 a.m.
- Trinity Church** 803 Commerce
 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
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 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Breast Screening Clinic To Be Held

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Lovett Memorial Library, 302 N. Main, in McLean on February 17, 2005.

Breast cancer affects on in eight women. The key

to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas

Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

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



Tamara Loya dribbles down the court for two points during District play.

Lady Tigers Give District Best Effort

The McLean lady Tigers kicked off district play against the number one ranked Valley Patriots on January 7. Although your Lady Tigers played hard they were overpowered with tenacious defense and excellent offense execution. The Lady Patriots had strong inside play which was hard for the Lady Tigers to match.

Keisha led the pack with 11 points on the board. Lindsey Ruiz added 10 points. Tamara Loya put 3 points on the board. Brooke Seymour, Amanda Fricks, Lacey Wallis each scored 2 points.

In the second game of district your Lady Tigers played a very close and competitive game. At the end of one quarter, the Lady Tigers led 15-10. The score was very close throughout the game. However, in the fourth quarter foul trouble began to wreak havoc on a depleted team of seven. Your Lady Tigers played the last five minutes with only four players. The

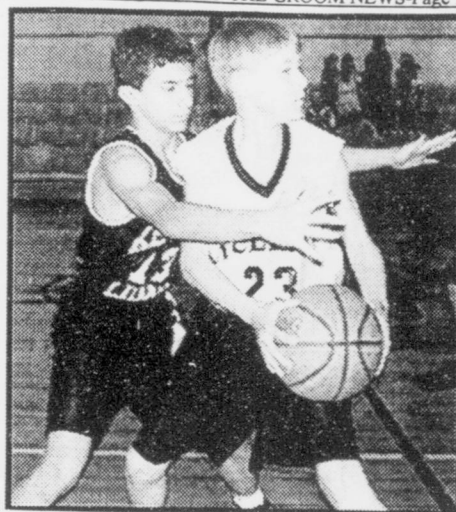
result of the game was a 62-51.

Amanda Fricks led with 14 points. Keisha Menefield followed with 12. Lacey Wallis added 10. Tamara Loya earned 6. Lindsey Ruiz scored 5 and Brooke Seymour scored 4.

The third game of district matched your Lady Tigers against a strong Silverton team in Silverton. Mishandling the ball and substandard defense helped propel the Lady Owls to a resounding win.

Scoring for McLean were Keisha Menefield with 10 points. Lindsey Ruiz and Lacey Wallis each scored 4. Amanda Fricks and Tamara Loya both score 2 points each.

Although the Lady Tigers are 0-3 in district, it is important to note that these seven young ladies are doing an outstanding job of representing their school, community and program with class. "It takes a very special person to go out and give your best effort even when you know you have more obstacles to overcome than your



Junior High Cub Clay Crockett looks for an open teammate at a recent basketball game against a Kelton Lion.

FFA

fourth and Daniel Lee placed fifth.

Kutter Anderson won Reserved Grand Champion. The Showmanship Award was earned by Kevin Smith.

We are all very proud of all of the McLean exhibitors and we wish

them the best of luck at the County Show.

The County Show will be held on January 22 at 8:00 a.m. The sale will be on Monday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

opponent," say Coach Butler. "These kids lay it on the line each game and do their best and that is ultimately all anyone can ask of anyone. I am very proud of the personal example each one of these ladies displays for our younger kids."

In addition to their efforts on the basketball

court, these seven young ladies are showing great leadership on campus as cheerleaders and other activities. Coach Butler is very proud of these young ladies and the efforts they give each day to make McLean Spirit roar.

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Cubs and Lady Cubs Take Easy Wins Over Kelton

The Cubs traveled to Kelton Monday night and brought home a victory with a final score of 50-28.

"The guys played so well together and had fun doing it," said Coach Farmer. "I'm proud of their effort, teamwork and attitude. Good things happen when you keep working hard."

Scoring for the Cubs were Chase Bohlar with 17

points. Trent Darsey earned 13. Clay Crockett and Caleb Crawford added 7 points each to the board. Robert Morrow, Corey Graham and Hogan Ketcherside all scored 2 each.

The Lady Cubs also brought home a big win with a final score of 48-8.

Leading the ladies in scoring was Summer Morris with 12 points.

Nancy Castillo followed with 10 points.

Lexi Menefield added 8 points for the team. Nikki Hutchison put 7 points on the board. Ashley Byron scored 5. Sheri Haynes added 3 and DaShae Tolleson scored 1.

The Cubs and Lady Cubs will host Samnorwood next Monday, January 24 at 6:00.



Local Couple Passes Away



ZELLA MAE BROWN

Zella Mae Brown, 94, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004 at home.

Services were held Dec. 18, at Bailey-Ware Funeral Home with Pastor Darrell Burton officiating.

She was born to William Allison and Beulah Elizabeth Carter Lankford in 1910 in Wheeler County, Texas. She was the oldest child and only surviving of five children. Preceded in death by sisters Verna in 1925, Zoelena Campbell in 1985, Veta Smith in 1999, and a brother Arbie Lankford in 1997. The Lankfords moved to McLean and/or Ramsdell about 1912. Zella Mae

attended the one room school in Ramsdell and was in the first graduating class of McLean High on May 24, 1929.

A woman of unusual fortitude, Zella Mae was a "Rancher's Wife."



Cattle ranching was her way of life, chores, cooking, cleaning and going to town for supplies all held a special appeal for her. Zella Mae loved to play 42, going for long walks in the pasture, and finding an occasional arrowhead. She made the ranch a personal wildlife refuge; she doctored the sick or injured and was mother to a menagerie of animals. Family and friends were treasured.

Survivors include; a daughter, Rita Ann Crawford; a great granddaughter, Emory Crawford; a grandson, Shaun Crawford and his wife Amanda; a great-grandson, Caleb Crawford; and 10 nieces and nephews.

EMORY "PETE" BROWN

Emory "Pete" Brown, 93, died Monday, November 15, 2004, in his home of 58 years 5

miles southeast of McLean. Services were held November 18 at Bailey-Ware Funeral Home with Pastor Darrell Burton officiating.

Mr. Brown was born January 24, 1911, in Denton County to the late Benjamin Wesley Brown and Etta Constance Hope Brown. He was preceded in death by a sister, Beatrice Brown Smith in 1957 and a brother Clyde Brown in 2000. The Brown family moved by rail to foreman, a ranch between Canadian and Glazier, in 1915 and to the McLean area in 1925. Pete attended school in Glazier, Canadian, Shamrock, Ramsdell, and Pleasant Mound, two miles from his present address. Pete married Zella Mae Landford January 14, 1934 in McLean. During these 70 years and 10 months their address has been the same rural route.

Well known and respected as a cattleman, he witnessed the last longhorns being loaded onto railcars, and the transition of horses, wagons, and mules to pickup truck cowboys. Pete worked for the Franks and Stokley ranches until he



McLean Student of the Week for the Week of January 10-14, 2005: Kindergarten, Nolan McClendon and Trista Greenwood, 1st grade -B.J. Katcheride 2nd grade -Jose Koeber, 3rd grade -Shantain McDonald, 4th grade -Kirstie Perkins, 5th grade -Ashley Russell, 6th grade -Bradley Howard, 7th grade -Covey Graham

purchased his own land. Renowned for his strength, he built some of the tightest barbed wire fences in the country. He considered every newborn calf a miracle; regardless of whatever inclement weather it might have chosen to be born in. Pete and Zella Mae remained true to their love of the land, cattle, and most importantly each other.

Survivors include; a daughter, Rita Ann Crawford and T.C. Vernon; a grandson, Shaun Crawford and his wife Amanda; a great-granddaughter, Emory Crawford, a great-grandson, Caleb Crawford; and 10 nieces and nephews.

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Billie David "Wild Bill" Matthews, 59, of Gun Barrel City, Texas, died on Wednesday, January 12.

Mr. Matthews was born December 5, 1945, in Wheeler, Texas. He was the son of Billie B. and Mickey Matthews.

Billie, who was a truck driver, lived in Gun Barrel City since 1993. He had previously lived

in McLean. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, serving in Vietnam. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Campaign Medal, Sharpshooter Rifle Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, and a Letter of Appreciation.

Mr. Matthews was a life time member of the DAV and Vice Commander of Post 92 Am-Vets, Seven Pts.

Billie was preceded in death by his father, Billie B. Matthews.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Matthews of Gun Barrel City; three sons, Lee Matthews, Larry Dean Matthews, and Gary Wayne Matthews, all of Gun Barrel City; a step-daughter, Melanie Fisher of Altus, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Millard of Eustace, and Rachel Clark and her husband, Don, of Payne Springs; nieces, nephews, other family members, and a host of friends.

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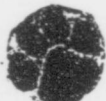
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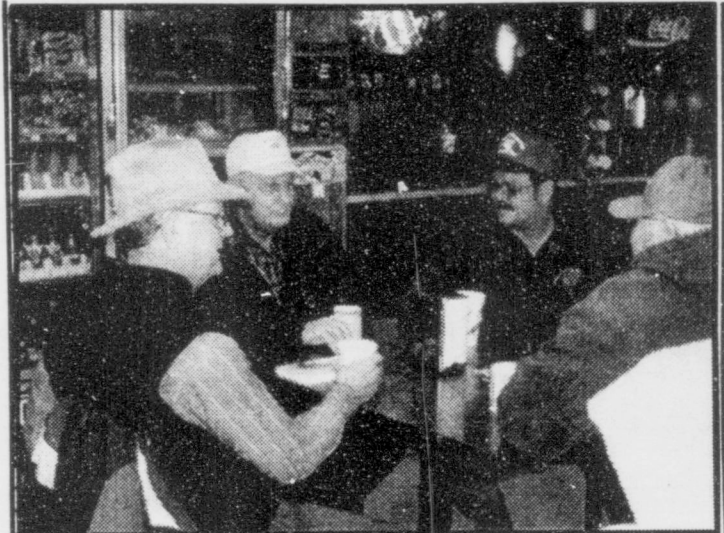
The 2005 Carson County Junior Livestock Show will be held this weekend, January 20-22, at the Carson County Ag Barn. Weigh in and classification will begin Thursday at 6:00 p.m. The show schedule is as follows:

Friday - Lamb exhibitors will begin showing at 11:00 a.m. with steers and heifers

following at 1:00 p.m. The Barrow show will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

The Carson County Livestock Association made some major changes for the location and schedule for the Auction. The Livestock Auction will be held at St. Theresa's Parish Hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a Buyers

Dinner. The Awards will begin at 6:45 followed by the Auction at 7:00. No animals will be present at this year's show, the Auction instead, will include a slide show presentation of the exhibitors and their animals. Hopefully this will provide a more comfortable atmosphere for buyers as well as exhibitors.



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Carson County Grand Jury Indicts 32

Carson County Grand Jury indicted 32 offenders are numerous counts on Dec. 30, 2004. Bound over for trial will be the following:

Christopher R. Chevez was indicted on a 1st degree felony of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a child under

14 years of age on or about the 1 day of August 2003.

Derrick Landon Young was charged with a State Jail Felony of possession of marijuana, less than 5 pounds but more than 4 ounces on August 4, 2004.

Charles Ray Jackson

was indicted on a State Jail Felony of possession of marijuana in an amount less than 5 pounds, but more than 4 ounces on August 4, 2004.

Donte Weldon Lee was indicted on a 1st Degree Felony Enhanced by a prior conviction. On

about the 15th day of December, 2003 he possessed a controlled substance cocaine in the amount of 400 grams or more.

Dana Nannette Terry was indicted on possession of Cocaine in the amount of 400 grams

See JURY, pg. 6

Carson County Appraisal District Swears In New Members, Appoints Chairman

Newly elected members of the Carson County Appraisal district's board of directors were sworn in Wednesday during a brief ceremony at the board's January meeting.

Donita Davis, chief appraiser administered the oath of office to Jim Bob Mitchell and Mike Vance. Sherry Framer, Curtis Downs and Dale Gavel are the veteran directors. Dale Gavel was elected president, and Sherry Kramer as secretary.

Davis thanked them for being willing to serve on the election occurs every year. Appraisal board

directors serve numerous hours conducting business for the welfare of the appraisal district and county residents without receiving any compensation.

Their devotion and willingness to serve is greatly appreciated by their constituency.

Minutes of the January 12th meeting are as follows:

In attendances were Chief Appraiser Donita Davis, Chairman Dale Gavel, Secretary Sherry Framer, members Mike Vance, Jim Bob Mitchell and Curtis Downs. County Tax Collector Assessor Barbara

Cosper was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dale Gavel.

A motion was made by Sherry Kramer and seconded by Jim Bob Mitchell to approved the agenda as presented.

The oath of offices was administered to Mike Vance and Jim Bob Mitchell by Chief Appraiser Donita Davis.

Mike Vance moved and Sherry Framer seconded to reelect Dale Gavel as chairman. The vote was unanimous.

Jim Bob Mitchell moved and Curtis Downs seconded to re-elect Sherry Framer as

secretary. The vote was unanimous.

In open forum, a discussion concerning school funding was conducted by the member.

Minutes of the October meeting were unanimously approved.

Accounts payable were approved for October, November, and December.

Curtis Downs moved and Jim Bob Mitchell seconded a motion to appoint Peggy Chaney to the appraisal review board. Another member will be appointed at the

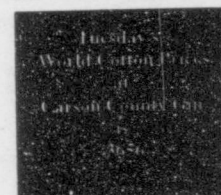
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Community Calendar

GROOM TIGERS

AND ETTES need your support as they play at home in several games! Come at watch all the action beginning on January 21 as Groom squares off with McLean. Silverton will travel to Groom on January 25. Samnorwood and Valley will follow in early February. The 2005 season will soon be coming to an end so don't miss this opportunity to show how you appreciate these kids sacrifices.

FLU SHOTS will be available on January 26 from 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. at the Groom School. Please bring your medicare card. There will be a \$10.00 fee.

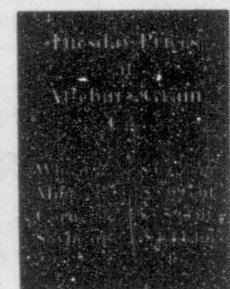


THERE WILL be no school at Groom ISD on January 21 & 24 for students. Teachers will have a work do on the 21.

GROOM JUNIOR

High Cubs will play in the Miami Tournament on January 20 & 22. They will also play Hedley on January 21, here in Groom. Be sure to get out and support the Cubs.

A FINANCIAL AID seminar will be held for prospect college students and their parents on Jan. 20 at 7:00 P.M.



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Quote of The Month!

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Local Happenings

Terri Rose was named to the Dean's List at Clarendon College.

Welcome to a new family in Groom. John and Christy King are welcomed to Groom from Amarillo. They have two children Elissa Prosser age 4, and Gregory Prosser age 2. John is in the remodeling and construction business and his wife Christy is working at the Route 66 Steakhouse.

PANTEX CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2005 Pantex Area Emergency Preparedness Calendar is now available to residents of Carson County. These calendars are prepared by Pantex officials and contain information for emergency preparedness. Please come by Carson County Judge's office and pick up a free calendar.

Amarillo College Associate Degree in Nursing held their pinning ceremony for the Class of 2004 on Thursday, Dec. 16. Two former Groom High School graduates were among the 66 students being pinned. They are Rebecca (Conrad) Vincent and Sharolyn (Chandler) Kerlee. Congratulations to both of these women on their wonderful accomplishment!

APPRAISAL

next meeting. Troy Ritter was approved for appointment to the Ag advisory board.

A review of an employee evaluation draft was considered with no action taken.

A review of a salary schedule and provisions draft was considered with not action taken.

Mike Vance moved and Jim Bob Mitchell moved and seconded a motion to table the review of the administrator evaluation until the next meeting.

There were no items for discussion. The meeting were adjourned.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 20 - Mrs. A.J. Newsom, Larry Pool, Gary Parrish.

January 21 - Marcie Babcock, Howard Rose, Brenda Broom, Mrs. Stanley Anthony, Matthew Miller, Cari Weinheimer.

January 22 - Dixie Anthony, Alexander Chase Mayo, Stephany Fraser.

January 23 - E.W. Lamberson, Ed Gray.

January 24 - Joseph L. Homer, Tyler Jordan Fraser.

January 25 - W.E. (Bill) Homer, Melanie Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Fraser (A).

January 26 - Robert West, Mrs. E.W. Lamberson.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 9.

FEBRUARY 2ND is Groundhog Day.



Groom School Breakfast and Lunch Menu

The Groom Cafeteria will be serving the following for the week of January 24-28.

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday: No School

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

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

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

Friday: donuts,

cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH MENU

Monday: No School
Tuesday: steak fingers, french fries, peaches, Texas toast & milk.

Wednesday: nachos, pinto beans, sopapillas & milk.

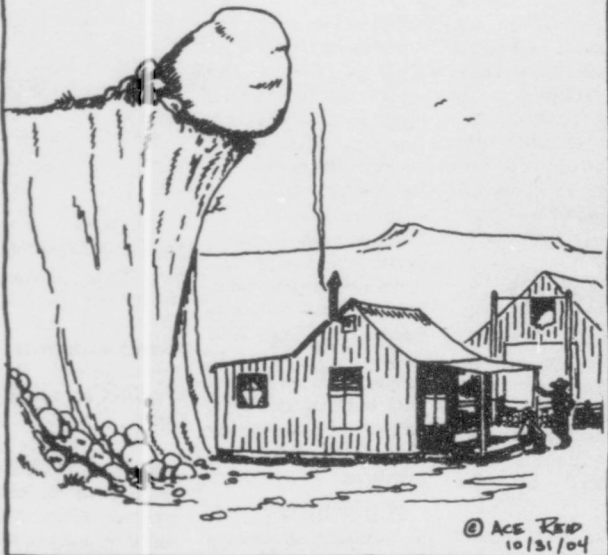
Thursday: turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, pineapple, cheese zombies & milk.

Friday: pizza, salad, applesauce, crackers & milk.

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No gifts please, but Bertha loves cards!



Tax Bill Now Due To Avoid Feb. Penalty

October 1 tax bills were mailed to Carson county property owners or their mortgage companies according to the Carson County Chief Appraiser, Donita Davis. Taxpayers have until January 31, 2005 to pay their taxes. On February 1, 2005 penalty and interest will begin accumulating on unpaid tax bills.

Property owner should not that Section 31.10 (g) of the Texas Property Tax Code states, "Failure to sent or receive the tax bill required by this section does not affect the validity of the tax penalty or interest, the due date, the existence of the tax lien, or any procedure

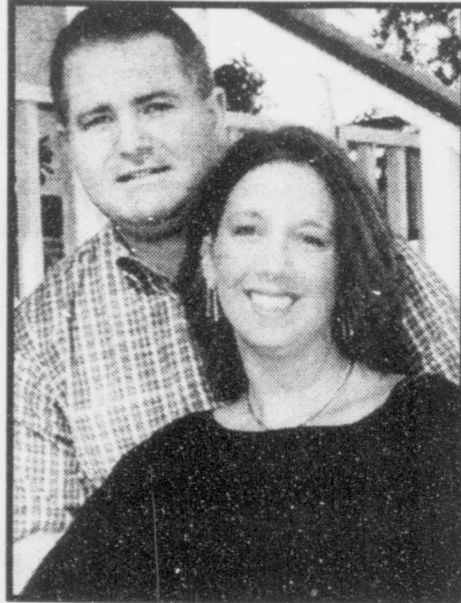
instituted to collect a tax." In other words, if you did not receive a tax bill, please contact our office.

Tax bills may now be paid by credit card or by telephone at 806-537-3559. There is a 4% service fee for this service which is less than the 7% penalty and interest applies on Feb. 1

"We will offer a certain group of citizens the opportunity to be able to pay earlier without penalties," Davis said.

Regular ATM Cards will not be accepted.

There has also been a drop box installed on the front door of the appraisal office for your after-hour convenience.



Teri Phillips and Bo Burgin

Teri Phillips and Bo Burgin Announce March Wedding Plans

Don and JoAnn Waits, of Jonesboro, Louisiana, announce the engagement of their daughter, Teri Phillips, to Bo Burgin. Bo is the son of Donald and Nila Burgin of Groom.

The bride-elect graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas with a Bachelor of Business degree in Management and Marketing in 2000. She is currently teaching high

school in Carrollton, Texas.

The prospective groom graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Business degree in Finance from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. He is a Senior Customer Solutions Manager with Andrews Logistics in Irving, Texas.

The couple plans to wed on March 12 at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas.

Groom ISD To Apply For Start Date Waiver

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on the above date at 7:00 P.M. in its usual meeting place in the school administration offices with the following members present. Clifton Britten, Ron Kuehler, Tony Britten and Seth Ritter were in attendance. Board members Tim Case, Tony Rocha and Rodney Bohr were absent. Superintendent Terry Stevens was also in attendance.

Clifton Britten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

In open session Clifton Britten called for open discussion on the District proposal to start school on the week of August 15, 2005. No one was

present from the public to discuss the 05-06 starting date. Stevens stated that the notice of the meeting was duly published in the Groom News on the week of August 6th. Clifton Britten moved to go on to the next item on the agenda.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

In open forum, Superintendent Stevens discussed with the board a request from Curtis Downs that a formal evaluation be sent from the Carson county appraisal District to Groom ISD to evaluate the appraisal District and its director. The Board will review the instrument when it is received by Mr. Stevens.

Mrs Stevens informed the Board that the depository contract for Groom ISD would need to be approved in August for the fiscal year starting Sept. 1. Therefore bids for the contract would need to be received in April and opened at the May meeting. Mr. Stevens would call local banks and publish local notices for the bids.

Clifton Britten discussed some of the new funding options that are being considered by the state. Mr. Stevens informed the Board about some of the notices that he had received on state funding.

The Superintendent Appraisal was tabled until a special meeting

could be called on January 24th. The Board and Mr. Stevens wanted more of the Board present for the evaluation.

The board discussed the monthly financial Report from Region 16.

Ron Kuehler moved and Tony Britten seconded the motion to apply for a TEA waiver to move the 05-06 starting date to the week of August 14th.

Mr. Stevens discussed with the board some changes that he would like to make in the 4th and 5th grade classes and the Special Education Department. The possibility of making the 4th and 5th grade classes self contained and having a Special Education teacher who could take care of all Special Education paperwork and students was discussed. The Board discussed the Academic Excellence Information System (AEIS) report for Groom ISD.

The Board discussed the Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) report for Groom ISD.

Superintendent Stevens discussed with the board

a policy of the school for students on suspension from another school who wish to enroll in Groom ISD. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned

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Show Your Support For Groom Basketball As Season Comes To A Close

Are you ready for some basketball?! Hoops fans need to fill the stands as the Groom Tigers and Tigerettes get ready to play some exciting games at home in the next couple of weeks. District play is well underway and there is only about another month in the season. So if you have not had a chance to see a game there is no better time than now!

Win lose or draw, the Groom athletes work hard and are devoted to the game. Let us show them our appreciation for their hard work by keeping the stands full at these last home games. Catch High School Games at home on January 21 and 25, and February 1 and 4. Junior High home games

will be played on January 24 and February 7. Please, let's support all the Tiger and Cub teams as their seasons come to a close.

The Tigers won their game against Samnorwood Friday evening 42 to 24. Thane Barkley was high point with 14 points. Chance Barkley added 10. Blaine Britten

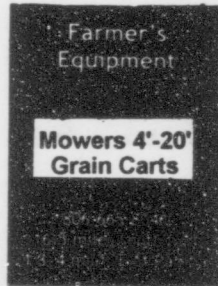
scored 8. Javier Caro contributed 4. Chad Barkley, Adam Britten, and Kendall Weller each scored 2.

The Ettes lost to Samnorwood 68 to 18 Friday evening. High point was Kyra Stevens with 10 points. Michaela Roskens added 5. Katie Thompson scored 3.

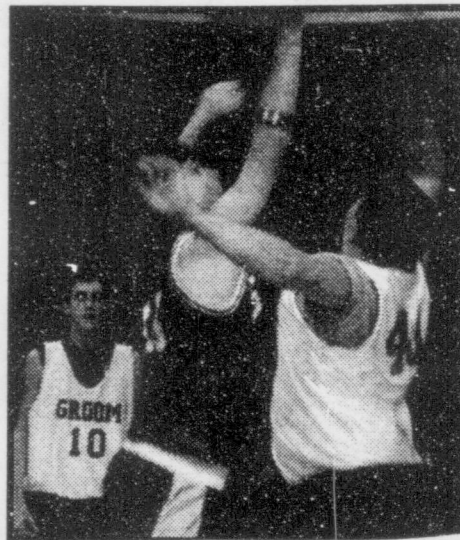
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game to Hedley Tuesday evening 61 to 31. Thane Barkley was high point with 14 points. Chance Barkley added 10. Javier Caro contributed 4 and Chad Barkley scored 3.

The Tigerettes lost their game against Hedley Tuesday evening 66 to 7. Kyra Stevens was high point with 4 points and Sharri Britten added 3.



Jr High 'ETTES Claim Victory Over Silverton 51-14, Cubs Lose In Close Match

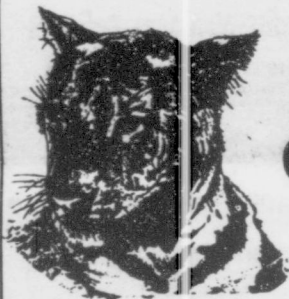


Josh Kelly stretches for the tip off to give Groom early control of the game.

Groom Jr. High Boys lost to Silverton Monday evening 33 to 18. Blake Galyean was high point with 6 points. Eric Torres scored 4. Tyler Babcock and Brett Friemel each contributed 3. Josh Kelly added 2.

The Groom Jr. High

Girls won their game against Silverton Monday evening 51 to 14. Rachel Hopkins had a great night scoring 18 points. Karri Britten scored 10. Ashley Murray added 9. Alannah King contributed 7. Maddie Wieberg scored 3. Samantha Clendennen and Stacy Schick each added 2.



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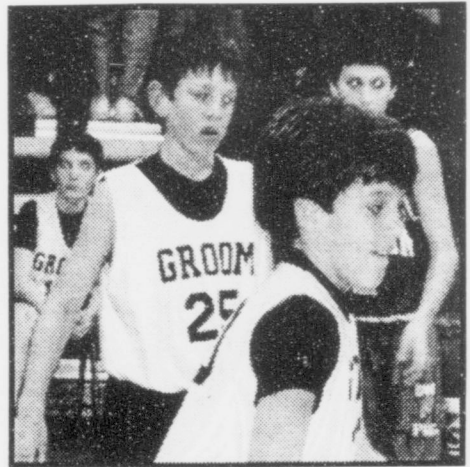
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Junior High Basketball Highlights



Fans in the stand cheer on the Cubs and Ettes in their game against Hedley. Make plans to see a game as the season comes to an end. Several home games are coming in the next couple of weeks.



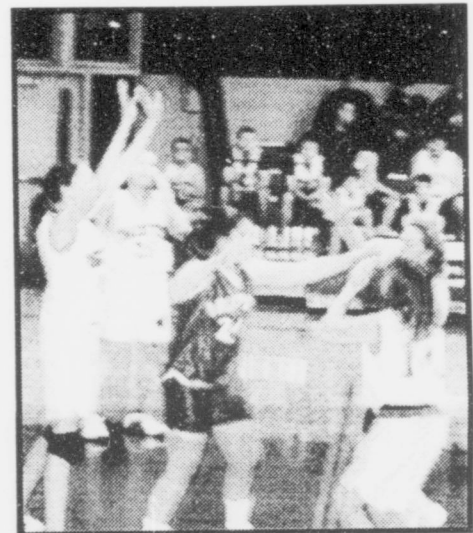
Trevor Friemel and Brett Friemel set up an offensive play in Monday nights game against Hedley.



(Above) Samantha Clendennen sinks her free shot after being fouled in Monday nights game against Hedley.



(Right) Maddie Wieberg plays an excellent defensive game on Monday night.



Rachael Hopkins is ready for an inbound pass as the rest of her teammates set up an offensive play.

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or more, a 1st degree felony on December 15, 2003.

William Robert Leven: Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon. On June 25, 2004 Leven failed to keep proper lookout and operated a motor vehicle while consuming alcohol causing serious bodily injury to Emily Clark by hitting her with his automobile making it a deadly weapon. This is a 2nd degree felony.

Michael James Kimball was bound over for trial by the grand jury for a 2nd Degree Felony charge of possession of a controlled substance, namely Psilocybin in the amount of four grams or more but less than 400 grams around June 26, 2004.

Bernardo Castro was indicted on a 1st Degree Felony charge of possession of cocaine in the amount of more than 400 grams on September 6, 2004.

A 3rd degree Felony charge was indicated against **Gregory Steven Little**. On July 27, 2004 he is accused of possessing marijuana in the amount of more than 5 but less than 50 pounds on July 27, 2004.

Whitneil Michelle Bledsoe was indicted with a 3rd degree felony for possession more than 5 but less than 50 pounds of marijuana on July 27, 2004.

Jesus Alfonso Diaz-Lopez was bound over for trial on a 2nd degree felony offense of possession of marijuana in the amount of more than 50 pounds and less than 2000 pounds on October 9, 2004. He was also indicted on a State Jail Felony of possession of less than one gram of methamphetamine.

A State Jail Felony was indicted on **Michael S. Smith** for possession of less than one gram of methamphetamine on February 14, 2004.

Adrian Cisneros was indicated on a 3rd degree felony charge of possession of more than 5 pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana on September 13, 2004.

Daniel Ramirez Mata was indicted on a 3rd degree felony possession of more than 5 but less than 50 pounds of marijuana on September 13.

A State Jail Felony was named in the indictment of **Samuel Lara Mina** for theft of a firearm from **Lalena Becker** on December 6, 2004.

Steven Paul Todd was indicted for a 2nd degree felony for possession of cocaine in the amount of more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams. The date of the offense was August 8, 2004. He was also indicted on possession of more than 5 but less than 50 pounds of marijuana, a 3rd degree felony.

Christopher Robert Hiad was indicted on a 2nd degree felony for possession of more than 4 but less than 200 grams of Cocaine, as well as a 3rd degree felony for possession of more than 5 but less than 50 pounds of marijuana on August 8, 2004.

Gilbert Lopex III was indicted on a 3rd degree felony for possession more than 5 but less than 50 pounds of marijuana on June 28, 2004.

With a 3rd degree felony change of possession of more than 5 and less than 50 pounds of marijuana, **Elham Zeba Besharatpour** was

indicted for acts committed on June 28, 2004.

Michael Robert Boyd was indicted on a 3rd degree felony for possession of more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams of methamphetamine on August 12, 2004. He was also indicted on a 2nd degree felony for possession of more than four grams but less than 200 grams of cocaine.

An indictment was handed down on **Eduardo Antonio Gonzalez** for possession more than 5 pounds but 50 or less pounds of marijuana on July 21, 2004.

Ivan De Jesus Nunez was bound over for trial with an indictment of a 3rd degree felony for possession more than 5 but 50 pounds or less of marijuana on July 21, 2004.

With a charge of Possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, **Abimael Lopez-Cabrera** was indicted for possession more than 400 grams of Cocaine on June 25, 2004, a 1st degree felony.

A 1st degree felony of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) in the amount of 400 grams or more, bound **Hector Villa** over for trial.

Oscar Osorio was indicted of charges of a 1st degree felony for possession of methamphetamine in the amount of 400 grams or more on August 18, 2004.

Alfredo Tapia Morelos was indicted on a State Jail Felony of intentionally fleeing from

Texas DPS Trooper **Gary Davis** who was attempting to arrest the defendant. This occurred on September 6, 2004.

A 1st Degree Felony charge of possession of a controlled substance, namely cocaine in the amount of 400 grams or more was the cause for indictment of **Salvador Calderon Mata**. The offense occurred on September 11, 2004.

Rafael Santoya Jr. was indicted on a 1st degree felony offense of possession a controlled substance (cocaine) in the amount of 400 grams or more on September 11, 2004.

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are set in the northeast Texas Panhandle, but in truth we are telling the tale of every pioneer, highlighting our cultural roots and common bonds.

"Art from the Ruins" tells the stories of High Plains history as much through the archetypal shapes of each piece-grain elevator, hotel, porch, scale house, cellar, cottonwood tree, memorial obelisk, armoire, and reliquary-as it does through pictures, narratives, old documents and magazines, letters, hardware and wire. An introductory video featuring traditional ranch dance music by legendary fiddler **Frankie McWhorter** will explain the process involved in the salvage work and how the exhibit was created, as well as featuring more stories from the old-timers of the era.

In addition to seeing and hearing these stories, visitors will be encouraged to touch the pieces as well, opening doors, revealing more artistic and historic surprises. To encourage viewing by all ages, CAA has created age-appropriate treasure hunts and reading lists, giving students a fun and interactive history lesson. "If we inspire one student to think outside the box, to value his heritage and to trust in his innate talents, we have done our job," states the CAA Board.

"Art from the Ruins" will be on display at the Armstrong County Art Gallery from January 10, 2005 to February 28, 2005, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. For more information call the museum at (806)226-2187, **Vickie** at (806)944-5462,

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DO I HAVE TO APPLY EACH YEAR? No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2004, you won't need to reapply for 2005 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home - or if you moved to a new home - you'll need to file for an exemption for 2005. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2004, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

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