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Family Outing In Arkansas Turns To Tragedy For Former Residents

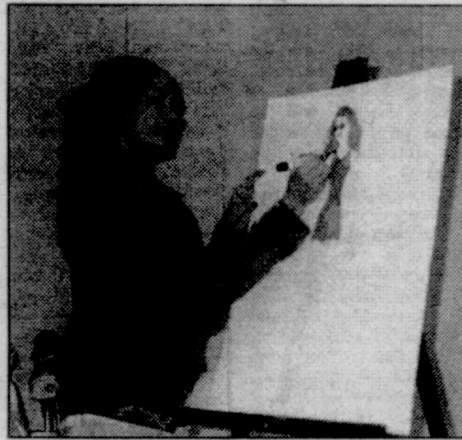
A family outing turned to tragedy Saturday, May 1, when an amphibious tourist boat in Hot Springs, Arkansas took the lives of 13 people by dragging them to their deaths.

According to Garland County Sheriff Larry Selig, "The boat went down in 15 to 30 seconds." The passengers were not required by law to wear life jackets.

Floy, Jennifer and James Patton, formerly of McLean, and their father Jim were on the boat. James swam to safety, but Jennifer and Floy along with the children's

father, Jim Patton, perished in the accident. Floy died Sunday morning in St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center. Jim Patton's body was found Sunday morning after 15-year-old James Patton said he didn't see his father's body among the other victims.

Floy, Jennifer and James were members of Trinity Baptist Church in McLean. Floy worked at the Red River Steakhouse. Jennifer graduated from McLean High School last year. Floy's parents are Tobe and Kristen Johnson of McLean.



Sarah Myers, a first place winner in senior apparel design and senior accessory design demonstrates fashion designing for the class.

Local 4-Hers Compete

The District 4-H Fashion Show was held on May 1, 1999 in Borger.

Submitting portfolios were Jennifer Myers who won 1st in Intermediate Textile Design and Sarah Myers who won 1st place in Sr. Apparel Design and Sr. Accessory Design. Sarah will now compete in state competition at College Station.

Gray County Junior team number 2 consisting of Travis Fish, Meagan Crawford, Meredith Coutts and Blake Nusser placed 7th in Sheep livestock

judging against twenty-one other counties. They also placed 11th in beef, 19th in swine and 19th overall.

In the senior division, Gray County senior team consisting of Jessi Fish, Megan Coutts, Cassie Hamilton and Sean O'Neal placed 5th overall, 3rd in placing, 6th in reason, 4th in beef, 3rd in swine, and 4th in sheep. Jessi Fish also placed 16th in reasons.

Gray county had thirty-seven entries in the 4-H Photography contest.

See 4-H, pg. 12

Birchfield, Kirkland, Ward, McClendon and Dorsey Elected

School Board and City Council elections were held on May 1, 1999 with less than ten percent of the registered voters turning out to vote.

The City Council will see two new faces when Kendra Birchfield, who received 91 votes, and Ray Kirkland, who received 57 votes are sworn in on Thursday, May 6. Kirkland and Birchfield defeated

Others running for the school board were Toni Bohlar, who received 71 votes; Cathy Hembree received 52; and Jenny Everett received 7.

A total of 150 voters turned out for the school board elections.

McLean Reminders...

meet April 12 at 11 am at the Methodist Church.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet May 6 at 2 pm at The Hop and then tour the downtown museum.

CITY COUNCIL will meet on May 6 at 7 pm.

NO SCHOOL on Friday, May 7 or Friday May 14.

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

THE AREA Chamber of Commerce will be meeting on May 10 at 7:00 pm.

PTA WILL have their final meeting of the school year on May 10 at 6 pm in the cafeteria. (Program will be over school violence.)

THE McLEAN Care Center will host a Mother's Day party on Saturday, May 8 at 2:30 pm.

IMMUNIZATION Clinic at the McLean Health Clinic on May 6 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.

THE UNITED STATES Government is asking for your help for the Kosovo refugees. Their circumstances are desperate. Please call 1-800-872-4373 to inquire about what you can do to help or contact Bob Black, locally.

8 New Members Inducted

The April meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma National Honor Society was held on Saturday at the First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

The hostesses Beverly Baker, Willie Mae Mangold and Cheryl Lewis served brunch foods including various breads, fruit, punch and coffee from a beautifully decorated table.

The entertainment was provided by the Spanish Dancers of Pampa High under the direction of



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Seniors received a monogrammed laundry bag at the Senior Tea.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 6 - Mark Cadra.
 May 7 - Mrs. Harold C. Petty, Hunter Burnett.
 May 8 - Johnnie Rigsby, Johnnie Hutchison, Jay Burnett, Cassie Jones.
 May 9 - John C. Haynes, Ronald Vernon Kennedy, Shawn Bybee.
 May 10 - Bob Holwick, Larry Swanson, Robbie Sanderson.
 May 11 - Steven Myers, David Tolleson.
 May 12 - Wanda Myers, Lynn Reeves.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
1st Annual Golf Scramble
 Sat. May 22 • 10 am
 18 Holes • Flighted after first 9 holes • \$10 per man
 Prizes for long drives • closest to pin
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City Of McLean
Notice
Spring Clean Up
Week
May 24th - 28th

Haynes Rainfall Report

The local weatherman for McLean, Sam Haynes, has reported that the town of McLean received 3.76 inches of rainfall in the month of April. May has already

seen 1.80 inches and more thunderstorms are expected this weekend. Rainfall for the year is 10.29 inches. McLean's annual rainfall is 21 inches.

Clinic To Be Held

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for May 1999. Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, Mumps, and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B), and Varicella (Chickenpox).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Clinics in the surrounding area include: McLean's Rural Health Clinic on May 6 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Groom Rural Clinic in Groom on May 20 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

In Pampa at the Columbia Health Center, 600 Kentucky on May 9 and May 19 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

In Claude at the Rural Health Clinic on May 4 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Delta

Roger Reyna and assisted by Eunice Moreno. The group, consisting of twenty high school students, presented a cultural program utilizing traditional Latin music and pop rock with a Latin Flavor. The colorful costuming enhanced the program.

Following the entertainment, an initiation of eight new members was conducted. The ceremonial committee, Betty Cain, Kathy Flume, and Pauline Phillips, led the initiation of the new members including Lesa Greer of Pampa who teaches in McLean, Roberta Hendricks of Pampa, Tyna Horn a teacher at Fort Elliott, Fran Milton of White Deer who teaches in Lefors, Sharon Kay Morris of Miami, and Maxine Stephens of Lefors. Priscilla Talley of Miami was also reinstated into the chapter.

The May luncheon meeting will be held at the Pampa Country Club.

Thought For The Day
 How can there be so much difference between a day off and an off day

More Prom Go-ers Named

The following names were not included in the prom story and these students were in attendance: Melissa Foshee, Crissy Edwards Simpson, David Burrows and Jessi Fish. We apologize to these kids and their parents.

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 10:50 a.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

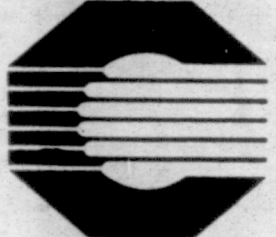
Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
 James Mantooth 779-3207
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Pastor James Martindale 779-2175
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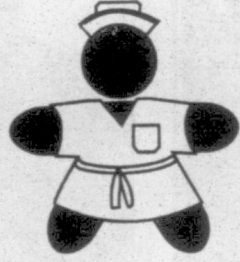

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Neal Odom hosts a noon luncheon for several cattle producers and beef buyers from many parts of the country.



Pioneer Study Club members registering guests at the Senior Tea were Margaret Grogan, Zelda McClellan and Mary Dwyer.



McLean Elementary Students of the Week April 26th - April 30th: Kindergarten Anthony Shackelford, 1st Grade Amber Staton, 2nd Grade Tammy Syfrett, 3rd Grade Trey Skipper, 4th Grade Tamara Loya, 5th Grade Nicholas Odom, 6th Grade Ashley McClendon, 7th Grade Dusty Moody, 8th Grade Katrina Routen (not pictured).

McLean School Menu

May 10-14
Monday
 Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Corn Dogs, tator tots, pork n beans, salad, fruit, milk.
Tuesday
 Breakfast: Pancake-sausage on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Chicken on bun, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, fruit, milk.
Wednesday
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, milk, juice.
 Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, cherry cheese cake, milk.
Thursday
 Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk, juice.
 Lunch: BBQ ribbets on a bun, French fries, pickle spears, fruit, milk.
 Friday: Teacher's In-Service, UIL Contest.



(See Above) Pioneer Study Club members hosting the Senior Tea were: front - Beverly Odom, Lynn Reeves, Ruth Magee, Ella Mae Reyna and Sherrie Martindale; back - Patti Brass, Jerry Corbin, Wanda Lamb, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Ruth Trew, Mickey Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Mary Dwyer and Margaret Grogan.



(Left) Serving refreshments at the Senior Tea were Pioneer Study Club members Mickey Jackson and Bonnie Nell Fabian.

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McLean Alanreed Area Museum

By Dorthey McKee
 The first of April Delbert Trew gave a talk about the P.O.W. Camp to Mrs. Hannon's 5th Grade class, that came to visit the McLean Alanreed Area Museum. Enjoying the visit were Nicholas Odom, Xenia Buckhaults, Justin Wehrenberg, Kevin Smith, Joshua Troy Jeffries, Russell Anglin, Coty McMinn, Talitha Newton, Mrs. Hannon and Trey, Judy Lee and Linda Smith.

For the month of April the McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 120 visitors from 15 different states and 5 foreign countries; Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland and New Zealand.

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McLean Center Plans Mother's Day Activities For Residents

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon was church services with the Assembly of God. Those attending services were: Leta Gifford, Florence Drake, Essie Knowles, Boots Phillips, Pat Seymour, Dorothy Patterson, Gladys Andrews, Polly Burnett, Thelma Finson, Relia Ayers, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Beryl Halbert, Christine Shipley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Alexander Watkins, Don York, Dick

Wheeler, Hadda Moore, Eula Morrow, Bessie McClemore, Mable Dickey, Ora Billingsley, Helen Simmons, Sue Cubine, Marjorie Turnage, Phyllis Bailey, Ariza Cocorcan, Sylvia McClellan, and Duella Beverly.

Monday morning was nail care for the residents with afternoon bingo games. Exercise was joined by several and the bananas furnished by the

Lion's Club were appreciated. Betty Lowe was the faithful volunteer.

Tuesday morning the residents had a craft session. In the afternoon the residents played dominos.

Wednesday morning was Wednesday morning circle. The residents had refreshments and joined in discussion. In the afternoon a movie was brought in by Jane Henderson of Miami featuring the Miami residents in the Miami follies. Some of the residents played dominos.

Thursday morning was beachball kick for the residents. In the afternoon there were games of bingo.

Friday morning was nail care time and in the afternoon games of dominos were played.

Saturday was beauty shop and a movie.

The Mother's Day party will be Saturday, May 8 at 2:30 pm. All friends and family are cordially invited.

Briefs

Jaylene Watkins was recently awarded the Stewart Herral Memorial Scholarship from the H.H. Herbert School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma. The scholarship is awarded to public relations juniors and seniors who have demonstrated high potential for success in the profession. Jaylene is the daughter of Jesse and Judith Watkins of McLean.

Younger families moving to Alanreed the past few years are Chet and Sally (Worsham) Bohlar and Sabre and Chase Bohlar. Chet works for Chamberlain Motor Company in Clarendon, also Jimmy and Jamie (Cole) Armbrister and Calvin.

Jim Bible and other church members have done a lot of work fixing up the Baptist Church during the last few years. The building is repainted and has new doors. The church was established in 1904.

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Attorney General Tells How To Access Open Records

By John Cornyn,
Attorney General of
Texas

Q: I want to find out some information from my local city council. I need to make an open records request but am not sure of the proper format. Also, how much time do they have to respond to my request?

A: No special form is required to request information under the Public Information Act. Some governmental bodies may, however, provide you with a standardized form. Although using the form may assist the governmental body in processing your request, the agency cannot require you to use their form to make a request.

You should be as specific as possible when making your request for information. You should provide your address and phone number in case the person processing the request needs to contact you. Although it is not required, a statement that you are making the request under the Public Information Act may be helpful.

Upon receipt of your request, a governmental body generally has four options it can take to

comply with the Act.

The governmental body may

* promptly produce the requested information.

* contact you with a request for clarification or a reason for needing more time to respond.

* request a ruling from the Attorney General's office on whether it may withhold the information under one of the exceptions to the Act, or

* in limited circumstances, withhold the information pursuant to a prior attorney general opinion which determined that such information is an exception to the Act.

If the governmental body chooses to seek an Attorney General's decision, it must do so within 10 business days of receiving the request. The Attorney General's office will notify you of any decision made regarding the request for information.

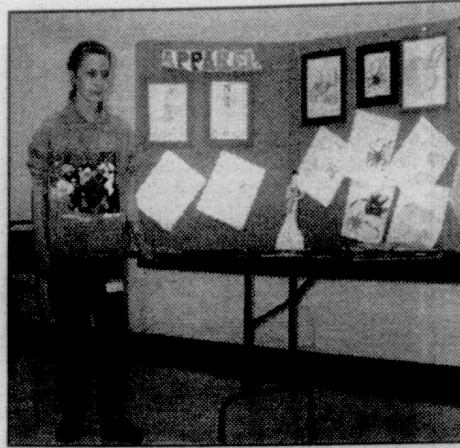
Should the governmental body choose to release the information, the act only requires that the information be produced in a "reasonable amount of time." What constitutes "reasonable" depends on the facts of

each case. If the governmental body intends to release the requested information but cannot produce it within 10 business days after receiving the request, the agency must specify, in writing, a date and time when the information will be made available to you.

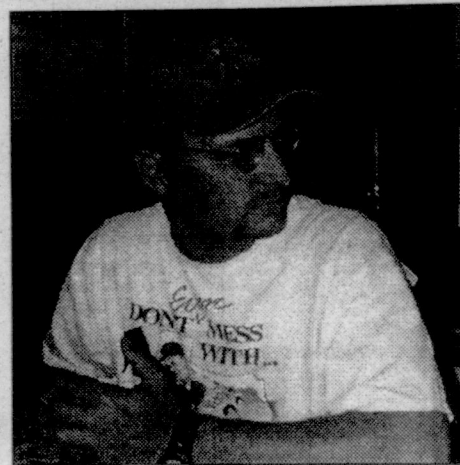
In the event that a governmental body does not properly respond to your written request, you may submit a complaint to the Open Records Division of the Attorney General's Office at P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711. Your complaint letter should include a brief summary of your attempts to obtain the information along with the names and telephone numbers of any governmental employees that you contacted. Your

complaint should also include your name, address and phone number.

Finally, you should enclose a copy of the original request letter and any correspondence you received in response to your request. You can also contact the Attorney General's Open Government Hot-Line at (512) 478-OPEN (6736).



Jennifer Myers gives a method demonstration of apparel at the Fashion Design Workshop in Pampa.



Ronnie Tidwell enjoys a good meal and visits with the McLean News staff at the Red River Steakhouse.

Good Neighbor Pharmacy Topics By Don Biggers RPH



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Jennifer Myers placed 1st in Color Landscaping and will now go on to state competition. Others submitting entries from McLean were Kristen Odom, Nicholas Odom and Travis Fish.

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Q. What of the "holy kiss" (Romans 16:16) commanded by Paul and the "kiss of love" (1 Peter 5:14) commanded by Peter?

A. A kiss was the customary greeting of friends in the Middle East during Bible times. Therefore, Paul was not "commanding" them to kiss since they already practiced this. His statement is not mandatory but regulatory. The kiss of Judas was a show of affection, while the real motive was betrayal. Christians were not to be hypocrites in their greetings but sincere. The "holy kiss" or "kiss of love" presented the true Christian love and affection rather than the outward pretense or a mere formality as was very common then. When Paul referred to the parting from the Jerusalem conference, he stated that Peter, James and John gave him and Barnabas "the right hands of fellowship." (Galatians 2:9). This was another form of greeting and one that is prevalent in our land today. However, the kiss is still common in some parts of the world. It was custom not law.

Please 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!

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Adjustment To Staff Duties & Proposed Salary Increase Lead Local ISD Concerns

By John Wilson
Groom ISD is now in the process of hiring a new coach/teacher for the 1999-2000 school year. This will fill an important roll in the staff, Shirley Fields, who has served as a coach, will move to fill the English position vacated by Debra Addy. The new staff member will coach boy's basketball and fill other teaching positions needed to complete the curriculum. These changes will allow separate coaches for the boys and girls' basketball program and will improve class offerings for all students. This is not a new position, so the total amount of coaching stipend will remain the same as the 1999-2000 school year. Candidates for the position are being interviewed this week and the job should be filled by the end of the school year.

Legislative Update
We would like to thank community members for the numerous inquiries about the effects of pending state legislation on Groom ISD, and will attempt to explain the situation as it now stands. CCSB 4 is the bill presented by Senator Bivins to address

education issues in Texas. The major points of the bill that will have an effect on Groom ISD are as follows:

> A small increase in the basic per student allotment from \$2,426 to \$2,435.

> Additional funding for the Facilities Allotment (It remains to be seen if we would have access to any of the funds for our upcoming electrical retrofit project).

> A \$4,000 salary increase for teachers at each pay step.

The salary increase will have a significant negative effect on our annual budget for years to come. The bill promises transition money to school districts to help pay for the increased annual costs. There is no indication, however, of how much transition money will be available for each district.

Several people have asked about contacting our legislators, and as always, citizen input to lawmakers is a vital and important tool. The following points should be stressed in any contact with state officials:

> Groom ISD is an Exemplary rated school with a high percentage of college bound students.

> Groom ISD offers See Superintendent, pg. 5



Carrie Sue Davis, State Track Qualifier



Wyatt Britten



Brooke Britten

Groom 4-Hers To Compete At State

Two Groom Carson County 4-H members qualified to compete at the state competition of the Texas 4-H Round-Up to be held at College Station on June 7.

Wyatt Britten, son of Mike and Marla Britten and Brooke Britten, daughter of Greg and Belinda Britten, will be making the trek south to represent the District I Panhandle Extension.

The 4-H Round-Up is a public speaking and decision making event providing 4-H members the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills learned through 4-H projects.

Of the 250 competitors in 35 activities three from Carson County will

advance to the State Round-Up: Wyatt Britten, Brooke Britten and Amanda Sinclair. Wyatt and Brooke are both from Groom.

Wyatt presented a Method Demonstration on "Agronomy Precision Agriculture." Brooke competed with a Method Demonstration on "Focus on Health." Amanda presented a Method Demonstration on "Food and Nutrition Educational Activity."

Each received first place honors and recognition awards in ceremonies held at the ballroom of the activities center at West Texas A&M University in Canyon on April 24th.

Davis Earns Trip To Austin Meet

Carrie Sue Davis will be headed south next week to compete in the State Track Meet at Austin on May 14th and 15th. She won the High Jump competition at the Regional Meet in Levelland last weekend. Davis jumped 5' 7" to cinch the gold medal. She also set a new meet record breaking the one she set last year.

She -medaled in the 300 meter hurdles and will represent the region at the state meet in Austin. She placed second with a time of 49.2. Her preliminary time was a full second faster, 48.2.

Davis also competed in two other events, the triple-jump and the sprint relay team event. This will be Davis' second trip to the state meet. She competed in the same two events last year. She is a junior and the daughter of Gary and

Marcia Davis.

Also competing in the meet was her sister, Krisanne. Krisanne placed 6th in the long jump. Her best jump was 16 feet, 4 inches. She also competed in the triple jump.

The sprint relay team placed 9th over all with a time of 53.9. Members of the team were Brooke Britten, Carrie Davis, Karen Conrad, Krisanne Davis and alternate Candace Bohr.

In the boys meet, Josiah Scott placed 6th overall with a time of 5:04 in the 1600 meter run. Wade Ritter competed in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. Dusty Crump competed in the discus and shot events.

Congratulations to all the Regional competitors, and Good Luck to Carrie on her bid for the state title.

Community Calendar

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.

THE CITY Council will have the swearing in of new members and the regular May meeting on Monday, May 10th.

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.

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

MOTHER'S DAY is May 9.

THE RABIES Clinic will be in Groom on Saturday, May 8.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, will be the State UIL Contest in Austin.

THE GROOM ISD School Board will hold its regular monthly meeting and swear in new members on May 10th.

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

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Local Happenings

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

May 6 - Mrs. Bill Britten, Billy J. Homer, Janath L. Ratterree, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dee Schaffer (A).

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

May 8 - Tony E. Painter, Rodney and Michelle Bohr (A).

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

May 10 - Susan Brown, Robert Newton.

May 11 - W.H. Ollinger, Dwight Thompson.

May 12 - Mrs. Johnny Brooks, Mrs. Dennis Babcock.

Jimmy and Susan Burgin visited their daughter Melinda in Midland this past weekend.

April birthdays of the Glynn D Harrell family were observed with dinner at the Golden Corral in Amarillo Wednesday evening, April 28. Honorees were Glynn D Harrell, Jim Ingram of Amarillo, Sara-Allyson Hightower and Jeremy Mulkey of Panhandle.

Others present were Sybil Harrell, Beverly Ingram, Steven Hightower, Robert and Whitney, Bob and Louise Mulkey and Jamie Bennett. The 14th wedding anniversary of Steven and Sara-Allyson Hightower was also celebrated.

On The Sick List

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MAY IS CLEAN-UP MONTH IN GROOM

Marie Conrad and Heather Crump recently received Academic Excellence Awards from

Amarillo College. Awards were given for students who completed 15-29 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average.

MAY 21ST is graduation for Groom High School.

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Immunization Clinic To Be Held In Groom

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for May 1999. Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, Mumps, and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B), and Varicella (Chickenpox). The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income

and size, and the ability to pay. Clinics in the surrounding area include: Groom Rural Clinic in Groom on May 20 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. In Pampa at the Columbia Health Center, 600 Kentucky on May 9 and May 19 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. In Claude at the Rural Health Clinic on May 4 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. At McLean's Rural Health Clinic on May 6 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Bureau Offers Teens Help For Summer Jobs

The Carson County Farm Bureau has announced a service to the county farming community that will help link teenagers who are seeking summer employment with employers. The Bureau is providing a free bulletin board for high school and college age students to make known their desire for farm employment. Producers seeking summer or part-time employment of high school students can visit the office to view the forms filled out by the students.

Interested students should visit the Carson County Farm Bureau Office, 208 Franklin, and fill out the bulletin board form. The forms will allow the student to give their background and how they may be contacted. Carson County Farm Bureau is neither an agent or employment service but merely lists those interested in a job in the agricultural sector. The service is free. For further information contact the Carson County Farm Bureau office, 537-3996; County President, Alvin Stamps, 335-1026; Billy Bob Brown, 537-5554.

Sheriff Brand Welcomes Eight New Inmates

By Loren Brand, Sheriff
We currently have eight persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail. In addition, we have holds on 11 prisoners who are

currently in custody in other jurisdictions. Five persons were booked into our facility this past week. Delores Ockman, 50, Felony Possession of Marijuana; Alice Garza Garcia, 44, Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana; Randy Glen Stover, 40, Probation Violation/Burglary of Building; Ricky Hulsey, 45, Failure to Appear/Agg. Sexual Assault; Robert Earl Jackson, 23, UUMV/Auto Theft.

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Services Held For Longtime Resident, Irma Blackwell

Irma J. Blackwell, 69, died Friday, April 30, 1999. Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Syreta Sharp of Panhandle, Texas, Brenda Hughes of Woodward, Oklahoma, Laura Jean Kastelic of Meridian, Idaho, and Marcia Conrad of Groom; a son, Dan Blackwell of Canon City, Colorado; two sisters, Irene Smith of Clinton, Oklahoma, and Devine Isaccs of Wenatchee, Washington; four brothers, Dee Henry of Panhandle, J.A. Henry of Spearman and Ed Henry and Lenzy Henry, both of Wenatchee, Washington; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Services were Monday in Groom United Methodist Church with the Reverends Tom Moore and Jerry Moore officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St., Amarillo. Mrs. Blackwell was born in Ely and graduated from high school in Memphis. She was a homemaker, an artist and a member of Groom United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by a son, Rickey Don Lowe, in 1992. She married O. Page Blackwell in 1984 at Groom.

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Ag Kids Do Good Deeds



James Ratteree, Cody Britten, Dennis Cockrell and teacher Charles Burk unload a very welcome ramp in front of the News office. The Ag/Welding students have done several public service projects for the school and city.

Girls Win Junior High District Tennis Meet

The Groom Junior High tennis teams competed in the District Meet recently.

The girls won the meet. Brin Burgin and Lauren Crowell placed 1st in girls doubles.

Staci Britten and Lainie Britten placed 4th.

In girls singles, Amanda Conrad placed 2nd and Stephany Fraser was 3rd. Alternates were Jill Britten in singles, and Caren Howard and Carol

Wilson, doubles.

In the boys meet, Lance Ollinger and Clay Britten placed 4th in boys doubles. Also competing were Cody Babcock and Brett Britten in doubles and Cody Schaffer in singles.

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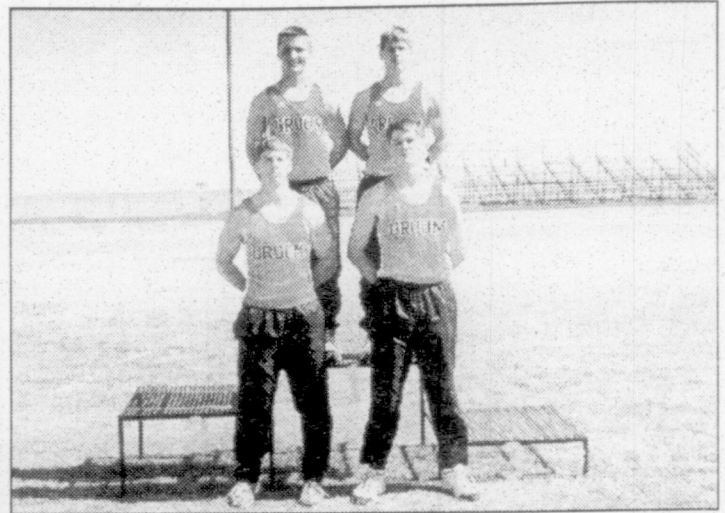
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Ag/Welding Students Build Much Need Ramps For Downtown

The Groom Ag Department unloads another good deed on Main Street with the

finished entrance ramp placed in front of the News office. The City of Groom purchases the materials for the ramps and the ag students build them.

EMS Week Observed By Volunteers

The Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service and Fire Department will recognize National EMS week on May 11. Volunteers will present educational programs to Groom Independent School students. Students will learn how to activate the 911 system. Safety tips will be given concerning personal safety. Coloring books, magnets and toy airplanes will be given out. Tours of the ambulance, rescue truck and fire trucks will be given. A video will be presented concerning drunk driving to high school students.

National EMS Week will be celebrated May 16-23.

Groom Ambulance is currently staffed by EMT - Paramedic Charlotte Whatley; EMT - Intermediates Kerry Jenkins and Brent Stephens; EMT's John Bohr, Donald Burgin, Scott Fields, Craig Howard, Kevin Kerlee and Tony Treadwell, ECA's, Sharla and James Miller.

Currently Kerry Jenkins is attending classes to receive her paramedic

certificates. Sabrina Leven, Lewis Leven, James Miller, and Pam Gibson are attending classes to receive their EMT certification.

Local firemen are the backbone to Groom's EMS services. Those volunteers also include Buck Babcock, Corkey Hickey, Rick Prather, Raymond Ruthardt, and Glenn Smith. All ambulance personnel serve on the fire department.

The west side of Broadway has had the ramps for several years.

"We have really enjoyed ours," stated Nancy Brumley of Brumley Insurance.

Besides keeping shoppers and employees feet dry, the ramps make the downtown area more accessible to wheelchairs and folks with mobility problems.

Thanks to the Ag students and the City for hearing the News' cry for help!

State Track Schedule

The 1999 UIL State Track & Field Championships are scheduled for May 14-15 at the new Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus. The new facility will allow all field events to be conducted at Myers

Stadium. Carrie Sue Davis from Groom High School will be competing on Saturday, May 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the IA High Jump event. She will also compete on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the 300 meter low hurdles.

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> Failure by the state to fully fund mandated salary increases could jeopardize the ability of the school to continue to offer the programs that ensure a well-rounded educational experience for our students.

The legislature is certainly on the right track by increasing teacher pay. Teachers need to be compensated well for the outstanding job they are doing. It is important, however, that

the state fund these increases so that schools like Groom ISD can continue to offer a quality program.

Names and addresses of legislators:

- Tom Haywood
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Phone 512-463-0130
- Teel Bivins
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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



Holding the 1999 Patronage Check from left to right are, Cory Bruce, Loan Officer; Alan Eubank, Assistant Vice President; Dennis Babcock, Director; Steve Donnell, Vice President, and Dean Burger, Director.

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association Announces \$1 Million Distribution at Annual Meeting

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) formally announced a \$1 million cash patronage distribution to member-stockholders during its annual meeting held April 17 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Approximately 210 stockholders, directors, spouses, special guests and employees attended the association's annual meeting.

"This is the third consecutive year Panhandle-Plains FLBA has added value to membership in the association by putting profits in our stockholders hands. The Board and Management are certain that changes underway within the Farm Credit Bank and in the Association itself will continue to strengthen our financial position. As such, we will continue to provide superior service at the least possible cost to our customers," said Jerry Oswalt, Board Chairman, and Robert R. Williams Jr., CEO.

Stockholders re-elected Dean Burger of Pampa, Wayne Garrett of Gruver, and a new board member was elected, Daniel Krienke of Perryton. Other board members include; Jerry Oswalt of Abernathy, Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg, Sean Turner of Matador, Ervin J. Davis of Happy, Larry Fairchild of Adrian, Dennis Babcock of Panhandle, and Steve Brown of Floydada.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Kenneth Chambers.

Headquartered in Pampa, Panhandle-Plains FLBA is a member owned agricultural lending cooperative which provides long-term financing for agricultural real estate purchase, refinance and improvement. The association has approximately \$142 million in loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

Groom Semester Test Schedule Spring - 1999

May 19, 1999 (Wednesday)	
1st & 6th Periods Test Today	
7:55 AM - First Bell	
8:00 AM - 9:11 AM	1st Period
9:14 AM - 9:52 AM	2nd Period
9:55 AM - 10:34 AM	3rd Period
10:37 AM - 11:16 AM	4th Period
11:19 AM - 11:48 AM	5th Period
11:48 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:33 PM - 1:44 PM	6th Period
1:47 PM - 2:23 PM	7th Period
2:26 PM - 3:03 PM	8th Period
May 20, 1999 (Thursday) Red Day	
8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Block 1 - 2nd Period
9:25 AM - 10:40 AM	Block 2 - 4th Period
10:45 AM - 12:00	Block 3 - 7th Period
May 21, 1999 (Friday) Blck Day	
8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Block 1 - 3rd Period
9:25 AM - 10:40 AM	Block 2 - 5th Period
10:45 AM - 12:00	Block 3 - 8th Period

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Seniors Dean Fields, Wyatt Weinheimer and Caleb Pool show their patriotism by raising the flags at the school this week. "The younger students do a wonderful job, but it is always nice to see the high school students take pride in their country, too," commented one patriotic flag enthusiast. "The boys displayed reverence and honored the symbol of our freedom in the way it was meant to be honored, too!"



Celanese Ltd./Pampa facility was recently awarded a Texas Chemical Council Distinguished Service Award for an outstanding safety performance in 1998. Pictured are (from left) Ravi Singhania, chairman of the TCC Board of Directors; Riley Kothmann, facility manager of Celanese/Pampa; Jerry Moore, of Celanese/Clear Lake; and Jerry Ehrman, chairman of the TCC Occupational Safety Committee.

KACV TV Tackles Teen Drinking

Today, one in four high school students drinks alcohol weekly. People who are current alcohol users, age twelve and over, now number one hundred eleven million. Many drive under the influence.

Host James Hunt will be joined by Sgt. Hank Blanchard of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Drug Prevention Specialist with AISD Carol Allen and Canyon High School Student Council President Lara Leigh Gist to discuss what is being done locally to slow the trend of teen alcohol consumption, particularly teen drunk driving.

States is killed in an alcohol-related collision," says Hunt, "Unless we intend to outlaw alcohol completely, we've got to teach people to drink responsibly. The earlier we reach them, the less likely they'll be to drive drunk. Or to use alcohol, or any other substance, to escape their problems."

KACV, the area Public Television station, tackles the issue of alcohol and teens on Perspective: Underage Drinking, Sunday, May 9 at 5:00

p.m. "Every 15 minutes, someone in the United

The program is made possible through a grant from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation.

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