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School Board Votes To Purchase A New Bus

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 21, 2005. Board members present were Billy Bybee, Ronnie Ferguson, Chet Bohlar, Terri Adams, Bobby Richardson, David Fuller and Marshall Hanes. Others present were Superintendent, Eric Smith; Blaze Herring, Dick Crockett and Leslie Darsey, Secretary.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Ronnie Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and gave the opening prayer.

Motion by Billy Bybee, second by David Fuller for Mr. Smith to purchase a new bus to be used on a route and for activities. Motion carried. Blue Bird had placed a bid for \$37,745.00 and Mid-Bus had a bid of \$37,280.00 which included rear air

conditioning. Mr. Smith is to make the final decision. The Board was opposed to purchasing a used bus in favor of the idea of having a warranty.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Terri Adams to order the election to elect two Board members for three year terms on May 7, 2005. Motion carried. Ronnie Ferguson and Bobby Richardson's terms will be expiring.

Motion by Terri Adams,

second by David Fuller to appoint Molly McDowell as the Election Judge and Leslie Darsey as the Early Voting Clerk for the upcoming school board election.

Board member training hours were unavailable at this time, but will be announce by Board President, Ronnie Ferguson at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:20

p.m. to discuss Principal contracts. Mr. Smith also informed the Board of the current status on the John Griffen case. The Board also discussed Superintendent applicants.

Return to Open Session came at 8:47 p.m. and Mr. Smith made a recommendation that the Principal contracts for Blaze Herring and Richard Crockett be renewed for two years through June 2007. A motion was made by Richardson, second by Marshall Hanes to renew the Principal contracts, with five voting "FOR", and Chet Bohlar being opposed.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Bobby Richardson to approve the Financial Reports A, B, & C. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Richardson, second by Terri Adams to approve to pay the bills as presented and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.

Under other business, Mr. Smith informed the Board that the Cafeteria had received a perfect audit by the state and he was

very proud of all staff involved.

Mr. Herring stated that Ms. Gates had taken two teams to a Science Bowl competition in Canyon and that they had competed very well against bigger schools and received 3rd and 4th place.

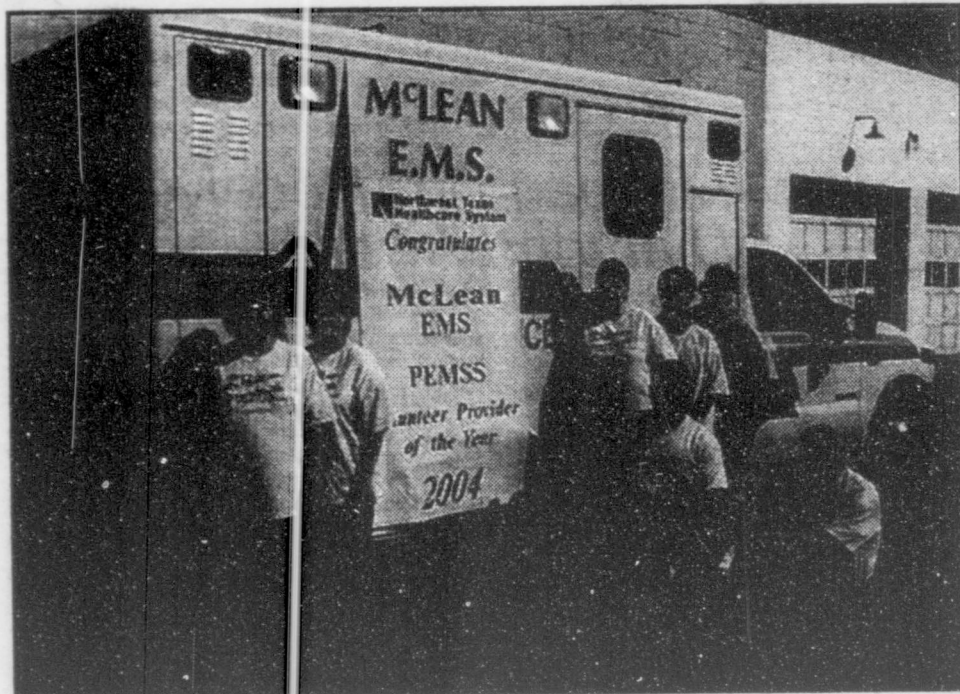
TAKS testing will be taking place at the school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

MR. Smith wants the Board to decide what to do with the band instruments and some surplus inventory, and it will most likely be considered for a consignment auction.

Shaun Crawford had expressed a need for updated computers and monitors, and had contacted Phil Phillips with the FAA, a government agency that distributes inventory to governmental agencies. The FAA had ten laptops, 15 computers and monitors that the school could purchase for little of nothing. Mr. Smith and Shaun Crawford will be making a trip to Ft. Worth to pick up these items for the school on

See BUS, pg. 8

McLean EMS - Voted Top Volunteer Service of 2004



The McLean Emergency Medical Service was honored with Volunteer Service of the year at the Panhandle Emergency Medical Service System (PEMSS) Banquet last weekend.

The banquet which was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo was attended by McLean EMS Director, Pam Skipper who

received the award on behalf of the entire EMS.

The award was given to McLean because PEMSS believes that the service continued their dedication to the patients they responded to, without regard to compensation. Each member of the team knows the true meaning of dedication and they have all sacrificed their time to

provide to those who call for help.

The PEMSS represents the top 26 counties in the Panhandle of Texas or Region I.

Members of the service are Robbie Sanderson, Paramedic; Alice Burchfield, Paramedic; Pam Skipper, Intermediate; Bill Anderson, Basic; Ronia Anderson, Basic;

Jim Adams, Basic; Amanda Crawford, Basic; Robert McDonald, Basic; and Angie Ware, Member.

If you have any questions about the EMS, you may call 779-2444 or if you are interested in sending donations or memorials, you may send them to P.O. Box 16, McLean, Texas, 79057.

REMINDERS

THE DEVIL'S Rope Museum will open for a new season on March 1, 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday.

THE LITTLE MISS McLean Pageant is Sunday, February 27 at 2 pm in the High School Auditorium.

REMEMBER: TO Vote in the May elections you must be registered by March 7, 2005.

FILING FOR A City Council or School Board Position must be done by March 7, 2005.

LITTLE MISS McLean Pageant will be Feb. 27 at 2:00 in the High School Auditorium.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS Tournament - Lefors - Feb. 24-26.

THE EDC WILL Meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

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

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

McLean Lunch Menu

Feb. 28 - March 4

Breakfast:

Monday: Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage, Fruit or Trail Mix, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Yogurt, Graham Crackers, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Pop tarts, Nutri Grain Bars, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Biscuit & Egg Patties, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Friday: Cinnamon Folls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Lunch:

Monday: Taco Salad with

Meat & Cheese, Salad, Refried Beans, Apple Crisp, Milk

Tuesday: Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Texas Toast, Apricots, Milk

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

Thursday: Mini Corn Dogs, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Pumpkin Bars, Milk

Friday: Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, French Fries, Pears, Milk

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 24 - Sally Worsham Bohlar, George Watson, Brick Fry, Maggie Ruth Johnston, Julie Reynolds.

February 25 - Dekki Crockett Oliveras, Jeffrey Lee, Reo Averett.

February 26 - Stella Lee, Nathaniel Roberts, Talitha Newton.

February 27 - Lillie

Mae Williams, Ruben Flores.

February 28 - Mike Acuna.

February 29 - Mike Harkins.

March 1 - Shane Coleman, Betty Mackie, Marvis Godfrey.

March 2 - David Swafford, Robin Smith, Allison Hill, Joel Wilson.

Drew Welcomed To Glass Home



Andy and Kristi Glass are proud to announce the

arrival of their son, Charlie Andrew (Drew) Glass. Drew was born on January 28 at 2:51 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 8 pounds, 4.7 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

His proud grandparents are Bill and Debra Tiówell of Alanreed and Bob and Janet Glass of McLean.

Young At Heart Hold Luncheon

There were 21 members and guests at the February 15 Young At Heart Potluck luncheon. Gaya Long, Teresa Johnson and Delese Atwood were guests. Marisa Martinez and Laura Garrison with McLean

Home Health Agency took blood pressure checks. We had a short business meeting. The Board also had a planning meeting after the luncheon. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 1.

Bus

Wednesday.

Terri Adams had received a press release

from Claim Administrative Services for MISD to receive the Diamond Award for outstanding achievement in Employee Safety, Occupation Accident Prevention and

Loss Control for 2003-2004, with claims of 10% or less of established loss.

Bobby Richardson will have a quote for the sound equipment at the March meeting.

Motion by Bobby Richardson, second by Terri Adams to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Study Club Enjoys Speaker

The Pioneer Study Club met February 17, 2005, in the Church of Christ Annex at McLean, TX. The guest speaker was Dick Bode. He gave a very interesting talk about growing up in Holland during the World War II era. He also told about becoming a United States citizen.

Refreshments were served by Pat Stubbs to the

following members: Barbara Bode, Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Mary Lou Glass, Mickey Jackson, Zeld McClellan, Betty Morgan, Emma Pechtel, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Ella Mae Reyna, Betty Taylor, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Angie Ware, and Nama Webb.

School Board Candidate Workshop Offered

(AMARILLO, TX) - Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 3, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center (5800 Bell St., Amarillo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will

explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service. Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda

Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

McLean Volunteer Fire Department

will be holding a Consignment Auction April 16

Advertising Deadline is April 1

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McLean ISD Receives Diamond Award

McLean ISD, one of more than 472 participating schools, received the Diamond Award for saving the district of \$2,631.00.

McLean ISD, represented by Mr. Eric Smith, Superintendent was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing

safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace.

Mr. Wesley Slade, CEO of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work

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Little Dribblers Tournament Deemed Big Success

The McLean Little Dribblers held their annual basketball tournament this past weekend. Two teams kept the first place trophy at home, while the four other McLean teams earned fourth place awards.

The K-2 grade girls earned fourth place. They played Wheeler and Miami. Jordan Cox earned a total of 7 points and Dezeray earned 3 points.

The K-2 grade boys also earned a fourth place spot. In the first game they defeated Miami 2 with a score of 9-2. In the second and third games, the team was defeated by Samnorwood and Miami 2. Andrew Bybee scored a total of 7 points. BJ Ketcherside earned 4. Mason Reynolds put 2 points on the board and Tanner Smith added 1.

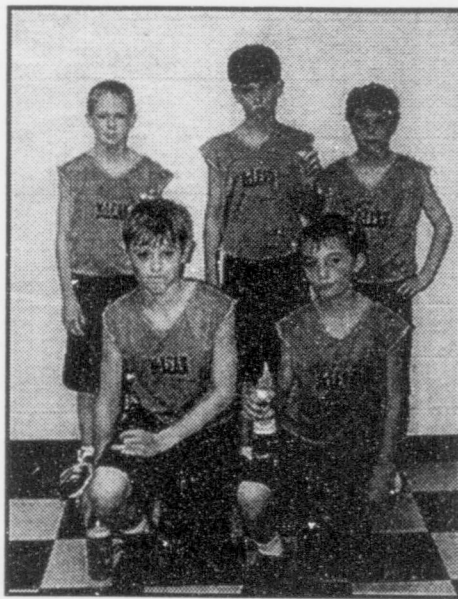
The 3-4 grade girls also won a fourth place spot. Miranda McMordie scored

2 points and Hayley Burnett also scored 2 points.

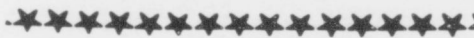
The 3-4 grade boys earned top honors with a first place trophy. They defeated Lefors, Hedley and Shamrock. Trey Hannon led the board with 18 points. Jordan McLain added 6 points. Ethan Smith, Kaleb Perkins and Stormy Manns each had 2 points.

The 5-6 grade girls also earned a first place trophy with wins over Shamrock O, Lefors and Shamrock H teams. Ashley Byron scored 42 points total. Erin Vassey earned 18 points. Ashley Russell put 8 points on the board. Casey Graham and Saber Bohlar both earned 6 points each. Nicole McClendon had 4 points. Rudy Rodriguez and Jamie Alvarez both had 2 points.

The 5-6 grade boys earned fourth place spot



McLean Little Dribblers, 5th and 6th grade boys team, earn 4th place at McLean's Invitational Tournament.



with a win over Kelton and two losses to Shamrock and Hedley. Jordan Herring earned 26 points total for the team. Jace McLain added 21 more points. Tyler Lamb earned 20 points. Clay Crockett

had 11 and Zach Seymour had 10 points.

The Little Dribblers will travel to Lefors this weekend to participate in that tournament.

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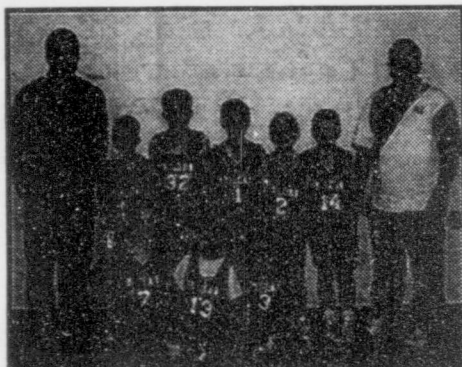
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(Above) 5th and 6th grade girls show off their "Badda Bing-Badda Boom" t-shirts and trophy. (Below) 3rd & 4th grade boys pose proudly with their 1st place trophy won in the tournament.



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Puckett's Grocery
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McLean Home Health
779-2485

Red River Steak House
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MCLEAN TRACK SCHEDULE 2005

Date	Location	Event
Mar. 4-5	Wellington	JH/HS Boys
Mar. 10	Lefors	JH
Mar. 11	Lefors	HS
Mar. 22	Motley County	JH
Mar. 24	Motley County	HS
Apr. 1	District Wheeler	JH
Apr. 2	Wheeler	HS
Apr. 8	District Wheeler	HS
Apr. 15	Area Panhandle	HS
Apr. 29-30	Regional Leveillard	HS
May 13-14	State Austin	HS



Country Corner
779-2209



Brownie Girl Scouts enjoy learning about Chinese New Year customs while sampling food and drink from the oriental culture.

McLean High Competes in Science Bowl



Saturday, February 19, 2005, McLean I.S.D. sent eight students to compete in the annual Regional Competition of the 2005 Pantex Plant Science Bowl. Eight students from McLean High School competed in the Bowl. Brooke Seymour, Tamara

Loya, John Haynes, Keith Raines, Kevin Smith, Manden Conklin, Carrie Thompson, and Philip Jones were successful although they did not win first place. "I am very proud of these students," stated Science teacher, Ms. Gates. "It was a great experience for the students and will be a competition that we hope to win in the future."

Gray County Commissioners Accept Resignation of Precinct #4 Constable

The County Commissioners Court met in Special Session at the Court House in Pampa on February 1, 2005.

Minutes of the January 14, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.

A letter of resignation from Constable of Precinct #4, Don Fletcher was presented to the court. All approved. Commissioner Hefley stated that he would

not support appointing a replacement for the position of Constable Precinct #4. He stated that he has talked to Justice of the Peace Carpenter and she supports vacating the position. Commissioner Willoughby stated that he also would not support appointing a replacement.

Pat Bagley, representative of Gray County Appraisal District was present in Court at the

request of the County Judge Mr. Bagley explained that Celanese had made a \$6.6 million clerical error in valuation of their assets. The business office notified Mr. Bagley by motion on September 17, 2004 and he made his decision under

Tax Code Section 1.111(e) and 41.01(b) in January 2005. This will result in approximately \$32,000 less tax revenue for the county and approximately \$103,000 less for Pampa Independent School District.

McLean High School Honor Roll Announced

8TH GRADE
80 & Above
Nikki Alvarez
Emory Crawford
Trenton Darsey
Jamie Sanderson
Tammy Syfrett
90 & Above
Patrick Seager
DaShac Tolleson
9TH GRADE
80 & Above
Lucas Webb
90 & Above
Mark Smith
10TH GRADE
80 & Above
Matt Applewhite
Tamara Loya
90 & Above

John Haynes
Brooke Seymour
11TH GRADE
80 & Above
Kevin Smith
Carrie Thompson
90 & Above
Manden Conklin
12TH GRADE
80 & Above
James Alexander
Allison Hill
Nick Jones
Antonio Montoya
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Zane Richardson
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Lucas Seymour
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Ashley McClendon

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First Assembly of God 4th & Main
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Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 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 Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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McLean I.S.D. intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for the 2005-2006 school year. McLean I.S.D. intends to start the first day of instruction on August 15. McLean ISD will have a public hearing concerning the date of the first day of instruction March 24th at the regularly scheduled school board meeting.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS GRAY COUNTY AIRPORT

TxDOT CSJ 0304 MCLAN A "Notice to Bidders" is issued for the construction of airport improvement at the Gray County Airport to Rehabilitate and mark Runway 17/35; and rehabilitate taxiway and apron at the Gray county airport. Sealed proposals need to be addressed to Mr. Edie Stimack, Grant Manager, TxDOT Aviation Division, 150 E. Riverside Drive, South Tower, 5th Floor, Austin, Texas 78704. Proposals will be received until 2:30 P.M., March 10, 2005, then publicly opened and read. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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Candidates Vie For Place On May Ballot



Incumbent Board Member Tim Case

Several candidates filed for a place on the City Council and School Board ballots this week. Tim Case will ask voters to re-elect him for the Groom ISD School Board. Case is a lifelong resident of Groom and a GSD alumni. He has served 3 terms of office on the Board. He also has served a secretary of the Board. He works for the Quarter Horse Association and owns his own crop consulting business. He and his wife Tammy have two children, Tyler and Tanner, both who attend school at Groom ISD.

In the City Council race, incumbent Joe Homer will

ask voters to give him another term of office as mayor. Homer has served 4 terms of office as mayor. He is a farmer, serves as a UIL basketball referee and drives a school bus. Both he and his Barbara and lifetime residents of the city.

Chris Welch, incumbent, wants to continue to serve the residents of Groom as an alderman. He and wife Robin, built a home here in Groom a few years ago. He has served 2 terms of office on the council.

Kenneth Weller is another long time resident

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Incumbent Mayor Joe Homer



Incumbent Alderman Kenneth Weller



Incumbent Alderman Chris Welch

Council To Discuss Community Center

The Groom city council met on Monday February 14 in City Hall at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Mayor Pro-Tem Ellis Stapp, Aldermen Chris Welch, Kenneth Weller and Doug

Kling. Absent were Mayor Joe Homer and Aldermen Don Case. City Secretary, Mary Sue Lyles was also in attendance.

The council unanimously approved a motion to order

an election for the office of mayor, currently held by Joe Homer and two aldermen, Chris Welch and Kenneth Weller to be held on May 7, 2005.

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Board To Take Bids On Playground Sprinkler System

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, Tim Case, Ron Kuehler, Seth Ritter. Members absent were Tony Rocha, Rodney Bohr, Tony Britter. Superintendent Terry Stevens was also in

attendance. There were no visitors at the meeting. (Unless otherwise noted, all votes on motions were unanimous).

Mr. C. Britten opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Mr. T. Case and seconded by Mr. R. Kuehler to approve the minutes from the January 24th, and January 13th meetings. Minutes from the July 15th, 2004 meeting were also approved. Motion passed.

There were no comments in open forum.

Motion by Mr. R. Kuehler seconded by Mr. S. Ritter to approve a resolution calling for May School Board elections for positions held by Mr. T. Case and Mr. S. Ritter. The motion passed.

Mr. C. Britten announced that all Groom ISD School Board Trustees met the TASB yearly

Dinner Theatre To Be Held



What is behind the locked "Bathroom Door"? Chance Barkley, Michaela Roskens and Freddy Roessner want to know!

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The group will perform "The Bathroom", a hilarious comedy about a locked bathroom door.

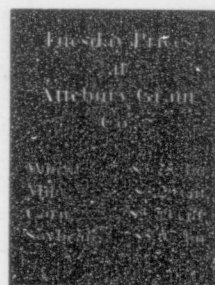
Kyrn Stevens, Adam Britten, Chance Barkley, Michaela Roskens, Freddy Roessner, and Nathan Sater are the performers

who will make you laugh. They are supported by an extensive stage crew and their director Ande Ragsdale. They will compete in the One Act Play contest this spring in the UIL competitions.

Don't miss this fun evening and a chance to support the efforts of our students and their teachers.

GROOM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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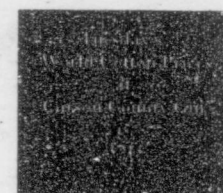


INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETINGS for the new Conservation Security Programs are to be held in Claude on March 1 at 7:30 in the County Activity Center and in Clarendon on March 3, 2005 in the Bairfield Building at Clarendon College at 10 am.

THE TIGERS and Tigerettes have their first track meet at Lefors on March 11.

PEE WEE Basketball players need to come by the news office to have your picture taken any time.

MARK YOUR calendar! One Act Play will hold a Dinner Theatre with a meal and performance on Saturday, Feb. 26. Tickets are only \$10.00! Contact the school for more information at 248-7474.



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Local Happenings

Lucille Merrick was voted the Valentine's Day Queen at the Retirement Ranch in Clovis, New Mexico.

ILL OR RECOVERING
 The following people are ill or recovering: Willie Barnett, Bertha Knight, Ruthie Miller, and Ray Morris.

Several Groom 4-Hers went to the stock show at San Antonio this year. Chance Barkley placed 5th in his class with his cross breed swine entry. Thane Barkley placed 11th with his cross. Also attending with exhibits were Blaine Britten and Javier Caro. Kathleen Barkley and Hali Barkley also enjoyed the exhibits. The group had a great time and did a wonderful job at representing Groom.

GROOM ONE-ACT PLAY PRESENTS ...

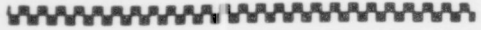



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Babcock, Howard G. Britten, Pam Brown.
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 February 29 - Irma Ray Rutherford.
 March 1 - Shari Renee Britten, Tim Case, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip England (A).
 March 2 - Kenny Schultz, Kenneth Ray Burger, Tommy Head.

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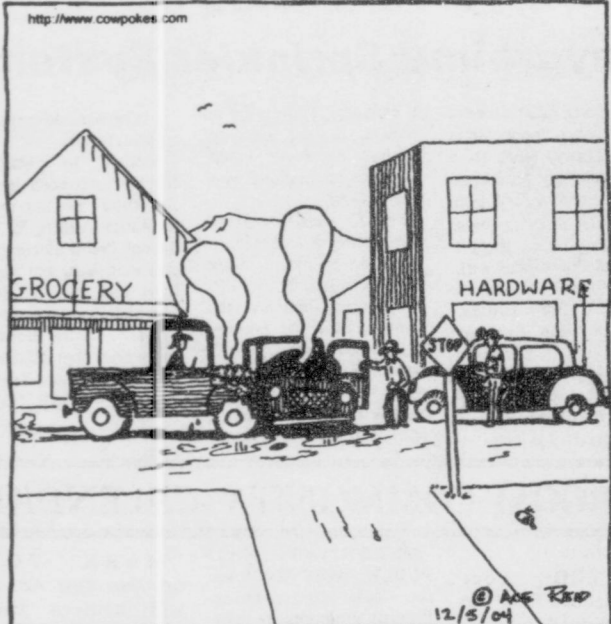
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The sign up period will continue until March 7 at the close of the business day.

City

Mary Sue Lyles was appointed as Early Election Judge and Toni Pavlovsky will serve as Election Judge.

A motion carried to set the homestead exemption for persons over 65 years of age at \$9,000.

The discussion on water and sewer rates was tabled until a later date.


A discussion was tabled concerning the possibility of making improvements in the lobby area of the community center. The Council will meet at 6:30 on march 14 in the Community Center to see if they can come up with a plan to revamp the area for use as City Hall.

No clean up letters were sent and the task list was reviewed. January 10 minutes were approved along with the January financial statement.

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School

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training requirements for the 2004 year.

The monthly financial report was presented by Superintendent Terry Stevens.

No budget amendments were necessary at that time.

Motion by Mr. T. Case and seconded by Mr. S. Ritter to accept the resignation of Sheila Kenny. Motion Passed.

The Board discussed their great regret at Mrs. Kenny leaving, and options of other staffing issues for the 2005-2006 school year were discussed. Discussion was about potential teacher reassignment.

Mr. Stevens informed the Board that the state would notify the school when it was time to issue depository contracts. The state would provide a guide for the school to follow for the depository contracts.

Mr. Stevens reviewed with the Board the School Report Card from the TEA for Groom ISD.

Motions by Mr. S. Ritter and seconded by Mr. T. Case to approve the 2003-2004 School Report Card from the TEA. Motion passed. The report card reiterated Groom ISD's achievements for the 2003-2004 school year.

Groom ISD received an exemplary rating earning 9 out of 11 Gold Stars.

Mr. Stevens discussed the date for the April School Board meeting.

Motion by Mr. T. Case and seconded by Mr. R. Kuchler to approve an application for a waiver for August 17, 2005 as a day of in-service. Motion passed.

Mr. Stevens discussed

46th Annual St. Francis Dinner To Be Held

St. Francis parishioners are making preparations for their 46th Annual Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 13, according to Doris and Phillip Smith, Sausage Dinner chairmen.

The Sausage Dinner has undergone an evolution over the past 46 years, as has St. Francis Church. Sausage dinners began in the 1930s as a way for the parish to raise funds to keep the little community church afloat during the depression and dust bowl years.

In 1959, the ladies of the parish rejuvenated the idea of a St. Francis Sausage Dinner. The sausage was served as patties, but was not well received and the idea of serving link sausage was born.

Throughout the 1960s, parishioners gathered at neighboring farms to process their home-raised

hogs into sausage for the dinner. Three hogs were butchered that first year, but as the popularity of the dinner increased into the 1970s, the parish found itself unable to accommodate the demand

with the Board an opening in TASB Board of Directors.

Mr. Stevens discussed with the Board a bid for a sprinkler system for the playground.

Motion by Mr. T. Case and seconded by Mr. S. Ritter to adjourn. Motion

passed. The Board adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

In 1972, the parish hired a meat processor to make the sausage using the "secret recipe". The late John and Theresa Leven of St. Francis originated the sausage-seasoning 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 13th 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 \$7, children \$4 with ages 6 and under eating free. Take-out dinners are also available for \$7 each.

The Country Store, hosted by the St. 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 be found within the boundaries of the County Store.

A drawing will also be held at the close of the dinner. Drawing tickets are available from any St. Francis Parish member and will be available for purchase throughout the day on March 13.

"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 St. Francis," said Mrs. Smith.

St. 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 St. Francis Avenue



THERE SHE BLOWS!

Groom Elementary science scholars learn all kinds of interesting things. Lately they have

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College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 9, 2005, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 4. Late registration postmark deadline is March 18 (an additional fee is required for late registration). The ACT Assessment now contains an optional Writing Test. Some colleges will require writing scores from students entering college in the fall of 2006. Students should check the admissions requirements of colleges they are

considering before deciding whether to register for the ACT with or without the Writing Test. The cost is \$28.00 without and \$42.00 with the Writing Test.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's website at www.actstudent.org. The website also features test tips, practice tests, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

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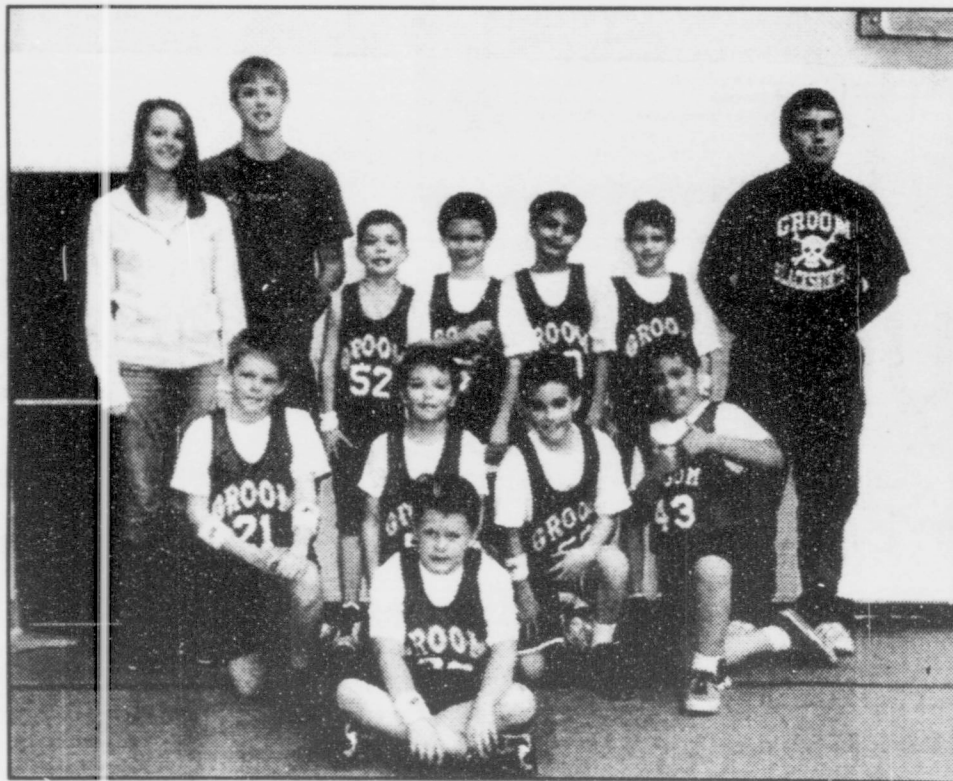
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NETTIE HELTON FIELDS

GROOM - Nettie "Meme" Fields passed away on Feb. 15, 2005 after a long illness. Services were held Saturday, February 19, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Groom, Texas. Rev. David Kelly of First Baptist Church in Groom, Rev. Chad Horton, Chaplain at Bivins Memorial Nursing Home officiated and Melissa Fields, granddaughter offered the eulogy. Interment was at the Groom Cemetery.

Nettie was born in Jack

County, Texas on May 28, 1912 to James and Bonnie Helton. She had five older brothers and five younger brothers. Nettie grew up in Bruce Area, south of Clarendon. Her family moved to Groom, where she graduated from Groom High School. After graduation she lived in Amarillo and attended Draughts Business College.

On March 3, 1934 Nettie married Charles L. Fields in Groom. They were married for 61 years before Charlie passed away in 1995. She was a very active member of the First Baptist Church of Groom, held many positions in Eastern Star, and was one of the charter members of the Thimblette Needle Club of Groom. Nettie loved gardening, cooking, sewing, crocheting and knitting. She was infamous for making Christmas stockings that she gave to many friends and family members. She had a fascination with card games with her favorite being bridge. She loved her five grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren dearly. She

was preceded in death by her parents, husband and nine brothers Bill, Tom, Newt, Ernest, Nath, Allen, Joe, Harrell and Claude Helton.

Mrs. Fields was survived by one daughter, Rose Helen Zielke and husband, Leonard of Amarillo; one son, Charles Donald Fields and wife, Connie of Groom; one brother, Carol Helton of Borger; five grandchildren, Lori Collins and husband, Gary, Melissa Fields, Scott Fields and wife, Karen, Jeffery Fields and wife, Aimee, and David Fields; four great-grandchildren, Taylor, Trenton, Jacee and Avree Fields.

Memorials may be sent to The First Baptist Church 407 East 1st, Groom, Texas or the Alzheimer's Association Panhandle Chapter, 2200 West 7th Street, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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Services Held For Allan Winfred Angel

Allan Winfred Angel, 93 died Sunday, February 20, 2005 at Plainview, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February

22, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Groom. Rev. Weldon Rives, Pastor, officiated. Burial was held at the Groom Cemetery.

Mr. Angel was born December 26, 1911 in Groom where he lived until moving to the Plainview area approximately 60 years ago. He married Frances Marie Johnston on June 22, 1936 at Lelia Lake,

Donley County, Texas. He had been a farmer all his life and was a Methodist.

Survivors include; his wife, Frances Angel of Plainview; one sister, Ruby Denton of Groom; a half-

brother, James Wesley Angel of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Groom Cemetery Association.

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Carson County Sheriff's Report

By Sheriff Tam Terry

The jail population

Monday morning was 24. Seven of these persons are scheduled to be admitted into prison in the next few weeks. Over the last two-week period there were 14 persons arrested in the county.

The offenses break down as follows: Assault - 1, DWI-4, Bond Surrender-1, Possession of a Controlled Substance - 3, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon - 1, Making Alcohol Available to a Minor - 1, Money Laundering - 1, Driving While License Suspended - 1, and Theft - 1.

With the help of some local ranchers we were able to recover a large meth lab last week. The lab was located on a county road north of Panhandle. After preliminary test it was discovered that almost 2 pounds of drugs plus most of the lab were recovered. The suspects fled the scene before law enforcement arrived. We are currently processing the evidence and will continue to work toward finding out who was doing the cook. The first discovery of the lab was made at 3:30 in the afternoon. Everyone who spends time on the county roads needs to stay alert to the fact that this type of activity has been going on at all hours of the day. The people who spend their time cooking this stuff can be dangerous and are totally unpredictable. If anyone observes any activities or vehicles that are suspicious, please give us a call.

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Guilty Judgements Handed Down In 11 Cases

100th District Court was held on February 14 and guilty judgements were handed down on the following cases:

Eric Matthew Modere was found guilty of a 1st degree felony possession of a controlled substance; a 2nd Degree Felony for possession of a controlled substance; a State Jail felony for possession of marijuana which occurred on May 12, 2004. He waived his right to a trial and was sentenced to 8 years, 8 years and 2 years, respectively, confinement in prison. Sentences will run

concurrently. In addition, he was ordered to pay court costs in the amount of \$955.00 in court costs and \$140.00 in restitution.

Douglas Wayne Ellison was found guilty of possession of a controlled substance for action committed on June 30, 2004. He waived his right to a jury trial and pleaded guilty. The terms of his punishment are as follows: He will receive 7 years deferred adjudication; a fine of \$5,000 was paid on Feb. 14; 140.00 or restitution will be paid to the Texas DPS Restitution Account. In addition to

these conditions the following are terms of the plea bargain: defendant must stay within the confines of the 100th judicial district, report to the Community Supervision Department in Childress any change in address or place of employment. Pay \$50.00 per month to the Community Supervision Department. Pay all court costs. He also must submit to drug testing and pay for all costs related to testing. He must perform 400 hours of community service, and pay \$100 to the Crime Victims

Compensation Fund. Other usual requirements for probation will also be in effect.

Michael S. Smith was given probation after pleading guilty to possession of a controlled substance, a State Jail Felony for offences he committed on Feb. 14, 2004. He will serve 3 years of deferred adjudication and pay a \$1,500 fine, \$140.00 in DPS Restitution, \$318.50 in court costs. He will also be required to pay Community Supervisor \$50.00 per month. Smith was ordered to perform 400 hours of public service

and follow the usual limitations required of those on probation.

Emmit Hendrix, Jr. pled guilty to a 1st Degree Felony charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance for offenses committed on May 25, 2004. He was sentenced to 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and ordered to pay \$318.50 in court costs.

Candido Ponce Pena was found guilty of a 2nd degree felony of Possession of Marijuana on January 11, 2004. He was sentenced to 5 years deferred adjudication and ordered to pay a \$5,000

fine, \$318.50 in court costs, \$140.00 in DPS Restitution and pay \$100 to the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund. The usual limitations for probation are also required in addition to 400 hours of community service.

Donald Ray Johnson had his probation revoked for

his 3rd degree felony for possession of Marijuana committed on March 23, 2002. He was ordered to serve his five year term and pay 247.25 in court costs and \$350 in attorney's fees.

Abimael Lopez-Cabrera pled guilty to a 1st degree felony for possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent To Deliver for actions occurring on June 25, 2004. He was sentenced to 8 years in prison. In addition he will be fined court costs of 4318.50 and attorney's fees in the amount of \$400.00.

Earl Aubrey Tyner was found guilty of a 3rd degree felony of Possession/Transport of Anhydrous Ammonia and given deferred adjudication on April 7, 2003. That probation order was revoked on grounds that Tyner did not follow the order of terms set forth in his probation. He was ordered to serve 4 years in prison and pay a \$3,000 fine, \$247.25 in court costs and \$300.00 in attorney fees.

Melissa Ann Martin also had her probation revoked. She was sentenced to 5 years probation and a \$2,000 fine on March 15, 2004. She did not follow the orders of her probation. She will serve 5 years in prison and pay \$2000 in fines, plus court costs and attorney fees.

Michael Robert Boyd was found guilty of possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to five years and a \$5000. fine. He was given deferred adjudication and ordered to give up all interest in items seized for the crime he committed on August 12, 2004. He will also pay \$140.00 in DPS restitution and \$318.50 in court costs. He will complete 400 hours of community service, pay \$100 to the Crime Victims Compensation fund as well as follow the rules for probation.

Amanda Nicole Stanford had her probation revoked for the 2nd Degree Felony of Possession of a Controlled Substance that was committed on March 6, 1999. She violated the terms of her probation and was ordered to serve 8 years in prison and ordered to pay a \$2000 fine, court costs and attorney's fees.



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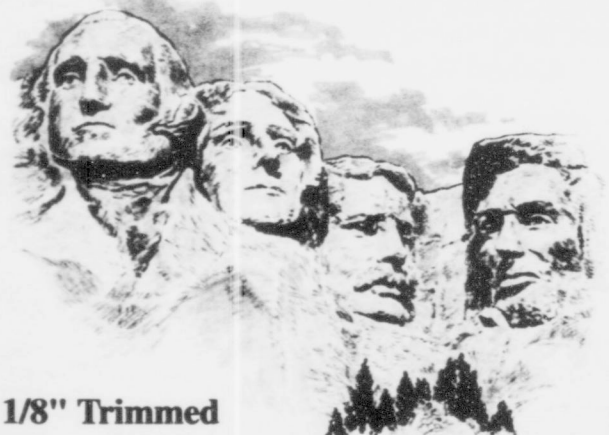
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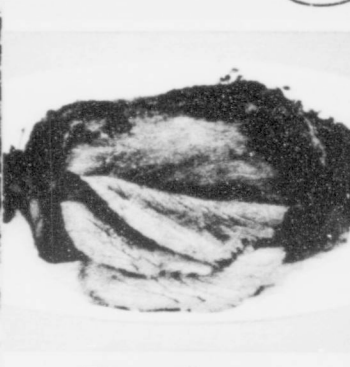
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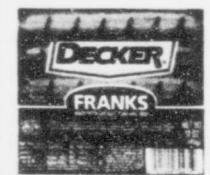
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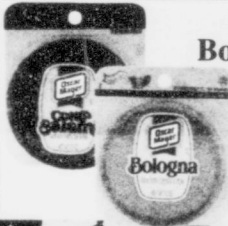
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