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Investigation Leads To Arrest of Two, Multiple Burglaries Discovered

The investigation, by the Gray County Sheriff's Office, into the burglary at the Taylor Mart in McLean on Thursday, February 25, 1999, has resulted in the arrest of a 20-year-old female. Tiffany Marie Bohnstedt was arrested Monday, March 1, 1999 in connection with the break in at the Taylor Mart. A juvenile was also charged in the offense. While checking out leads in this case, other burglaries came to light. Burglaries at 218 Waldron, and 512 Clarendon, involving these same suspects, were also cleared. Bohnstedt has been charged with one count of Burglary of

a Building and two counts of Burglary of a Habitation. A fourth burglary at 603 Waldron was also cleared, which involved two juveniles. Some of the items taken in these burglaries have been recovered. Other items that were taken that have not been reported yet, have also been recovered and additional charges are expected to be filed once the owners are contacted. Other burglaries, including the Church of Christ, have also been reported, but no charges have been filed as of this report.

[Reported by Deputy Larry Wallis]



Masonic Lodge Honors MISD Teachers

The teachers and employees of McLean Independent School District were honored with a dinner by the Masonic Lodge 889 of McLean on March 4, 1999.

A welcome speech was given by Grand Master Alan Snapp. He then asked for a blessing on the meal. Everyone enjoyed a buffet of BBQ with all the trimmings catered by Desperados of Amarillo.

According to member J. Boyd Smith, the evening was deemed a great success.

Teachers and their spouses enjoyed a delicious meal courtesy of the Masonic Lodge. Leslie and Mike Darsey enjoyed the fellowship as well.

Gray County To Write Agreement With City

The Gray County Commissioners Court met in regular session on the 16th day of February 1999.

County Attorney Alvey reported counties now

have the authority to pass laws regarding wild animals. The Court requested Mr. Alvey to write an interlocal agreement between Gray County and the City of See County, pg. 10



McLean Reminders...

FOR THE Hometown folks, remember Homecoming will be June 18 and 19. So come out and visit old friends!

THE CUBS & Tigers will travel to Groom on March 12 & 13 for a track meet.

THERE WILL BE a 4-Clover meeting at 7 pm on March 15 at the Church of Christ Annex.

SCHOOL BOARD meeting will be held March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

MOM'S CIRCLE will meet on Wed., March 17 at the Methodist Church at 11:00 am.

STUDY CLUB meets on March 18 at 2:00 pm.

HIGH SCHOOL will participate in a tennis meet at Shamrock on March 18.

IMPORTANT!! The last day to sign up for City Council or School Board is March 17.

National Honor Society Celebrates Annual Induction of New Members

The McLean Chapter of the National Honor Society had its annual induction ceremony February 25th in the McLean Country Club. Many parents and teachers were present to see five new members inducted into the society. The new members are Cesity Cadra, Will Frost, Pamela Greer, Lacey Steel, and Gabriel Vega. The Certificate of Merit for outstanding achievement in academics was presented to senior member Rachel Galley. Virginia Holwick, a former McLean High School teacher, was awarded an Honorary Membership in the McLean Chapter for her lasting contribution to the education of McLean youth.

Existing officers Rachel Galley and Brian Fuller See Teachers, pg. 10



Members of the McLean National Honor Society along with their advisor are shown during the recent induction ceremony of five new members. Pictured are, left to right, Lacey Steel, Jimmy Hannon, Advisor, Brian Fuller, Pamela Greer, Rachel Galley, Cesity Cadra, Will Frost, and Gabriel Vega.

Briefs

If you drove by the ambulance barn and library Monday morning you probably got wet. The tower was overflowing due to a valve being stuck. McLean City employee, Fred Smith, took care of the problem.

J. Boyd Smith went to Wayside last week to visit his aunt, Pauline Wesley and to attend the funeral of George Denny. He stopped in Canyon on the way back to visit another aunt, Luty Forten Vaug who was the Postmaster for Kellerville in the 30's and 40's.

Devil's Rope Museum Sponsors Quilt Show

By Davie Gipson

During the month of February, there were 267 visitors from 21 states to the museum. There were no visitors from foreign countries this month.

The Quilt Show is in progress at the present time. Quilts may still be entered and put on display. Winners will be decided by people's choice, so come and cast your vote for your favorite quilt. There are

more than sixty quilts entered.

First prize will be \$100.00. Second prize will be \$75.00 and third prize is a gift certificate.

There will be a drawing on the last day of the quilt show (April 4) for several items. A quilt rack, wall hanging, vest, throw and towels are among the items to be given away. Tickets are on sale at the museum Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Spring is always an exciting time with new beginnings and hope for a bright future.

McLean School Menu

March 15-19
Monday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: BBQ Ribbets on a bun, tator tots, pickle spears, fruit, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Pancake-n-sausage on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, juice, milk.
Lunch: Frito pie, chili, cheese, pinto beans, salad, Rice Krispy treats, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, French fries, cobbler, milk.

Harned Sisters Auditorium Gets Updated Lighting

Clarendon College Harned Sisters Auditorium is in the spotlight - literally. The facility is currently undergoing much needed improvements to its lighting system.

Fine Arts chairperson, Jim Stewart is excited about the increased capabilities the new system will provide the auditorium.

"We will be capable of practically doing any production that the stage will handle," Stewart said. "This is the best lighting equipment you can buy."

The new equipment is coming from ETC, the same company that has equipped some of the most well known production alls including Carnegie Hall.

According to Stewart, the lighting system in the auditorium is undergoing a complete overhaul with all new equipment.

"The old lighting system was an eye-sore," said Stewart. "But every old wire, conduit and plug are gone."



Birth Announcement
Mike and Linda Henley of Dumas are the proud parents of a new baby daughter named Sydney Michele Henley. Sydney was born on February 20, 1999 at 11:34 pm. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. She was welcomed by big sister Sarah.

Grandparents are Rex and Janie Reid of Shamrock and Patsy Henley of Dumas. Great-grandmother is Annie Herndon of McLean.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
March 11 - Barbara Richards, Valerie Bradley, Angie Purcell, Wilbur Lee Wilson.
March 12 - Elmer Ware, Rick Reeser.
March 13 - Maudine Rutherford.
March 14 - Rita Jo

Crockett, Lynn Swanson, Brent Green, Lori Hefley, Danny Lee.

March 15 - Grace Glenn, Gaylia Long, Brad Dalton.

March 16 - Lloyd Hunt, Kristen Odum.

March 17 - Cynthia Glass Newton, Christopher Flores.

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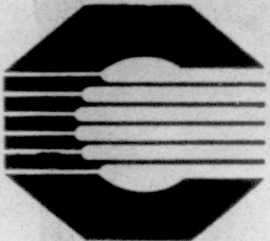
1949 Class Anniversary

The High School Class of 1949 is planning their 50th anniversary for June 18-19, 1999. They are trying to locate Bobby Joe Brown, Douglas Northcott, Jessie Seay daughter of L.M. Seay, and Earl Trimble son of Bill Trimble and LaVaugh Watkins daughter of D.W. Watkins who graduated with the Class of 1949. If you know the whereabouts of these, please call Wes Langham at 806-355-0642 or 806-337-5296.

The Future of McLean Lies In Our Young People!



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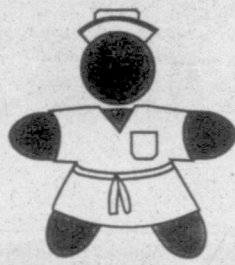

Clinic Of McLean

The Texas Department of Health will be here, at the clinic on March 18, from 2-4 pm for immunizations.

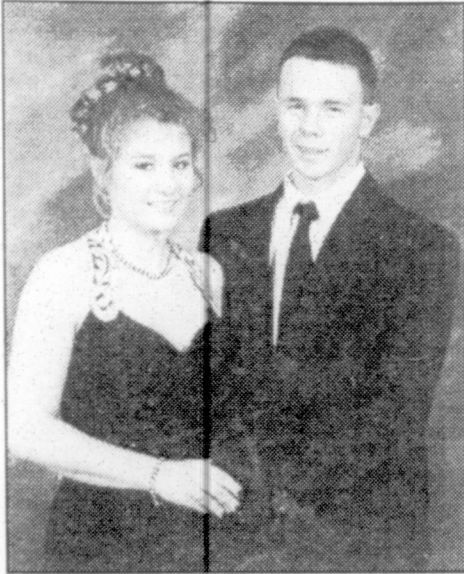
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Carol Carroll, L.V.N.
Mon.-Fri.
8:00 am - 5:00 pm



Chrissy Edwards & Daniel Simpson Exchange Vows

Chrissy Edwards and Daniel Simpson were united in holy matrimony on March 6, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in McLean by Pastor James Martindale.

Chrissy is the daughter of Emily and Jackie Swafford and Daniel is the son of Danny and Peggy Simpson.

The bride chose a white satin gown adorned with pearls, sequins and lace. The gown was complimented by a princess neckline and ragamuttin sleeves. A bow in the back led to a train of the same satin.

Flowers to colors of lavender, purple and mauve were held by the bride and her attendants, Erin Mongrain and Misty Underwood.

The groom and groomsmen wore long-tailed tuxedo jackets with jeans and boots. The groomsmen were Pete Bowles and Cecil Gather. The couple was

serenaded by two songs, "From This Moment," sung by Deana Sparks and Bobby Richardson and "Only God Could Love You More," sung by Cynthia Hauck.

Ushers for the evening were Colt and Evan Patterson. Colt also posed as candlelighter. The flower girl was Madison Bowles and the ringbearer was Dustin Sparks. Delinda Simpson, sister of the groom registered guests.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Guests were served three-tiered wedding cake trimmed in the same colors of lavender, purple, and mauve or from the groom's cake of chocolate. Servers for the reception were Mandy Terry and Jessica Fleming.

The couple plan to make their home in McLean.

McLean Chamber Of Commerce To Help Museum With Activities

The McLean Area Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on March 8, 1999. Those in attendance were Joe Billingsley, Diana Roosa, Vonda Averett, Rhonda Graham, Ann Pierce and Terri Adams. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Vonda Averett. Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved. A treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Chamber discussed arrangements to help Amanda Crawford with the Easter eggs and a manageable time for everyone.

The offices were the next item on the agenda. Final touches will be done this week. The plumbing will be fixed, if possible, by chamber member Martin Graham.

Chamber of Commerce shirts were discussed. A motion was made to allow Vonda Averett to purchase one shirt for the members to look at during the next meeting.

The Chamber will be contacting businesses for the rodeo in June. Advertisements will be sold in the rodeo arena. A program will also be printed with advertising space available.

Billie Billingsley has verified that a contractor for the rodeo has been found. He, along with the McLean Chamber of Commerce and the Rodeo Association will be doing everything possible to have a successful and fun rodeo for everyone.

The Chamber will also help with the Devil's Rope Museum activities in April by giving the residents of McLean free advertising for garage sales. A map will be

given to shoppers with homes of garage sales on them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Old Mobeetie Texas Association Sponsors Art Contest

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association is sponsoring an art contest to select two pieces of artwork. One selection will become a special pictorial United States Postal Service stamp cancellation for Red River War Village Station that will open for one day only on June 26, 1999, at the Old Mobeetie Texas Association Jail Museum. A second selection will become the cover of a historical booklet that will be available on June 26, 1999 during the Wheeler County Heritage Day. The artwork chosen will commemorate the Native American.

Heritage Day will honor the Native American, as they were a large part of the history of Wheeler County and the Panhandle.

The artwork must be black and white, pen and ink, and 5 x 7 inches in size. The drawings need to be done 7 inches wide and 5 inches high. The winner will be used for the cancellation. The drawing should reflect the life of the Native American.

All entries must be

received by April 1, 1999. Name, address and telephone number must accompany each entry. Proof of age may be required. Eligible entries must be the original creation of the entrant and must not have been published previously. The artist must sign all artwork. It

must be the original not a copy. Enter as often as you wish. The contest is open to everyone. All entrants under 18 years of age must have a guardian's consent. Mail your entry to: The Old Mobeetie Texas Association, P.O. Box 66, Mobeetie, Texas 79061.

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We want to Thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, food and phone calls during our loved ones illness and during our time of loss. We especially would like to express our appreciation to the McLean Ambulance Service. May God Bless each and every one.

*The family of Billy Jack Baily
Martha Jo, Mark, Joetta & Kim.
Betty Warren and Bonita Satporloo*

Weekly Bible Question Sponsored By The McLean Church Of Christ

Q. Is the Church of Christ the only ones going to heaven? (Part 1)

A. What an interesting question! It is a question that requires prayerful reflection and serious investigation. First, consider what is meant by the "church of Christ?" We find a reference to churches of Christ in Romans 16:16 saying, "...all the churches of Christ greet you." In many passages we see that the church is called the "body," Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:12-28, et al. Christians are called "a chosen race, a holy priesthood, a royal nation, a people of God's own possession," 1 Peter 2:9. Originally, the word simply meant "a group of people who are called out to perform a duty or service." The Greek word we translate as "church" is "ekklesia." Jesus gave this word a spiritual meaning when He said, "...I will build My church," Matthew 16:18. In many passages, Christians are called the "church of God," Acts 20:28, 1 Corinthians 1:2; 10:32; Galatians 1:13 and others.

Therefore, "church of Christ," "the body," and the "church of God," are interchangeable. They all refer to the same body of people in the New Testament. In New Testament times, there was only one body (church). The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 4:4, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling..." So, we readily see that the saved were in one body. (More next week...)

Send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 155, McLean, TX 79057. You are warmly invited to worship with us: Sundays 10 AM (Bible Study), 10:50 AM (Worship) 6 PM (Worship) and Wednesdays 7 PM (Bible Study). You may request a free Bible study in your home at your convenience. May God bless you in the study of His Word.

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McLean Feedyard Women Meet Defeat Against Unbeaten Suntrol

The McLean Women's Feedyard basketball team contended against Sun-Trol and saw a glimmer of hope at maybe defeating this unbeaten team. But they went to

Obituary

Noble Fish

Noble Fish, 88, died March 6, 1999 at McLean, Texas.

Services were Monday, March 8, 1999 at the Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed, Texas with Dan Fish officiating.

Mr. Fish was born on August 21, 1910 in Indian Territory, Oklahoma to Joseph Daniel and Beulah Lee Fish. He moved to the McLean and Alanreed area in 1925. He and Juanita Alta Spradlin were married on December 21, 1932 in Sayre, Oklahoma. Mr. Fish was a rancher. He also worked for the county for 13 years until his retirement in 1977.

Survivors include Juanita Fish of McLean; four daughters, Jean Morgan of Houston, Evelyn Sanders of McLean, Alta Turner of Amarillo, Cathy Jameson of Pampa; one son, Noble Ray Fish of Arlington; one brother, Bob Fish of Alanreed; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Panhandle.

a tough man-to-man defense that the McLean team couldn't penetrate. There was a lot of scoring the first half with a score of 30 McLean and 31 Sun-Trol. Both teams continued to score basket for basket and with about 10 minutes

remaining McLean went ahead by one point. But that's when they shut the ladies down; and with two minutes remaining they began to pull away and shots for McLean from outside went cold. Everyone on the team played really well and

were pleased to have played them so close. There was another game on Monday night in a double-header, so maybe the tables were turned. News next week!

The final score was McLean 45 and Sun-Trol

54.

Scoring for the team were Sally Seymour with 2 points, Leslie Darsey had 9, Julie Reynolds 2, Carla Russell 3, Sheila McFatrige 5. DeeAnn Burkes had 11 with Alicia Reynolds adding 7 more. Joetta Kirkland scored 4 and Rose Steel put in two points. Kim Cadra helped out with lots of good plays.

Residents Plan St. Patrick's Day Party

Activities began Sunday for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon the residents attended church services with the Assembly of God. Those attending were Jessie Watson, Florence Drake, Helen Simmons, Sue Cubine, Vernee Bowling, Essie Knowles, Boots Phillips, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Phyllis Bailey, Polly Burnett, Thelma Finson, Johnnie Mertel, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Beryl Halbert, Sylvia McClellan, Jess

Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Alexander Watkins, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Ora Billingsley and Mable Dickey.

Monday morning was nail care time for the residents. In the afternoon games of bingo were played followed by exercises. Bananas were

furnished by the Lion's Club.

Tuesday morning was craft time with game time in the afternoon. Games of dominoes and checkers were enjoyed.

Wednesday Morning Circle and a council meeting for residents was Wednesday morning with coffee and brownies being served to all. In the afternoon there was a movie and residents enjoyed popcorn.

Thursday there was bingo again with Betty Lowe the faithful volunteer helping.

Friday was again nail care time and care plan meetings. In the afternoon there was a craft session.

Saturday was mail delivery and a movie.

Everyone is invited to the St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, the 13th at 2:30. There are no birthdays this month so come and join us and wear your green.

Pioneer Study Club Meets

On March 4, 1999 the Pioneer Study Club met at Sweet Savors in downtown McLean. Tables were set as an old fashioned tea room. President Lynn Reeves presided over the business meeting. Plans for the up-coming Senior Tea were discussed. Minutes were read and approved. A treasurer's report was given.

Wanda Lamb presented a most interesting program which was a review of Dr. Wayne Dyer's book, "Gifts From Eykis," a story of self-discovery. Dr. Dyer is the author of the #1 best seller "Your Erroneous Zones." The book ends by giving fifteen secrets of the universe.

1) Learn to cultivate your own garden.

2) The kingdom of heaven is within.

3) Everything in the universe is exactly as it should be.

4) I hear: I forget. I see: I remember. I do: I understand.

5) If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has

imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

6) Life itself is miraculous: therefore you need never seek miracles.

7) It's never too late to have a happy childhood.

8) Relationships that work, work because there is no work.

9) This is my way: What is your way? The way doesn't exist.

10) You get treated in life the way you teach people to treat you.

11) Wherever I go, there I am!

12) Keep it simple.

13) These are the good old days.

14) You are perfect.

15) There is no way to happiness: Happiness is the way!

Beverly Odom and Paula Newton were co-hostesses and served delicious finger sandwiches, cookies, jelly bean type candies, coffee and several types of teas. Members present were Mary Dwyer, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Zella McClellan, Sherrie Martindale, Paula Newton, Beverly Odom, Lynn Reeves, Ella Mae Reyna, Ruth Trew and Mary Emma Woods.

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Teachers

passed their flames to the officers for the 1999-2000 school year. These officers are Brian Fuller, President; Lacey Steel, Vice-President; and Cesily Cadra, Secretary/Treasurer.

County

McLean to enforce any such regulations. No action was taken by the court.

The Court had been made aware that McLean had a problem with a tiger owned by Ben Heiple in a previous meeting by McLean resident Pam Skipper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wheeley and seconded by Commissioner Hefley to approve renewal of a tax collection contract between Sammie Morris, Tax Assessor-Collector, and McLean Independent School District at a cost

reduction from \$4,400 to \$3,000 per year. All approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wheeley and seconded by Commissioner Hefley to approve renewal of a tax collection contract between Sammie Morris, Tax Assessor-Collector, and the City of McLean at a cost reduction from \$500 to \$340 per year. All approved.



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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.

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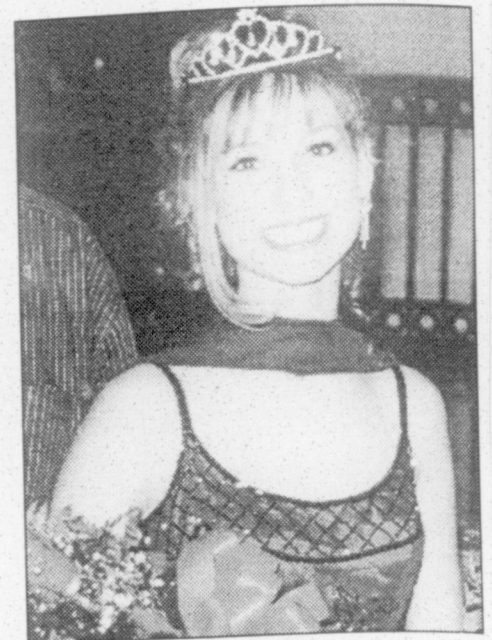
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St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Thurs. Mar. 18
10:00 am
Bare Face Jail

Fri. March 19
10:00 am
Bare Face Jail
12:00 noon
Arts & Crafts Show
Opens at J.C. Gym, 1000
North Main St.
1:00 pm
Food & Craft Booths,
EastFirst Street
6:00 pm
Carnival Opens near
water tower, downtown
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6:45 pm

Kick-Off Banquet,
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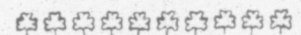
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6:00 am
Irish Stew Cook-Off,
next to First National
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6:30 am
Invitational Welcome
Breakfast, Irish Inn
Atrium
9:00 am
Carnival (All Day), near
water tower, downtown
Shamrock
Colleen's Coffee -
Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
Old Settler's Reunion

Registration, 400 N.
Main
Arts & Crafts Show-
1000 N. Main
Annual Car Show - 500
N Main
9:30 am
Welcome To Shamrock
- 302 N. Main
Bare Face Jail
10:00 am
Donegal Beard Contest

-302 N. Main
Old Settlers Plaque
Presentation -400 N.
Main
10:30 am
53rd St. Patrick's
Parade
Noon
Irish Stew Cook-Off
Colleen's Luncheon -
Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
Parade Entrants
Luncheon - Shamrock
High School
Cafeteria
12:30 pm
Parade Award
Presentation-
Shamrock High School
Cafeteria
1:00 pm
Motorcycle Rally-
Shamrock
Community Center
Lad n Lassie Beauty
Contest - Shamrock
School Auditorium
1:30 pm
Annual Bull Buck-Out -
Shamrock Rodeo
Grounds
3:00 pm
Miss Irish Rose Beauty
Pageant - Shamrock
School Auditorium
7:00 pm

Gospel Singing - First
Baptist Church
8:00 pm
Teen Dance - J.C. Gym
9:00 pm
Adult Dance -
Shamrock Community
Center
Sun. March 21:
1:00 pm
Carnival
1:30 pm
Golf Scramble -
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Groom's Varsity T.E.A.M.S \ J.E.T.S. Win Competition, Good Shot At State

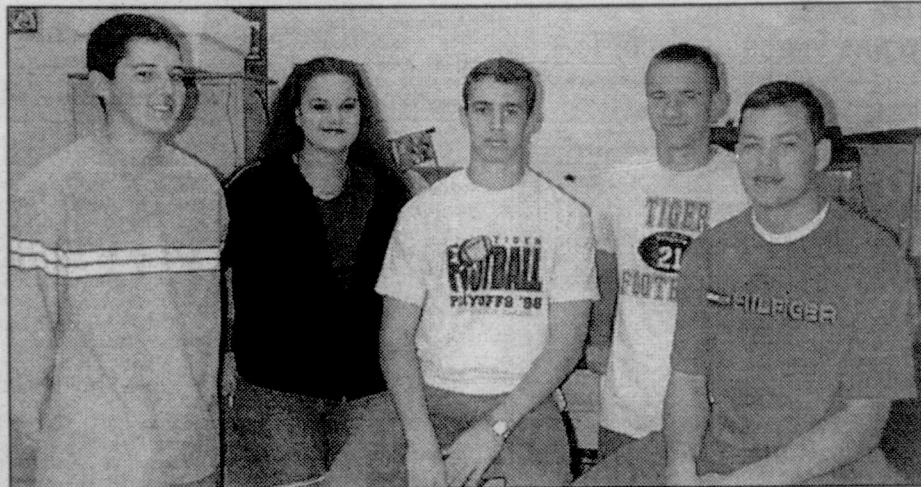
Groom students recently won the regional T.E.A.M.S. competition. T.E.A.M.S. is a division of J.E.T.S. The science-based competition consists of questions that relate to all aspects of science and engineering, including Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Calculus and Algebra. A team of students answers 50 multiple choice questions as well as finds a solution to a scientific problem.

The Groom Varsity team was made up of the following seniors: Josh Evenson, Dean Fields, Sara Huttsell, Caleb Pool and Wyatt Weinheimer.

They correctly answered 38 of 50 questions, a very rare occurrence for a 1-A school according to sponsor and coach, Mrs. Sloan.

"I am very proud of all the students who participated in the competition. Our Varsity has a very good chance to win the state-wide competition," she commented.

Also attending the competition was Dustin Babcock, Evan Crowell, Wade Ritter, Josiah Scott, Marcie Babcock, Frances Britten, Dewayne Gray, Jessica McMahan, Michelle Stephens, and Liz Vega.



The Varsity J.E.T.S. team stands a real shot to win the state title. Pictured are Seniors Caleb Pool, Sarah Huttsell, Wyatt Weinheimer, Dean Fields and Josh Evenson.

Carson Co. Sheriff's Dept. To Beef Up Security Of "Drug-Free" School Zones

By Loren Brand, Sheriff
There are currently 13 persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail. Three persons are awaiting transportation to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division.

Arrests made beginning March 1, 1999 include the following: Rhonda K. Cordell, Potter County Warrant (Misdemeanor); Charles B. Brown, Injury to a Child and Disorderly Conduct; Jeffrey S. Fortner, False Report to Police and Disorderly Conduct; Billy Wayne Watson, Theft over \$500 and under \$1500; Jesus Hernandez, DWI, 1st Offense; Thomas Dumer, Possession of Controlled Substance w/intent to Dist.; Unauthorized Carrying of a Weapon; Amanda Stanford, Possession of Controlled Substance w/intent to Dist., Unauthorized Carrying of a Weapon.

We currently have holds on prisoners in Lansing, Michigan, Oakburn, Ill., Burleson County, Maricopa County, AZ, and Potter County, Texas. These prisoners will be brought back to Carson County to appear in 100th District Court after the pending charges in other jurisdictions have been adjudicated.

We would like to say "Welcome Back" to Mr. Charles Lamont Washington who has

been a fugitive from our department since December, 1997. Mr. Washington jumped bond shortly after he was released from our facility and has been the subject of a search by our department and the U.S. Marshal's Service. Mr. Washington was originally charged with Possession of over 50 lbs. and under, 2,000 lbs. of Marijuana when he was arrested in our county. Authorities in Maricopa County, Arizona took Washington into custody early this week after he was found to be in possession of over 25 lbs. of marijuana in their jurisdiction. Washington will be brought back to Carson County after the State of Arizona either sentences or acquits him on their charge. 100th District Court Judge David McCoy has set a preliminary bond for Charles Lamont Washington of \$500,000.00.

Our department is increasing efforts to enforce the Drug Free Zones around schools and parks in Carson County. The Texas Health and Safety Code Section 481.134 allows for the doubling of fines and terms of imprisonment or confinement for persons convicted of drug-related offenses.

See Sheriff, pg. 4

Case, Brooks Sign Up For May Election

Time is rapidly running out for interested parties to sign up for school board or city council. The deadline is close of business on Wednesday, March 17.

Tim Case is the only candidate to sign up for two open slots on the Groom School Board. Case will be vying for his second term, after

completing an unexpired term that lasted for one year.

On the City Council, Mayor Joe Homer has filed to run for a second term. Mary Margaret Brooks has elected to run for a second term as Alderman. There is another Alderman seat open, currently held by Jimmy Britten.



"Mmmm...good!" says Diane Brusco after her finger "accidentally" gets stuck in the frosting of a really delicious dessert at Chowline.

Community Calendar

TENNIS PLAYERS
will attend a competition in Wellington on March 26 & 27.

IMPORTANT!! The last day to sign up for City Council or School Board is March 17.

GROOM ISD will have Spring Break on March 15-19.

THE NATIONAL Honor Society will induct new members on March 25.

TOM GRANTHAM, CPA will be at The Groom News office on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 till 3:00 through April 15. Call his office in Pampa for an appointment.

EASTER CANTATA practice will be held at the Methodist Church at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

GROOM TRACK Meet will be held on March 13, beginning at 8:30 with the field events. Running events begin at 9:30.

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Local Happenings

Jackie Bichsel had knee replacement surgery at Southwest Hospital in Liberal, Kansas Friday. Following her release from the hospital, she will be convalescing at the home of her son, Gaylon and Lenora Nepper.

Tiarra O'Dell, a former Groom resident, was honored by the Major Francis Grice Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution. She attends Archer City High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry O'Dell.

Yearbook Staff To Hold Fund Drive
 The Groom Yearbook staff will be holding a car wash on Saturday, March 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m., in front of the high school gym. The group will be raising funds to offset the rising cost of producing the yearbook. The cover is especially expensive. The group also is hoping to attend camp this summer to hone their photographic and design skills to put together one of the best yearbooks ever. Donations will be graciously accepted.

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 March 12 - Mrs. Gregory G. Lamb, Mrs. Larry D. Brown, Toby Ray Burgin, Krisanne Davis.
 March 13 - Julia McGee, Tamera L. Cockrell.
 March 14 - Leo Britten, Blake Barnett, W.E. (Bill) Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Britten (A).
 March 15 - Ed and J'Lynna Fink (A).
 March 16 - Lonny Brown, Henry S. Koetting.
 March 17 - Daniel Paul McLaughlin, Don Case, Mrs. Jerry L. Thornton, Mrs. Michael F. Britten, Kim Evenson.

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Girl Scouts Of Today Do Much More Than Sell Cookies and Go Camping

As we enter a new American century, it is clear that the role of girls and women in our society has evolved and changed significantly. We have moved from a time when women did not have the right to vote to a time when women serve in elected leadership positions at all levels of government. We have moved from a time when women could not own property to a time when women own nearly half of all new businesses.

Throughout the better part of this century, Girl Scouts have shaped the lives of girls, who in turn as women have helped shape the face of a successful America.

This week - as the largest organization in the world committed to serving girls celebrates its 87th birthday - it is worth examining the role Girl Scouting has played in the evolution of women.

From its inception in 1912, Girl Scouts founder

Juliette Gordon Low had a bold vision; to serve the needs of every girl, everywhere. Her vision included taking young girls camping and canoeing - a radical concept at the time. Today's bold Girl Scout vision includes taking girls to Antarctica to study science, and into cyberspace to discover new worlds and opportunities.

Contemporary Girl Scouting is fundamentally about helping girls grow strong in body, and in spirit. Today, Girl Scouting promotes health and fitness through the Girl Sports program; seeks to prevent substance abuse and teen pregnancy and promotes diversity and inclusion.

Girl Scouting builds leaders, one girl at a time. Whether in business, sports, government, science, education, or the arts, Girl Scouts always has launched leaders in all fields. And women themselves cite Girl

Scouting as a critical part of their success - whether in their personal or professional lives.

The Girl Scout Law is as valid today as it was 87 years ago.

"I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong; be responsible for what I say and do; respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place; and be a sister to every Girl Scout."

The Girl Scout law always has and always will be a blueprint that helps girls make the right choices in life... especially when faced with the complicated issues of today. As the next generation of girls prepares to take up the mantle of leadership in the new millennium, it is vital that we support them with programs like Girl Scouting.

Take an active part in guiding this next generation of girls. Invest in our mutual future by becoming an adult volunteer today. The benefits are boundless.



Joyce Hutsell takes delivery on yet another box of Girl Scout cookies from Senior Girl Scout, Lauren Crowell. Mrs. Hutsell is a real Girl Scout cookie connoisseur.

Sarah Hutsell Wins \$10,000 Scholarship To Attend Angelo State University

Sarah Hutsell was recently notified that she has been awarded a \$10,000 Carr Scholarship from San Angelo State University.

Hutsell is planning to pursue a degree in education. The scholarship is awarded based on academics. She is the youngest daughter of Steve and Pam Hutsell.



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This book brings together 139 of Ace Reid's popular "Cowpokes" cartoons, reproduced in large format to show the artistry and attention to detail that characterized Reid's work. Grouped around themes such as work, weather, bankers, and friends, they reveal the distinctive "you might as well laugh as cry" sense of humor that ranch folks draw on to get through hard work and hard times.

In the forward, Washington Post cartoonist Pat Oliphant offers an appreciation of Reid's "Cowpokes" cartoons, noting that "Ace's work has a magic of its own, and it owes nothing to anyone else." Reid's longtime friend Elmer Kelton recounts Ace's life and career in the introduction, describing how a shy boy who grew up on ranch work transformed himself

into an artist-entrepreneur who never met a stranger and who made ranch work the subject of his real love, cartooning. This collector's volume belongs on the shelf of everyone who loves the "Cowpokes" cartoons, knows a fella like Jake, or enjoys the dry wit of the American cowboy.

The late Ace Reid grew up on a ranch near Electra, Texas. He broke into cartooning at the West Texas Livestock Weekly and syndicated his cartoons to newspapers across Texas and the West. Fifty years later, "Cowpokes" cartoons retain an enthusiastic following.

The State National Bank of Groom features the Ace Reid cartoons each week in The Groom News.

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Groom Tracksters Dominate Relays

The Groom girls dominated the Pirate Relays over the weekend. The Ettess soundly beat seven other track teams to win the meet with 181 points. Loraine was 2nd with 72 points. Third place was Miami with 69, 4th Hartley with 65, 5th place went to Channing with 55 points. 6th was Samnorwood with 41, Higgins placed 7th with 38 and 8th place was Lefors with 16.

The Davis girls were Groom's secret weapons. Carrie won five individual events and Krisanne placed in the top three of three events.

Carrie Davis won the triple jump with a leap of 32'5". Krisanne Davis placed 2nd and Karen Conrad 3rd.

In the high jump, Carrie Davis, who went to regional in this event last year, won with a jump of 5'6". Candace Bohr placed 3rd in the event.

Carrie also won the Long Jump with a 14'7" jump. Karen Conrad jumped 13'9" for 2nd place.

Groom's 400 meter relay team consisting of Brooke Britten, Carrie Sue Davis, Karen Conrad, and Krisanne Davis won with a time of 53.78.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Carrie Davis placed first with 17.78. Krisanne Davis placed 2nd.

The Groom girls won the 800 meter relay with a time of 2:01.17. Members of the team are: Karen Conrad, Brooke Britten, Candace Bohr, and Nichole Barnett.

Jessica Kepley placed 2nd in the 400 meter run. Skye Brown placed 4th and Candace Bohr placed 5th.

In the 800 meter run, Nichole Barnett placed 4th and Jessica Kepley placed 5th.

Carrie Davis won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 50.61. Krisanne

Davis placed 3rd.

In the 200 meter run, Karen Conrad placed 4th and Skye Brown placed 6th.

In the boys meet, Groom placed 2nd, just one point behind Miami who won with 114 points. Hartley placed 3rd with 104. Lefors was 4th with 81 points, Channing placed 5th with 49 points. Loraine and Shamrock tied for 6th place with 46 points. 7th place was Higgins with 5 points and McLean had 5.

Dusty Crump placed 2nd in the shot put.

Clay Ritter placed 2nd in the triple jump. Cody Bivens placed 5th and Garrett Britten placed 6th.

Russell Conrad placed 3rd in the 3200 meter run. Luke Pavlovsky placed 4th.

Alberto Vega won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:20.24. Cody Bivens placed 4th and Garrett Weinheimer placed 5th.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Hugh Weinheimer placed 4th.

Garrett Weinheimer placed 6th in the 200 meter hurdles.

Clay Ritter placed 2nd in the 400 meter run.

In the 1600 meter run, Russell Conrad placed 1st

with a 5:40.13 time. Luke Pavlovsky placed 2nd and Wyatt Britten placed 5th.

In the 400 meter relay Groom placed 3rd. Members of the team are Jamie Shuck, Alberto Vega, Garrett Britten, and Dusty Crump.

In the 1600 meter relay, Groom's team won 3rd place. Members of the team are: Cody Bivens, Hugh Weinheimer, Garrett Britten, and Clay Ritter.

Ruby Latta Passes Away

The Groom News is saddened to learn that Ruby Latta passed away on Tuesday, March 9. Services have been tentatively set for Friday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church.

Sheriff

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Jacey Richardson Suffers Concussion When Horse Falls With Her At Contest

Jacey Richardson was recently injured when she and her horse fell during a riding competition.

Richardson was competing in the finals at Sayre, Oklahoma for the Rough Riders. During the barrel race competition, Richardson's horse was just completing a pass on the third barrel when it's feet went out from under him. The horse and rider both went

down, knocking out Richardson.

Her foot hung in the stirrup and for a moment the entire crowd held it's breath as the horse struggled to it's feet. Luckily her foot slipped out.

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The Carson County Task Force has chosen as their goal "destination" to walk towards Padre Island and then compete to see who can walk the miles the fastest, several times a week and record their individual and collective mileage.

The program was purposefully designed with a great deal of flexibility. Team members may walk together or separately, around their neighborhood, at the gym or on a treadmill - whatever fits their individual schedules.

Team mileage is totaled each week, and the team's progress towards the destination is tracked on a Texas map.

If you would like to join a Walk Across Texas team or would like more information, please call the Extension Office at 537-3882.

Memorials To Groom Ambulance Service

In Memory of Billy Fields, Donald Ritter, Ivy Clark Tom Sweatt and Helen Wade; by Bill and Norma Jean Homer.

You Can Give An IOU For U.S. Taxes

The taxes are finished. The bottom line reads "Amount You Owe." But the money's not there. Now what?

"People should ask about their payment options," said John Dalrymple, IRS Chief Operations Officer. Those who can't pay their tax bill in full should fill out an Installment Agreement Request (Form 9465) and send it to the IRS along with their tax returns.

"This single-page form allows people to estimate a monthly payment that will fit within their budget and allow them to pay off the taxes owed in a reasonable period of time," explained Dalrymple.

An installment agreement generally must be approved by the IRS and some additional information may be required. However, under a new tax law provision beginning July 22, 1998, the IRS must grant an installment agreement if:

- * the tax is owed by an individual and is not more than \$10,000.

- * The taxpayer has not failed to file or pay tax in the preceding five years.

- * the taxpayer has not entered into an installment agreement under these provisions in the preceding five years.

- * the agreement requires full payment within three years, and

- * the IRS determines that the taxpayer is not financially able to make full payment immediately.

Once the installment agreement is set, taxpayers must meet two requirements: they must agree to make their installment payments on

time, and they must stay current with their federal taxes during the agreement period. If they fail to meet either of these conditions, they will default on the installment agreement and be required to pay their tax bill in full.

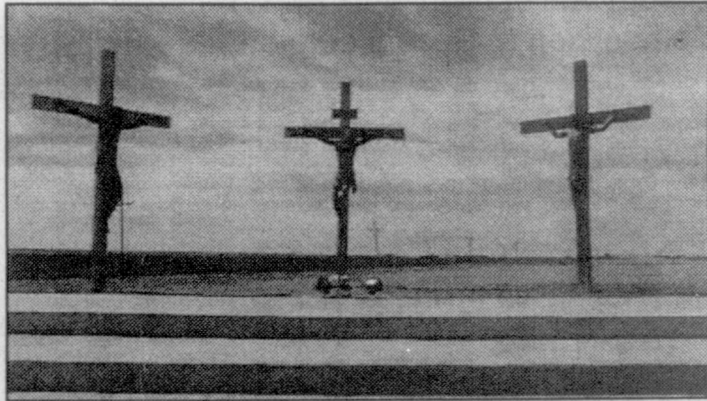
"Before entering into an installment agreement, people should explore all financial sources available that would enable them to pay the full amount of taxes owed," said Dalrymple.

This is important because they will face additional costs when they enter into a longer-term payment arrangement. There is a \$43 fee for an approved installment agreement.

In addition, interest and late-payment penalties are added to any unpaid tax. People may be able to obtain loans at banks or other lenders with more favorable rates. Those who decide to request an installment agreement should pay as much of their tax bill as they can with their return to reduce the amount of interest and penalties on the unpaid tax.

Another payment option can help people recover from severe financial debt - an offer in compromise allows people to pay an amount less than the full amount of taxes owed. If their financial situation is such that it's obvious they may never be able to pay all the taxes owed, or there is a pending dispute regarding the tax liability, the IRS may accept an offer in compromise.

"Although this particular payment option can be instrumental in helping a taxpayer recover from



Cross Of Our Lord Jesus Christ will host Easter Services beginning on Good Friday. Anyone wishing to take part in the services is invited to call out to The Cross and reserve their time. Choirs, preachers, lay people are encouraged to lend a hand in the ecumenical services planned. You can reach the organizers by calling 248-9006.

severe financial debt, many don't know it exists," said Dalrymple.

Before entering into an offer in compromise, most people must complete Form 656 and a comprehensive financial statement showing assets, liabilities and income. The financial statement is no longer required if the only issue is a dispute over the amount of tax. The offer must reflect the maximum they can pay. Also, they must agree to meet all their federal tax

obligations for five years or until the amount offered is paid in full, whichever is longer. Those who fail to meet the terms of the offer will once again owe all their back taxes in full.

"The IRS believes an offer in compromise makes good business sense," said Dalrymple. "It benefits taxpayers by giving them the opportunity to get out from under a heavy financial burden. It gives them a fresh start and

brings them back into the tax system. It also benefits the IRS and all taxpayers by bringing in taxes that may not be collectible any other way."

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Groom Junior High Girls Blast Past Competition In Recent Lefors Pirate Relays

Groom Junior High girls also won by quite a margin in the Pirate Relays with 173 points. Miami placed 2nd with 114. Lefors had 92 for 3rd place. 4th was Higgins with 51, 5th Hartley 31, 6th Channing 15 and 7th was Samnorwood with 14.

Groom won the 800 meter relay with a time of 2:04.24. Lauren Crowell, Staci Britten, Amanda Conrad and Amanda Martin make up the team.

In the 400 meter relay, Groom Junior High girls placed 2nd. Members are Brin Burgin, Kira Broadway, Jill Britten and Britteny Martin.

Lauren Crowell won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:53.25. Staci Britten placed 2nd and Penny McMahan placed 4th.

Brin Burgin placed 3rd in the 100 meter hurdles.

Amanda Conrad placed 1st in the 100 meter run with a time of 13.97.

In the 400 meter run, Britteny Martin placed 3rd.

Brin Burgin placed 2nd in the 200 meter hurdles.

Groom earned three places in the 200 meter run competition. Jill Britten placed 3rd. Amanda Martin placed 4th and Britteny Martin placed 6th.

Penny McMahan placed 2nd in the 1200 meter

run. Lorri Britten placed 4th.

In the 1600 meter relay, Groom won with a time of 4:56.05. Lauren Crowell, Staci Britten, Amanda Conrad and Amanda Martin make up the team.

Amanda Conrad placed 2nd in the triple jump competition. Jill Britten placed 5th.

In the high jump, Amanda Conrad and Staci Britten won 1st and 2nd with a 4'6" jump each.

Jennifer Jenkins placed 3rd in the shot put and Kira Broadway placed 5th.

In the long jump, Amanda Martin placed 5th.

Stephany Fraser placed 5th and Beth Wakefiled placed 6th in the discus.

The Groom Junior High boys placed 3rd with 85 points. Samnorwood won with 97 points and Channing was 2nd with 93.

McLean claimed 4th with 71 points. 5th was Miami with 61, 6th Hartley 38.5, 7th Lefors 31.5 and 8th Higgins 4.

The Junior High boys won the 400 meter relay with a time of 54.72. Lance Ollinger, Doug Fields, Clay Britten and Owen Weinheimer made up the team of sprinters.

The same boys made up the 1600 meter relay team. They placed 2nd in the competition.

Doug Fields placed 2nd in the 800 meter run. Robert Newton placed 6th.

In the 400 meter run competition Owen Weinheimer placed 3rd. Calvin Schaffer placed 4th.

Clay Britten placed 2nd in the 200 meter run.

Lance Ollinger placed 3rd in the 1200 meter run. Robert Newton placed 4th.

Clay Britten won the long jump event with a leap of 14'7".

Brett Britten placed 5th in the discus.

Spring Is In The Air!

Although it's early, spring is in the air! Trees are beginning to be tinted a light green and flowering plants are bursting with fragrant blossoms. This is the time of year Texans get itchy to get out and enjoy Mother Nature's colorful landscape.

The latest *Texas Events Calendar*, released by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), lists more than

1,200 ways Texans can have fun this spring. It covers the months of March, April and May, and features plenty of activities for every member of the family.

Gorgeous displays of spring flowers are drawing more and more folks each year. Dallas hosts its Dallas Blooms at the Arboretum April 6-11, Houston features River Oaks Azalea trail April 6-7, 13-14 and don't forget there are dogwood trails in Tyler and Palestine in late March through early April.

Texans love to get outdoors for music and dance in the spring. One of many live music celebrations is the Bob Wills Day in Turkey, Texas on April 24th, featuring live western swing music, a style native to Texas. Lots of music and dancing will be enjoyed at Scarborough Faire in Waxahachie beginning in late April, continuing through June. Don't forget Fiesta San Antonio April 16-25, one of the biggest celebrations, many locations throughout Texas. Other historic events include Yesterfest in Bastrop April 24 and the Jefferson Pilgrimage April 30-May 2, both featuring 19th-century costumes and traditions.

The *Texas Events Calendar* is free for the asking by writing to Texas Events Calendar at P.O. Box 149249, Austin, Texas 78714-9249.

Events are listed on the internet at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us>, www.traveltext.com and at www.texashighways.com.

County Attorney Petitions Court For Right To Prosecute Felonies Crimes

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met on March 8, 1999 with the following members and officers present: County Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioner's Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion passed to pay all bills.

A request by GTE was approved to install a communication line at the junction of County Roads W and 13 in Precinct #1.

A request was submitted and it was approved to increase the cell phone allowance for the county sheriff by 100 minutes per month. The budget was amended by \$172.00 to reflect the added expense.

The court voted to sign a finance agreement with John Deere Credit for the motor grader recently purchased for Precinct #2. The lease agreement was accepted at a cost of \$1165.72 per month with an additional \$99.75 for insurance.

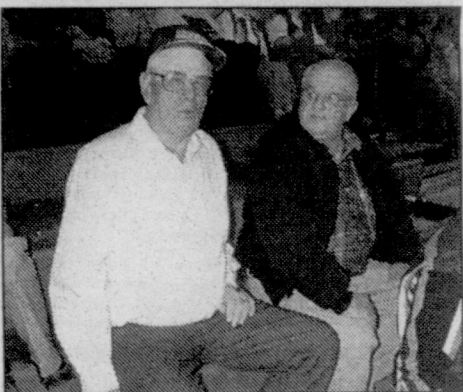
Aubrey Russell, Mark Ely, and Shawn O'Neal

presented the court with the McClellan Creek Soil Conservation District Report. The annual report was accepted by the court.

Carson County Attorney Scott Sherwood and Sheriff Loren Brand discussed with the court the resolution of giving the county attorney the rights of felony prosecution. The county would pattern the process after Oldham County. Brand said the concept would not take away any of the county attorney's duties. Sherwood said the process would allow cases to be handled in a more timely manner and the county could see an increase in revenue from seizure money. The motion to endorse the proposal was unanimously approved by the court. The court voted to send a letter to Representative Warren Chisum supporting the concept.

Carson County Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper reported to the court that 95.15% of the county's taxes had been collected through the date of February 28, 1999.

Court adjourned until March 22, 1999.



Avid basketball fans, A.J. Newsom and Bobby Cornett, find extra time on their hands now that basketball season is over.

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