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Margarit Milam swears in new McLean School Board members Don Dorsey and Billie Ward.

Odom Re-Elected As McLean Board President

Neal Odom was re-elected to serve as president of the McLean ISD School Board and recently elected members Billie Ward and Don Dorsey were given the oath of office at a special call meeting on May 4th.

Attending the meeting were Bob Glass, Mike Darsey, T.D. Simmons, John Holland, and Don Dorsey. Newly elected board member Billie Ward was also present. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Leslie Darsey, Secretary,

Margarit Milam, Food Service Director, Toni Bohlar, Alicia Reynolds, Coach Paula Waters, Bonnie Morgan, and Melissa Foshee. Neal Odom and Eugene Galley were absent from the meeting.

Board pictures were taken by Melissa Foshee for the 1998-99 Yearbook.

The ballots of the May 1 School Board Election were canvassed as follows: Toni Bohlar 71 votes; Jenny Everett 7 votes; Cathy Hembree 52 votes; Don Dorsey 85 votes; Billie Ward 73 votes.

Oath of office was taken by Billie Ward, and incumbent Don Dorsey; with notarization by Margarit Milam. The board recognized with motion by T.D. Simmons, second by Mike Darsey to elect Neal Odom as Board President. Don

Dorsey was voted Vice President with motion by Mike Darsey, second by Billie Ward. Bob Glass was elected as Secretary/Treasurer with a motion by Mike Darsey, second by T.D. Simmons.

Alicia Reynolds, Cheerleading Sponsor, briefly discussed her concerns of the high cost involved for cheerleading since the number had been increased at the last board meeting. This was taken into consideration by the Board, as well as, a personal letter from Jessi Fish, asking to have the vote rescinded, to increase the number of cheerleaders to 8, and a mascot. The overall assessment of the Board was that major decisions proposing change, be carried out by going

through the proper chain of command in the future. The vote of April 19, 1999, to increase the cheerleaders to 8, and a mascot, was rescinded with motion by T.D. Simmons, second by Billie Ward.

Motion by Don Dorsey, second by Mike Darsey to adopt the fees proposed by Mr. Griffin for usage of the Video Conference Room.

The District Improvement Plan was tabled until the regular meeting on May 11, 1999.

Adjournment came at 8:10 p.m. with motion by Don Dorsey, second by Billie Ward.

New Alderman, Mayor Sworn At City Meeting

Newly elected city council members Ray Kirkland and Kendra Birchfield and Mayor Charles McClendon were given the oath of office by Sam Haynes at the regular May meeting of the City Council last Thursday. Other members present were Bob Martin, Sam Haynes, Charles McClendon, Jim McDonald, and Gordon Sheplor. Ford Smith Jr. was absent. Also present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Vonda Averett, Martin and Rhonda Graham, Robbie Sanderson, Ray and Joetta Kirkland, Dusty, Kendra and Madison Birchfield and James and Alice Birchfield.

The minutes of the April meetings were approved.

The official returns for the May 1st election were as follows:

For Mayor, two year term, Charles McClendon 97 votes.

For Alderman, two year term, Ray Kirkland 57 votes; Kendra Birchfield 91 votes; Gordon Sheplor 47 votes.

Outgoing council member Gordon Sheplor thanked the city council and employees for their camaraderie during his two years as alderman,

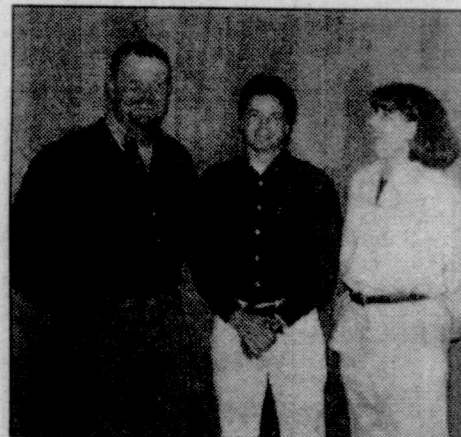
and gave the council some suggestions for consideration for the future.

Robbie Sanderson with the EMS received permission from the council to put in new air-conditioning at the ambulance barn. She then asked permission to paint the inside and outside of the building but requested the city's help in furnishing either the paint, labor or both. The council decided that the city would furnish the paint if the EMS would furnish the labor.

Martin Graham with the McLean EDC informed the council that the EDC had voted to accept the changes to the EDC by-laws as suggested by the council. The council then voted to accept the following changes to the EDC by-laws.

Page 2 Section 4.02: after last paragraph add following: As city policy, a Director of the EDC shall not be appointed from members of the current City Council.

Page 13 Section 7.02: Add 2nd paragraph: Any expenditure exceeding 15% of the average monthly EDC income derived from Sales tax, which was not outlined in the annual budget



Alderman Ray Kirkland, Mayor Charlie McClendon and Alderman Kendra Birchfield were issued the oath of office for City Council.

must have approval of the City Council.

Page 13 Section 7.03: Add 2nd paragraph: The EDC board shall not enter into any contracts without the City Council approval which relates to Real Estate, either bought, sold or received as a gift.

The EDC will be working within the old budget until a new budget can be brought to the council in June or July.

No action was taken concerning the Chamber of Commerce and the EDC offices per the request of Vonda Averett. The owner of the property at 301 Wheeler wants to donate that

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McLean Reminders...

THE McLEAN News will be closed on Friday.

U.I.L. WILL be held on Friday, May 14 at the McLean Elementary and Jr. High.

THE HIGH SCHOOL will hold their award ceremony on May 19 at 1:45 in the auditorium.

KINDERGARTEN Graduation will be held on May 20 at 9:00 am.

AN E.D.C. meeting will be held on May 18 at 8 pm in the old Clinic.

THE SENIORS will be at the Methodist Church on Sunday, May 16 at 10:45 am.

THE SENIORS will be at the Trinity Baptist supper on May 16 at 6:00 pm in the home of Jim and Emma Jean McDonald.

MAY 18 WILL BE the 8th Grade program at 9:00 am.

MAY 20TH is the Spring music program at 7 pm in the auditorium.

EACH TUESDAY in May there will be a Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the McLean Veterinary Clinic.

PTA Approves Two Scholarships

The McLean PTA met for the last meeting of the school year on May 10 in the school cafeteria. Minutes of the last meeting were not available. A treasurer's report was given and the summer budget was not approved due to some changes requested by the scholarship committee.

The scholarship committee asked the members to vote on giving two scholarships by rescinding the vote at the last meeting which approved newly elected President Ginger Haynes to go to Austin for officer training during the summer. Ginger

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PTA honors Mr. Crockett, Heidi Gamble, Linda Syfrett, Ginger Haynes, and Lesa Greer.

More Reminders

McLEAN Graduation exercises will be held on May 28.

U.L.L. for grades 2-8 will be on May 14 in McLean.

MAY 21ST is the Wonderland field trip for all students who have met their goal.

THE McLEAN Ex-Student Assoc. has a registration form on page 9. Anyone wishing to host their class can call Ted Simmons 779-2217 or 779-2087.

MEMORIAL DAY is celebrated on May 31st this year.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

- May 13 - Sue Griffen.
- May 14 - Velma Henley, Amanda Hauck, Maybell Brown, Dortha Goodwyn.
- May 15 - David Haynes, Bobbie Brown Albin, Tex Buckhaults.
- May 16 - Rush Turner, Betty Littlefield, Avalee Crockett, Leigh Ann Flores.
- May 17 - Cal Holwick.
- May 18 - Kathy Carter.
- May 19 - Maurine Foshee.

Words Of Wisdom

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

Pioneer Study Club Hosts Annual Tea For Seniors

The Pioneer Study Club met for their May 6th meeting in the entertainment room of The Hop in downtown McLean where they enjoyed sandwiches, cake and coffee. President Lynn Reeves conducted a short business meeting. Secretary/Reporter Bonnie Nell Fabian read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved and one "thank you" card from an

appreciative senior for our work on the Senior Tea and the laundry bags.

The nominating committee presented the new slate of officers for the 1999-2000 year which are President: Beverly Odom, Vice-President: Ruth Trew, Secretary/Reporter: Mickey Jackson, Treasurer: Jerry Corbin, and Historian: Zelda McClellan. A treasurer's report was given and bills from the tea turned in.

The Club then adjourned to the Downtown Museum to enjoy the changes which have been made and new

additions to the museum. Those present included Mary Dwyer, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Ruth Magee, Sherri Martindale, Zelda McClellan, Beverly Odom, Lynn Reeves, Ruth Trew and Mar Emma Woods. Roll call was answered by "when were you born and grew up."

McLean Church Directory

Assembly Of God 4th & Main
779-2902 * 779-2221
Sunday School all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Night & Youth Services 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Adult Bible Study & Wonderful wed. Night for Kids 7:00 p.m.

Church Of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

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

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
James Mantooth 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor James Martindale 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Youth Bible Study 5:00 p.m.

Obituary

Dorothy Dwyer
Dorothy Dwyer, 76, died Friday, May 7, 1999.

Graveside services were in Hillcrest Cemetery with Jim Reyna, minister of McLean Church of Christ officiating. Arrangements are by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dwyer was born in Vernon and had been a resident of McLean for the past 45 years, where she was a member of Church of Christ. She was a homemaker and retired from the garment industry.

She married Cloyce F. Bench in 1943 at Los

Angeles County. He died in 1962. She married Arthur James Dwyer in 1978. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis Lewis of Amarillo; a son, Gene Bench of Mansfield; a sister, Grace McClellan of McLean; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.


The family suggests in lieu of flowers memorials be to a favorite charity.

Thank You Card
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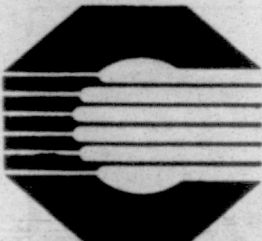
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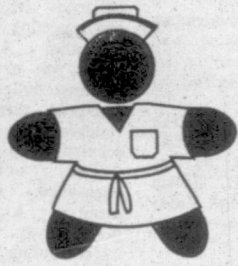

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Junior High Cheerleaders for the 1999-2000 school year at McLean are (back row) Sarai Sawyer, Jennifer Greer, (middle) Kendall Newton, Talitha Newton, Jami Seitz, and Mascot Reo Dennis.

Chamber Holds Meeting

The Area Chamber of Commerce met on May 10 in the chamber office with the rodeo being the main topic on the agenda. After the treasurer's report and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved the phone's were discussed. It was decided that a new phone and answering machine will be purchased to lower the monthly phone bills by having call notes removed.

Martin Graham was present to discuss the EDC decision to allow the Chamber to use the back room as a conference room once it is repaired.

President, Vonda Averett, discussed the prisoners and the work that they have been doing to complete the Highway Patrol's office, who will move into the building once the work is complete.

Rodeo topics took up the rest of the meeting. Discussion was held about advanced ticket sales and the cost per

ticket. Averett also stated that the prisoners would do work on the rodeo arena if needed. The vote passed unanimously.

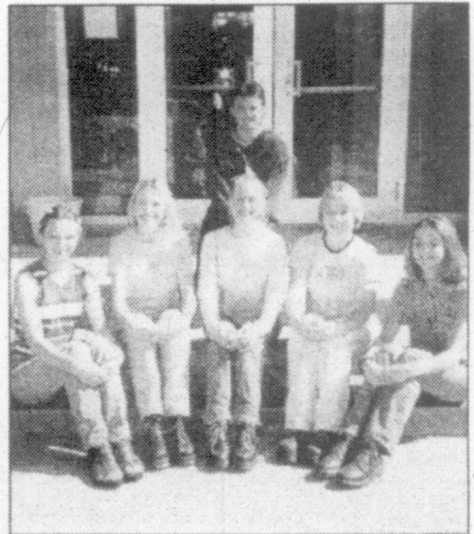
Billie Billingsley presented money to the chamber for events he had sold for the rodeo. Terri Adams, parade coordinator, asked for approval of the letter she will send out to ask for participants. It was approved. She also stated that the paper would trade advertising for a 4x8 ad in the arena. It was approved.

Posters will be printed this week and J. Boyd Smith has offered to

distribute the posters around the panhandle.

Ray Kirkland discussed the dance and how many officers would be needed for emergency situations.

Present at the meeting were Vonda Averett, Ray and Joetta Kirkland, Diana Roosa, Rhonda and Martin Graham, Ann Pierce, Joe Billingsley, Billie Billingsley, and Terri Adams.



Newly elected McLean High School Cheerleader for 1999-2000 school year are: Mascot Bethani Rogers, Cesily Cadra, Teddra Simmons, Annie Weaver, Nikki Hefley, and Sarah Hall.

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Care Center News

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday school with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon they attended church services with the Methodist Church. Those attending services Sunday were: Lillie Billingsley, Jessie Watson, Florence Drake, Sue Cubine, Essie Knowles, Boots Phillips, Pat Seymour, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Phyllis Bailey, Polly Burnett, Thelma Finson, Johnnie Mertel, Dovie Simmons, Beryl Halbert, Sylvia McClellan, Christine Shipley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Relia Ayers, Eula Morrow, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Ora Billingsley, and Truman Goodlett.

Monday morning was nail care for the residents. In the afternoon the residents played bingo. Afterwards they enjoyed bananas furnished by the Lion's Club. Volunteer helper was Betty Lowe.

Tuesday morning was craft time for the residents. In the afternoon was dominos.

Wednesday morning was Wednesday Morning Circle and Resident Council meeting. Refreshments were served to all. In the afternoon were resident care plan meetings. The residents made Mother's Day corsages. Our volunteers were Helen and Bailey Taylor.

Thursday afternoon the residents played bingo. Volunteering to help was Betty Lowe.

Friday morning was nail care for the residents. In the afternoon they played dominos.

Saturday was the Mother's Day party for the residents. Refreshments were served to all. We appreciated Ella Mae Massey playing the piano and singing. Volunteers helping with the party were Betty Lowe, Mary Dwyer, Jessie Bailey and Ruby Darsey.

The resident birthday party will be Saturday May 15 at 2:30 p.m.

The garage sale is coming soon. It will be Saturday, May 22nd 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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the recent tornados. Rooms are now overflowing with clothes, toys and household items. Kirkland or the Red Cross will be taking the articles to needed areas.

P.T.A....

expressed that sending another child to college was more important than going to Austin. A motion was made and unanimously approved to give two scholarships instead of just one.

Sally Bohlar gave more information about the Summer Arts Program and announced that flyers would go out this week or next.

Terri Adams gave a brief year-in-review of the P.T.A.'s accomplishments this school year.

Teacher of the year was voted on and given to Lesa Greer. A

certificate was also given to Mr. Crockett, principal at McLean Elementary and Junior High.

Vonda Averett, 1st Vice President, introduced new president, Ginger Haynes. Ginger gave a brief summary of her background and announced all the exciting things she has planned for next year. Ginger then presented all of the 1997-99 board members with a framed certificate and a gift. She then announced the new board members as follows: 1st Vice-President, Heidi Gamble; 2nd Vice-President, Angie

Staton; Secretary, Lesa Greer; and Treasurer, Linda Syfrett.

A brief program was given by Reading Recovery teacher, Mrs. Long. She explained what Reading Recovery is and how it can benefit the children who receive its help.

Misty Hannon and Rhonda Graham gave an informative program on school violence. They explained how to prevent it from happening in McLean. One main point was to spend quality time with children.

A few questions were answered about school violence.

Each board member said a few words of appreciation for the last two years and the meeting adjourned.

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Stockton-Smitherman Exchange Vows

Lisa Patterson Stockton and Dr. T. Bryan Smitherman, both of Lubbock were married Saturday evening, May 1, at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock. The Rev. Cliff C. Wright Jr. officiated.

Parents of the groom are Tony and Monta Jean Smitherman of McLean.

The bridal attendants were Nancy Moore of College Station, Dena Houchin and Annette Patterson, both of Houston, all sisters of the bride, Vicki Dalrymple and Allison Haterius both of Lubbock and Liz Clark of Fort Worth.

The best man was Tony Smitherman, father of the groom, of McLean.

The groomsmen were Dr. Chad Norton, Dr. Berry Henry, Dr. Michael Manderson and Scott Segrist, all of Lubbock and Dr. Thomas Skaggs of Puyallup, Wash.

The ushers were Ben Courville, Adam Wright, and Lance Pheiffer all of Lubbock, Dr. George Hurst of Dallas, Stacy Evans of Denton, Dominic Catalon of Eustis, Fl., Darren Moore of Waco and Derek Moore of College Station.

Music was provided by Dr. Gorden McMillan of Lubbock, Jeff and Rachel Howard of Cardiff, Wales, and the Chancel Choir of the church.

Scriptures were read by Beth Campbell, sister of

the groom, of Plano.

Registering the guests were Amy and Meredith Wright of Lubbock and Lauren Campbell of Plano.

The reception was held at the Lubbock Country Club.

Reception attendants were Mary Tom O'Bar, Jean Ann Slaughter, Denise Thomas, Brenda Richardson, and Stephanie Henry all of Lubbock, Joy Allen of San Angelo, and Michelle Dunham of Amarillo.

The bride graduated from Petersburg High School and earned a bachelor of business administration from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is vice-president of human resources at United Super Markets, Inc.

The groom graduated from McLean High School, earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech and a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He served his orthopedic residency at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in

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After a honeymoon to Italy the couple will reside in Lubbock.



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Flippin Farm Athletes Compete At WTAMU

Athletes from 9 teams from the area, traveled to West Texas A&M University Saturday, April 17th to compete at the Division one District Qualifier for Tumbling and Trampoline. There were over two hundred

and fifty competitors trying to earn the right to advance on to the Southwest State Championships, that will be held in Lubbock, Texas on May 15th.

Twenty two athletes from The Flippin Farm were among those who vied for these spots. These athletes represent Shamrock, McLean, Wheeler, Wellington, and Samnorwood. The top 10 in each age group and ability earned the right to advance on. Out of the twenty two local and area athletes who competed, all qualified to advance in one or both events. This is the third time in the eight year history of the gym that this has happened, stated coach Patti Conner. "I am very proud of these athletes, they have worked very hard for this

moment, and their dedication paid off."

Listed below are the final results from McLean:

Trampoline:
Gold Medalist: Ashley Byron, Tori Bybee, Trenton Darsey.

Silver Medalist: Jamie Alvarez.

Bronze Medalist: Katrina Thomas.

4th Place: Lindsey Ellis, and Nikki Alvarez.

Tumbling:
Gold Medalist: Trenton Darsey.

Silver Medalist: Lindsey Ellis, Nikki Alvarez.

Bronze Medalist: Ashley Byron, Katrina Thomas, Jamie Alvarez.

4th Place: Tori Bybee.

Those athletes who earned a spot at the State Championships are listed below.

Trampoline: Lindsey Ellis, Ashley Byron, Tori Bybee, Katrina Thomas, Trenton Darsey, Nikki Alvarez, and Jamie Alvarez.

Tumbling: Lindsey Ellis, Tori Bybee, Katrina Thomas, Trenton Darsey, Nikki Alvarez, Jamie Alvarez.



McLean Elementary Students of the Week May 3 - May 7: Kindergarten Staci Smith, 1st Grade Tucker Adams, 2nd Grade Tanner Wilhelm, 3rd Grade Megan Keelin, 4th Grade Jacob Tolleson, 5th Grade Russell Anglin, 6th Grade Zane Richardson, 7th Grade Delinda Simpson, 8th Grade Bron Bohlar.

Fine Arts Announce Summer Program

Pampa Fine Arts Association is scheduling three weeks of classes for students, and one week for adults during June and July, 1999, in a variety of visual and performing arts.

Dates and locations

are:
Pampa - June 21-25; Morning, at Pampa Middle School (10:00-12:00 noon)
Pampa - June 21-25; Evening for Adults at an area church (7:00-9:00)
Miami - June 28-July 2; at Miami School campus, probably morning.
McLean - July 5-9; Afternoon, at McLean School campus (1:00-3:00)

Classes and teachers

City

are still being scheduled for all three locations. Student class offerings - during the day - may include Watercolor, Drawing, Pottery, Photography, Drama, Paper Marbling, Vocal Training, Drums, and Basket Making. Other topics may be added. Not all classes will be offered at every location.

For the adult classes, three possibilities are: Watercolor, Art History & Appreciation, and Hymn Playing for Pianists and Organists.

Watch your newspaper for class schedules and registration information. Or contact the Pampa Fine Arts office at 665-0343.

"Yield and Stop" signs in town.

The council also asked Fred Smith to uncover several fire hydrants in town that were almost covered up with dirt.

Landfill fencing was tabled until Fred Smith could talk to the PRPC.

The council decided to have a letter written to Lewis & Ellis concerning their bill on the retirement termination study, explaining that until the final figures were in, no payment would be sent.

The council voted to pay the current bills.

Bob Martin informed the council that he had attended the housing conference in Pampa and that he had brought back a lot of information. He felt that most of the information would be more beneficial for the EDC than the City. The information will be at the City Hall for those interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Spring Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davis Gipeon
April was an exciting month at the museum with all the people here to display their collections at the Annual Devil's Rope Museum and Texas Wire Collectors Association Barb Wire Show April 15, 16 and 17. The members enjoyed the party at the Country Club on Saturday night where everyone was encouraged to wear "Outlandish" overalls. First Prize went to Dan and Nancy Sowle of Stanley, New Mexico, second prize to me (surprise, surprise), and third to Susan Oldham of Lefors. The banquet was held in the Hospitality Room and attended by wire collectors, museum

volunteers and staff on Saturday night and catered by Red River Steak House.

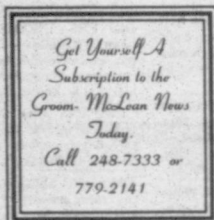
We are beginning to have tours of school children from the area booking field trips for the end of school.

During the month of April we had 488 visitors. Thirty-three states were represented and fourteen foreign countries, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, England, Germany, Holland, Italy, Iceland, New Zealand, and Ecuador were represented.

I believe this is the first time we have had visitors from Ecuador. These people were all impressed with our museums and

Texas in general. It is interesting to visit with these people from all over the world. They all speak some English and seem to enjoy telling us about their countries and families.

We welcome our new volunteers and hope they will be able to continue helping us. All our volunteers are appreciated.



Weekly Bible Question Sponsored By The McLean Church Of Christ

Q. The Bible says that Paul was caught up into the third heaven. Also, what are the first and second heavens? How many heavens are there?

A. Paul refers to the time when he was left for dead at Lystra. He says, "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a man was caught up to the third heaven, "2 Corinthians 12:2. He was referring to that realm of God that is completely removed from earth and its inhabitants. This is the realm of the spirits of the redeemed. However, what he was not allowed to reveal what he saw there. "...and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak, "2 Corinthians 12:4. In contrast, the first heaven is that portion above us where birds and clouds sail. In the parable of the mustard seed Jesus said, "...so that THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVEN come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES," Matthew 13:32 (KJV). The second heaven is the realm of the sun, moon and stars. It is what we call outer space. In Genesis 1:14 it is referred to as "the expanse of the heavens."

Send your Bible questions to: The McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 155, McLean, TX 79057. May the Lord bless you in the prayerful study of His Word. Request a free in-home Bible study or Bible Correspondence Course.

Good Neighbor Pharmacy Topics By Don Biggers, RPh



What The Big Drug Companies And Some Pharmacists Don't Want You To Know:

This may sound like a secret life of Walter Mitty story; however, this is a true story. During World War II, the British Air Force and our Air Force were making bombing runs on Germany. The British pilots were having a lot better success rate of percentage hits than our pilots. The Air Force doctors did all types of research trying to figure out why. They finally discovered that the British pilot's night vision was better than the American pilot's night vision. Finally, after much research, the doctors discovered that each morning the British had bilberry jam on their biscuits for breakfast. Bilberry (Vaccinium Myrtillus) is a fruit that has been used traditionally for problems with visual acuity, especially night vision. Scientific research has validated this folk medicine approach. This is a fruit containing compounds known as Anthocyanosides, which are potent antioxidants. In one study, a daily treatment with bilberry and beta-carotene improved participant's night vision and enlarged their visual fields. The usual dose for bilberry is 40 mg. one to three times a day. We have in stock, Nature's Blend Bilberry Extract 40 mg. and also beta-carotene. Tune in next week for more information about natural herbs and natural medicine.

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City Swears In New Aldermen, Mayor At May Meeting

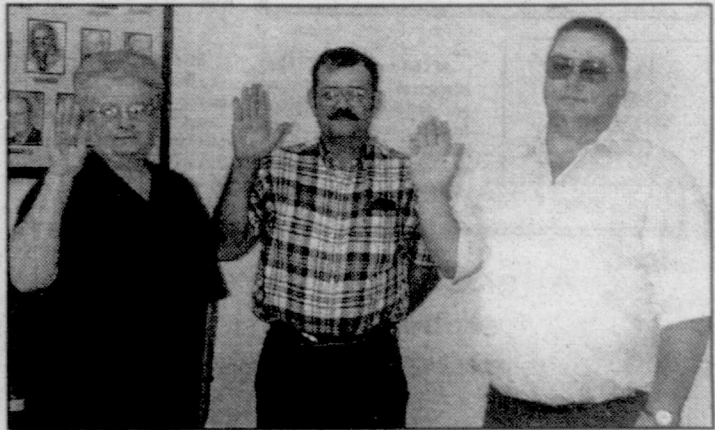


Mary Sue Lyles issues the oath of office to new and re-elected members of the City Council.

The Groom City Council swore in two incumbents and a new alderman in their regular meeting on Monday night. City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles administered the oath to Mayor Joe Homer, incumbent alderman Mary Margaret Brooks and newly elected alderman Kenny Weller.

Mayor Joe Homer called the meeting to order with aldermen Ellis Stapp, Pete Ham, Don Case and Kenny Weller present. Alderman Brooks was absent from the rest of the meeting.

Also attending were employees Mary Sue Lyles and Donnie Evans, Clif Britten representing the Groom Economic Development Corporation and Donna Burton representing the Groom News.



Incumbent Alderman Mary Margaret Brooks, incumbent Mayor Joe Homer and newly elected Alderman Kenny Weller take the oath of office.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read with the correction of a typographical error. The Council approved

a proclamation for volunteer week which will be June 10-17.

The water disconnect policy was discussed and

clarified. Water customers will have 30 days as opposed to the former 45 to pay. See Groom, pg. 5

Letter to The Editor...

District Attorney Rebutts Letter

Dear Editor:
On Sunday (May 9, 1999) the Globe News printed an article concerning HB3120 which would give the Carson County Attorney

felony jurisdiction and remove it from the 100th Judicial District. As the 100th Judicial District Attorney, I am in the best position to know the potential effects of this

bill on all five counties of the 100th Judicial District. There are too many issues to cover them all in writing but the following are a few which are verifiable by

looking at a map and/or coming by my office.

Geographics are less of an issue in these days of telecommunications which include telephones (home See D.A., pg. 4

Community Calendar

HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation is on May 21 at 8:00 pm.

JUNIOR HIGH
Graduation is on May 21.

GROOM ATHLETIC
Banquet will be held on May 17 at the Groom School Cafeteria.

GROOM AWARDS
assembly will be on Monday, May 17 at 8:30 am.

THE DATE for viewing pictures for the Church Directory at St. Mary's has been changed to Sunday, May 16th. Your individual time remains the same.

MAY IS CLEAN-UP
Month for Groom! No charge to use the truck and big dumpster. Contact City Hall for dumping after 4:30 pm.

AFTER Graduation raffle will be at the Band Program, Tuesday night, May 18, 7:00 pm.

ATTENTION Summer Baseball Coaches and Parents: The Groom News would like to have schedules and reports from all the teams. Please contact us at 248-7333 if you have information or would like to help us report on these games.

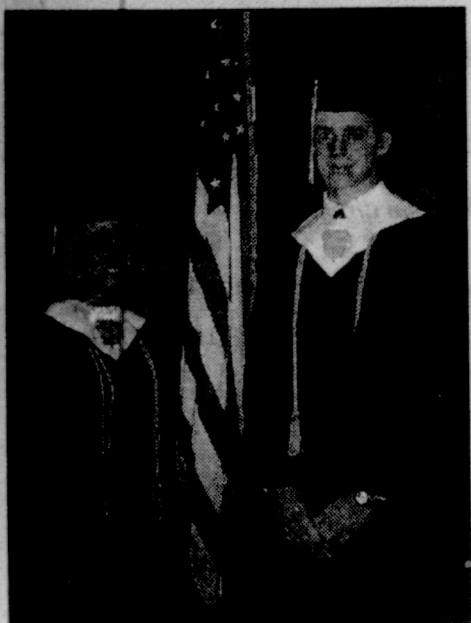
IMMUNIZATION
Clinic at the Groom Community Clinic on May 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

A BAND CONCERT
will be held on May 18 at the City Park.

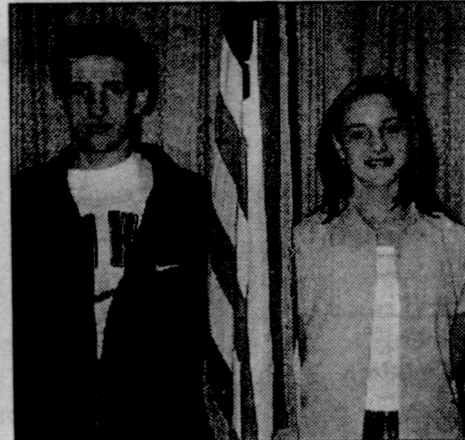
GROOM ATHLETIC
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School Announces Top Students Of '99



Jessica Stapp Wyatt Weinheimer



Doug Fields Jill Britten

The Groom School Administration is pleased to announce the top students in both the graduating senior class and the graduating 8th grade class. They are Wyatt Weinheimer, Jessica Stapp, Doug

Fields, and Jill Britten. Wyatt Weinheimer is the Valedictorian of the Class of 1999. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Weinheimer. He has a cumulative high school grade point See Top Students, pg. 6

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**MAY IS
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Mildred Miller, Margaret Whatley and Mildred's daughter, Juanita Jacobs of Austin returned Sunday from a trip to Hawaii.

Mothers' Day visitors in the Glynn D Harrell home were their daughters Louise and Bob Mulkey of Panhandle and Beverly and Jim Ingram of Amarillo.

Local Happenings

Paul and Michelle McLaughlin and Mikaelyn visited Groom Friday.

Forrest McLaughlin is in south Texas with his father, F.W. McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin is very ill.

Celebrating Mother's Day in Amarillo were Joe and Jean Miller, Phil Miller, Teri and Dalton Stewart, Ryan and Toysa, Dr. Richard Franklin and wife Tonya. After attending Mass at St. Thomas, all enjoyed lunch at the Amarillo Club.

Theresa Wills visited her daughter Arlene and Carl Irlbeck in Plainview this past weekend.

Card Of Thanks
 Thank you for the telephone calls, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. You are very special people and may God Bless You All!
 Amos Britten

Info Wanted!
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Groom Birthdays Anniversaries
 May 13 - Corkey Hickey, Mark Koetting, Mr and Mrs. John W. Thomas (A).
 May 14 - Mike and Renee Weinheimer (A).
 May 15 - Monica Weinheimer, Neysa Friemel, John and Terri Wilson (A).
 May 16 - Ed Burk.
 May 17 - Alan Weinheimer, Halee Ann Kotara, Nick Ashford.
 May 18 - D.A. (Hap) Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crump (A), Mr. and Mrs. Troy Treadwell (A).
 May 19 - John Bohr, Grant Weinheimer, Dusty Crump.

Groom Ambulance & Fire Department Memorials

Donations were received to the ambulance service in Memory of Helen Wade from:

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In Memory of Jackie Bichsel:
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 Donations were received to the fire department in Memory of Irma Blackwell from:
 Mrs. Donald Ritter; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Britten.
 In Memory of Ruby Latta:
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Britten.



New Baby

Kim and Glynn Ingram of Rowlett and their daughters, Melyssa and Stephanie, welcomed a new member to their family Thursday, May 6, 1999. Holly Elizabeth is also welcomed by grandparents Beverly and Jim Ingram and Joy Gibbons of Amarillo and is the ninth great-grandchild of Glynn D and Sybil Harrell.

After Graduation Party Committee Raffle

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Drawing To Be Held At The Band Concert On May 18 In The Park!
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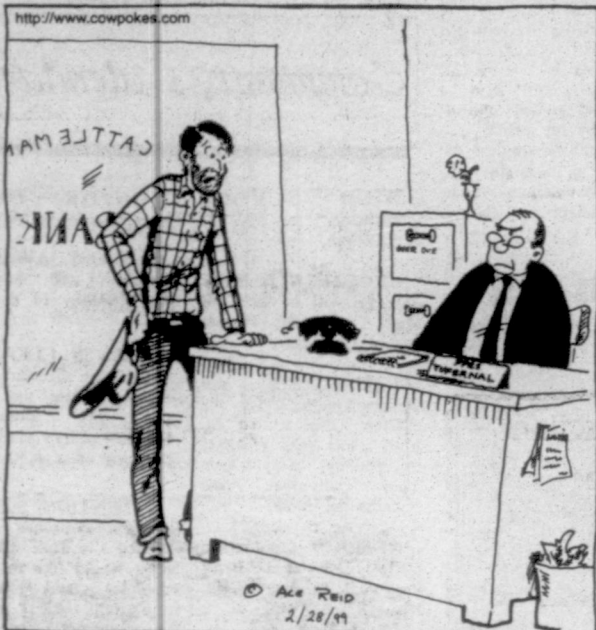
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Amy Brown and Chris Williams Wed In Amarillo

Amy Lynn Brown and Christopher David Williams, both of Amarillo, were married Saturday, April 24, 1999 at 7:30 in the evening at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo. The Rev. Jerry Moore of Gruver officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Lanna Brown of Groom. Grandparents of the bride are Bill Brown of White Deer and the late Guy and Nancy Blackwell. Special guests were Taters and Irma Blackwell of Groom, great uncle and great aunt of the bride.

The groom is the son of Terry and Jolene Williams of Amarillo. Grandparents of the groom are Modean Erwin and Horace and Viola Betts, all of Amarillo.

Maid of Honor was Brenna Stewart of Lubbock. Bridal attendants were Karen Babcock of Amarillo and Brandi Sustaire of Groom.

The bride wore a white floor length sleeveless fitted gown made of Italian satin with beaded top. Her bouquet was white roses, gardenias and stephanotis.

Attendants wore floor length black sleeveless dresses and carried

bouquets of white roses.

Best man was Daryl Williams, brother of the Groom, of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Groom attendants were Gary Armstrong and Tabor Lang, both of Amarillo.

Ring Bearer was Gray Williams, nephew of the groom and Flower Girl was Brogan Williams, niece of the groom, both of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Ushers were Brody Brown, brother of the bride, of Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, Chad Belyeu of Canyon and Joe Lyles of Amarillo.

Vocalists were Abel and Debbie Mares of Amarillo. Organist was Terry Lowe of Amarillo. Selections included Household of Faith, Give Me Forever, I Do, and God, A Woman And A Man.

The house party included Angie Armstrong of Amarillo, Stephanie Baumann of Amarillo, Melinda Burgin of Midland, Gena Sams of Lubbock and Shawna Williams of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The wedding reception was held at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in San Antonio.

Amy graduated from



Mrs. Christopher Williams

Groom High School and earned a degree in marketing from West Texas A & M University. She is the gift and Linens Department Manager/Buyer at Dunlaps.

Chris graduated from Canyon High School and

earned a degree in Computer Aided Design from Phoenix Institute of Technology. He is an estimator for Southwest Prestressed Concrete and manager of Amwest Corp.

The couple will reside in Amarillo.

Be Prepared For Tornado Season!

Groom Volunteer Fire Department will sound the alarm during a threat of a tornado. The signals and meaning of siren blasts are as follows:

- 1-Blast: Ambulance
- 2-Blasts: Meeting
- 3-Blasts: Fire
- 1-Long Sporadic Blast: Tornado
- 2-Short Blasts: All Clear

Redneck Obituary

A woman from a small town in Texas goes into the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is written.

The obit editor informs her that the fee for the obituary is 50 cents/word. She pauses a moment, then says, "Well then let it read 'Billy Bob died.'" Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor says, "Sorry ma'am there is a seven word minimum on all obituaries."

A little flustered she thinks things over and says, "Then in that case let it read: Billy Bob died - 1983 Pick-up for sale."

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Public Hearing Held For Groom EDC Project

A public hearing was held at the Groom Community Center on April 29 concerning the Groom Economic Development Council's proposed assistance to a grocery store in Groom. A regular meeting followed the hearing with members Kathleen Barkley, Joyce Hutsell, Phillis Jackson and Greg Lamb in attendance. President Clifton Britten presided at the public hearing and the meeting.

The Council voted unanimously to revise its previous offer of assistance in the form of an interest buy-down to monetary grant or loan when the grocery store has completed arrangements for opening. In other unanimous action, the Council voted to go forward with land acquisition plans or other projects to encourage home builders.

Committee reports included progress on a City-School-Council web page and internet publicizing. The High

School yearbook class members, under the direction of Janetta Lamb, will be ultimately in charge of the Groom Pages. Curtis Downs has compiled the initial information for the program, and Sandra Britten is liaison member for the City of Groom, Groom Schools, and the Economic Development Council.

Phillis Jackson reported on preliminary feasibility studies on offering grants or loans to first-time Groom home buyers. These buyers would be those with qualified credit applications lacking closing cost funds.

Long range plans for assisted living facilities will require local money raising as matching funds, as well as the receipt of grants to acquire the large amounts of construction funds required. Kathleen Barkley and Joyce Hutsell are investigating grant possibilities.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be May 27.

Notice

Effective June 1, 1999 the City of Groom will begin enforcement of Section 14-21 of the City Code as follows:

Disconnection for Delinquency

In the event any user or customer of such water and sewer system does not pay matured rates and charges with thirty (30) days from the date the same become due and payable, it is hereby made the further duty of the City Secretary to disconnect the water and sewer service; and whenever the amount past due and delinquent is paid by such user or customer, such service may be resumed, but there be charged and collected a reconnection charge of five dollars (\$5.00) during business hours; a charge of ten dollars will be made after business hours and holidays. Regular disconnection fee shall be \$5.00. (Ord. No. 139, 5-8-84, §6)

Panhandle Girls Basketball Camp

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Jessica Stapp Wins 3rd Place At State UIL Competition

Jessica Stapp won 3rd place in the state University Interscholastic League Feature Writing competition. This was Stapp's second trip to Austin in UIL Competition.

The competitors interviewed Harry Knowles, who is the author of the now infamous internet, "Mud Report." Knowles set up the web site when he

was incapacitated from an injury. The site has become one of Hollywood's leading tell-all sites that tells stories about politicians, movie stars and others who are in the public eye.

Stapp attended the meet with sponsor and coach Janetta Lamb. She is the daughter of Dale and Jo Stapp and a graduating senior at Groom High School.

Tiger Yearbook Staff Receives Awards

The '98 Tiger yearbook received 24 individual awards at the Interscholastic League Press Conference held in Austin on April 17-18.

The group received 9 first places, 12 second places, 2 third places, and an Honorable Mention.

Mary Hutsell, last year's yearbook editor, won the most awards - nine. She won first in theme copy, first in sports photo, second in theme development, second with five different photos - 1) track photo of Clay Ritter, 2) sports feature photo of Michele Stephens in the closing, 3) Wyatt Britten driver's ed. experiment in the closing, 4) Clay Ritter peering over his glasses, and 5) Josiah and his sister Joaena on a division page. She also placed third with the photo of Donna Burton taking pictures.

Melissa Anthony, who graduated last year, won

four medals - one first and three seconds. She won first for her cheerleader spread and second for her spread on siblings, the graduation spread, and feature story on the yearbook spread.

April Burton, last year's graduate, received first place for her sports spread on the junior high girls and second for her feature story on David Fields.

Maggie Thomas, also a graduate, won first for her band story on Sam Thomas.

Jessica Stapp, this year's editor, won first with Mary Hutsell on theme copy and second story on Dusty Crump, second on their academic spread, and third for their basketball feature on Melissa Anthony. Individually, Macie won first for the general interest spread on cars. Brooke and Angie Conrad, '98 graduate, received Honorable Mention for their feature

on theme development. She also won an individual first place with her photo of Brooke Britten and Jodi Homen in the closing.

Brooke Britten and Macie Britten, freshmen last year, won several awards together. They won first for their feature

story on Luke Pavlovsky. Jodi Homen, head photographer on this year's staff, won first on her sports feature photo of Michael Stephens at the downtown pep rally.

Staff members were not able to attend the convention to receive their awards.

Carson County Jail Holds 14 In-Mates

By Loren Brand, Sheriff

We currently have 14 persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail. Nine additional prisoners are in other facilities with holds placed to return to Carson County when they are ready for release.

Eleven persons were booked into our jail this past week.

Rick Lancaster, 32, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Prohibited Weapon; Jesus Jaquez Perez, 35, Public Intoxication; Audric Bent, 20, DWLS, DWI - 1st

Offense; Raymon Dominquez, 29, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Prohibited Weapon; Michael Lee, 40, Public Intoxication, Assault on Peace Officer; Adam Waldrop, 30, Parole Violation, Burglary of Building; Craig Alexander, 20, DWI, 1st Offense; Brandon Smith, 19, Possession of Marijuana; William Carn, 29, Injury to Elderly Person; Francisco Cantu, 43, Possession of Methamphetamine; Donald Drew, 50, Theft by Check.

Carson County Least Busy Of Counties In District Attorney's Five County Area

and cellular), pagers, fax machines, and e-mail. Further, Carson County officials have had to travel to other parts of the district on very few occasions and no more than the other counties travel. The district judge and district attorney rotate through the five counties on the same schedule. Should HB3120 pass the judge will still be in Carson County only once every five weeks, therefore, travel will still be required.

Carson County does not account for one third of the felony cases in this district. Carson currently is the least busy of the five counties. There are approximately fifty-eight felonies pending which is close to twenty percent of the felonies district wide; however, of these fifty-eight, thirty-three are fugitives from justice and another half dozen are in custody on other charges

in other jurisdictions. There are approximately twelve cases available for action at this time and of those approximately half have been on the courts docket only twice (less than three months old).

Carson County is not the only county along the I-40 corridor that does not have this special prosecution provision. Oldham and Deaf Smith Counties have it while Potter, Carson, Donley, Gray, and Wheeler do not.

Passage of HB3120 will result in a financial impact to the State of Texas of \$81,000 not to mention the domino effect of other counties requesting this special treatment. A negative financial impact to the remaining four counties will occur and I was obligated to advise them of such.

This is not a "personal" issue for me, it is business! Why would a house bill that doesn't affect my salary and to some extent reduces my workload be a personal issue? Anyone who personally knows me or has taken the time to discuss District Attorney business with me, knows business is business and I do not take such personally. The question is "Do the benefits of HB3120 outweigh the negatives?" I will gladly address this question with anyone. My concerns with this house bill are based on what I believe to be the best for all five counties in the 100th Judicial District. I was elected to represent the 100th Judicial District as your

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Annual Rabies Clinic Inoculates 75 Animals



Janelle Sustaire holds her dachshund, just one of twenty five dachshunds immunized during Saturday's clinic.

Approximately 75 dogs and cats made their annual visit to the Groom Fire Hall to get their yearly vaccinations on Saturday. Dr. Horne of the Gray County Veterinary Clinic was on hand for all of Groom's furry friends to dispense protection from illnesses and diseases.

"We had a good number of dogs and a few cats," commented Dr. Horne. "It is very important to get your pet a rabies shot each year. If you missed us be sure to have your pets vaccinated sometime soon!"



(Above top) Josh Robinson has his dog checked out by Dr. Horne. (Directly above) Molly looks worried about her puppy as mom, Leslie Brown, assures her that it won't hurt a bit.

Local Happenings

Janice Weinheimer had a beautiful Mother's Day celebration with all of her children and grandchildren visiting. Visitors included Nick and Renee Weinheimer, Amy and Carri; Kevin and Traci Banbery, Alesia and Adam; Lori and Mike Hofman, Brennan and Landon; John, Scott, Wyatt, Grant, Hugh, and Owen.

Terry and Brenda Alward and Brittnee of Dumas visited his mother and dad, Virginia and Al Alward on Mother's Day.

Allie Hoyt and Katie Talley were guests of honor at an early Mother's Day celebration on Friday evening. Allie traveled to Moore, Oklahoma on Mother's Day to help her daughter, Jerry Been, clean up after the tornado damaged their home.

Groom

delinquent bills. In other words, when the account is past due and delinquent on the 15th of the month, the customer must have the account paid in full by the 30th in order to avoid having their water service interrupted.

"We feel this will help the City collecting habitually late accounts," stated City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles. "We also feel we can better control he indebtedness when some accounts eventually have to be charged off. The way the ordinance had been interpreted by previous administrations, an account was going on three months past due before we could discontinue their service," she continued.

The financial statement was studied and the council approved payment of the May accounts.

Executive session was called at 8:27 pm to discuss land acquisition for a GEDC project. They returned to open session at 9:25.

The council unanimously approved the GEDC proposal.



Tyler Babcock has the hardest job holding the leash while his best friend gets a shot.

Groom School Menu

May 10 - 14

Monday

Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.

Lunch: Country fried steak, ranch style beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, cherry cobbler, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch: Frito pie, pinto

beans, salad, Tiger cinnamon rolls, milk.

Wednesday

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

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, vanilla pudding w/cookie, milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.

Lunch: Beef and bean chaulpa, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, applesauce, milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch: Charbroiled chopped steak, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, chocolate cake, milk.

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Our sincerest thanks to the Groom ambulance crew, Scott, Tony & John, and to Loretta & Amos Britten for their immediate arrival & care given to Irma. (Also to the Panhandle Ambulance crew for their speedy transfer and transport to BSA).

To all our family & friends, words cannot express how your love for Irma has touched our hearts & given us comfort in this difficult time. For all your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, food, phone calls, memorials, words of comfort, love & concern, we are deeply grateful. Irma was a blessing to our family & community. And she was loved by many. She will remain in the hearts of everyone whose life she touched-- "for nothing loved is ever lost--And she was loved so much."

God has richly blessed our family with the love and friendship of so many. May He bless each of you.

Page Blackwell & Family
Steve & Syreta Sharp & Family
Boyd & Brenda Hughes & Family

Obituary

Alfred Bell
PANHANDLE - Alfred "Red" Bell, 86, died Tuesday, May 4, 1999.

Services were in the Church of Christ with Leonard Harper, minister, officiating. Burial was in Panhandle Cemetery by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bell was born in Wheatland and moved to Panhandle 45 years ago from Amarillo. He served in the Navy Seabees during World War II. He worked 35 years for Southwestern Public Service Co. and retired as a district manager in Armstrong and Carson counties.

He participated in many community activities and service organizations and received Outstanding Citizen of the Year award in 1970. He also received a Special Appreciation Award from Panhandle Independent School

District.

Mr. Bell was a lifetime member of Texas Congress of PTA and the Square House Museum in Carson County. He was a member of the Panhandle Lions Club and a founder of both the Pride of the Panhandle Band Booster Club and the Panther Booster Club. He was a member of Panhandle Church of Christ.

He married Agnes Lona Tribble in 1942. She died in 1997.

Survivors include two sons, John Alfred Bell and Grover Woody Bell, both of Amarillo; two daughters, Carolyn Sue Hermesmeyer and Peggy Louise Crow, both of Panhandle; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Square House Museum in Panhandle or Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center in Amarillo.

Top Students

average of 98.66. He plans to attend West Texas A & M University and is looking at mathematics as the area in which he will seek a degree. He is a member of the nationally ranked JETS team and was recently the recipient of the University Interscholastic League Scholar Award.

Jessica Stapp was named the Salutatorian with a GPA of 97.79. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stapp. She is planning to attend college in the area, either at Amarillo College or West Texas A & M University. Jessica is very interested in the medical profession. She has been a qualifier at the State UIL meet in Austin for the last two years. She was also a recipient of the University Interscholastic League Scholar Award at ceremonies held recently in the Groom School Auditorium.

In the graduating 8th grade class, top ranked students are Doug Fields and Jill Britten. Their GPA was based on the two Junior High years. Number 1 ranked Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Fields. Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Britten and is ranked number two in the class of seventeen.

Drug-free Alcohol-free After Graduation Party

All Groom High School Students are Invited to attend the GHS After Graduation Drug & Alcohol-Free party. The Party will be held at the American Legion Hall, from 10:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. on Friday May 21, 1999.

Rules

1. Each Student may invite one guest. That student must have been in high school in 1998-99 or be less than 21 years of age.
2. THIS IS A LOCK-IN EVENT! Once a student or guest arrives and signs in they will not be permitted to leave. ONLY EXCEPTION: IF A PARENT PERSONALLY PICKS UP THE STUDENT OR GUEST! Anyone leaving early will not be eligible for any prizes or gifts.
3. There WILL BE an adult monitoring for drug and alcohol use. Nobody who has been drinking will be allowed in.
4. Prizes will be awarded to GHS students only at the end of the party.

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