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Reminder

MARCH 20th is the last day for a place on the ballot if you want to run for school Board.

IF YOU WANT to purchase a MHS yearbook at the low price of \$25.00, now is the time to do it. The price will go up soon!

LAMB'S 50TH Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, March 16 from 2-5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church

FAMILY READING Night is at 7:00 p.m., Monday at the School Library.

THE SENIOR Citizens Lunch will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish and a friend.

MARCH 20 is the last day to register to run for the School Board.

DON'T FORGET the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Shamrock.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS will be traveling to Shamrock on Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

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 Odom.

March 17 - Cynthia Glass Newton, Christopher Flores, Patrick Windom, Bobby and Robbie Sanderson (A).

March 18 - Faris Jake Hess, Jim McDonald, Karen Williams, Bob and Anita Thompson (A), Billie and Angie Billingsley (A).

March 19 - Mildred Hill, Walt Bailey, Jennifer Barker, Mike Bybee, Raymond C. Baker.

March 20 - Caroline Cole.

City of McLean Discusses Water With District Reps

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, March 11, 2002, in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Doyle Lee, Joe Billingsley, Bob Martin, LaVon Watson, and Jim McDonald. Joe Lamb was absent.

Others present: Steve Bowlin, Toni Bohlar, Bill Anderson, Allen Mixon, Chet Bohlar, and Jeff Stevens.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Landfill item - everything going well.

The Mayor asked that the Animal Ordinance item be left off the agenda until some time in the future.

Discussion was held concerning the City's water situation. Steve Bowlin had talked with C.E. Williams with Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District and they are going to help us with some meters that need to go on the wells at a cost of \$500.00 each instead of around \$1000.00 each. They will help install and check them each month. They also had some survey maps that show a pool of water in the southeast corner of the 80 acres of water rights that we have at the Williams Well. Steve has talked with our engineers and they will get in touch with Panhandle Ground Water and look at their maps and information.

Discussion continued on to the sewer plant problems. The City's engineers have sent a reply letter to TNRCC on the discrepancies that they noted on their last inspection. Steve has ordered the V-Notch for the sewer plant but it is having to be made to our specifications and is not ready yet.

Jeff Stevens with Birch Telecom presented the

Council with a proposal to save the City approximately \$95.64 a month in local telephone service charges. The council thanked Mr. Stevens for his proposal but told him that they would like to get some proposals from other companies as well and that they would be getting back with him in the future.

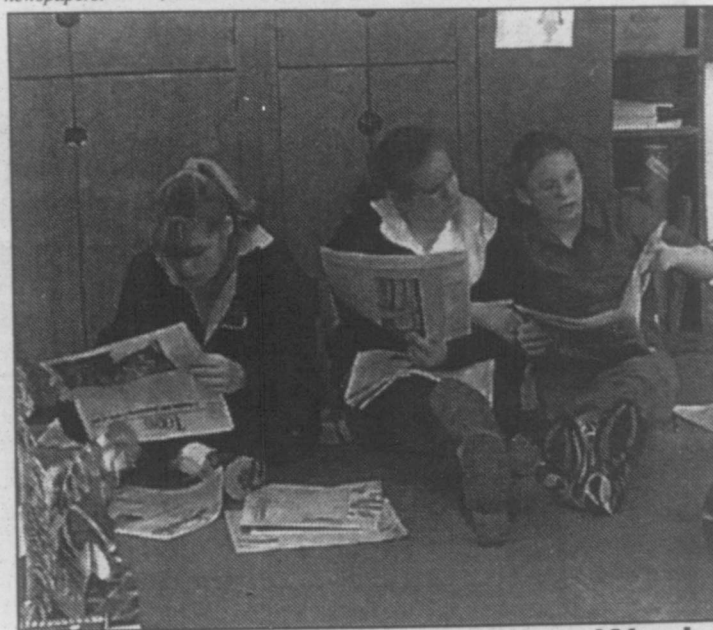
Chet Bohlar told the council that he had been told by the City Secretary that the City would like to terminate the grass lease at the sewer plant and the landfill. He explained to the council that this would not be a problem but he had planted wheat at the sewer plant and with the seed and labor he would be out approximately \$700.00. The council agreed to let him keep his cattle at the sewer plant until June 30th, but that the cattle would have to be off the land by July 1st. He can also bale whatever wheat is there if any, after the cattle are taken off until September 30th, and the City will refund the 3 months lease amount from July 1st thru September 30th at the sewer plant with the lease at the landfill and sewer plant terminating September 30th.

Grazing at the sewer plant item was taken care of with the previous item. The City council voted to appoint Sally Bohlar to the Library Board on the recommendation from the Library Board. The council voted to approve Ordinance #284 allowing for the exemption of travel trailers from Ad Valorem taxes. Steve Bowlin informed the council that the City needed a new riding lawn mower. He had called several places in Amarillo for cost quotes. The council asked him to call some other places in Pampa and surrounding

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Parents enjoyed sharing lunch with their children during Texas School Appreciation Week. Mrs. Long's Class brushes up on their current events by reading area newspapers.

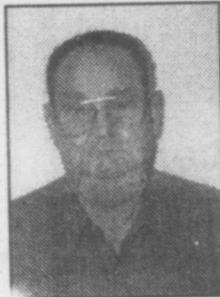


Texas School Appreciation Week

Last week was Texas School Appreciation Week. Mrs. Long's Class relaxed before lunch on Friday by

reading the newspaper. Friday was Red, White, and Blue Day and parents came to school to eat with their children.

A special "thank you" to the McLean Educators. Thanks for doing such a great job!



Daniel Eggers Seeks McLean City Council Seat

Daniel Eggers would like your vote for City Council. Daniel is new to the area and feels he can bring a new perspective to McLean. Daniel is married to the former Linda Smith.

Linda was born in McLean and is happy to be back home. They moved here from Phoenix, Arizona in February of 2001. Daniel loves being in

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*Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sanderson
and
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sparling
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children*

**Amanda Cline
and
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*Please join us as we celebrate the
50th Wedding Anniversary
of our parents,
Creed & Wanda Lamb*

*Sat., March 11, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist
Church, McLean, Tx. Fellowship Hall.*



Happy St. Patrick's Day



The McLean Bank of Commerce
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fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Muffins,
toast and jelly, peanut
butter, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday: French toast
sticks, toast and jelly,
peanut butter, fruit, juice,
milk.

Friday: Cinnamon
rolls, toast and jelly,
peanut butter, fruit, juice,
milk.

Lunch

Monday: Hot dogs
with chili and cheese,
tator tots, baked beans,
cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Burritos,
chili, cheese, french fries,
salad, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti,
meat sauce, salad, green
beans, cheese sticks,
sherbet, milk.

Thursday: Steak
sandwich, french fries,
lettuce, tomatoes, pickles,
onions, cake, milk.

Friday: Chicken
quesadillas, baked pinto
beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Letter To The Editor....

The large color photograph on the front page of The Amarillo Globe-News on February 28, 2002 may partially explain why smaller school districts such as Groom-McLean and Pampa, just to name a few, are looking at having to discontinue programs, reduce teaching staff and economize in every way possible to stave off consolidation. These schools do not want or need continued bail-outs from the State of Texas. They need adequate funding to accomplish their mission of educating students in their care.

It is entirely appropriate that the photo of the cubicle dwelling Region 16 employees amusing themselves with their electronic toys was taken in a former grocery store. The relationship of the people in the photograph to the support and education of area students is as apples and oranges. Whatever the mission of the education regions, stated or real, it can never approach or equal the impact of competent, dedicated classroom teacher can have on students under his/her instruction. The Education Regions are the straddling rope of consolidation, not an enlightened approach to education. If the current trend toward establishment of an educational bureaucracy continues, the consolidation of the districts will occur and then it will be determined that for every half-dozen or so consolidations there should be Divisions, creating a few more non-classroom positions for the bureaucracy. It would be most

enlightening to know the total budgets for all the Regions in Texas on an annual basis and how those figures would equate with the necessity of the Districts having to double up on teacher work loads and to deprive students of programs necessary for their development.

Region 16 has opted for cubicles over classrooms. At a time when teachers are actively being recruited in the U.S. and in a bunch of foreign countries and only approximately 40% of teacher graduates ever entering the teaching profession, we can man the cubicles but not the classrooms.

These remarks will no doubt offend some who are involved with the educational bureaucracy-they represent the feelings of a majority of area taxpayers who fund their divestitures.

Bill Reeves

**Area
Obituaries**

OMA SCHMEDEL
AMARILLO-Oma Bell McPherson Schmedel, age 72 of Amarillo died on Sunday, March 10, 2002.

Services were held on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. Dr. David Evans officiated. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, Texas.

Mrs. Schmedel was born in Hedley on January 18, 1930. She was raised in McLean and graduated from McLean High School. She moved to Amarillo in 1956 from Waco. She worked as a

bookkeeper at Amarillo College full-time for 3 years and part-time for 30 years. She assisted her husband in an income tax business.

Her primary endeavor in life was being a devoted wife and mother. She was a key to her husband's awards at Amarillo College for teaching excellence. She and her husband enjoyed traveling and square dancing.

She married David Schmedel, August 13, 1966 at Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband of the home; 2 daughters, Rebecca Payne of Santa Fe, NM and Deborah Peyton of Amarillo; 1 sister, Ona Gail McKee of Amarillo; 1 brother, Thelmer McPherson of Griffin, GA; 4 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

The family request memorial donations be to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 608 Woflin Ave. Amarillo, TX 79109; The Amarillo Opera, 2223 S. Van Buren St., Amarillo, TX 79109; or the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 19706.

FFA

A group of McLean FFA students traveled to San Antonio recently to participate in the livestock show. Sandi Anderson showed a cross barrow that placed 8th and made the sale. Other barrow exhibitors were Josh Seymour, Trent Cadra, Chisum Smith, Chloe Smith, J.D. Bowlin, Lucas Seymour, and Kutter Anderson. Trent Cadra also showed a lamb. Chloe Smith exhibited a Maine Anjou heifer. Exhibiting steers were Chloe and Krista Smith. Krista Smith placed 4th in the AOB class and made the sale.

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McLean Texas 2002 Centennial Celebration

The McLean Texas 2002 Centennial Celebration Committee is working hard putting together a celebration to remember. Although things haven't been finalized here is the schedule as it stands, so get ready for a lot of fun.

Memorial Day Weekend:

Date	Event	Time
Saturday, May 25	City Wide Garage Sale	8:00-4:00
Monday, May 27	Ceremony Eldridge Cemetery	8:45 a.m.
	Ceremony Alanreed Cemetery	9:15 a.m.
	Ceremony McLean Cemetery	10:30 a.m.
	Luncheon Devil's Rope Museum	Noon

Rodeo Weekend:

Date	Event	Time
Friday, June 14	Rodeo	7:30 p.m.
	Dance	Afterwards
Saturday, June 15	Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast	6:30 a.m.
	Registration for Bra Factory, Old Timers, and Cowboy Reunions	8:00 a.m.
	Registration Classic Car Show	8:00 a.m.
	Judging Bike, Golf Cart and Jeep Decorating Contests	9:00 a.m.
	Centennial Parade	10:00 a.m.
	Classic Car Show	After parade
	Luncheon for Bra Factory and Old Timers	Noon
	Ice Cream Freeze-Off	6:00 p.m.
	Rodeo	7:30 p.m.
	Rodeo Dance	Afterwards

LITTLE DRIBBLERS
The 5th and 6th grade boys Little Dribblers team has had a good

year. So far this year they have taken a 1st place, 2nd place, and three 3rd place ribbons. The boys coach, Frankie

Sparling says the boys have really improved and he has had a great time coaching them.

Centennial Activities Planned

The Centennial Committee, with cooperation from the City of McLean, Gray County Precinct 4 employees, the McLean E.D.C., and the McLean/Alanreed Area Museum have begun implementing plans for the 100th Birthday of Gray County, McLean, and the local area.

Included in the plans are enhancing the front of the old Hindman Hotel by removing the front awning and closing open windows. The awning is down, thanks to the city and county, materials for closing the windows have been

provided by the McLean E.D.C., and volunteers will provide the labor of installation as the weather permits.

Donations have provided the paint for repainting the front of the Avalon Theater and a large mural will be added to the north side painted by Sarah and Jennifer Myers as weather permits. The Committee urges other property owners along main street to repaint and fix up their buildings. If you need help with supplies or labor, contact Delbert Trew. If you would like to donate to the cause,

see Mindy Reeves or Sammy Haynes.

Donations of money and labor will also paint the Route 66 Super Service Station in Alanreed, along with restoration of the Merit Feed Sign mural on the adjoining building.

The Centennial Committee urges all citizens to join the clean-

up, fix-up campaign as we began to host the birthday celebration. See the schedule of events, get your garage sale stuff ready, and help kick off the festivities during the Memorial Day Weekend.



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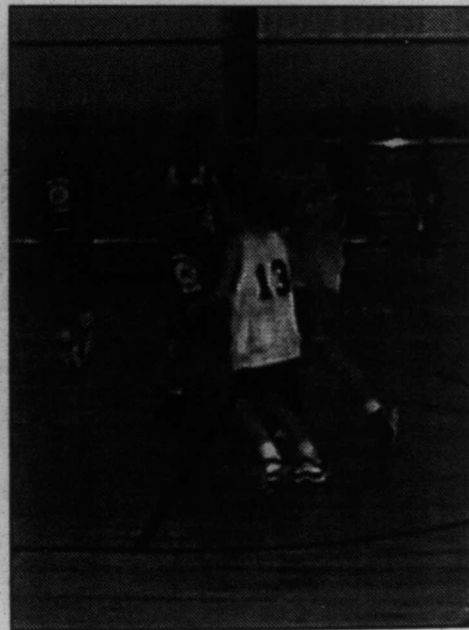
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McLean and feels it is a nice town and he just wants to contribute and give something back to the community. As a councilman Daniel says he would be willing to discuss the concerns of the community with anyone. Daniel and Linda have five daughters and six grandchildren.



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Pioneer Study Club Nominates Ruth Trew

The Pioneer Study Club met in Pat Stubbs home on March 7th.

The meeting was brought to order by President Ruth Trew. Roll call was answered with facts about Gray County.

Jerry Corbin read the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Nama Webb gave the treasurers report.

Ruth Trew asked to schedule a meeting with the senior class gift committee.

Delbert Trew reported that a time capsule would be filled with objects from Gray Co.

Patt Stubbs reported that the paper works had all been sent in nominating Ruth Trew as an outstanding Panhandle Person.

Barbara Bodie introduced the speaker, Delbert Trew.

Delbert presented a very interesting program about the ghost towns and communities that once played an important part in the development of the Texas Panhandle. Pat Stubbs served

delicious refreshments to: Barbara Bodie, Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Wanda Lamb, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Mary Powell, Ruth Trew, Tice Taylor, Ruth Magee, Delbert Trew and Burt Stubbs.

SKUNKS

So far this year there have been four cases of rabid skunks attacking dogs. The latest took place on March 3, west of Pampa's city limits. Between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. a family returned home to find a dead skunk near an area where their pets were penned. The skunk appeared to be mauled so the skunk was tested for rabies. It is unknown whether the pets, two dogs and one puppy were exposed, so they will be watched.

On Jan. 27, there was a rabid skunk found between Pampa and McLean, on Feb. 10 there was an incident North of Pampa and another rabid skunk was found west of Pampa on Feb. 28. All incidents included pets.



Hefley and Williamson Plan July Wedding

James and Charlotte Hefley are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Booke to Matthew Wayne Williamson of Abernathy, Texas. Matthew is the son of Donald and Carol Williamson of Abernathy, Texas.

Holly is a 1993 graduate of McLean High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1997. She is currently teaching 7th

and 8th grade Science at Abernathy Middle School.

Matthew graduated from Abernathy High School in 1990. He is self-employed at Williamson Farms.

The wedding has been set for July 6, 2002 at the First Baptist Church in McLean Texas.

Holly is the granddaughter of Audrey Seitz of Mobeetie and Frances Hefley of Wheeler.

Museum Re-Opens With Spring/ Summer Hours

By Davie Gipson

The Devil's Rope Museum re-opened for the 2002 season on February 5 with the Chili Dinner sponsored by the McLean Alanreed Museum. It was a cold snowy day and the crowd was sparse by enjoyed the chili.

In February, we had 157 visitors from 27 states and 6 foreign countries. Foreign countries represented were: Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Holland, Italy, and Taiwan.

What to do when you have a letter in a language you can't read? Pray! When we received a letter from a lady in Brazil written, I later learned, in Portuguese, I

had no idea who might be able to read it for me. I just supposed she was asking for information about Old Route 66. The next day a lady came to the museum from Brazil and I asked if she would translate the latter for

me. She was thrilled to do so and took the other ladies' address so she might write about her visit to the Route 66 Museum. Maybe a life long friendship developed between the two women. Small world!

Thanks to Inez for keeping the museum opened while I was ill about a week and a half.

Volunteers: get ready. We expect a busy summer.

CITY

areas for more cost estimates and that this item would be placed on next months agenda.

A motion was made and passed to pay all bills.

The Mayor called for executive session at 6:55 p.m. Discussion was held concerning personnel.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

No action was taken concerning executive session.

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United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Theaker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
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Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
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Sunday 9:15

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Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
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DEMOCRAT

For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
Bill Hinson

For Carson County Treasurer
Jeanne Cunningham

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk
Celeste Bichsel

REPUBLICAN

For Carson County Judge
Lewis Powers

For Carson County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2
Phyllis Tyler

For Gray County Clerk
Susan Windom

For Gray County Inspector Of Hides and Animals
Bill Reeves

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Community Calendar

SPRING BREAK for Groom ISD will be March 11-15.

NATIONAL HONOR Society will install new members on March 21.

THE GROOM LIONS club will host a buffet luncheon on March 24th 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Groom Community Center to support the Summer Program for Kids. Donations will be appreciated.

Don't mess with Texas
TRASH-OFF
April 6, 2002

CONTACT DAVID or Lana Brown for your **FREE** plastic mulch film for planting your spring garden and flower beds. Compliments of "Keep Texas Beautiful." Annual Clean Up Day is April 6, Volunteers are needed!

DON'T FORGET Saint Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 17th.



CROSS TO HOLD EASTER SERVICES

Sunrise Services will be held on Easter Sunday at 7:00 am with Jim Bible of McLean presiding.

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No Precipitation Reported

Armed Burglar Breaks Into Stop N Shop



An Ada, Oklahoma man was arrested on charges of aggravated robbery of Groom's Stop N Shop Convenience Store on Monday morning.

According to Sheriff Gary Robertson, the man was apprehended after his vehicle ran out of gas near the 103 mile marker on Interstate 40.

At about 6 am on Monday, clerk Doug Kling was arriving to open the store when he observed a small black pick-up parked at the gas pumps. He saw a man crawling through the broken glass door with a six pack of beer in one hand and a hand gun in the other. Kling followed the suspect as he pulled into the Dairy

Queen parking lot and then crossed the bar ditch and got on I-40 eastbound. Kling lost the man after he crossed the center median and headed back west. Kling was able to report in crime on his EMT radio to the Carson County Dispatch.

Report had been coming in since the wee hours of the morning from Oklahoma about robberies that had taken place in El Reno and Shamrock. The suspect in these incidences matched the description of the man involved at the Stop N Shop break in.

Several DPS, Gray County and Carson County units were on the

See Robbery, pg. 2

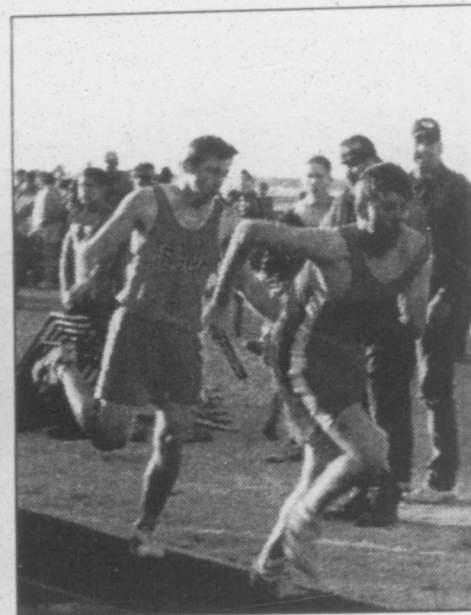
Groom Wins Track Meet

Groom's Track teams excelled last week with the home field advantage at Groom Annual Track Meet. The High School Boys and Girls each won their divisions in the meet that included Happy, Hedley, Valley, Miami, Chillicothe, San Jacinto, Lefors, Hedley J.V., McLean, and Silverton. The Junior High also competed but did not place as high only by virtue of the number of athletes competing. The Junior High boys placed 4th and the girls placed 3rd.

The Ettes easily won the meet with 150 points. Happy earned 117 for 2nd and Hedley, 3rd with 89.

Staci Britten brought home gold in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:07.03. Britteny Martin placed 5th in that event.

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(Right) Amanda Conrad excels at the long jump. (Left) Lance Ollinger hands off to Doug Fields during a relay race.

"Trash Off" Needs Volunteers

April 6th is the official day for the "Texas Trash Off." This day will be devoted to picking up litter in our community. No large objects will be picked up or special

events during this campaign. The "Texas Trash Off" volunteers will focus on picking up litter throughout the town found on the streets, alleys and around

businesses. Also the "Adopted Highway" will be cleaned up. Depending on the number of volunteers, the clean up is estimated to last 4 to 8 hours.

See Trash-Off, pg. 3

No Action Taken At Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in special session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom. The following members were present: Clifton Britten,

Kelvin Ollinger, Tony Britten, Tim Case, Barry Fields, and Ron Kuehler. Superintendent Kevin Noack was also in attendance. Board member Mike Friemel

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Local Happenings

CARD OF THANKS
 I would like to give a "special thanks" to Belinda Britten who taught new techniques, to Sharon Britten and LeAnn Hopkins for always being on call for practices and games, and to all the parents of the players for their continued support.
 Carla Koetting

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to thank everyone for their concern during Ellis recent hospital stay. We appreciated the prayers, phone calls, cards and food we received. God bless each and everyone.
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scene when the pick-up was discovered at the 103 mile marker. The group was preparing to call in dogs to search the field when the suspect was spotted and gave himself up.
 Losses at Stop and Shop consisted of the glass door and some beer. No money is left in the store and the thief could not get the register open according to their

surveillance video. Shane Lynn Scott, 27, of Ada, Oklahoma admitted that he had been drinking and had a fight with his wife before leaving Oklahoma. According to his statement, he was on his way to Las Vegas where he was going to either win a bunch of money or commit suicide. El Reno and Shamrock may be filing charges against the man at a later

time. Chief Deputy Ray Davis is conducting the investigation for Carson County.

On March 8, Carson County assisted Randall County Sheriff's Department in stopping a male in a red chevrolet S-10 Blazer.

The pursuit proceeded on Interstate 40 and was intercepted by members of Carson County Sheriff's Department after two attempts to spike the suspect tires. The suspect, Edward Calvin Sartain, drove on flattened tires until he was boxed in apprehended with out incident.

The individual was later identified to have two outstanding warrants for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and probation revocation on a charge of felony possession of a controlled

substance. The department was aided by a Carson County private citizen to stop the fleeing felon.

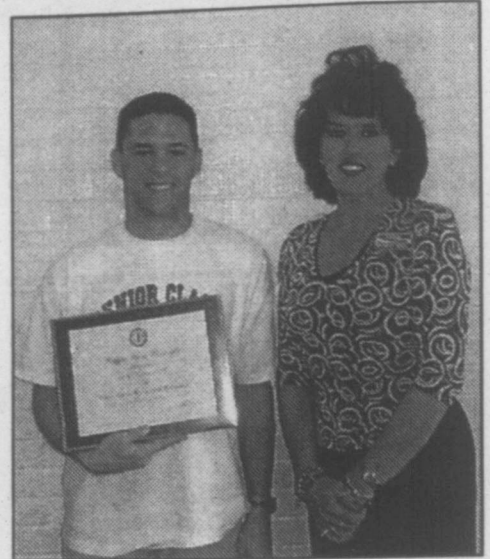
"We appreciate this individual's efforts to assist us in the apprehension of this individual," said Sheriff Gary Robertson. "It is heart warming to know that there are those private citizens in Carson County that are willing to come to the aid of Law enforcement.

However, in doing so they put themselves at risk of harm. As a private citizen, you may not always know the entire circumstances of the situation. Just as in this case, it was broadcast that this suspect could possibly be in possession of a firearm. Had that information been correct and based upon this individual's criminal history, he could have started a confrontation that could have injured or killed the good samaritan. It turned out positive... this time."

"We, in law enforcement ask that although you seek to give assistance, please remain uninvolved until requested. Our job is to put our lives in harm's way for you. Please allow us to do what we are trained for without taking on the added worry of possibly getting you hurt or mistaking your efforts as help for those we are after," said Sheriff Robertson.

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Luke Pavlovsky Semifinalist In Coke Scholarship Program

William Lucas Pavlovsky, a student at Groom High School has been selected from over 91,000 applicants nationwide as a semifinalist in the 2001-2002 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

He ranks with over 2,000 seniors who are in the running for \$1.8 million in college scholarships being awarded by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Students are selected to advance to this next phase based on the level of excellence, leadership, and achievement demonstrated in school and community activities. This year marks the fourteenth year Coca-Cola will be awarding these scholarships, providing a total of nearly \$22 million to assist young scholars nationwide in the pursuit of their educational goals.

As semifinalist, students must submit additional information that will be reviewed in February by a committee comprised of 27 educators from high schools and universities throughout the United States. If advanced, William will be among a total of 251 finalists who will travel to Atlanta, April 25-28, 2002 to attend the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend. During their visit they will attend a final interview process which will determine whether they are designated as either a National or Regional Scholar. The 51 National Scholars will each receive a \$20,000 renewable scholarship award, while the 200 Regional Scholars will receive a \$4,000 renewable scholarships.


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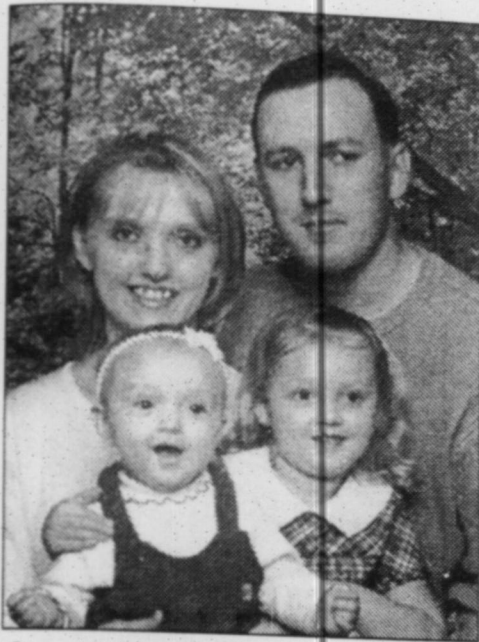


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Lambert Ordained as Baptist Minister

Sunday, March 3, 2002 was an exciting time for two young men, Ronnie Lambert of Groom and Carl Cox of Hedley. During the morning worship service at First Baptist Church in Hedley, these two young men were ordained into the Gospel Ministry.

Ronnie Lambert is the son of Porter and Nancy Lambert of Memphis and lives here in Groom with his wife Cindy and their

two young daughters, Kenlee and Jayden. He also is the son-in-law of Jimmy and Sue Britten of Groom.

Ronnie felt the call into youth ministry about two years after a revival here at the First Baptist Church in Groom. Since that time he has begun seminary extension courses and has had the opportunity to give his testimony to several sermons at a few area

churches. He is currently working with the young children at Hedley. He is teaching a Sunday school class and has weekly Bible studies with his group.

This is a significant time in our life as a family as well as in our church at Hedley. Both men were put before the deacon's board several weeks ago and were tested on the doctrine of the Bible and their knowledge of scripture and of Baptist Ministry. Both passed this test, which led to the approval by the deacon board for their ordination. The ordination service allowed both Ronnie and Carl to give their testimonies, read scripture that was dear to them, and for Brother Bruce Howard to give them the charge to the ministry. It also allowed for the deacon's participation in the laying of the hands ceremony. The church and Brother Howard gave both men an ordination certificate, several books and a pin to remember this special day by.

Ronni and his family plan to serve the Lord in Youth Ministry wherever the Lord leads them.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 14 - Leo Britten, Blake Barnett, W.E. (Bill) Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Britten (A)

March 15 -
March 16 - Lonny Brown.

March 17 - Daniel Paul McLaughlin, Don Case, Nadine Thornton, Mrs. Michael F. Britten, Kim Lewellen, Tiffany Gilson.

March 18 - Joe David Brown, Mike Britten, Todd Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Frienlet (A).

March 19 - Sam Gabriel, Thomas, Kay Burk, Judy Bland.

March 20 - Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope, Vernon Baggerman, Nancy Brumley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack West (A).

BOARD

was absent. Guests present were Nila Burgin, Mr. Adams, and Curtis Downs.

Mr. Cliff Britten dispensed with the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Cliff Britten called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the resolution and order declaring a financial exigency for 2002-2003.

The board discussed reinstating the property tax on personal property.

The board went into closed session as per 551.074 at 7:35 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 9:35 p.m.

No action was taken on the closed session discussion and the meeting was adjourned.



The 3rd and 4th Grade Girls Pee Wee Basketball Team had a "winning year." The girls participated in the Panhandle League, and won 9 out of 10 of their games. These girls were great to work with and gave 100% in "team efforts" and following coaching skills with positive success. This team consisted of: Britney Evenson, Rachael Hopkins, Korri Britten, Cady Wilson, Ashley Murray, Maddie Wiebers, Alanna King, Michelle Nam, Erica Trevino, and Morgan Britten. Not pictured: Cassandra Brown and Samantha Clendenen. Coaches and helpers included: Sharon Britten, Carla Koetting, LeAnn Hopkins, and Belinda Britten.

TRASH-OFF

Volunteers are needed to make this successful. Currently only 4 persons have volunteered. Many more are needed.

Sometime in May, date not yet selected, there

will be another clean up day organized that will include many activities including litter pick up and other special activities. The official

name of this campaign is "Keep America Beautiful Great American Clean Up." This special day is sponsored by many large nationwide companies. If you are interested in

organizing or participating during either event, please contact David or Lanna Brown.

If you are interested in supporting the financial needs of "Keep Groom

Beautiful," there has been an account set up at the State National Bank. All contributions will strictly be used to support activities of Keep Groom Beautiful and to help make Groom the cleanest town in the Panhandle.



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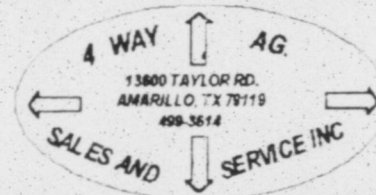
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TRACK

Caren Howard placed 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles.
 Nichole Barnett won 1st place in the 800 meter run with a time of 02:41.78.
 Lauren Crowell placed 2nd in the grueling 3200 meter run.
 Krisanne Davis won 1st place honors in the long jump with a leap of 16 ft. Amanda Conrad placed 3rd.
 With a jump of 4 ft.

10 in., Candace Bohr earned top honors in the High Jump competition. Staci Britten tied for 3rd and was just 4" short of 1st place.

Laurissa Noack placed 1st in the shot put, throwing 31 ft., 5 in. Jennifer Jenkins placed 3rd in the same event.

Laurissa Noack also scored gold on the Discus event throwing 91 ft., 4". The second place participants throwing more than 12 feet less than Noack's.

Amanda Martin, Staci Britten, Candace Bohr and Amanda Conrad won the Sprint Relay with a time of 00:55.12.

In the 800 Meter Relay, Groom's team of Amanda Conrad, Candace Bohr, Nichole Barnett, and Amanda Martin placed 2nd.

The Ettes earned gold on the Mile Relay with a time of 4:34.15. Team members are Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, Amanda Conrad and Staci Britten.

The Tigers won their part of the meet with 119 points, well above second place Valley with 86.5. Third place was Hedley with 75.

Garrett Britten snagged gold for Groom in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 00:11.84. Clay Britten placed 3rd.

Clay Britten won the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 00:25.03. Calvin Schaffer placed 4th in the event.

garrett Britten placed 1st in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 00:56.34.

In the 110 Meter High Hurdles, Lance Ollinger placed 6th.

Luke Pavlovsky placed 4th in the 800 Meter Run. He earned bronze for Groom in the 1600 Meter Run.

Adam Britten placed 4th in the 3200 Meter Run.

Cody Bivens earned a gold medal in the Long Jump with a leap of 19 ft., 2". Clay Britten placed 6th.

Clay Britten scored points for the Tiger with a 2nd place in the Triple Jump. Cody Bivens placed 3rd.

Cody Bivens tied for 2nd in the Pole Vault event.

The Sprint Relay team of Cody Bivens, Clay Britten, Doug Fields and Garrett Britten placed 1st with a time of 00:47.50.

The 800 Meter Relay team placed 3rd in the meet. Team members are Wyatt Britten, Lance Ollinger, Doug Fields, and Calvin Schaffer.

In the Junior High Boys meet, Joel Horn placed 2nd and James Reid placed 4th in the 110 Meter High Hurdles.

Kelby Noack placed 2nd and Thane Barkley

placed 3rd in the Triple Jump competition.

James Reid, Joel Horn, Thane Barkley, and Bryan Newton placed 6th in the 1600 Meter Relay.

Kelby Noack placed 1st in the 2400 Meter Run with a time of 10:07.90.

Bryan Newton placed

6th in the 200 Meter Hurdles.

In the Junior High Girls Meet, Kecia Howard placed 5th in the 400 Meter Dash. Malorie Homen placed 6th in the High Jump.

In the 1200 Meter Run, Gailyn Drewery placed 5th.

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DO YOU NEED TO REAPPLY ANNUALLY? If your land already receives agricultural productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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Nichole Barnett wins the 800 Meter Run. Luke Pavlovsky gets a little help from his friend in the starting blocks.



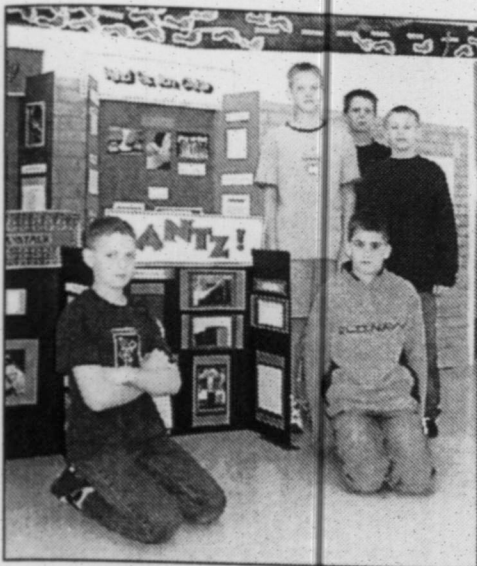
PUBLIC HEARING

All Groom Independent School district residents are invited to a **PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on March 26, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the usual meeting place of the Board of Trustees at the District Offices located at 304 West Third Street in the City of Groom, County of Carson, and State of Texas.

The purpose of the hearing is to consult with residents of this political subdivision regarding Section 11.14 of the State of Texas statutes concerning the taxation and exemption of Tangible Personal Property Not Producing Income.

All interested taxpayers are entitled to speak and present evidence for or against taxing the property described in this section of the law.

The public meeting is held in pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(e) of the Texas Constitution.



Science Students Win At Fair

Groom's 7th grade science students recently competed in the High Plains Regional Science Fair at Amarillo College. They made an excellent showing of their projects and earned several awards.

Joel Horn placed 1st in Zoology. James Reid placed 2nd in Botany. Kecia Howard placed 2nd in Biochemistry. Blaine Britten placed 2nd in Zoology. Kade Brown placed 2nd in Engineering. Bryan Newton placed 3rd in Math.

Joel Horn and Kecia Howard earned the Discovery Young Scientist Award for their entries. Mrs. Susan Noack is their sponsor.

GROOM SCHOOL MENU

March 18-22
Breakfast

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.
Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Lasagna, salad, fried okra, applesauce, crackers, milk.
Tuesday: Steak fingers, french fries, pears, texas toast, milk.
Wednesday: Corn dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, peaches, milk.
Thursday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk.
Friday: Sandwiches, ham, bologna or tuna, lettuce, tomatoes, pork and beans, pineapple, potato chips, milk.

Services Held For Gene Earl Steed



GENE EARL STEED PERRYTON-Gene Earl Steed, 70, died Saturday, March 9, 2002.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Greg Kennedy and the Rev. Tommy Weims and Zoel Allen officiated. Burial was held at the 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Groom Cemetery in Groom.

Mr. Steed was a member of First United Methodist Church of

Perryton. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in animal husbandry. He entered the Air Force for two years and then went to the University of Texas for his degree in law.

He practiced law in Clarendon in 1959. He was county judge in Perryton from 1960 to 1962.

He moved to California and worked for Tenneco Oil Co. for 10 years. He moved to Houston for a year, then moved to Groom to care for his mother.

In 1983 he moved to Greenville. He moved to Perryton in 1986 and opened his private law practice.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Daingerfield; three sons, Van Pope Steed of Rancho Palos Verdes,

CA, Dan Earl Steed of Groom and Randy Gene Steed of Justin; six stepchildren, Melody Vines, Richard Gunn and Teresa Preston; all of Daingerfield; Tami Allen of El Paso, Maurice Woods of Perryton and Valerie Smallhorst of Bakersville, CA; and 18 grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 987, Perryton, TX 79070; or Lakeview baptist Encampment, P.O. Box 0130, Lone Star, TX 75668.



Dear Friends & Neighbors:

Thank you so much for your support and patronage these past years at Trinity & Co. It has been one of the most enjoyable things in my life. I am sorry that we must close our doors temporarily because of my health. I owe a debt of gratitude to my family for helping me keep it open for the last several months and to you for allowing me to serve you.

Patti McLaughlin

Alzheimer's Support Group

First Meeting with Supper
Tuesday, March 19, 2002
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COTTON PRODUCTION MEETING

Yes, we will have a Cotton Production Meeting. Sorry about the changes and confusion. A Cotton Production Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21st, at 6:30 p.m. at the White Deer Community Center in White Deer. Dr. Randal Bowman, an Extension Agronomist for cotton, from Lubbock, will give presentations on cotton management, GMO cottons, cotton fertilization, cotton physiology, selection of seed treatment, and answer any questions that you might have on cotton production. Dr. Steve Amosson will discuss Cotton Marketing and the Cotton Market.

DIABETES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

There will be an Educational Program on diabetes. The speaker for the program will be Bonnie Whittington from BSA. If you are a diabetic or know someone who is; please plan on attending. The program will be on March 19th from 12:00 - 1:00 at the First United Methodist Church in Pampa. Please RSVP to the Extension Office so we will have enough educational materials available. 537-3882

Our Sincerest Thanks

Our sincerest thanks to the Groom Community and all our volunteers that made the Groom Track Meet a big success, once again.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:00 p.m. - Carnival located at 2nd and Madden Streets
6:45 p.m. - Kick-off banquet featuring the first glimpse of the beautiful Miss Irish Rose contestants. Tickets are \$10 each in advance and \$12 each at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce.

9:00 p.m. - An adult dance is scheduled immediately following the banquet with **CIMMARON**. Tickets available at the door only, \$10.00 each.

Saturday, March 16

9:00 a.m. - Arts and Crafts Show, former Jaycee Gym, open until 6:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - Donegal Beard Contest at 2nd and Main & Old Settlers Reunion at Shamrock Volunteer Fire Station

10:30 a.m. - Parade starting at First National Bank building and extending to the water tower with over 125 entries scheduled to attend, reviewing stand located at 2nd and Main Streets

12:00 noon - Carnival runs all day with food vendors located on 1st Street

2:00 p.m. - Motorcycle Rally & Antique and Classic car show located at the Shamrock Area Community Center, south U.S. Hwy. 83

3:00 p.m. - Crowning of Miss Irish Rose with Miss Greater Amarillo Area, Morgan Matlock, serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies at the Shamrock High School Auditorium.

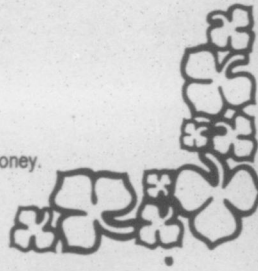
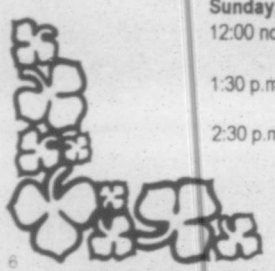
9:00 p.m. - Adult dance featuring **THE GREAT DIVIDE**, opening with **CIMMARON**. Tickets are \$10 each in advance and \$15 each at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday, March 17

12:00 noon - Arts & Crafts Show, former Jaycee Gym, open until 5:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - Lad'n'Lassie beauty pageant at the Shamrock High School Auditorium

2:30 p.m. - Bull buck-out featuring PRCA rodeo riders & World Famous Bullfighters compete for top honors and prize money. Tickets \$6.00 at gate



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