

# The McLean News



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U.I.L. Team- (Back, left to right) Gabe Vega, Katrina Routen, Will Frost, Bethany Rogers, Ricky Smith, Alexis Dampier, Brad Sawyer, Reo Dennis, (middle) Ashley Fish, Tammy Marsh, Veronica Fite, Sarai Sawyer, Randi Riley, David Swafford, Ben Reyna, (front) Laura Thomason, Teddra Simmons, Nicki Hefley, and Cesily Cadra.

## U.I.L. Contestants Compete

Monday and Tuesday, March 26 and 27, 2001, twenty MHS students and sponsors traveled to Clarendon for District U.I.L. academic competition. Veronica Fite and Katrina Routen participated in Ready Writing with Veronica placing first. Gabriel

Vega, Terrell Hembree, Teddra Simmons, and David Swafford participated in Mathematics. Gabriel Vega, Teddra Simmons, and Terrell Hembree participated in Number Sense. Randi Riley, Ashley Fish, and Benn Reyna

participated in Computer Applications, with Ashley placing fourth and Benn placing sixth. Ricky Smith and Veronica Fite participated in Current Events and Issues.

Randi Riley, David Swafford, Will Frost, and Katrina Routen participated in Calculator Applications.

Julie Marsh participated in News Writing. Veronica Fite and Tami Marsh participated in Feature Writing.

Alexis Dampier and Bethany Rogers participated in Headline Writing.

Julie Marsh, Ricky Smith, and Bethany Rogers participated in editorial Writing, with Bethany placing fourth.

Veronica Fite, Brad Sawyer, Gabriel Vega, and Ashley Fish participated in Spelling, with Veronica placing second.

Will Frost, Laura Thomason, and Cesily Cadra participated in Science.

Bethany Rogers, Nikki Hefley, Sarai Sawyer, and Randi Riley participated in Literary Criticism, with Randi placing third individual and the team placed first. Chase Barnes served as alternate

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## P.T.A. To Host School Board Candidate Forum At Meeting

The McLean PTA will be hosting a school board forum at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 7:00 in the school cafeteria. As always, child care is available and we ask that you make plans to attend. This will be your opportunity to find out

what each potential board member has in mind for our schools. Please call Amy Herring at 779-2457 if you would like to submit any questions to ask these potential members.

There are 3 available seats on the school board. The candidates

are Mike Darsey, Billy Joe Skipper Jr., Terri Adams, Jody Smith, Donnie Basham, Jon Riley, Linda Syfrett, Toni Bohlar, and Floyd Skipper.

Please make plans to attend the forum and vote in the election on May 5th.

## New Officers Selected For McLean Chamber of Commerce

The time has come for a new beginning for the McLean Area Chamber of Commerce. The positions for the officers is now open, spaces on the board to be filled are president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary/reporter. The current officers feel that it is time to step down. If these positions are not filled, sadly I must say the chamber will no longer exist. As a business owner or concerned citizen you should realize the importance of a chamber of commerce or you would not have located to McLean to live and start a business. Please have the pride in our town to stand up and be a part of the future of McLean.

One of the projects that the chamber has done over the past few years was to provide offices for non-profit organizations, such as the Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Dept, and our local E.D.C. Every October we do a haunted hospital

for the area, which is a huge success with all who attend. This raises money to help do things in the McLean area. In

the past we have done some painting down town and put out benches in front of our businesses.

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## REMINDERS

**MCLEAN CARE**  
Center Easter Parade is on April 14th at 2:30 p.m.

**PTA BAKE SALE** is on April 12th.

**DISCOVERY** Center Easter Egg hunt will be on April 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Call 355-9548 ext. 12 for information.

**KINDERGARTEN** Pre-Registration will be on April 18th, 19th, and 20th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please come to the Teachers' Workroom with birth certificate, shot record, and social security card.

**CITY COUNCIL** will meet on Monday April 9th at 6:00 p.m.

**CITY WIDE** Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the park.

**FRESHMAN CLASS** Car Wash is on Saturday, April 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Country Corner Texaco. Donations accepted.

**LADIES BIBLE** Study will be held on Tuesday April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pam Quisenberry.

**TRINITY YOUTH** Garage Sale is scheduled for April 7th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

**DISTRICT TRACK** Meet will be held in Miami on April 5th and 6th.

**DISTRICT GOLF** will be held in Pampa on April 16th.

**SCIENCE FAIR** is scheduled for April 6th in the Old Gym. It starts at 8:20 a.m.

**TIGER CUBS** will meet on April 11th.

**SCHOOL** Dismissed at 12:30 on April 13th for Easter Holiday.

**TEXAS TRASH OFF** Day is on April 7th. It is a day to pick up trash in your community. The McLean Masonic Lodge will be involved.

**GROOM BOYS'** Basketball First Annual Charitable Track Meet will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Groom High School Track. Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Divisions include Pre K to 6th Grade. Events include baseball throw, long jump, jump rope, 50m dash, 100m dash, and 400m relays. Contact Brad Rainer at 248-7971 or 248-1203 for more information. Need not be from Groom to participate.

**COMET CLEANERS** will do Free Pickup-Tues. and Free Delivery-Thurs. at Elizabeth's in McLean. Call 779-2445 for Info.

To the Citizens of McLean and Gray County:

Puckett's Food Store of McLean would sincerely like to thank all those who came to our aid when we were robbed. The City Police and the County Officers were there immediately, as were the medical aid personnel. They were not only very responsive but extremely professional. Please accept our most sincere **THANK YOU!**

We also need to thank the alert citizens for helping the County Officers, the Texas Highway Patrol, and the Texas Rangers in the apprehension of the suspects, and all those of you that patiently waited until we could reopen the store.

Again **THANK YOU** to all, we are very proud to be a part of this very fine community of great people.

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## BRIEFS

Brian and Pam Quisenberry went to Dallas this past Thur. and Fri. The Baptist General Convention of Texas hosted new Pastor's and their wives for an informative session on the resources available to churches. Brian and Pam also got to visit their daughter, son-in-law, and Pam's mother.

## Lunch Menu

**Monday Breakfast:** Pancake-N-Sausage on a stick, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Ravioli, english peas, salad, texas toast, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy joes, tator tots, veggie sticks, pickle spears, jelly, milk.

**Wednesday Breakfast:** Blueberry muffins, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed

potatoes, gravy, corn, hot roll, fruit, milk.

**Thursday Breakfast:** Breakfast burritos, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Steak on a bun, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, cookies, milk.

Friday- No School

### McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

April 5 - Brad Dickey.

April 6 - Christine Shipley.

April 7 - Margaret Milam, Pat Andrews, Cozy Parson, Kendra Richardson, Gene Steel, Shot Cole.

April 8 - Tina Thomas.

April 9 - Logan Taylor Tate, Ruby Jones.

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

April 12 - Virginia Dalton, Aline Winegeart.

April 13 - Lela Kennedy.

April 15 - Ilene Barker, Vernee Bowling.

## Obituaries

**Nita I. Barber** - Nita I. Barber, age 75, died March 30, 2001.

Graveside services were held Monday April 2, 2001 at the Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock Texas, with Rev. Jack Lee and Brother Joe Jernigan officiating.

Mrs. Barber was born to Buffalo Bill Chaffin and Annie Lois Aiken at Winters, Texas, October 16, 1925. She married J.R. Barber December 25, 1946 at Wellington, Texas. The couple had lived in Shamrock for 55 years. Mrs. Barber was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Shamrock.

Survivors include her husband, J.R. Barber; two sisters, Dorothy Wilson of Kemp and Glenna Jolly of Moore, OK.; one brother, Bobby Chaffin of Midland, Texas.

The family suggest memorials be to the First Baptist Church of Shamrock in Shamrock Texas.

## CHAMBER

So please take the time to stand up and watch the future of McLean grow. Without your help and support there will no longer be a McLean Area Chamber of Commerce. Put your ideas to work and let your voice be heard. Don't let the doors close for the last time. Help us save our future!

Please let us take this time to say thank-you for all your support in the past few years. If has been a pleasure serving the area businesses and the town of McLean. We are allowing till April the 2nd for a response to fill the offices.

Thank You, Vonda Averett-779-2171 Diana Roosa-779-3289 Terri Adams-779-2224

The Chamber did meet on Monday April 2nd and elect new officers. More information will follow next week.

## UIL

On April 20, 2001 the following students will be traveling to Levelland to participate in Regional Academic Competition: Veronica Fite will compete in spelling and Ready Writing; and Randi Riley, Nikki Hefley, Bethany Rogers, and Sarai Sawyer will compete in Literary Criticism.

McLean High School is very proud of these students who competed at district and wish the best to those who are going on to the Regional competitions.

## MCLEAN CARE CENTER NEWS

Activities started for the residents Sunday with Sunday School with the Friendship Methodist Church. In the afternoon they attended church

services officiated by the Pastor Dean William and his congregation.

I may have neglected to let the churches and their people know how much the residents enjoy their coming to give services. Thank you so much.

Activities were usual last week. Our new resident Jay Miller is really taking an interest in his new home. He takes the U.S. and Texas flags out every morning and brings them in at night. He attends Bible study class on Thursday night. He is going to plant a garden. We appreciate Terry Dickey for donating his time and effort to plow up a space for his garden.

We are planning a busy week next week. Thursday morning we will color eggs, starting at 10:00 a.m. They will be hidden for the residents to hunt at 2:30 p.m. Friday the 13th, We plan to take a group of residents to the cross. We will start loading the vehicles about 1:30. We need volunteers to help color and hunt eggs on Thursday and volunteers to the cross on Friday. If you can do any of this please let me know at 779-2109.

Make plans to bring your children in their Easter frocks to the Children's Easter Parade Saturday the 14th at 2:30 at the Care Center.

## PRESCRIPTIONS

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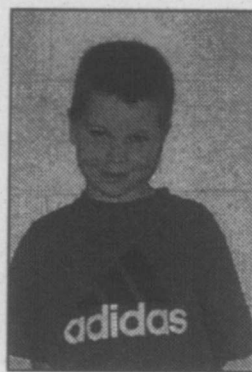
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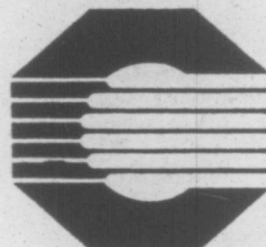
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**MCLEAN 4-H MEET**

The McLean 4-H met Monday night April 2. Krista Smith opened with the pledge of allegiance and Chloe Smith followed with the 4-H pledge. Kristen Odom gave the roll call and read the minutes of the previous meeting. The next meeting will be Monday May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex. New officers will be elected at this meeting. The 4-H group will be helping to stuff Easter eggs for the upcoming hunt and picking up trash in the park before the hunt as their community service project.

Anna Shackelford and Travis Fish gave the council report. A county wide end of the school year party will be held. The 4-H group will also be selling geraniums.

Nicholas Odom and Kevin Smith are working toward the Wonders of Washington Trip for summer 2002.

Kristen Odom reported on the results of the photography contest. Nicholas received a 1st place ribbon for his black and white photograph of his horse and Kristen Odom received a 1st place ribbon for her color

underwater photo of a friend. Zachary Odom and Amanda Loya received participation ribbons.

The members are getting prepared for the Texas Cattle Feeders Beef Challenge. Each participant must have their cattle by April 6th. They may have up to 4 steers. The students feed and care for their animals until the first of August and then will participate in a contest at WTA&M in Canyon.

The remaining dates for the clothing project are April 3rd, April 10th, and May 1st. The County Fashion Show will be April 21st at 9:30 a.m. in the Annex in Pampa.

Anna Shackelford and Travis Fish are participating in livestock judging.

The program for the meeting was given by J.D. Fish. He updated everyone on what to do in case of a tornado. Travis Fish, Kristen Odom, and Anna Shackelford gave their weather presentation that they had previously given to the fifth grade class.

Tamara Loya and Mark Smith were also present. Monica and Anna Shackelford were the hosts for this meeting.

**MR. AND MRS. SMITH CELEBRATE 63RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Earnest "Buddy" Smith and Lydia Ann Moore Smith, formally of McLean, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary with a family dinner party Tuesday, March 13, at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store.

Host for the event were the couple's granddaughter and her husband, Tracy and Cary Little of Wichita Falls.

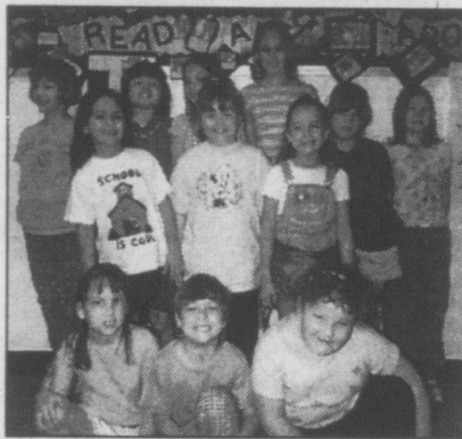
Children of the couple are Frankie Leon Smith of Wichita Falls and Sharon Kay and Fred Petricone of Denton.

Grandchildren of the couple are: Tracy Ann and Cary Little and Kelly Kay Smith, all of Wichita Falls, and Kimberly Elizabeth and Andrew Dill of Irving. They have three great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

**Card Of Thanks**

A big thank you to all those who donate food and their time to Loaves and Fishes. It would be impossible without you! Trinity Baptist Church

**Little Dribblers Finish Undefeated**



K-2 Girls Little Dribbler Team



In the McLean Little Dribblers Tournament the K-2 girls finished an undefeated season. Brian and Kelly Byron coached their girls through a tournament in Lefors, Ft. Elliott, and McLean along with many other games. They practiced two times a week which has apparently paid off. The girls took home ribbons, medals, and a trophy from the McLean Tournament.

The team consists of: Kendra Richardson, Myranda McMordie,

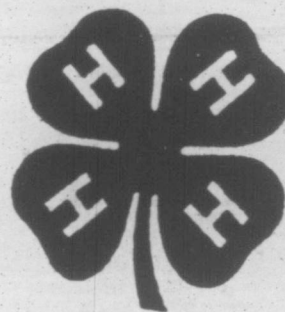
Bailey Taylor, Tori Bybee, Ashley Russell, Sabre Bohlar, Jamie Alvarez, Devon Chambers, Ashley Byron, Sara Shackelford, Nichole McClendon, and Erin Vassey. Congratulations K-2 girls!

**McLean Elementary-Jr. High Students of the Week March 26-30:**

Kindergarten Chance Roland; 1st Rena Smith; 2nd Grade Sami Staton; 3rd Grade Mark Jeffries; 4th Grade Tammy Syfrett; 5th Grade Erin Bailey; 6th Grade John Haynes; 7th Grade Lindsey Ruiz; 8th Grade Antonio Montoya.



**An Appreciation Dinner  
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## McLean Track-sters Travel To Miami For Meet, District Next

McLean Tigers participated in a track meet this past weekend in Miami. The Junior High relay team placed 5th in the 400 relay. The relay team members are Lucas Seymour, Troy Pendleton, Andy Ritchie, and Nick Jones. Also competing for the Junior High were Dustin Kirkland, Kevin Smith, Nicholas Odom, Tyler Hanes, and Terrance Fite. Way to go guys!

The High School also competed. The Boy's team is Chris Sparling,

Dusty Moody, Brad Sawyer, David Swafford, Reo Dennis, and Ryan McCallister. Competing for the girls was Jennifer Greer.

Chris Sparling placed 4th in the 800 meter run. Other events were hurdles, shot put, discus, long jump, and distance runs.

The Tigers all did a great job and will compete again in Miami on April 5th and 6th.



Reo Dennis gives it his all at the Miami Relays in the 110 meter hurdles.



One-Act Play Team- (back) Shane Estes, Katrina Routen, Randi Riley, Brad Sawyer, (front) Teddra Simmons, and Nicki Hefley.

## District Tennis Held

McLean competed in a district Tennis competition in Pampa on Monday, April 2nd. Ricky Smith, Nathaniel

Roberts, Steven Foshee, Chase Barnes, Bethany Rogers, Candace Barnes, Danielle Dampier, and

Emily Barnes competed in doubles matches.

Amanda Hauck, Laura Thomason, Reo Dennis, and Robert Brass all participated in second round play in singles matches. David Swafford and Bron Bohlar advanced to the semi-final rounds. Randi Riley will play

Wednesday April 4 for third place, possibly second place.

Our students had a wonderful day for tennis and all played hard. These young people have had a short season, but have learned a great deal and played well. Good Job Tiger Tennis Team.

## Mom's Circle Take Time Out

The McLean Mom's Circle met on Wednesday March 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. A pot luck lunch was provided by several of the moms. Shawn Bybee read a funny chapter from a book by Barbara Johnson to give us all perspective on our daily lives as wives and mothers. Diana Roosa planned a candy bar matching game for everyone to play and everyone went home with a handful of calories. Most importantly, all of the mothers had some time to sit and talk with others and take a short break.

Those who attended were Heidi Syfree, Sandi McLain, Diana Roosa, Tonya Walker, Amy Herring, Shawn Bybee, and Judith Ingle. Judy Lee and Beverly Odom graciously tended to the

nursery, so the mom's could enjoy a meal to themselves.

Shawn Bybee also brought up the point that the list of moms to call every month is very long. It was decided it would be a good idea to have a set meeting day every month so phone calls wouldn't have to be made. The last Wednesday of every month will be our regular meeting days and we will alternate between the Trinity Baptist Church and the Methodist Church. The time will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a nursery provided. All you have to bring is a drink for your child.

Upcoming meetings will be posted in the newspaper and at the post office. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 25th at Trinity Baptist Church.

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Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm  
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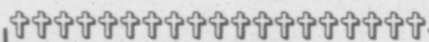
**First Assembly of God 4th & Main**  
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45, Worship 11 am & 7 pm  
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**  
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm  
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi-5 pm  
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
James Mantooth 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm



New: Children's Church Ministry, 7:00pm Sunday

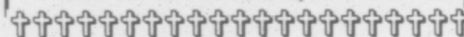
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**NEEDED WEEKEND R.N. PART TIME-** 2 or more weekends per month. 6:00-2:00 shift. Call Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude, Texas (806) 226-5121.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Groom Economic Development Corporation will hold a public hearing on projects providing support and/or continuing support for advertising and beautification projects in the City of Groom, to begin at 6:00 p.m. on April 19, 2001, at the Community Center located at 100 Broadway Street, Groom, Texas.

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Jill Britten and Lauren Crowell pace each other as they compete in the mile run.

## Groom U.I.L. Contestants To Advance To Regional Meet

Eleven students in 15 events have advanced to the regional literary meet as a result of the district meet, which was conducted on March 26-27.

The regional meet will be at South Plains College in Levelland on Friday, April 20.

Groom placed second overall with 224 points. Follett was first with 349. Ft. Elliott scored 192, and Hedley scored 150.

Senior Brooke Britten advanced in three events—first in both news and feature writing and second in poetry.

Sophomore Laurissa Noack advanced in two events—first in physics and third in headline writing.

Junior Garret Britten also advanced in two events—third in both editorial writing and ready writing. In addition, he was fourth in overall science and alternate in biology.

Groom garnered three other first places—senior Macie Britten in persuasive speaking,

sophomore Jessica Bates in poetry, and sophomore Lauren Crowell in headline writing.

Placing second were Marci Babcock in news writing and senior Kristina Tjarks in ready writing.

Third place positions were taken by senior Michele Stephens in news writing, junior Candace Bohr in feature writing and junior Wyatt Britten in informative speaking.

First alternate (fourth) was sophomore Lainie Britten in poetry.

Second alternate (fifth)

were senior Liz Vega in current events and Crowell in feature writing.

Sixth place were junior Luke Pavlovsky in headline writing and sophomore Stephany Fraser in persuasive speaking.

Groom swept news writing with the first three places and won the plaque for overall journalism wins with 107 points.

The first three places from district compete at regional.

"I was really proud of the way our students conducted themselves," English/Spanish teacher Leslie Crowell said.

## Ettes Win Meet, District Next

Groom High School Track and Field athletes performed well at the recent Miami Warrior Track Meet. Groom's High School Girls placed 1st and the Boys placed second with team totals of 159 for the Girls and 113 for the Boys.

Only a few junior high athletes competed, so they didn't have team totals to report. Magan Bivens placed 5th in the high jump with a 4'1" leap. Malorie Homen placed 5th in the 800 meter run with a time of 3:01:18. Kelby Noack placed 5th in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:09:13.

In the High School Girls' Meet, Happy placed 2nd with 137 points, 3rd was Silverton with 86 points, 4th Miami with 67, 5th

Hedley with 61, 6th Higgins with 22, 7th Ft. Elliott with 20, 8th Trinity with 16, 9th Lefors with 8, 10th Allison with 6, 11th Adrian with 2, and 12th Samnorwood with 1.

Laurissa Noack won the discus with a throw of 98'7".

In the shot put, she placed 5th and Jennifer Jenkins placed 6th.

Groom swept the high jump, bringing home all three medals. Candace Bohr took gold with a jump of 4'11". Staci Britten placed 2nd and Caren Howard placed 3rd.

Krisanne Davis also won the triple jump with a jump of 33'10". Amanda Conrad placed 5th.

In the 3200 meter run, Lauren Crowell placed 4th and Jill Britten

placed 5th. Nichole Barnett placed 2nd in the 800 meter dash.

Staci Britten placed 2nd in the 400 meter dash.

Krisanne Davis won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 51:86.

Lauren Crowell placed 4th in the 1600 meter run. Jill Britten placed 5th.

The 400 meter relay team of Krisanne Davis, Candace Bohr, Staci Britten, and Amanda Conrad won the gold medal with a time of 53:83.

Also winning the 1600 meter relay with a time of 527.50 were Amanda Conrad, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, and Staci Britten.

The girls continued

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## COMMUNITY CALENDER

**COACHES NEEDED** for summer league baseball! Call Tim Case at 248-7290.

**CHOWLINE IS** meeting every Tuesday at noon in the Community Center.

**MARK YOUR** calendars! The Lion's Club Annual Fund Raiser for the Summer Youth Program will be on April 8th.

**GROOM SCHOOL** will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on April 10th. Parents are asked to come to school and pick up their children's report cards on that day and are invited to take the opportunity to visit with teachers.

**THE ATHLETIC** Banquet in Groom is scheduled for May 17th.

**THE GROOM** High School prom is set for April 21st.

**THERE WILL BE** no school on April 13 & April 16 for Easter Vacation.

**WE DESPERATELY** need your help. We must have 12 people to make an EMT class. Please Come Saturday to the Community Center at 1:00 p.m. Call Charolet Whatley for more information.

**GROOM BOYS'** Basketball First Annual Charitable Track Meet will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Groom High School Track. Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Divisions include Pre K to 6th Grade. Events include baseball throw, long jump, jump rope, 50m dash, 100m dash, and 400m relays. Contact Brad Rainer at 248-7971 or 248-1203 for more information. Need not be from Groom to participate.

**THE KEEP GROOM** Beautiful Clean-Up Volunteers are asked to meet at the Dairy Queen today, Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. for an organizational meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact David or Lanna Brown for more information.

## Board Holds Two Closed Meeting To Discuss Personnel

Groom School Board members have held two closed session meetings recently to discuss personnel options with the recent announcement that John Wilson will accept a position at Childress ISD. All Board members

were present at both meetings which were held on March 26th and April 2nd. Each meeting went immediately into executive session and lasted about three and half hours. No action was taken following the Boards return to open

session other than adjournment.

The next regular meeting will be on April 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. Those interested in specific agenda items should watch for the posting of the meeting.

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## Local Happenings

Jack Gray of Longview, WA was in Groom recently to visit classmate Barney Davis. He graduated in 1937 from Groom High School.

He said to tell everyone hello and that he is not deceased as reported in the Ex-Student-Book.

A birthday dinner was given for Allie Hoyt in honor of her 69th birthday, over the weekend. Attending were Norris Hoyt, April Burton of Canyon, Jim and Donna Burton, and Al Alward. Allie received lots of cards and phone calls from family and friends who could not attend.

**CITY AND SCHOOL** Election will be held at the school on May 5.  
**IF YOU HAVE** printing, call The News at 248-7333 or 779-2141.

THE GROOM LION'S CLUB PRESENTS  
**A Buffet Luncheon**  
 April 8th, 11:30 am-1:30 pm  
 At the Groom Community Center to benefit the  
**Summer Program For Kids**  
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### Former Mickey Mouse Makes Stop At Stop N Shop

Paul Castle and his wife Alma visited the store last week. Paul greeted patrons at Disneyland in California dressed as Mickey Mouse from 1961 till he retired in 1986. His wife Alma dressed as Pinocchio for many years. They were on their way to Oklahoma City.

*Pictured are Katy Britten, Paul Castle, Jan Britten, and Alma Castle.*

Alpha Mu Xi Presents  
**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
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### Five Generations Celebrate 85th Birthday

Dorothy Mansel was honored with an 85th Birthday Party last weekend. Five generations of her family were represented. Pictured are (back) 4th generation great granddaughter Paula Barnett of Vega, 5th generation great-great grandson Hadley Barnett of Vega, 3rd generation granddaughter Janice Goneman, and 2nd generation daughter Londez Lamm of Galveston, Texas. (Front) Mrs. Mansel is seated. Next to her is 5th generation great-great granddaughter Rebecca Barnett also of Vega. About 50 people attended the party in which refreshments were served. Mrs. Mansel is still a member of a bowling league and plays every week.

### MEET

their relay wins with the 800 meter relay, with a time of 154.48.

In the Boys' Meet, Miami won the 156 points. Groom, as reported was second with 113 points, 3rd place went to Silverton with 60, 4th Ft. Elliott with 52, 5th Happy with 43, 6th Lefors with 27, 7th Hedley with 26, 8th Channing with 25, 9th Silverton-JV with 16, 10th Hartley with 11, 11th Allison with 10, and 12th Trinity with 6.

Clay Ritter won the high jump with a jump of 5'10".

Dewayne Gray won the long jump with a leap of 20'1/2".

In the triple jump, Clay Ritter sailed 41'81/2" to take home the gold medal. Dewayne Gray placed 3rd.

Russell Conrad placed 1st in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:16.66.

In the 110 meter hurdles, Bobby Ratteree placed 4th and Lance Ollinger placed 5th.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Bobby placed 5th and Lance placed 6th.

Clay Ritter was second in the 200 meter dash.

In the 400 meter relay, Groom's team of Clay Britten, Clay Ritter, Dewayne Gray, and Garrett Britten won the event with a time of 45:89.

In the 1600 meter relay Groom's team also won. The same boys ran in this race as in the 400 meter relay.

The teams will compete for District on Friday, April 6th. The Area meet will follow on April 11th at Randall High School.

#### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

April 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leathers (A).

April 6 - Mrs. Ruben Riegerman, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Painter (A).

April 7 - Candace Bohr.

April 8 - Marcia Conrad, Angela Conrad Amphay, Maggie Thomas, Belinda Britten.

April 9 - Charles Donald Fields, Hugh Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brooks (A), Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Brown (A).

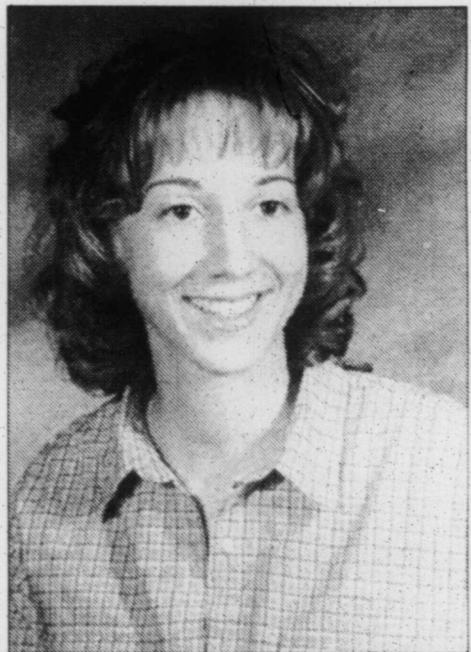
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April 11 - George (Jigger) Britten, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bowers (A).

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For each expression of comfort during her last months and at her death, we are so grateful.

The family of Jessie Cruise



### Macie Britten Named Miss Congeniality

Macie Britten, Groom Lions Club Queen, was recently selected Miss Congeniality by the contestants in the Miss Irish Rose contest conducted during the St. Patrick Day celebration at Shamrock on March 17th. Macie is the senior daughter of Mike and Marla Britten.

#### Groom School Lunch Menu

Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cherry crisp, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, french fries, peaches, texas toast, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. Lunch: Frito pie, pinto beans, applesauce, graham crackers, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Burritos, bean dip, pears, tortilla pieces, milk.

Friday- No School.

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**BOHR & CONRAD NAMED TO ALL-STARS**

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Candace is a senior and the daughter of Rodney and Michelle Bohr. She averaged 15 points per game and 10 rebounds. She was selected to the first team.

Amanda is a sophomore and the youngest child of Donnie and Marcia Conrad. She averaged 13 points per game and 4 rebounds. She was named to the second team.

"I am very proud of these girls, they are well deserving of the honor," stated coach Chris Sumerall.



Selected to serve as High School Cheerleaders were: (back) Penny McMahan, Amanda Martin, Britteny Martin, Jessica Bates, Caren Howard, (front) Lorri Britten, Lainie Britten-Mascot, and Brin Burgin-Head.

**ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS MAY DEFER PROPERTY TAXES**

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

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

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

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

Davis stressed that the tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home, it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 8 percent per year continue to add up.

She said, "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

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

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

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Selected to serve as Junior High Cheerleaders were: (back) Sharri Britten, Malorie Homen, Katy Britten, Gailynn Drewery, (front) Karla Howard, Brandi Bates, Berkle Ruthardt, Kecia Howard.

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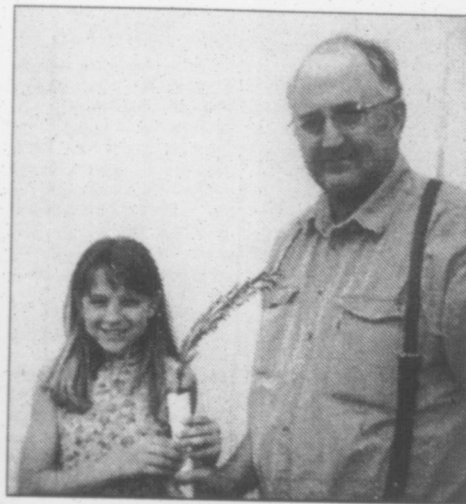
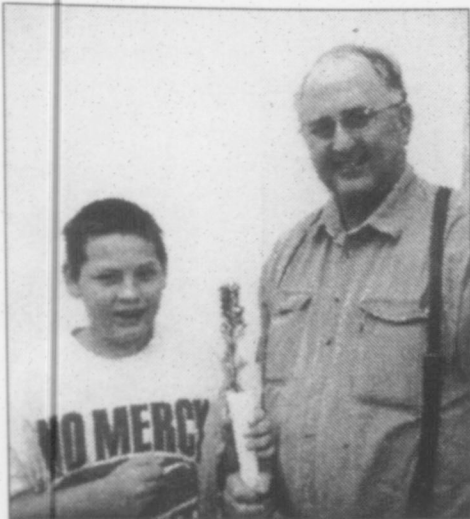


# Chaney, Weller Win Poster Contest

The fifth grade class at Groom Elementary School participated in the conservation poster contest sponsored by the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation

District in January. On Monday, April 1, the fifth grade students were presented Eastern Red Cedar tree seedlings by the SWCD in appreciation for their participation in the contest.

Amanda Chaney placed 1st place and Kendall Weller placed 2nd.



Amanda Chaney and Kendall Weller are proud to receive their tree from soil and water conservationist Bobby Pool.

## Immunization Clinic Scheduled For Groom

An immunization clinic at Groom School will offer vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. It is scheduled for April 17, 2001 from 9:30 to finish at Groom School.

These vaccines offer protection for the following childhood diseases: Polio, Diphtheria, Tetanus (lock-jaw), Pertussis (whooping cough), Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hib type B, Varicella (chicken pox).

A charge for vaccination will be assessed based on family income, family size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however no one will be turned away if not able to pay. These charges are necessary in order to help defray the cost of keeping the clinics operating.

Additionally, flu shots will also be available at the clinics to be given to the general public.

All times and dates are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

The way some people find fault, you'd think there was a reward.

## "Jump Rope For Heart" Held By Elementry Kids In Groom

The K-5 elementary students completed their jump rope for heart activities on March 30.

We would like to thank everyone in the community for their generous donations. The kids learned a valuable lesson about being a volunteer and working to aid in a needy cause. The kids learned about giving their time and energy toward a worthy goal. We did wonderful for our first time out. The school raised \$2552.00 for the American Heart Association to go toward

heart disease treatment and research.

The results by grade were: Kindergarten-\$366; 1st grade-\$337; 2nd grade-\$537; 3rd grade-\$846; 4th grade-\$244; and 5th grade \$222.

Top money raisers were: Kindergarten-Molly Stewart with \$78;

1st grade-Rebekah Roskens with \$58; 2nd grade-Maddie Weiberg with \$150 and Morgan Britten with \$168; 3rd

grade-Tyler Babcock with \$152 and Kathryn Herndon with \$185; 4th grade-Bailee Ruthardt with \$125, 5th grade-Michaela Roskens with \$58.

Kathryn Herndon was the top money raiser with \$185.00. Also, Morgan Britten, Maddie Weiberg, Tyler Babcock, and Kathryn Herndon all qualify for a free Disney World Trip drawing for topping the \$150.00 mark.

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Former Resident Passes Away On March 29

Ora Lea Garmon GROOM- Ora Lea Garmon, 84, died Thursday, March 29, 2001, in Weatherford.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday April 2, 2001 in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Campbell, pastor of United Methodist Church in Slaton, officiating. Burial will be in Groom Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Garmon attended school in Groom. She worked as a licensed vocational nurse at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle. She moved to Groom in the 1920s.

She was preceded in death by her husband Walter in 1997, and infant son in 1947, and a daughter, Wuanna Sue in 1998.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Anne Garmon of Amarillo; five sons, Mike Garmon of Plainview, John Garmon of Jacksonville, Fla., Steve Garmon of Orlean, Va., Randy Garmon of Springtown, and Bob Garmon of Aledo; two sisters, Berta Carl Gueths of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Shirley Jean McNulty of Berger; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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### Former Resident Retires

"Look, my fingernails are growing!" Betty Housley exclaimed at her retirement party in January.

After 21 years with the United States Post Office, Betty Housley is finally able to grow fingernails. Housley retired Jan. 3 after seven years as Sealy's postmaster.

Friends and family gathered to honor her at a retirement celebration where she related her fingernails are growing.

"When you work with that much paper, it just eats your fingernails away," Housley said. "They have to stay short or you can't do your job very well. Now that I have retired, my nails are finally growing!"

"She was a wonderful person to work with because she wanted to be more than just your boss—she wanted to be your friend," Cathy Ondruch said, a clerk at the post office.

"If you or someone in your family was sick, she always made it a point to call them at home to check up on them or send them a card. There wasn't a birthday that passed that she didn't know about or

threw a party for. She is just a magnificent person."

Housley, of Bellville, first started out working for the government in Groom as a clerk. After two years in the small town, she moved to Hempstead, where she remained the next six years.

She was promoted to Postmaster of Hockley and remained for eight years, before taking the position with Sealy. She was also officer in charge of the post office in Cypress and Kenney.

"I already miss the people I saw everyday, and all the people I worked with," Housley said. "I worked with such great people. I really enjoyed the postmaster position in Sealy as everyone was very good to me. I will miss my years as a postal employee."

Betty and her husband of 20 years, Bill, are the parents of Debbie, Dale, Deanna, Donna, Todd, and Terri, and the grandparents of Nicholas, Neil, Natalie, Kristen, Ross, Clayton, Dakota, and Dawnielle.

### Sheriff's Report

There were 6 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of March 26 through April 1, 2001. Currently there are 13 persons incarcerated in this jail and 10 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

Patrosina Vega, age 20 of Panhandle-Making alcohol available to a minor.

Noe Vega, age 23 of Panhandle-Making alcohol available to a minor.

Rhonda Wilson, age 43 of Grand Prairie, TX-Warrant-Parker County.

Rafael Felix, age 32 of Pampa-Driving while intoxicated-3rd offense.

Rodrick Powers, age 29 of Amarillo-Driving while intoxicated-1st offense and endangering a child.

Brandon Mayfield, age 23 of Pampa-DPS Data Bank Warrants.



(Above) Dewayne Gray and Garrett Britten make the last exchange in the Sprint Relay. The Groom Sprint Relay Team won with a time of 45:89.




Cabbette Gailynn Drewery concentrates on her fellow competitors at the Miami Track Meet.

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(Above) Willie Leven prepares to throw the discus. Willie was one of the several Jr. High athletes to participate in the Miami Warrior's Track Meet.




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