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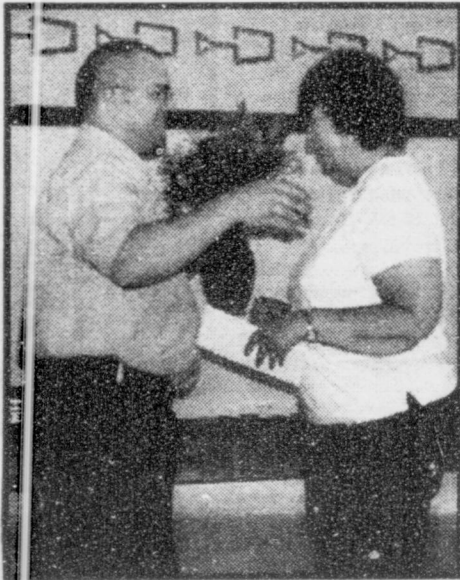
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Appreciation Dinner Held

The importance of "it takes a village to raise a child," was celebrated at the third annual staff appreciation dinner for McLean I.S.D.

Superintendent, Eric Smith honored staff and school board members by having them stand during the dinner. He also presented each with a McLean Tigers fleece blanket.

Several awards were given during the dinner. Pam Crockett, Dick Crockett and Blaze Herring were given plaques for 10 years of service to the school. Freda Holland was honored for 15 years. Bill Layman was given a 20 year plaque. Jacque Riley and Bobbi Stalls were honored for 30 years of teaching, all of which have been with McLean I.S.D. *see staff, pg. 10*



(Above) Janet Glass, who is retiring from teaching at the end of the year, receives a bouquet of flowers from Mr. Smith. (Right) Plaques were given to Jacque Riley and Bobbi Stalls for 30 years of service to the students and district.



Candidates Express Their Stand On The Issues

The race for city council and mayor will come to an end on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Two candidates are running for the Mayor's seat and three candidates are vying for the two seats as aldermen on the City Council.

Incumbent, Frank "Butch" Warner is running to continue in the position of mayor. "I served on the council for about 1 1/2 years before being selected to serve as mayor for the remaining one year left of a two year term," stated Warner. "What myself and the council, as a group, have done and are in the process of now, effects everybody in McLean. I take that fact very seriously.

Listening and talking to people are what Mr. Warner believes are his qualities that will enhance his serving as mayor. "I've been involved with the community and people of McLean ever since I moved

here five and one-half years ago," Warner said. "I listen to and talk to anybody that cares about the problems or complaints they have and try to get the answers they need. No matter how small or big it may be."

Mr. Warner's goals if elected include trying to figure out ways to improve the City's ability to improve financially. Also, he would like to find new better ways to invite new businesses to come to McLean.

"Not counting my time as councilman or mayor, I have about 40 years in management of a number of businesses for others or myself," stated Warner. "This included personnel, hiring and firing, production, quality control, maintenance, negotiating with unions, etc. I also have served on the Board of Trade School in Denver, CO."

Mr. Warner also stated

that he had no conflict of interest with anyone in McLean or on the Council. "McLean has many caring and concerned people here and that is a plus," stated Warner.

Mr. Bob Martin is also running for the position of mayor, stating that he believes he has the experience and time to devote to this important position. "Having resided in the City of McLean for over 10 years, with experience in policy making for the City for approximately four years, I believe I understand the needs of the community," stated Martin. "I am open to suggestions from the citizens for improvement."

He continued by saying, "With the assistance of the members of the City Council and the employees of the City, proper analysis of problems can be made and wise decisions can benefit the citizens of McLean."

Mr. Martin expressed that there are always two goals that require continued attention. The first goal being to assure the taxes paid by the citizens are utilized to provide the most effective return to the taxpayer. The second goal, Mr. Martin believes is that the utilities under the control of the

City, should be adequately provided to the citizens of McLean at the least possible cost. In addition, Mr. Martin believes that some type of law enforcement for the City of McLean should be explored.

Martin retired after approximately 35 years of service with the Postal

Service, of which 17 were spent in management. At the time of his retirement, he was responsible for all criminal investigations and security for postal facilities in the seven most southern states.

"I believe I understand responsible decision making," stated Martin. *see Issues, pg. 10*

MCLEAN REMINDERS

MCLEAN CARE
Center Auxiliary Bake Sale - Saturday, May 7 at Puckett's.

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN
enrollment will be May 10 at the First Baptist Church. at 9 a.m. Please bring shot records, birth certificate, and social security card. Pre-K must be 4 by September 1, 2005.

MCLEAN I.S.D. Early dismissal - today at noon.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MAY 7 AT LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY!

SPORTS BANQUET - May 13.

THE GIRL SCOUTS are looking for McLean volunteers. For more information call Denise Bertrand 1-800-687-8740.

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FIRST GRADE
Author's Tea - May 11 at the United Methodist Church.

MOTHER'S DAY - May 8, 2005

COWBOY CHURCH
And the Arena of Life meet every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Historical Alarood Church.

MAY 7 - JR/SR PROM
NO SCHOOL - MAY 6, 2005

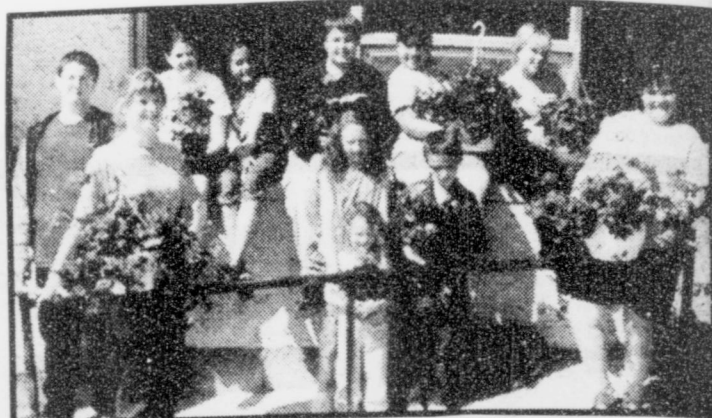
Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 5 - Michael Barber, Don and Evelyn Sanders (A).
 May 6 - Mark Cadra.
 May 7 - Mrs. Harold C. Petty, Hunter Burnett.
 May 8 -
 Johnnie Hutchison, Jay Burnett, Cassie Jones, Bill McKee, Zach Richardson.
 May 9 - Shawn Bybee.
 May 10 - Bob Holwick, Larry Swanson, Fobbie Sanderson.
 May 11 - Steven Myers, David Tollecon.

McLean Lunch Menu

MENU
 Week of May 9 - 13, 2005
BREAKFAST
 Monday: French Toast, Sausage, Juice, Milk
 Tuesday: Yogurt, Graham Crackers, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Thursday: Toast with Sausage Gravy, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
 Monday: Fajita Chicken Breast, Rice, Broccoli & Cheese, Bread Sticks, Peaches, Milk
 Tuesday: Burrito, Tossed Salad, Orange Quarters, Cookie, Milk
 Wednesday: Chicken Sandwich, Quick Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk
 Thursday: Pizza, Tossed Salad, Apple, Chocolate Cake, Milk
 Friday: Hamburger, Pickles, Lettuce, Tomato, Chips, Cookies, Milk



The McLean 4-H'ers sold geraniums to raise money for their club. Pictured are (Back): Patrick, Saber, Rebecca, Dakota, Rachel, Tammy (Front): Emory, Britnie, Mackenzie, Braxton and Kendra.

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Administrator

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 Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

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 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.
 Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00
 Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Pastor Billy Raymond 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 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.

Heald United Methodist Church
 (Gallville Road)
 Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church 603 Commerce
 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
 Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
 Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
 Solid Rock Youth & Sonshine Children's Ministry
 Wednesday 6:00
 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life of McLean
 Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor
 Saturday at 7:00 pm
 Historical Alameda Baptist Church

Museum Documentary Filmed

The Devil's Rope Museum was visited by two students from the National Film and Television School in Beaconfield, England from April 28 till May 1. Matthew Killip and Kieron Teather have been in the United States since April 1 and will be filming various museums in Texas as part of their tow-year course in "Documentaries" and "Location Sound" respectively.

Before filming the museum and outside shots at Trew Ranch, Matthew and Kiernon visited the Space Museum in Houston, and the Prison Museum in Huntsville, the Creation

Evidence Museum in Glen Rose, and the Dr. Pepper Museum in Waco. Their ultimate goal is to have their documentary "Museums in Texas" winning enough recognition to be shown on the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Future plans include filming the oil industry at the oil exhibit in the Panhandle-Plains museum before returning to England on may 11. These young men were very impressive and definitely an asset to their country.



Supt. Eric Smith and Bus. Off. Mgr. Leslie Darzey are handcuffed together as Mr. Smith is presented a going away gift and is read a going away poem written by Mike Darzey.

Obituary

DOYLE HINDMAN
 McLean, Texas - Doyle Hindman, 76, died on Thursday, April 28, 2005 in McLean, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2005, at Trinity Church, McLean, Texas, with Pastor Larry Perkins officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery, in McLean, Texas.

Mr. Hindman was in the Army for 5 years during the Korean War. He was a good Christian man who loved his family, especially his grandchildren and will be missed by all.

Survivors include his wife Wanda Hindman, of McLean; two daughters: Shirley Mahorney (Robert), Nashville, TN; Brenda Jasper (Rickie), McLean, TX; (1) Brother: Joe Hindman; Henderson, Kentucky; (5) Grandchildren: Robert & Mary Mahorney, Holly Novak, Rickie Jasper, Jr. (6) Great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by (4) brothers: Jessie Hindman, E.C. Hindman, Bob Hindman, Edward Hindman; and (1) granddaughter: Sheri Jasper Reynolds, 1997.

The family suggests memorials: BSA Hospice, Pampa, Texas

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Tiger Golf Teams End Season At Regionals

The McLean Tigers Golf team finished seventh out of 16 teams at the Regional Golf tournament held at Reese Golf Center in Lubbock, Texas, recently. The Tigers' two day total was 709.

"We knew going in that we needed two days of very good golf," stated Coach Farmer. "The first day the guys had lots of trouble adjusting. The conditions were just difficult on the first day."

"Still I am super proud of the time and effort these guys put out this year. I am very pleased at the direction these guys are taking the McLean golf program.

The individual scores

were as follows:
 Tyler Hanes
 88 - 79 = 167
 Zach Richardson
 95 - 90 = 185
 Zane Richardson
 86 - 82 = 168
 John Haynes
 99 - 97 = 196
 Kuster Anderson
 93 - 111 = 204

The Lady Tigers also competed at Elm Grove Golf Course in Lubbock, Texas, for Regional.

"The girls did a good job of competing against some very strong girls golf programs," Coach Farmer said. "After finishing third

in District last year, I was very proud of these girls for qualifying for the Regional tournament."

The ladies finished ninth out of 15 teams. Their individual scores were as follows:

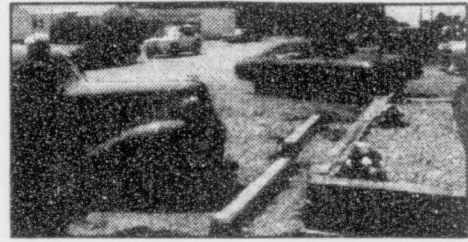
Lindsey Ruiz
 111 - 109 = 220
 Brooke Seymour
 123 - 135 = 258
 Tamara Loya
 135 - 119 = 254
 Erin Bailey
 132 - 122 = 254
 Team Score = 966



First Annual "Fun Run" Stops At McLean

Mother Nature provided a perfect day, April 30, for the first "Fun Run" sponsored by the Old Route 66 Association of Texas. The poker run began at the parking lot of the Big

Texas Steak Ranch in Amarillo with approximately 30 classic, antique, street-rod, motorcycle and other street legal vehicles participating. Stops to draw cards were also made in Conway,



Groom the Route 66 Museum in McLean, ending at the U-Drop Inn in Shamrock.

The Association gained 22 new members during this weekend.

McLean High Presents "Her Senior Year" At The Annual Dinner Theater



Everyone gathers at the Hound Dog Café to discuss why the football team always loses during the play "Her Senior Year."

Over 170 people enjoyed a dinner theater at the Devil's Rope Museum on May 2.

Mrs. Jacque Riley and her drama class along with the drama class from Ft. Elliott performed plays for the evening.

McLean performed a play entitled "Her Senior Year." McLean also performed a skit about the involvement of the cave women. Jessie Cox opened the night with a monologue she had written her self.

Performing in the skits and plays from McLean were Jessie Cox, Tamara Loya, Erin Bailey, Brooke

Seymour, Carrie Thompson, Lindsey Ruiz, Keisha Menefield, Kevin Smith, Keith Raines, and Manden Conklin.

The stage crew consisted of Antonio Montoya, Ashley McClendon and LaShonda Pierce.

The performers and crew also served the meal of Mexican Pile-on.



The McLean EMS worked with Veterinarian, David Woods for have a rabies clinic in McLean. The EMS also did free blood and sugar checks. Pictured in Intermediate Pam Skipper taking Mrs. Woods' blood pressure.

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Issues

"My intent as Mayor, if elected, will be to work closely with the City Council and employees of the City to improve the City of McLean. With everyone's cooperation, this can be accomplished."

George Shaw, Janet Glass and Molly McDowell are running for the two alderman positions on the City Council. Both of these seats are two year terms.

"I am running for this position because I want to be involved in the betterment of our community and because I have been encouraged to continue as a councilman by residents of McLean," stated George Shaw.

Mr. Shaw retired from ASARCO's Amarillo Copper Refinery after 38 years as a member of the plants management team. "This experience has a lot of similarity to municipal management," Shaw said.

"My goal is to continue our efforts to give our city a solid bottom line in a very difficult economic time," stated Shaw. "We are faced with trying to provide municipal benefits when the cost of living is rising and federal and state assistance is shrinking. We (the city government) have to look at county and self-sufficiency."

Mr. Shaw's experience at ASARCO, Inc. involved plant wide leadership, as well as corporate functions. "Because of my leadership at the Amarillo plant, I was selected to lead projects in El Paso, Omaha, and Glover," said Shaw. Mr. Shaw also served two terms as Governor of the Amarillo Moose Lodge #1481.

Mr. Shaw is presently serving the remainder of an appointed councilman term. "I have gained much useful experience in that position."

"McLean is a wonderful community and I would like to do what I can (through the City Council) to help McLean continue to grow and prosper," says Janet Glass, who is also running for a seat on the council.

Mrs. Glass states that during her career in education, she has learned to communicate, cooperate, problem solve, plan and see different sides of an issue. She has also served on numerous committees and boards both at church and with the school. "Since I'm retiring from teaching in May, I will have plenty of time to devote to this office," states Glass.

Mrs. Glass states that her goal, if elected, is to be a representative for the citizens of McLean. "I

want to do what I can to help McLean continue to grow," she says.

Molly McDowell is running for an alderman seat because she says she feels a responsibility to the town and community that has supported and nurtured her most of her life.

"I have always appreciated the environment of this town and I am willing to make those decisions that will help the town to remain a friendly, responsible community," states McDowell.

McDowell states that her goal for the position is to maintain the city as it meets the challenges to bring in the business without losing our (McLean's) uniqueness.

"I serve on committees at church and have served in leadership in clubs and organizations," stated McDowell.

Staff

Janet Glass was given a gift certificate and a bouquet of roses as she is retiring this year.

Dean Whaley of Dalhart, gave an amusing program, meant to encourage and uplift those in attendance.

Antonio Montoya Does Well At Regional Tennis

Antonio Montoya traveled to Levelland on April 27, 2005 to compete at Regional Tennis.

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Lewis Powers
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State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. Around May 15, the Carson County Appraisal District will mail property owners letters showing their 2005 proposed appraised value.

Donita Davis, chief appraiser of the district, reminds property owners that the letter of appraised value is not a tax bill.

Davis emphasized the importance of this letter and the key information that it contains. "If an informal agreement cannot be made with the appraisal district, the property owner has the right to appeal to the Carson County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership, and other areas," she said. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest and a protest form.

What should a property owner carefully review? "Look at the proposed value for 2005," Davis said. "The letter states the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the current year." The letter also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last year's value, also.

Letters to property owners will also include "estimated" taxes. These taxes are based on the new taxable value and the taxing unit's tax rate from the prior year. Final tax amounts may vary from the "estimated" amounts.

Davis asks property owners to check the legal description and mailing address to be sure there are no mistakes. "If the letter has an old address, please let the appraisal district know. The post office forwards mail to a new address for a short time, and tax bills do not go out until October," Davis added.

A property owner is responsible for informing the appraisal district of the correct mailing address, and is also liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill that is not paid on time.

Property owners are encouraged to contact the appraisal district with any questions. Please call the appraisal district at 806-537-3569.

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Four Candidates Vie For Two Seats On G.I.S.D Board In Saturday's Elections



Kathleen Barkley



Tim Case



Curtis Downs



Seth Ritter

Groom voters will go to the polls on Saturday, May, 2005 to decide two seats on the Groom ISD School Board of Trustees. Voting can be done from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Superintendent's office. At press time approximately 25 people had voted in the early voting period.

Four candidates including the two incumbents are vying for the two seats. They are Kathleen Barkley, Tim Case, Curtis Downs, and Seth Ritter.

Kathleen Barkley is a Groom ISD alumni. She and her husband, Keith have 5 children and very involved in youth activities in Groom. They both own businesses in Groom, Barkley Auto Repair and Images Hair Salon. They attend The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Kathleen has volunteered for organizations such as Boy Scouts, Summer Program, 4-H, Booster Club, Catholic Youth, The Cancer Foundation Walk and the Groom Economic Development Corporation Board.

With lots of experience with volunteerism, organizational skills and dealing with kids under her belt, Barkley would also bring a woman's point of view to the Board, something that has been missing for several years.

"I just decided that I would like to serve on the School Board," she said. "I have 4 of my 5 children in school and I know the concerns that face us in our community in keeping our school alive. My goal is to help the children in Groom, get the quality education and values from Groom School that many of us have benefitted from."

Incumbent Tim Case is ready, willing and able to serve another term of office on the Groom ISD School Board. He has been on the board for 8 years beginning in 1996. 6 of those years he has served the community as Secretary of the Board. He and his wife Tammy have been married for 14 years and have 2 sons. Both have spent their entire educational life in Groom School. The Case's attend the First Baptist Church of Groom.

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Cason County Sheriff's Department Investigates Un-Natural Death Of Teenager

On Monday morning the Carson County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a deceased person. The call originated from a residence on County Road 309 near the Webb Bragg addition.

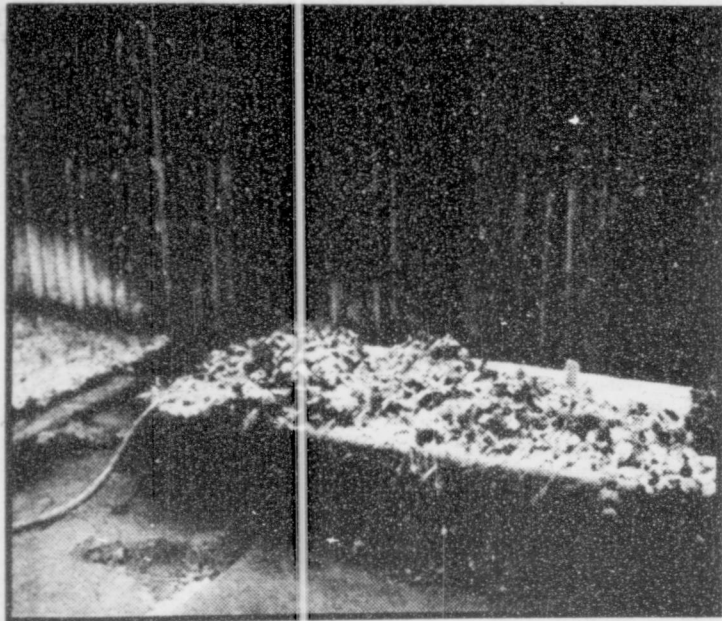
The Webb Bragg addition is located north of I-40 at mile marker 85 in western Carson County. Upon arrival Sheriff's Deputies discovered the deceased body of a 19-year-old female inside the residence.

After a preliminary investigation it was determined that the victim died of unnatural causes. Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler was called to the scene where she pronounced the victim

deceased and ordered an autopsy.

The victim has been identified as Pamela Kay Taylor. She was transported to the Medical Examiner's office in Lubbock. The investigation of this incident will be ongoing pending the autopsy report.

Tam Terry
Carson County Sheriff



SPRING SURPRISE! Mother Nature gave the Texas Panhandle a May surprise, leaving 2 inches of snow over the eastern panhandle plains. According to knowledgeable sources (not the editor) there was 88/100's inches of moisture in the snow.

GROOM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GET YOUR ad placed for the City-Wide Garage Sale to be held on May 14. Call the Groom-McLean News, today at 248-7333.

THE GROOM major league softball team plays Clarendon #2 at Groom Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. They play Claude Blue at Groom Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

THE GROOM minor league baseball team plays the Hedley Owls at Hedley Friday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. They play the Panhandle Yankees at Groom Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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May 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burgin (A).

May 8 - Tony E. Painter, Rodney and

Michelle Bohr (A), Roxie and Ellis Stapp (A).

May 9 - Cody Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Treadwell (A).

May 10 - Susan Brown, Christopher Chaney, Robert Newton.

May 11 - K'Leigh Thornton, Dwight Thompson.



IT'S A BOY!

Connor Vincent was born March 17, 2005. He weighed 6lbs 1oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Connor was welcomed home by his big sister, Laurel and proud parents, Matt and Aimee Fields.

Connor's grandparents are Keith and Shirley Fields of Groom and

Danny and Donna Frances of Silverton.

Great-grandparents are Shirley Fields of Groom, Ed and Juanita Vincent of Lefors and Danny and Johnnie Guisenberry of Lockney.

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...Candidates look to the future of Groom Schools

Case is the owner/operator of his own business in Groom since 1995, Great Plains Crop Services which provide crop consulting for local farmers and contract research services for agricultural chemical companies. He is also the Senior Manager of Public Policy for the American Quarter Horse Association, in which he works with state and federal legislation important to the equine and agricultural community. He was recently elected President of the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants and is commissioner of the Groom Summer Baseball Program.

"Groom ISD is one of

the finest educational institutions in the state of Texas. It has truly been an honor to serve the board of a school that consistently ranks within the top 5% of the public schools in the state," he said, "I promise to continue to work for the improvement of the school through financial responsibility and implementation of education programs that help our children prepare for their futures. Having two children currently in the school makes working toward future successes of Groom School not only a public endeavor, but also very personal. I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election to allow me to continue to serve the citizens of Groom as well

as your children and grandchildren."

Curtis Downs married into Groom when he wed the former Dondra Burgin. They raised two children as he served in the military and stated connected to Groom thought family and friends over the years. He graduated from Panhandle High School, earned a Bachelor of Science Mathematical Education and a Masters of Arts Management from Webster University of St. Louis MO.

He is a very active member of the First Baptist Church and Groom Lions Club. Downs is employed at Pantex.

"I have been attending

school board meetings since 1993, and I'm extremely interested in maintaining our local school. It is a vital part of the community; and through the efforts of the excellent faculty and staff, the youth of the district are being provided an exemplary education and superb preparation for the future. I want to do what I can to ensure this continues," stated Downs.

"We have been through some trying times for the school, and it appears there may be more to come. I am an avid supporter of the "Open Records Act" and will do all I can to ensure the public is informed. I hope, at some time in the near future, we can rescind the taxes of vehicles. I would hope that future tax actions are presented to the public allowing the opportunity to decide at the ballot box," Downs said.

"We all have a stake in the future of Groom. We must continue to work together to ensure the hope of the future, the youth, are provided the greatest opportunities possible through their education offered by Groom Independent School District. I seek your support in the upcoming election."

Incumbent, Seth Ritter, would like another opportunity to serve the citizens of Groom by continuing on the School Board. He and his wife, Melissa, are both former Groom ISD students. They have four children.

Seth is employed at Pantex and Melissa helps at the Mother's Day Out program among many other volunteer jobs. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Groom.

"I would like to say that it has been a privilege to serve as a School Board member for Groom ISD for

the past two years," Ritter stated. "I believe that the education of our kids is the most important issue facing our state today. The laws passed by the legislature, and implemented by local school boards, will have a direct impact on the quality of education our children receive," said Ritter.

"I am committed to doing whatever it takes to keep this school open and give our children the best education they can receive."

Voting will be held at the Groom School Superintendent's Office on Saturday, May 7, from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Carson County Historical Commission Hears Reports On 2004 Activities

The annual meeting of the Carson County Historical Commission will be held Monday, May 9, 2005, at approximately 8:00 p.m. immediately following the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Square House Museum in the Hazlewood Education Building of the museum at 5th and Elsie Streets in Panhandle.

Reports will be given for 2004 activities along with plans for 2005 projects, according to Mogie R. McCray, Carson county

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

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

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

Friday: No school.

Lunch:

Monday: Chicken fajitas, sauteed onion and green pepper, lettuce, tomatoes, pineapple & milk.

Tuesday: Frito pie, pinto beans, applesauce, graham crackers & milk.

Wednesday: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, tator tots, pickle spears, fruit cocktail & milk.

Thursday: Bar-B-Que beef on a bun, potato wedges, pickle slices, pears & milk.

Friday: No school.

SHERIFF'S REPORT 05/02/05

As of Monday morning (5/2) we were holding 17 persons in jail. There were

20 persons arrested during the last 2 weeks. The arrests break down as follows: Possession of a controlled substance - 8, Carson County Warrants - 3, Outside Warrants - 1, Driving while intoxicated - 4, Public Intoxication - 2, Assault - 1, and Theft - 1. As the weather continues to warm up we all need to be extra alert while driving in town. The bicycles and scooters are out so remember to watch out for them, they may not be watching for you.

Sheriff Tam Terry



Tony Painter, Taylor Fields, and Brady Painter sit back and analyze the game as they spend some time in the dugout.

Thank You

The families of Blanche Powers would like to thank all those who sent flowers, card, memorials, food and prayers following the death of our mother, grandmother and sister.

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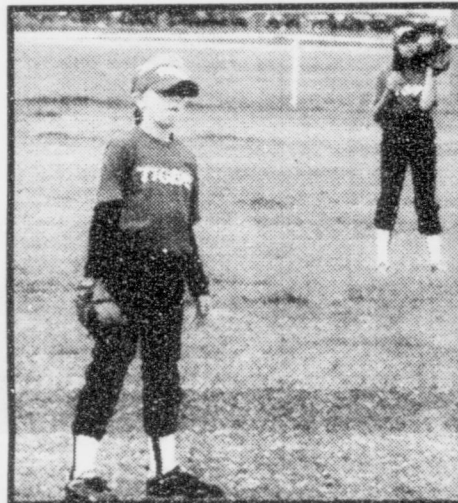
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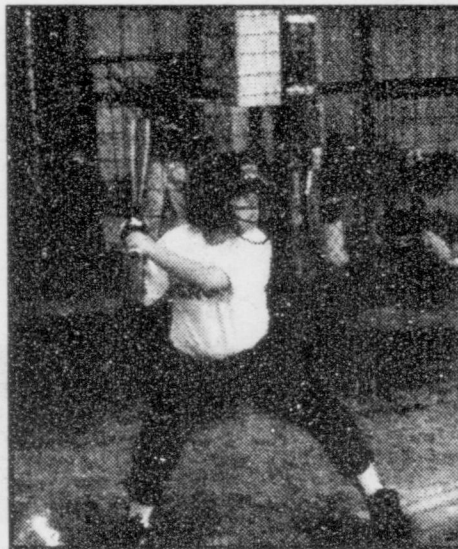
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Amber Adams and Suhani Bhakta watch for an infield play against Claude recently.



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Britten To Traverse The "Big Daddy" Trail

Groom resident outdoors man, Travis Britten, is following his dream. A dream most of us will only read about. He and fellow hiker, Ben Thomas of Amarillo, will hike what this month's "Readers Digest" calls, "The Big Daddy of American Hikes", the Appalachian Trail. From Georgia to Maine, the hike will take over four months to complete if all goes well.

They will each carry backpacks weighing 60 to 70 pounds stuffed with equipment and food to fuel them between their re-supply points for 100 to 150 miles. Most of their provisions consist of dehydrated foods, rice, oatmeal, beans, jerky and a few canned goods. Travis

dehydrated all of his food, and both boys packed several boxes to be shipped to various postal location along the trail to restock their packs. A job the parents learned they will be undertaking. Travis has a least eight boxes packed, enough to get him several states along the trail, if Body and his parents do not forget all the instructions.

Travis received most of his training for his endeavor while working at Tripp Lake Camp in Poland Maine. Working there for two summers, he received certifications as a ropes course instructor and in water safety. Taking the Camp Kids on many hikes and rock climbing trips was where Travis learned about the Appalachian Trail. And he has been planning ever since. Travis worked and trained at a climbing facility in Amarillo that assists underprivileged children who want to climb and hike. He helped them as an instructor on several trips including one to Philmont Boy Scout Camp in New Mexico on a Winter Survival Hike. For extra training, Travis made several trips to Palo Duro

A END of year music program and talent show will be held on Thursday, May 19th at Groom School.

Canyon, day hikes and overnight camp outs, with his little brother Brody and his bigger little brother, Trevor Friemel. On one occasion, he carried Madison Friemel several miles in his backpack while she slept.



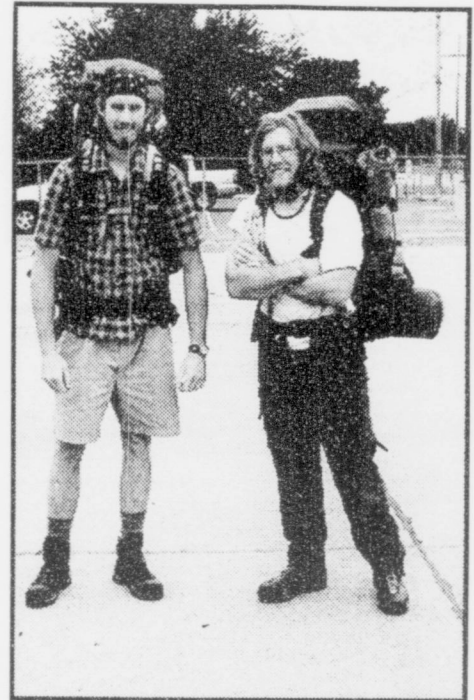
Travis Britten hauls around a sleeping toddler (Madison Friemel) for practice as he prepares for his trek through the wilderness of the Appalachia Mountains.

A few weeks ago, Mrs. Thompson invited Travis to speak to the 3rd and 4th graders about the trail and his equipment. Later that

afternoon, he was invited back to speak to the 5th through high school. He presented the school a map of the trail so the kids can follow their movement as they progress.

Travis and Ben started hiking the trail on the afternoon of April 25 at the Amicalola Falls State Park in Georgia. As of the last report on April 29, they were past Blue Mountain, 60 miles along the way and by now they should be somewhere in North Carolina.

A map is posted at the Stop N shop Texaco and also at the school with recent updates if anyone is interested in following the adventures of Travis and Ben.



PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- ◆ the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- ◆ the unequal appraisal of your property
- ◆ the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- ◆ any exemptions that may apply to you
- ◆ the qualification for an agricultural appraisal
- ◆ the taxable status of your property
- ◆ the local governments which should be taxing your property
- ◆ the ownership of property
- ◆ the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- ◆ any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you

Informal Review

For an informal review of the property owner's property, contact the Carson County Appraisal District at 102 S Main or call 806-537-3569.

Review by the Appraisal review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the Carson County Appraisal District at 102 S Main, PO Box 970, Panhandle, TX, 79068, or by calling 806-537-3569

Note: You should *not* try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting the Carson County Appraisal District at 102 S Main, PO Box 970, Panhandle, TX, 79068, or by calling 806-537-3569. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district.

DEADLINE FOR FILING PROTESTS WITH THE ARB

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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Judge McCoy's District Court Hears Ten Criminal Cases

The 100th District Judicial Court met last week with the Honorable David M. McCoy officiating. The following ten criminal cases were culminated with Judge McCoy's rulings.

Christopher Bednorz will serve three years in a Texas Department of Corrections facility after his probation was revoked due to non-compliance on the following terms: that he abstain from the use of narcotic or controlled substance unless taken under the direction of a doctor, by consuming methamphetamine in February, 2005. He also failed to report to the Community Supervision Department and the Carson County Jail. His original punishment was five years deferred adjudication, a \$2,000 fine and to complete the SAJF Program.

Ana Patricia Valenzuela - Lopez was sentenced to 18 months confinement in a State Jail Facility probated to two years and a \$1,000 fine for Credit Card Abuse.

Esteban Ventura Sanchez plead guilty to a State Jail Felony of Unlawful Transport which occurred on March 2, 2005. He was sentenced to two years confinement probated to four years and a \$1,500 fine.

Eric Michael Hoglund plead guilty after a plea bargain was reached for deferred adjudication for 10 years, and a \$3,000 fine for a 2nd degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Penny Renea Cartier had her probation revoked after failing to meet the requirements set down in the 3rd degree felony she was convicted for on November 24, 2003. She was found guilty of possession of anhydrous ammonia and ordered to pay restitution, do community service work, and pay a fine. She will now be remanded to the Texas Department of Corrections to complete her sentence.

Roderick Isaac Wardlaw was sentenced to 10 years probation with a \$10,000 fine for after pleading guilty to a Possession of Marijuana charge that occurred on December 15, 2003.

Chad Michael Young was sentenced two years state jail felony after pleading guilty on a burglary of a building charge on Aug 16, 2004. He received Deferred Adjudication for two years and a \$1,000 fine.

Dominic Lewis plead guilty and sentenced to deferred adjudication for 3 years and a \$1,500 fine for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle that occurred on April 7, 2004.

Salvador Calderon Mata plead guilty to a first degree felony possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to 7 years confinement in the Texas prison system.

Noe Galindo Ponce De Leon plead guilty to possession of a controlled substance in a 1st degree felony and was sentenced to eight years of a controlled substance.

SPC Names Region 1-A UIL Winners

South Plains College in Levelland announced winners of the Region 1-A University Interscholastic League academic meet Friday (April 22). Plains High School (does not advance to state) was the overall winner with 166 points. The top three winners in each academic event will advance to the state UIL academic meet May 5-7 at the University of Texas at Austin. Fourth, 5th and 6th place winners will serve as alternates. Top academic teams will advance to state. Results are as follows:

Number Sense: Brandon Hise, Plains, 1st; Kerry Sisson, Plains, 2nd; Stephen Howard, Hedley, 3rd; Dave Oyler, Sundown, alternate, 4th; Mark Wilson, Shamrock, alternate, 5th; David Alldredge, Plains, alternate, 6th.

Team Number Sense: Plains, 1st; Ralls, 2nd, alternate. Calculator Applications: Brandon Hise, Plains, 1st; Austin Eudy, Petersburg, 2nd; Jacob Guenther, O'Donnell, 3rd; Devin North, Van Horn, 4th, alternate; Evan Cain, Plains, (tie) 5th, alternate, and B.J. Lester, Plains, 5th, alternate.

Team Calculator Applications: Plains High School, 1st; and Van Horn, 2nd, alternate.

Accounting: Kasha Mitchell, Loop, High School, 1st; Kendra Sappenfield, Miami, 2nd; Micah Christian, Farwell, 3rd; Lana Moudy, Happy, alternate, 4th; Jordan Thompson, Amherst, alternate, 5th, and Melissa Howard, Farwell, alternate, 6th.

Team Accounting: Farwell High School, 1st; Loop, 2nd, alternate.

Computer Applications: Keri Cummings, Wellington High School,

1st; Ashley Wilhelm, Wellington, 2nd; Kasha Mitchell, Loop, 3rd; Danielle Cargile, Farwell, 4th, alternate; Carlos Saenz, Farwell, 5th, alternate, and Laurie Davis, Springlake Earth, 6th, alternate.

Computer Science: Brandon Hise, Plains, 1st; Adam McCravy, Plains, 2nd; Josh Whitfield, Loop, 3rd; Kyle Mitchell, Loop, 4th, alternate; Thomas Ethridge, 5th, alternate, and Ryan Isbell, Ralls, 6th, alternate.

Team Computer Science: Plains, 1st; Loop, 2nd, alternate. Current Issues: John Driver, Samnorwood, 1st; Alberto Halpern, Marfa, 2nd; Melissa Barth, Follett, 3rd; Paul Goetze, Clarendon, 4th, alternate; Blake Price, Happy, 5th, alternate, and Cody Cooper, Motley County, 6th, alternate.

Team Current Issues: Samnorwood, 1st, and Follett, 2nd, alternate.

Journalism: News Writing: Stephanie Fowler, Clarendon High School, 1st; Jenna Acker, Nazareth, 2nd; Jayci Schneider, O'Donnell, 3rd; Jennifer Garcia, Wink, 4th, alternate; Derrick Chandler, Farwell, 5th, alternate, and Adam Britten, Groom, 6th, alternate.

Feature Writing: Cody Flores, Plains, 1st; James Evans, Comstock, 2nd; Keli Schulte, Nazareth, 3rd; Alex Loucks, Springlake High School, Earth, 4th, alternate; Jayci Schneider, O'Donnell, 5th, alternate, and Kendall Wheeler, White Deer, 6th, alternate.

Editorial Writing: Annalisa Browning, Channing, 1st; Amanda Cruse, Happy, 2nd; Samantha Myatt, Clarendon, 3rd; Jessica Born, Follett, 4th, alternate; Carmen Hamilton, Clarendon, 5th, alternate, and Austin Eudy, Petersburg, 6th, alternate.

Headline Writing: James Evans, Comstock, 1st; Carmen Hamilton,

Clarendon, 2nd; Lynsey Romine, O'Donnell, 3rd; Stephanie Fowler, Clarendon, 4th, alternate; Kyle Johnson, Hart, 5th, alternate, and Daniel Barge, Fort Davis, 6th, alternate.

Team Journalism (does not advance): Clarendon, 1st; Comstock, 2nd.

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Eric Quisenberry, Quanah High School, 1st; Kyle Martin, Rotan, 2nd; Rebecca Brewer, O'Donnell, 3rd; Jordan Taylor, Stratford, 4th, alternate.

Literary Criticism: Kelsey Hale, Quanah High School, 1st; Kirsten Watson, Quanah, 2nd; Rebecca Brewer, O'Donnell, 3rd; Evelyn Magallon, Hale Center, alternate, 4th; Shanna Shelton, Clarendon, alternate, 5th, and Eric Quisenberry, Quanah, alternate, 6th.

Team Literary Criticism: Quanah High School, 1st; Clarendon High School, alternate, 2nd.

Mathematics: Brandon Hise, Plains, 1st; Rachel Oyler, Sundown, 2nd; Stephen Howard, Hedley, 3rd; Josh Britt, Wheeler, 4th, alternate; Jacob Guenther, O'Donnell, 5th, alternate, and Allison Friesen, Plains, 6th, alternate. Team Mathematics: Plains High School, 1st; Sundown, 2nd, alternate.

Science: Stephen Howard, Hedley High School, 1st; Maxie Friemel, Vega, 2nd; Truett Simmons, Vega, 3rd; Kesli Urbanczyk, Vega, 4th, alternate; Lauren McNeese, Vega, (tie) 4th, alternate, and Kimberly Nelson, Ropes High School (Ropesville), 6th, alternate.

Claude ISD Voters Must Decide Saturday On \$2.6 Million Bond Indebtedness

The voters of the Claude Independent School District will go to the polls on Saturday, May 7, 2005 to vote on, among other things, a 2.6 million dollar bond issue. The estimated breakdown of the proposed funds will include a gymnasium with a price tag

of \$1,600,000; two classrooms for \$200,000; site improvements \$200,000 and 4 more classrooms and a science lab for another \$600,000.

Public meetings and some written discussion have brought the issue to the attention of Claude voters. Superintendent Wood weekly column in The Claude News has offered the technical information concerning how the money will be raised and what it will cost property owners, and what the funds will do for the betterment of the school system. These discussions have brought to light various opinions for voters.

The Claude ISD tax rate is currently \$1.360 per \$100 valuation. But the proposed bond, if passed, will raise \$2.6 million dollars. It will be repaid at an interest rate of 5.65% over a 30 year period as an increase in the tax those living in the Claude ISD School District would pay. This would increase the rate that property owners pay to \$1.50 % per \$100 valuation, according to school officials. Claude ISD had enjoyed the lower rate for many years, when most neighboring school districts have had their tax rates maxed out at the \$1.50 rate.

All property in the district is taxed by the school with the exception of land that is owned by the school itself or another non-profit organization, such as a church. Appraising property is an on-going, year round process that is the responsibility of the District Tax Appraiser. Comments that were made about rural property owners paying more than city property owners is untrue if you measure values proportionately. Also, as ordered by the Constitution of the United States of America, The Bill of Rights, and the Constitution of the State of Texas, we, as citizens ascribe to the law that there is one vote for one person. To suggest that those who own more should get more votes would make you a good citizen in feudal England, but not real popular in Texas.



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