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Second Runner up - Arely Vega. Miss McLean - Candace Billingsley. First Runner Up - Tamara Loya and Miss Congeniality - Tiffany Moon

Miss McLean Crown Awarded To Candace Billingsley For 2006

The traditional Miss McLean pageant was held on February 11, 2006 with 11 young ladies seeking the title.

Contestants were judged on their interviews with the judges as well as their stage presence.

The reigning Miss McLean Brooke Seymour gave her final speech. In it she thanked everyone for their support and encouraged the new Miss McLean to take this opportunity to be a great roll model.

Brooke then crowned the new Miss McLean, Candace Billingsley. Candace is the daughter of Deanna and Kevin Sparks.

First runner up went to Tamara Loya. Tamara is the daughter of Adelo and

Bo Loya.

Second runner up went to Arely Vega. Arely is the daughter of Chris and Raquel Vega.

The ladies of the pageant chose this year's Miss Congeniality. The honor went to Tiffany Moon, whom the other girls felt exhibited kindness and friendship.

Former Miss McLean crown holders were the special guests for the evening. They included Jill Trew Thornberry, Kristie Thompson Crockett, Jem Ann Rice Freeman, Shawn Crockett Bybee and Carrie Thompson.

As the new Miss McLean, Candace will go on to represent McLean in the Miss Irish Rose pageant in Shamrock in March.

James Hefley To Seek 4th Term of Office



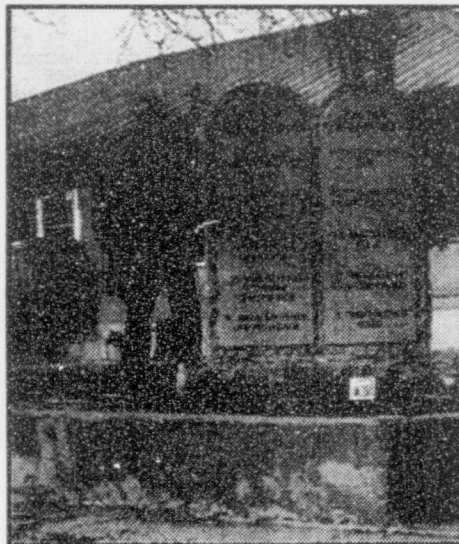
University before serving in the 101 st Airborne Division of the US Army during the Viet Nam War. He and his wife Charlotte have 4 daughters and a grandson. He has a farming and ranching enterprise in the McLean area and is a member of the First Baptist Church of McLean.

Hefley served 12 years on the McLean School Board of Trustees before becoming a commissioner. He has served in each office of the Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners Association as president, vice president and treasurer.

"My goal when I came in and it still is... to bring a conservative, common sense approach to Gray County government" he commented.

James Hefley has filed for re-election on the Republican ticket for a fourth term of office on the Gray County Commissioners Court.

Hefley has lived in the McLean area most of his life. He graduated from Brisco High School and attended Panhandle State



Ten Commandment Monument Arrives In McLean, Texas

Archie Cooper stands by the Ten Commandment Monument that he has worked so hard to have placed in McLean. The monument is the first of its kind in Texas.

Reminders

WELLINGTON
High School Golf
Tournament, February 27
- 28.

DATES TO FILE
FOR School Board or
City Council, February 13
- March 13.

TEXAS HEALTH
Services will hold a
childhood immunization
clinic at McLean School
on February 21, 2006
from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S DAY
- February 20.

THE PIONEER
Study Club will meet
today at Elizabeth's Tea
Room.

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PRAY FOR RAIN!!

GOT NEWS? Call
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SHAMROCK Little
Dribble tournament, Feb.
16 - 18.

SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting, February 20 at 7
p.m. in the Business
Office.

TAKS TESTING
February 21 - 24.

GIRL SCOUT
"Thinking Day" February
22 at 3: 30 p.m. at the
Church of Christ Annex.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 16 - Martha Van Huss, Joetta Bailey, Rose Steel, Sarah Dorsey.
 February 17 - Dendra Watson
 February 18 - Ruth Ware, Moriah McCracken, Mark Simmons, Juliana Lewis
 February 19 - Tonuc Brown, Ann Long, Thelma McCarty.
 February 20 - John M. Haynes, Travis Fish,
 February 21 - Jack Syfrett, Becky Simmons, Benny Watson, Bob and Claire McDowell (A).
 February 22 - Donnic Smith, Jordan Herring.

McLean Cowboy Church & the Arena of Life
 Beginning a new year in 2006
 McLean Cowboy Church & the Arena of Life will meet at 119 E. Third St. (One Block East of Main St.)
 Services are as follows:
 Sunday Morning - 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening - 7:30 p.m.
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McLean School Menus

for the week of Feb. 20 - 24
BREAKFAST
 Monday: Muffins, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Tuesday: Biscuits and Gravy, Bacon, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Wednesday: Breakfast Burrito, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Thursday: French Toast, Ham, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
LUNCH
 Monday: Fish Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Potato Wedges, Brownies, Milk
 Tuesday: BBQ Sandwich, Tator Tots, Veggie Sticks, Pickle Spears, Cake, Milk
 Wednesday: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Hot rolls, Fruit, Milk
 Thursday: Nachose with Meat and Cheese, Salad, Pinto Beans, Applesauce, Milk
 Friday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Beef Soup, Crackers, Fresh Broccoli, Fruit, Milk

King and Queen Crowned



Earl Riley and Ellen Campbell were crowned King and Queen at the annual Valentine's Banquet at the McLean Care Center. They were voted for by the other residents of the Center.

Members and Guests Attend Young At Heart Luncheon

There were 30 members and guests present at the February 7 Young at Heart meeting.

Laura Garrison with Accolade did blood pressure checks. President Marjorie Fish thanked Inez Trostle for the new fundraising quilt. It was pieced by Maggie Vines, has batting donated by Tammy Morrow, and was quilted by Burnis Stokes. The Young at Heart will have tickets available for a \$1. donation (or 6 tickets for \$5). Marjorie also told Inez she will be missed when she moves to Amarillo in two weeks, and hope she will come back to visit.

Marjorie wished Delores Bailey, Daniel Gallaway, and Martha Van Huss "happy birthday".

Archie Cooper thanked everyone for their help with the Ten Commandments monument. It is to be installed this week.

Dr. Alan McCarty with Panhandle Eye Group in Amarillo spoke about "The Aging Eye". Using slides he explained how the eye works and some of the problems seniors can have.

The next luncheon meeting will be February 21. Gaye Whitehead and Susan Winborne are planning to bring one of the new electronic voting machines and talk about the upcoming March 7 election.

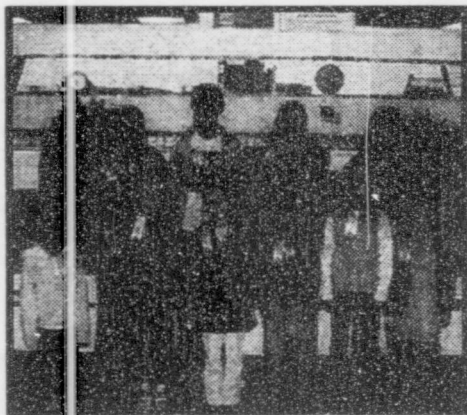
Library Remodeling Continues With a Sale

In the month of February the Library will be doing some remodeling. The library invites you in to look at the following items that we will be selling. If you are interested in any of the items listed below please drop off a sealed envelope with your bid,

name, item you are interested in and a phone number at the library by February 17th. The bids will be opened on February 21st and all winners will be notified that day. All items won will need to be picked up and paid for by February 24th.

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Students of the Week



Pre K - Parker Fish, K - Jack Reyna, 1st - Rosa Soto, 2nd - Shaylynn McDonald, 3rd - Charlie Webb, 4th - Clint Thomas, 5th - Kirstie Perkins, 6th - Saber Bohlar, 7th - Katy Acuna, 8th - Jessi Skipper

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Prizes Awarded To Cub Scouts



The McLean Cub Scout Pack had its monthly Pack Meeting last week. Prizes and a patch were given to the Scouts for selling popcorn. Thank you to the

community for supporting our Scouts, because of you we can have our program. Shown are Shiloh Brown, Kelby McClellan, Stormy Manns, Denim Bailey,

Jared McClellan, Oscar Rodriguez, Nolan McClellan, Bradley Purdy, not shown are > Danny Wells, Daniel Hutchison, Julian Arvizo and Charles Graves.



Clint Thomas, Jace McLain, Mason Reynolds, Trae Hannon, Kaleb Perkins, Calvin Armbrister, Braxton Cooper, Devin Richardson, Daniel Hutchison, Ian McMordie and Oscar Rodriguez make up the 3-4 McLean Little Dribbler team. They have won second in both the Lefors and McLean tournaments. They are coach by Larry Perkins.

Brownies Learn About Other Countries

Brownie Girl Scout Troops #25 and #128 met Wednesday, February 8 to prepare for Thinking Day to be held Wednesday, February 22. Brownie Troop #128 chose China to learn about. They made Chinese dragon masks, colored pictures about China, looked at the Chinese flag and played Chinese jump rope

Brownie Troop #25 studied England. Brownies in England are called Brownie Guides and wear sashes with patches earned on them instead of the brown vest that US Brownies wear. Also in England the Brownies learned that some things have different names. They learned that the British call diapers "nappies" and "biscuits"

are really cookies. An English game they already knew was "London Bridge is Falling Down," but they learned many more verses.

Join the Brownie Troops on February 22, 3:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex as they join with other Girl Scouts in McLean to share their knowledge about other countries

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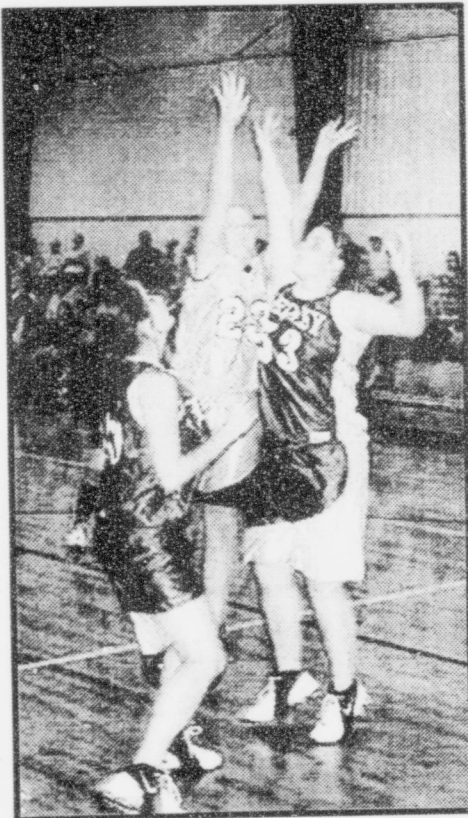
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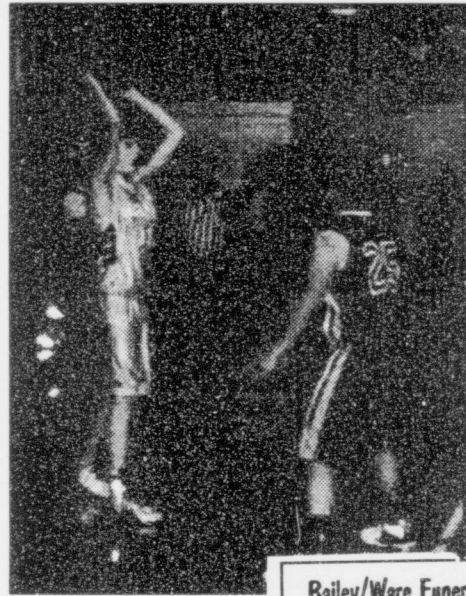
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Lacey Wallis goes up for a rebound against Hedley.



John Haynes looks for a team mate to pass to in the close game between Hedley and McLean.

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Pre-K Cowboy's UP!

McLean Pre-K has been studying the letter "R" all week. To finish up the study they performed a Rodeo for the elementary, Jr. High and their family and friends.

The children had the opportunity to make a stick horse at home or bring their old favorite from home.

The children were able to be in the events of barrel racing and the flag race. Some of the students felt it was important to include a

horse race into their rodeo. And no rodeo would be complete without the final bronc riding.

Mrs. Henderson would like to thank all the families and the school for helping create a memory the children will never forget. The children loved performing in front of the crowd.

"Seeing the smiles on the children's faces reminded me what my job is all about," said Pre-K teacher, Shelly Henderson.



Ready, Set, Go! The Pre-K take off from start line in the Horse Race at the Pre-K rodeo.



Pre-kindergarten Cowpokes get last minute instructions from rodeo wrangler, (teacher) Shelley Henderson as they get ready to ride into the sunset on their best stick horse.

Three on Three Basketball Tournament

March 4, 2006 - McLean High School Gym
McLean, Texas

Men's League Ages 16+
and Women's League Ages 16+

This is a fundraising event for Trinity Church Youth Ministry
Cost is \$40.00 per team - limit 4 persons per team

There will be a prize awarded for the 1st place team. All games will have a referee.
Please return form to Trinity Church by March 1 to be eligible to play.

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

New Life Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor Mahlon Richardson
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday night Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2048 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life 119 E. 3rd
Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135
Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.

Services To Be Held

Aimee Barreau

9am to 1pm in the funeral home.

LUBBOCK - Services will be held today, February 16 for Aimee Barreau, 30, in the Bailey-Ware Funeral Chapel at 2:00 p.m. in McLean, Texas with Ronnie Ferguson conducting the service. Burial will be in the Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed.

Aimee Melisa Barreau was born May 2, 1975, to James and Alice Barreau in Arlington, Virginia. She passes away on Saturday February 11, 2006. She loved being with her family and her animals. Aimee was a wonderful, sister, daughter, and granddaughter and will be missed by all.

Survivors include her parents James and Alice Barreau of Lubbock; a sister Megan Barreau of Lubbock, a brother Jamie Barreau of Ashburn, Virginia and a grandmother Rose Hill of Cottonwood, CA.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Feb. 16 from

Roy Eugene Chronister

MCLEAN - Roy Eugene Chronister, 64, passed away on February 13, 2006 in Amarillo, Texas.

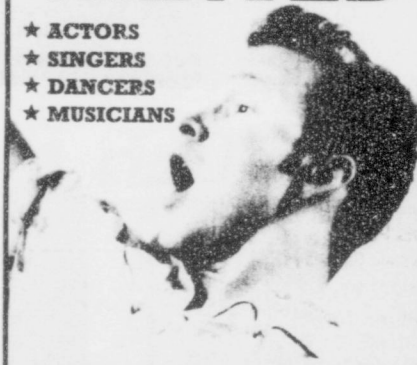
Services will be held on February 17, 2006 at the Assembly of God Church in McLean, TX with Dean Williamson officiating, un the director of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Wildorado Cemetery, Wildorado, TX.

Roy Eugene Chronister was born to Marvin and Mary Chronister on January 27, 1942 in Van Buren, Missouri. He loved to fish and hunt.

Survivors include a son David Chronister of Wildorado, TX; is mother Mary Chronister of McLean; a sister Marie Donahue and two grandchildren Dylan Hannick and Shawa Wiggins.

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Thank you for all of the flowers, prayers, food, cards and donations to the McLean EMS.

"God Bless" and keep you safe in His loving care.

Fay Crutcher & Children
 LaWana Ramos
 Jimmy Crutcher
 Pamela Lock
 Roger Crutcher

Ladies Crafts

Weekend! Come join us for 2 days of fun! On Friday and Saturday, February 24-25. It is a time to get away from the "daily grind" around the house and have fun with friends. Call Donna Barnett (248-7058), Nila Burgin (433-1336) or Carole Fields (665-5061) for more information.

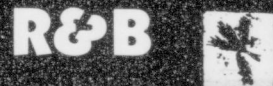
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 David Swinford

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 Lewis Powers
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 Jackie West
 County Treasurer
 Republican Candidates
 Denise Salzbrenner
 Leasha Hobbs
 Virgil Frick
 Democratic Candidates
 Dea Schroeder
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 Jackie Lewis
 Justice of the Peace
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 Bill Hinson

Gray County
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 Republican Candidates
 Susan Winborne
 Justice of the Peace,
 Precinct 2
 Republican Candidates
 Mary Ann Carpenter....
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The voting system was purchased as a result of Federal requirements and with Federal funds. Every polling place in the state of Texas must have at least one disability accessible voting machines. But this system makes it so easy for anyone to use.

This is such an exciting time for Carson County! Where voting is concerned, we will be technologically equal to every other County in the State of Texas.

Please do not be intimidated. The system is very simple and I am convinced that anyone who tries it will never want to mark their ballot manually again.

I am currently conducting training classes with the Election Judges, Clerks, Cities and Schools in the County. When you go to the polls to Vote feel free to ask questions.

Did you know that during the last election in Carson County there was about a 31% turn out, which is higher than usual. In the recent Iraqi election its people braved bombs, torture and murder in the streets just to have the privilege to VOTE, with a reported 72-90% turn out.

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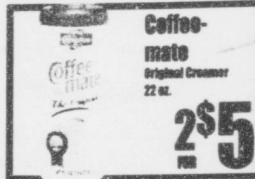
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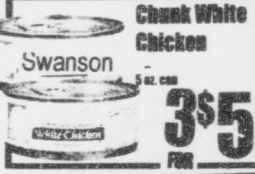
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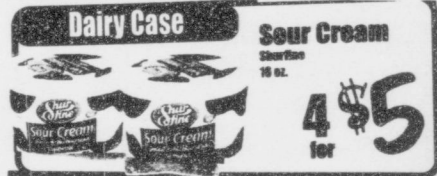
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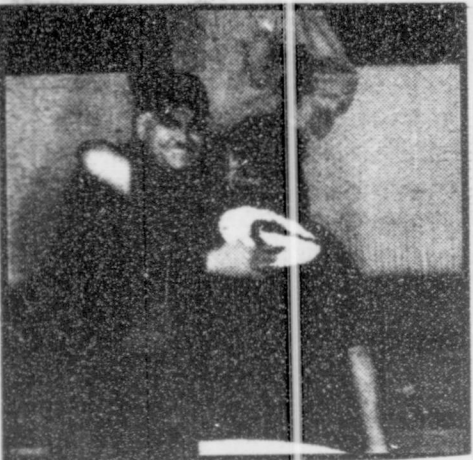
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Thursday, February 16, 2006

Season Finale Ends Seniors Basketball Careers



Senior Kyra Stevens looks for her parents to show her appreciation for their support with a rose of thanks.



Javier Caro gives his dad a big hug for all the support his parents have given.

Groom High School Cagers ended their season last week with two very exciting games against one of their biggest rivals, McLean.

Groom Girls played one of their best games of the year but fell a bit short of the mark with a final score of Groom 45 - 50. Cary Carter and Kyra Stevens shared the top scoring honors with 12 points each. Kacie Galyean added another 8 to the Ettes side of the score board. Michaela Roskens contributed 7, Brandi Bates 3 and Sharri Britten 3. Robin Burnett provided excellent support for successful teamwork.

Coach Johnson was very happy with the girls improvement over the season.

"The improvement the team has shown over from last season to this is just incredible," he commented. "We won 8 games this year, including 2 district wins, compared to only 4 wins during the previous 2 seasons combined. I have never been more proud of a group of girls, not just because of their improvement on the floor, but because of their work ethic and commitment to each other and the way they represented Groom High School."

In the boys game, anti-acid tablets should have

been handed out at the door! Double overtime had fans on the edge of their seats. When the smoke cleared, the Tigers were ahead when the last buzzer rang, 48-44.

T. J. Moraniec lead the scoring with 28 points. Blaine Britten contributed another 8. Brandon Jenkins added 5, Thane Barkley 4, and Javier Caro 3. Assisting in the scoring and teamwork for the win were Blake Galyean, Ben Thompson, Kade Brown, Chad Barkley, Kendall Weller, Trevor Friemel, Josh Kelly, Kelton Weller, and Cody Stell.

Coach Doug Galyean, was equally pleased with the Tigers performance this season. "We have gone from winning 5 to 10 to 16 games over the last 3 seasons showing a steady improvement," he stated. "The team is showing excellent improvement with a good combination of teamwork and sharpening their skills."

Both coaches acknowledged the contribution of the Senior members of the teams and stated that come next year, they will be missed but they have left behind a legacy that will help direct future teams to the path of victory.



Brandon Jenkins give mom, Kerri Jenkins a big bear hug.



Tears of pride, tears of thanks say more than words for the Britten family.

Community Calendar

MONDAY, FEB. 20 is President's Day. The federal holiday will find most federal offices, such as the Post Office, VA Outpatient Clinic and city offices closed.

SPRING BREAK! Is March 13-17 at Groom ISD.

A MUSICAL Program will be held by Grades K-3 on February 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

STORYTIME at the Groom Library will begin on Feb. 24 at 10:00 a.m.

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Incident Management & Ambulance Personnel On City Agenda

The Groom City Council met Monday night, Feb. 13, 2006 in the Community Center to hear Brenda Vermillion, Carson County Judge's secretary and coordinator for the National Incident Management System. Vermillion has attended several seminars and meetings to get Carson County in compliance in case of any dangerous spills or situations that might come up in the county.

The council was unable to act on the summer youth's financial report until meeting due to Tim Case unable to attend the meeting.

The council voted to order a general election Saturday, May 13, 2006 for the offices of 3 council members, Don Case, Ellis Stapp and the seat formerly held by Doug Kling. Mary Sue Lyles was approved as the early voting judge for the 2006 election.

The City Council is expected to receive donations for the community center kitchen. Therefore, Mayor Joe Homer, Don Case, Kenny Weller, Chris Welch and Mary

Sue Lyles went to the kitchen area to study the possibilities of upgrading

the kitchen plumbing and stoves.

The other business on the agenda for review was consideration and act upon requests concerning funding for the Ambulance Service.

Rick Prather, director of the Ambulance Service discussed possibilities of funding to education of drivers to paying of the staff to man the ambulance. There is a need for some local funding to match already available county funds but no decision was reached between the ambulance department and the city council. Prather says the ambulance dept. is

financially sound with \$9,000 in the savings account, \$2,000 in a checking account and a \$5,000 C.D. available to the fire department. The primary need right now for the Groom Ambulance Service is people who are capable of obtaining their instruction to man the ambulance. Then it will become necessary for the ambulance department and the city council to work together to find the matching funds to make the Ambulance Service operational and dependable.


More details are to be worked out and as they

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Great Grandparents are LaVeda Wood of Amarillo, Natalie & Pete of Hereford, Annie Mae Herndon of McLean, Wanda Hindman of

Clay and Kristi Reynolds of McLean are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Mallery Paige born

Former Groom Teacher Earns Place In The Hall Of Fame

C.C. "Bus" Dugger, a former Groom teacher, was inducted into the Panhandle State Hall of Fame. The man was responsible for the beginning of Kids, Inc. in Amarillo as well as being a right hand man to Cal Farley as they began Boys Ranch.

He taught the 5th grade in Groom in 1956.

Local Happenings



It's a Girl!

Jerry Evans and Ashli Poor are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Brighton Avery Evans. She was born December 30, 2005 at BSA hospital in Amarillo, Tx. She weighed in at 7 lbs and was 19.25 inches long. Proud grandparents are Rickie and Rita Poor of White Deer, Karen Evans of Skellytown and the late Jerry Evans., Great grandparents are Art and Jo Ann Britten, and Bobby and Shirley Burgin, both of Groom. Excited Uncles and Aunts are Adam and Jennifer Rainey of Skellytown, Tony and Jasmine Combs of Oklahoma city, Shaun Poor of Amarillo and Aubri Poor of White Deer.

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We would like to express our most heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Alan Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of White Deer, David Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Groom, all the church families, and all our friends and for the food, love, support and prayers. Special thanks to the Rider Club and others that provided transportation to treatment. Words are not abundant enough to express our thanks to BSA Hospice, Harrington Cancer Center, Dr. Pruett, Dr. Mohan, Dr. Black and all of the nurses, aides, technicians and health care providers for the quality care you provided. May God Bless each and every one.
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become more clear The News will pass on the status of the Ambulance Service to the public.

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February 17 - Mrs. D.A. (Hap) Watson, Berklee Ruthardt.

February 18 - Martin E. Hermesmeier, D. Leon Schaffer, Sheridan Ward, Jess Baker, Jessica Bates.

February 19 - Suzy Pool, Michael Sustaie, Josh Crooks.

February 20 - Loretta Britten, Chance Barkley.

February 21 - Bronte Britten, Bart Britten, Dean Fields, Victoria Moranic.

February 22 - Mrs. M. B. Bolden, Chy Jackson, Logan Siler.

Please help us keep the Birthday List up to date. Call 248-7333 with additions or changes!

Card of Thanks and Appreciation

Our sincerest thanks to all the people of Groom for their many acts of kindness during our loss. Thanks to those who helped with the lunch, we appreciated it so much. A

special thanks to all who helped James over the years. We will always be grateful.

The James Cummings Family

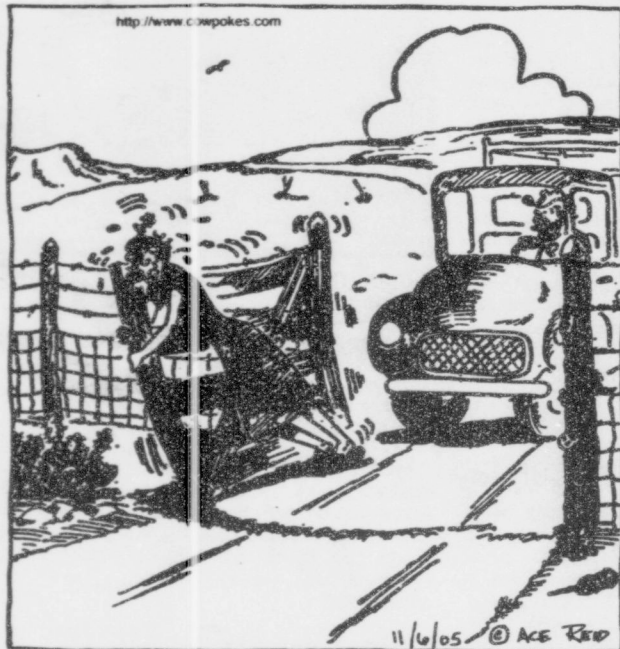
CARSON COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

Early Voting will be in the clerk's Office at the Courthouse which is located at 5th & Main Street, Panhandle, Texas, Monday through Friday beginning February 21, 2006 and ending March 3, 2006 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If you are not registered to vote, and would like to make a difference in this election, contact Jackie Lewis at 537-3412 for an application. The last day you may register to vote for the March 7, 2006 Primary Election is February 6, 2006.

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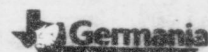
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Services Held For Area Residents



Helen Martin Witt

GROOM - Services were held for long-time Groom resident Helen Martin Witt on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 in the Groom Church of Christ with Minister Gaylord Cook officiating. Mrs. Witt passed away on Friday, February 10, 2006 at the age of 89. Burial was in the Groom Cemetery.

Mrs. Witt was born on June 25, 1916 in Howe, Texas to Homer McKinley Martin and Audrey Belle Wood Martin. She came to Groom in 1922 with her parents, who came to be near relatives in the area. Her father soon became a gas distributor and they all settled into life in Groom.

She graduated from Groom High School in 1933 where she distinguished herself as a student and showed early signs of the prolific poet and writer that she would become. She penned the words to the Groom School Song as a class assignment as a junior in High School and the song is still sung today with the same meaningful lyrics.

She attended West Texas State University and the University of Michigan. She was a Beauty Queen. After she graduated, she taught school in Lark until a dashing young doctor stumbled into her life courtesy of a flat tire one Sunday morning... an incident that would change her life as well as most of the lives in Groom.

The "legend" has it that Dr. John Witt was on his way to take up a practice in Amarillo when he had a flat going down old Route 66.

Was it chance that found him at Homer Martin's station? Apparently Groom's resident doctor had just passed away. A very astute Mr. Martin told Witt that it would take a week to get the tire in that he needed to continue his travels. Witt proclaimed that he did not have enough money to lay around waiting a week. Martin suggested that he hang up his "shingle" for a few days, make a little money while he waited. Dr. Witt attended Church on Sunday where he encountered Helen. Somehow, Amarillo became very far away! They married on July 3, 1937.

Helen loved Groom, the area and it's people. She was the woman behind the scenes as Dr. Witt built his impressive practice and the hospital that would be a central part of life in Groom. She was an avid homemaker for her husband and children, although she had formally given up teaching, she continued as a Sunday School teacher for 25 years at the Church of Christ in Groom, where she was a member. She served as a Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout leader. She loved to cook and was best known for her brownies.

Mrs. Witt was a valued member of many clubs and organizations over the years. She was a member of the Thimblette Needle Club of Groom and the Panhandle Pen Women. She won many awards for her poetry.

Mrs. Witt was a philanthropic supporter of the Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon and of the production of the play "Texas". She traveled the world visiting every continent with the exception of Antarctica! She made sure that her children and grandchildren expanded their horizons with travel, as well. She relocated to Clarksville a few years ago to be near family as she had health concerns.

She accepted life's challenges with grace and faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John Witt on March 16,

1981. Survivors include her daughter, Lynell Peek of Clarksville, TX; 2 sons, Dr. Dan Witt of Hoisington, KS and Jay Ross Witt of Palestine, TX and 6 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the High Plains Children's Home, Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114-7448 or the Westview Boys Home, Box 553, Hollis Okla. 73550-0553, or your favorite charity.



James Aaron Cummings

James Aaron Cummings, 55, of Groom, Texas passed away on Tuesday, Feb 7, 2006 in a one vehicle roll over north of Groom in Carson County.

Memorial services were held at The Cross of Our Lord, Jesus Christ on February 9, 2006 with Don Stone, minister of the Church of Christ of White Deer, officiating.

James was born on January 14, 1951 in Dell, Arkansas. He lived most of his life in Groom and graduated from Groom High School in 1970. He proudly served in the Marine Corps. Cummings had had been the manager of Allsup's in Groom for several years and was currently working for Britten Cattle Company.

Survivors include his son, Chas Leven of Groom; two sisters Rosa Riggs of Amarillo and Anita Baker of Abilene.

Henry Urbanczyk

White-Deer - Henry Urbanczyk, 91, died Thurs. Feb 9, 2006. Rosary was held on Tues., Feb. 14, 2006 in Pampa. Mass was on Wednesday in the St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Pampa with Bishop John Yanta of the Amarillo Diocese officiating. Burial was the Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Urbanczyk was born Sept. 22, 1914, in White Deer to John and Rose Urbanczyk, one of the first settlers in the Texas Panhandle. He had been a lifelong resident of White Deer, graduating from White Deer High School. He married Joy Griffin, and she preceded him in death in 1968. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Pampa and the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher. He was a farmer, rancher, businessman and oil wildcatter. He was a contributor to the building of the Cross in Groom.

Survivors include two daughters J'Non Wright of Olympia, WA, and J'Hon Lathy of Columbus, Ohio; two sons, Jonathan Urbanczyk of Miami and Christopher Urbanczyk of Houston; a brother Will Urbanczyk and his wife Pat of White Deer, a sister-in-law Isabelle Urbanczyk of Panhandle; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, Texas 79065.

FORMER GROOM COACH PASSES AWAY

CANYON - Jack Wayne York of Canyon passed away on Monday Feb. 6, 2006 in Amarillo.

Memorial services were held on Feb. 10, 2006 in the Panhandle Cemetery, with Rev. Glendall Smith, chaplain of BSA Hospital conducting the service.

Born in Shamrock to Clay and Veda York on Jan. 30, 1936, York was a talented athlete. After

attending WTSU on a scholarship, he set out on a lifelong career in education. He coached in many schools including Groom.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Georgette; a son Brent York of Amarillo; a daughter and son-in-law,

Lyndy and Greg Ashford and grandson, Caleb of Dallas; and a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Donna York of San Antonio.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Public Notice

Celeste Bichsel, County Clerk and Elections Administrator for Carson County will conduct the first pre-election test of the 650 series scanner which will be used to count ballots for the March 7, 2006 Primary.

The test will be March 2, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office at 501 Main, Panhandle. The public is welcome.

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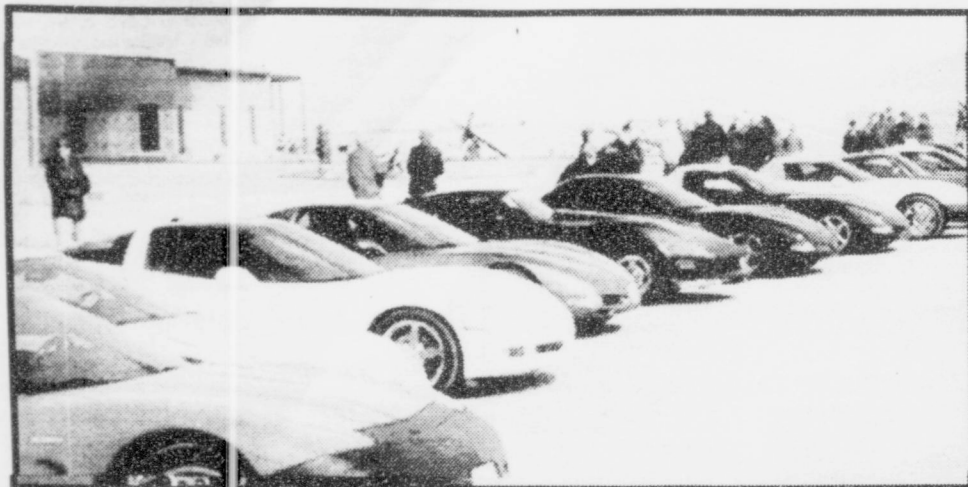
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Groom School Breakfast and Lunch Menu for the week of February 20-24:

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Wednesday - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk.
Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, juice, and milk.
Friday - Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, and milk.

- Monday - Burritos with chili and cheese, bean dip, peaches, chips and milk.
Tuesday - Chili cheese dogs, tater tots, pickle spears, pineapple and milk.
Wednesday - Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding with a cookie and milk.
Thursday - Stew, applesauce, cornbread, crackers and milk.
Friday - Pizza, salad, fruit cocktail, crackers and milk.

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Six Indictments Handed Down In District Court

Carson County's Grand Jury handed down six indictments in the District Court when they met on February 10, 2006. In Cause No. 3535,

Raymond Herman Jackett III, 47, was indicted for possession of marijuana on August 19, 2005 in the amount of 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds.

In Cause No. 3536, Tyrone Jackett, 42, was indicted for possession of Marijuana in the amount of 2,000 pounds or less, but more than 50 pounds. on August 19, 2005.

In Cause No. 3537, Glendale Kenneth Bates, 21, was indicted for possession of marijuana in

the amount of 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds on November 1, 2005.

In Cause No. 3538, Taylor Ekman Adams, 28, was indicted for possession of marijuana on November 1, 2005 in the amount of less than 2,000 pounds but more

than 50 pounds.

In Cause No. 3539, Tania Ibanez, 26, was indicted for possession of marijuana on August 1, 2005 in the amount of less than 2,000 pounds but

more than 50 pounds.

In Cause No. 3540, Sara Seleni Peiallo, 26, was indicted for possession of marijuana in the amount of more than 2,000 pounds but less than 50 pounds.

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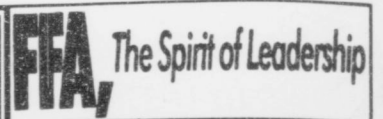
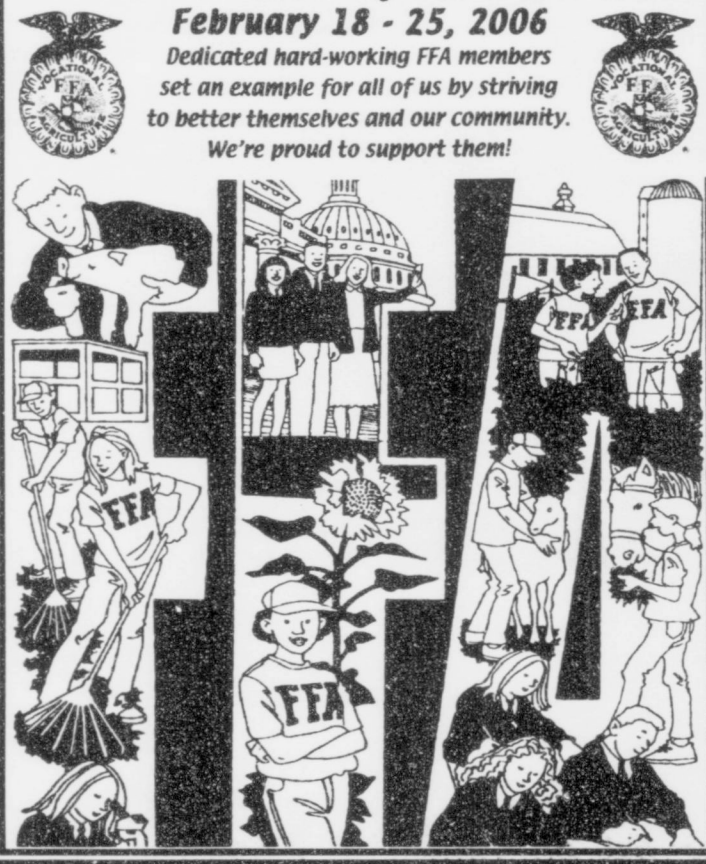
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