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HISTORIC ROUTE 66

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Council Approves EDC Plans For Library And Website

The City Council of McLean met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2006 in the City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor and opened with an invocation by Mindy Reeves at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Mindy Reeves, Molly McDowell, Betty Taylor, Janet Glass and Teresa Simmons. Others present were Jim Adams, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Jim Reyna, Chet and Sally Bohlar and Tammy Armbrister.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Tammy Armbrister of the Housing Authority informed the council that Brenda Wallis was now the new chair person for the Housing Authority Board. She also asked the council to appoint Linda McDonald as a member of the Housing Authority Board. Motion by Mirrdy Reeves, second by Betty Taylor to appoint Linda McDonald to the board. All voting in favor.

Betty Taylor, president of the EDC explained to the council that the EDC was going to put new carpet, replace the tiles and repair the skylights in the book part of the library. Total cost for the job on the tiles and skylights is \$1382.79. Motion by Molly McDovell, second by Mindy Reeves to approve the EDC to do this project. Molly, Betty, Mindy, and Janet voting for and Teres a Simmons

Betty also told the council that the EDC had approved for Jim Reyna to create their website The name cost is\$10.20 year with the domain host cost being \$72.00 a year and Jim's cost for the upkeep of the website at \$150.00 month. Motion by Teresa Simmons, second Molly McDowell to approve Jim Reyna to create the website with all voting in favor.

Betty then informed the council that Bob Glass had accepted to be their new board member.

Several months ago the council elected to pay librarian, Sally Bohlar \$100.00 per trip to Amarillo because the cost of gas was so high. The council was in agreement to go back to paying her so much per mile for her trips.

Motion by Betty Taylor, second by Janet Glass with all voting in favor to pay .40 per mile f o r m i l e a g e reimbursement

Molly McDowell expressed her concerned cross connection contamination to the fire After some hydrants. discussion. motion by Molly McDowell, second by Mindy Reeves to buy a backflow connection valve for the fire hydrant. All She also in favor. brought up her concern about the leaking fire hydrants in the city. Motion by Teresa Simmons, second by Molly McDowell to buy one fire hydrant now and another in the spring to begin replacing the leaking hydrants. All in

The Water Vending machine, hiring a gas

attorney to look into the royalty situation of the Fowler Well and hiring a gas consultant were items that were all tabled until next month.

Motion by Mindy Reeves, second by Betty Taylor to approve the Utility Connection Policy which states that a \$25.00 service call fee will be charged to cut off city utilities for non-payment and if a customer turns on their own gas or water, the meter will be removed and a \$100.00 reconnect fee will be charged.

Motion by Teresa Simmons, second by Mindy Reeves to approve a standby policy with Standby Time Monday -Friday will be \$10.00 per day and Weekends and Holidays will be \$30.00 per day.

The council approved resolution #306 to hold a combined election with the McLean Independent School District in order to financially afford to comply with the state mandate to have an electronic voting machine in every polling place.

The council approved resolution #307 which will provide an electronic voting machine for the election at the city's polling place.

The council approved a resolution to call an election on May 13, 2006 with balloting being at the Lovett Memorial Library for 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with three alderman positions being open.

The council approved to hire Marjorie Fish as the City's election judge.

Mayor Martin informed the council that there needed to be someone that knew how to do things at City Hall like billing, payroll, etc., in case something should happen to the City secretary. Toni Bohlar explained that she had begun the process to train Teresa Johnston on those things.

Jim Adams told the council that he had put a compressor on the City well and that it had increased the production for 14 mcf per day to 30 mcf per day. He explained that a compressor costs approximately \$15,280.00 He also sold the council that he could buy the pickup that the councy had put up for bid from

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McLean I.S.D Board of Trustees Approves Election And Emergency Operation Plans

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 20, 2006. Board members present were Marshall Hanes, Chet Bohlar, Toni Bohlar, Terri Adams, Billy Bybee, Joe Riley, and David Fuller. Others present were Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon, Rhonda Patterson, Dick Crockett, and Leslie Darsey. Bo Loya was the only visitor present.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Terri Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Billy Bybee gave the opening prayer.

Motion was made by David Fuller, second by Toni Bohlar to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of January 16, 2006. Motion carried.

At this time President Terri Adams ask Ms. Loya for any visitor comments. Ms. Loya stated that several parents and students had come to her wanting to have the gym open to play basketball. She went on to say that there was nothing for the kids to do on the weekends to keep them out of trouble and suggested that if the gym were to be open they would be playing baskerball. Mr. Hannon replied that after this discussion with TASB policy services, that there should be administrative guidelines as to the use of The Texas the gym. Constitution prohibits school districts from spending district resources to serve non-school purposes, therefore. charging no fees constitutes an improper "gift of public funds." if the district is spending its resources to keep its doors open for nonschool use. The guidelines will be drawn up in March or April with the possibility of organizations having to pay a fee if only for the District to recover the cost of operations (including

utilities, wear and tear, and personnel costs, if any). Some sort of agreement would also have to be signed for liability issues or damage to the facilities. At this time the Board thanked Ms. Loya for her comments.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to order the School Board election to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006. Motion carried.

Motion by David Fuller, second by Marshall Hanes to appoint Marjorie Fish as Early Voting Clerk and also as Election Judge for McLean ISD. Motion carried.

Terri Adams announced the Board Training hours which have been reported to TASB as follows:

Terri Adams 9.75, Chet Bohlar 3.0, Toni Bohlar 8.0, Billy Bybee 4.5, David Fuller 2.0, Marshall Hanes 7.5, and Joe Riley 7.0.

New Board members are

required to have 16 hrs. of training, and experienced Board members are required to have 8 hrs. of training per year, with an additional hour of Open Meetings Act training for all members.

Motion by Toni Bohlar second by Chet Bohlar to approve the Resolution of Voting System according to Sec. 61.012 of the Texas Election Code requiring that McLean ISD provides at least one accessible oting system in each polling place used, in a Texas election. This system must comply with state and federal laws setting the requirements for voting systems that permit with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. The Gray County Clerk shall provide a Hart E-slate 2.013 voting machine to the District for a rental fee. Motion carried. Motion by Billy Bybee,

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Reminders

TRINITY 3 ON 3
Basketball tournament,
March 4. Call Mike
Maxwell at 779-3207 to
sign up or for more
information

BOY SCOUT Pinewood Derby, March 6.

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IMMUNIZATION Clinic
date has been changed to
March 6 from 1 - 3 p.m. in
the Elementary building.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS will play in the Wheeler tournament today -Saturday. PRAY FOR RAIN!!

GOT NEWS? Call 779-2141,

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet on March 2.

WELLINGTON High School Golf Tournament, February 27 & 28.

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

SCHOOL WILL Dismiss at 12:30 on March 10th. McLean Bithdays & Anniversaires

February 23 - Lynda Stone, Heather Brooks

February 24 - Sally Worsham Bohlar, George Watson, Maggie Ruth Johnston

February 25 - Dekki Crockett Oliveras, Jeffrey Lee, Reo Averett.

Lee, Reo Averett.

February 26 - Stella
Lee, Nathanial Roberts

February 27 - Lillie Mae Williams, Ruben Flores.

February 28 - Mike Acuna.

February 29 - Mike Harkins.

March 1 - Shane Coleman, Betty Mackie, Marvis Godfrey.

Thompson Receives DAR Good Citizenship Award

Carrie Thompson, daughter of Kelly and Kathy Raymond, received the DAR Good Citizen Award for McLean High School at a recent ceremony by Las Pampas Chapter in Pampa.

The award is made on the basis of dependa bility, service, leadership and patriotism. The DAR Good Citizenx are required to write an essay that is entered in the state competition, with the winning essay advancing to the national competition.

An honor student, Thompson has been a class president twice, vicepresident of the student council, cheerleader, cross country regional qualifier and golf regional qualifier. She has received numerous awards in drama, including best actress and all star cast. She earned a first in UIL physics and first in the National Poets Society contest. She has bee Miss M c L e a n , M i s s Congeniality, and a runner

National Anthem at the football and basketball games and performs at church and a local steak house.

up in the Miss Irish Rose

pageant. She sing the

Thompson plans to attend WTA&M.

McLean School Menus

Milk

for the week of Feb. 27 -March 3

BREAKFAST Monday: Cereal, Toast &

Jelly, Juice, Milk
Tuesday: Biscuits &

Gravy, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk Wednesday: Nutri-Grain

Bars, Pop Tarts, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice Thursday: Egg Patties, Ham, Toast & Jelly, Milk,

Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk LUNCH
Monday: Corn Dogs,
Waffle Fries, Baked Beans,
Orange Quarters, Cookie,

Tuesday: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Chips, Fruit, Milk Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots,

Texas Toast, Milk Thursday: Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Veggie Sticks, Fruit, Milk

Friday: Pizza, Corn on the Cob, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Study Club Celebrates Sweethearts

The Pioneer Study Club met on Thursday, February 16 at Elizabeth's.

Hostess Nama Webb served brownies, nuts, heart-shaped chocolates, coffee and tea.

Members present were Barbara Bode, Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Janet Glass, Mickey Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Ticie Taylor, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Mary Lou Glass, Wanda Lamb and Ruth Magee.

Angie Ware was 1. charge of the program. She had asked that members bring a picture of themselves with their sweetheart. Members shared the photos and related how they and their sweetheart met.

As a finale, the four rose centerpieces were awarded to Mickey Jackson, Lynn Reeves, Rosa Troy, and Betty Morgan.

The next meeting will be March 2nd with Mindy Reeves in charge of the program and Barbara Bode acting as hostess.



The Reynolds Brothers Welcome New Baby Sister

Mason and Morgan Reynolds are excited about announcing the arrival of their new baby sister into the world.

Mallery Paige Reynolds was born on January 17, 2006 in Amarillo, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Clay and Kristi Reynolds of McLean. Grandparents are Gerald and Kathy Reynolds of McLean, Lee and LaVonda Barkley of Groom and Rick and Brenda Jasper of McLean.

Great grandparents are
LaVeda Wood of Amarillo,
Natalie and Pete of
Hereford, Annie Herndoa,
Wanda Hindman and
Esther Jasper all of
McLean, and Robest
Reynolds of Amarillo.

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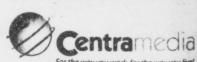


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Charlie Webb

3RD GRADE A & B Daniel Hutchison Shelby Passmore Chris Walker 4TH GRADE A 4TH GRADE A & B Calvin Armbrister Hayley Burnett

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Jace McLain George Patterson Rena Smith Patricia Valles Mariah Wooldridge 7TH GRADE A Lynda Fortune Nicole McClendor 7TH GRADE A & B

6TH GRADE A & B

Tanner Cadra Tyler Lamb Robert Morroy Kelsey Ramirez Erin Vassey 8TH GRADE A Sheri Hayn 8TH GRADE A & B Hogan Ketcherside Jessica Skipper

"Teacher of the Year" Nominations Being Accepted

Teachers, parents, and student have until 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2006 to nominate an educator for the state's 2005-2006 "Teacher of the Year"

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to

that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com/toty.

or yourself, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the "Teacher of the Year."

announced at the end of the school year.



The K- 2nd Grade Boys placed 3nd at the Lefors Little Dribbler Tourney

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Tigers Play Last Game of Season

The McLean Tigers played their last basketball game of the season in Groom against the Groom Tigers.

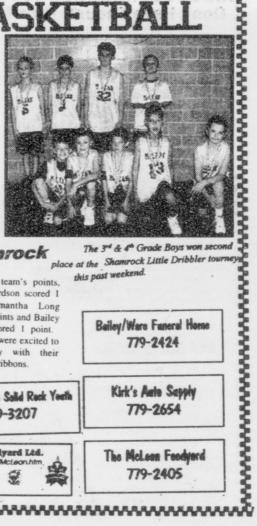
In double overtime, the McLean Tigers were defeated with a final score of 44 -48

John Haynes led the scoreboard with 15 points. Jacob Tolleson added 13

Zach Richardson put up six points, Jayme Welch scored five. Manden Conklin added three and Kutter Anderson had two.

Also lending a hand for the Tigers was Kevin

Smith, Chase Bohlar, Larry Lusk, Mark Smith, Daniel Lee, Stevie Vassey and Trenton Darsey.



K-2nd Grade Girls Play At Shamrock

The McLean K-2 Girls started in the Shamrock Tournament on Thursday night with a game against Wellington. Scoring for McLean were Kearston Tolleson with 3 points and Lexus Brown with I point. However, it was not enough to beat Wellington, and ended with a score of 4 -

The girls played later Thursday night against

The McLean Care Center

779-2469

Shamrock and won with a score of 7 - 5. Scoring for McLean were Samantha Long with 4 points and Kearston Tolleson with 3 points.

The McLean girls were up early Saturday morning to compete against Wheeler in their last game. This game also brought a win with the score of 16 - 3. Kearston Tolleson scored

12 of the team's points, Sara Richardson scored 1 point, Samantha Long scored 2 points and Bailey Herring scored 1 point.

The girls were excited to away with their Participant ribbons.

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Trustees

second by Joe Riley to adopt the Resolution of Combined Elections which would combine the School Board Election with the City of McLean. Balloting. including Early Voting will be at the Lovett Memorial Library, 302 Main in McLean. Both entities will divide equally all costs incurred with the election, including any and all training, voting supplies, early voting, and election day. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Riley. second by Chet Bohlar to appoint Jimmy Hannon as Certified Investment Officer for McLean ISD

Mr. Hannon has received the ten hours of training certification necessary, which is required every two vears. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to adopt FMH (Local) policy stating that students shall meet all state and local graduation requirements, including all applicable exit-level testing, to be eligible to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies. Motion

A calendar was reviewed for the 2006-2007 school year with a start date of

August 16, 2006. The question was raised as to why start on the 16th in the

The mayor informed

the council that Curtis

only go for 3 days, to which Mr. Hannon replied it was chosen in order to be out by Memorial Day in May. He also stated that the Legislature could still possibly decide to start all Texas schools after September 1st

Motion was made by David Fuller, second by Chet Bohlar to adopt the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan). Mr Hannon met with Ken Hall, Jim Adams, and Bob Martin on February 6, 2006, to discuss the EOP which is to be adopted by March 1, Several annexes 2006. have been prepared in relation to the procedures that would take place in different types of emergency situations. Joe Riley was concerned about the communications aspect whether all the different parties involved would be able to have sufficient communication and Mr. Hannon assured the Board that it had been covered in the Communications Annex. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshall Hanes, second by Joe Riley to approve the student transfer for Jacey Carter. Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon's contract, and Principal contracts for Dick Crockett and Rhonda Patterson. Return to open session came at 10:01 p.m.

Motion was made by Marshall Hanes, second by Joe Riley to extend Mr. Hannon's contract for 12 months for the period of 2006-2008, for a salary of \$57,500.00 and \$6,000.00 of Health insurance. Motion carried. Hannon recommended that no action be taken on Mr. Crockett's contract. Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Chet Bohlar to extend Rhonda Patterson's contract for two years for 2006-2008 on an 11-month basis as per Mr. Hannon's recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to approve the Firmicial Reports A, B, & C. Motion carried.

Motion by Billy Bybee, second by Chet Bohlar to approve to pay the bills as presented and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried

Under other business the Board was reminded to sign their Disclosure statements to be kept on file. Mr. Hannon informed the Board of his meeting with Henry King of King Consultants regarding an asbestos inspection. The inspection of test areas and updating the asbestos plan would be approximately \$3000.00, and is required every 3

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. Motion carried



The 5th & 6th Grade Boys Little Dribber team sho off the t-shirts they won in the McLean Little Dribbler mament.

Council

Culberson Stowers for \$1100.00

The mayor called for executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss employee Chet Bohlar

The meeting returned to open meeting at 9:55 p.m. with no action being taken concerning the executive session.

During other business the council discussed the National Registry. The mayor informed the ancil that there would approximately 40 buildings that might qualify

Church of Christ

New Life Assaumbly of God Partor Mahlon Richs

United Methodic t Church

Broadis had approached him about being the City Marshall for free. The mayor is checking into the and asked the council to consider this option. Toni told the council

that she had a DVD that would fulfill the Open Meetings Act requirements for the council

The council agreed to

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

4s, & Main

Daniel Lee Wins 3d At Ft. Worth Stockshow

Jesse Parks and Daniel Lee represented the McLean FFA by participating at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth recently.

Daniel Lee won third place in the Lightweight Crossbred Class. competed against hundreds of other entrees from across Texas.

Jesse Parks exhibited a Chester at the show but did

represented their school

Little Dribblers Compete In Shamrock Tournament

McLean Little Dribblers participated in the Shamrock Little Dribblers tournament this past weekend.

The 3 and 4 grade boys placed second in the They are tournament coached by Larry Perkins.

The 3-4 grade girls placed fourth in the

tournament. coached by Brandon Lewis The 5-6 grade girls also

placed second in the tournament. They see coached by Markeiska Menefield.

The Little Dribblers will finish their season with a tournament at Wheeler, beginning today.

We would like to thank the McCean Cion's Club for selecting our home for first place in the Christmas Cighting Contest. It was a great honor. Sincerely.

Ann Griffen & Jadie Margan

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to celebrate the

75th Birthday of Johnny Haynes.

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Pastor Thec er Haynes 779-2049 & 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. We hesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

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Pari or Jim Reyna 779-2548 Sundi y Bible School 10:00 a.m.

Worship 10:40 s.m. & 6 p.m., Wad. Bible Class 7:30

Su klay School 9:30 a.m.

War hip Service 10 30 a.m.

Sund y night Service 6:00 p.m.

Wech redev Service - 7:00 p.m.

Pastu Kelly Raymond 779-2175 Sunday School 1:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 6:00 p.m.

edev Bit is Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Churci Railroad Street Past r Larry Perkins 779-3207 Surday worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m. Solid Rock Youth & Sonshine Children's Ministry Wedn≈sday 6:00 Adult Bibli∋ Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

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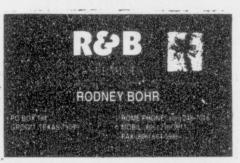
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Pampa Chapter of DAR Names Stevens 2006 Good Citizen

Kyra Stevens, daughter of Terry and Laura Sue Stevens, received the DAR Good Citizen Award for Groom High School at a recently ceremony by Las Pampas Chapter in Pampa. The award is made on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The DAR Good Citizens are required to write an essay that is entered in the state competition, with the winning essay advancing to the national

An honor student Stevens is president of the National Honor Society, has won second place in state in UIL. placed in FFA competitions and BPA co npetition. She is captain of the varsity basketball team, in va sity track, tennis and cross country and is a ch erleader. She has pe formed at the nursing ho ne, tutored students, assisted in the library, been captain of food and cont drives and a Lion's Cli b Sweetheart.



Time To File For Local City-School Elections

City of Groom
Aldermen and Groom
Independent School
District Board of Trustees
both announced in their
latest monthly meeting
that they would call for an
election on May 13, 2006.

The annual event will see three seats in contention for the City Council. Seats currently held by Don Case, Ellis Stapp and the seat vacated by Doug Kling that the Aldermea chose not to fill by appointment. Both Care and Stapp have served on the council for several terms of office. We ther has given any indication as to if they intend to run again.

Two seats will be decided in the Groom ISD election. Those currently held by Tony Britten and Tony Rocha are expiring. Neither Trustee has stated whether or not they plan to seek re-election.

Requirements for candidates, in general, require that the person has been a resident of the District or City (which ever the case may be) for at least 6 months. Some training will be required for both the city and

meetings, so there is a time commitment involved.

Those who are interested in serving in the community in one of

these capacities should pick up an application at City Hall or at the School Business Office for a

See ELECTION, pg. 2

Stapp and the seat vacated held by Tony Britten and school as well as monthly District Court Sends Five To Prison

100th Judicial District Court was held in the Carson County Courthouse on February 13, 2006 with Judge David McCoy, presiding. The following sentencing was handed down:

Cause No. 3352 Antoine Alfaro plcad
guilty to two State Jail
felony possessions of
marijuana for offenses
that he committed on June
23, 2004. He was
sentenced to 2 years
deferred adjudication and
a \$3,000 fine.

Cause No. 3484 - Manuel Ochoa Holquin pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony of Driving White Intoxicated, 3rd offense or more on Sept. 4, 2005.

He was sentenced to 5 years in prison and a \$2,500 fine. His drivers lionase will be suspended for 2 years and 10 days in the County Jail.

Cause No. 3204 - Ed m u n do Ros ales Guerrero had his deferred adjudication revoked for his a 2nd degree felony count of possession of ma ijuana after failing to adhere to the provisions set down in District Court. He was a red to serve 6 years in the Texas Dejartment of Corrections and pay a \$5,000 fine.

Cause No. 3509 Tarumy Denise Gray pled
guilty to two counts of a
1st degree felony count of
aggravated assault on a

Public Servant with a deadly weapon and was ordered to serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Corrections... The incident occurred on Oct. 10, 2005. This sentence will run concurrent with Cause # 3510. Cause # 3511 in which she was also involved was dismissed.

In Cause No. 2929

Tammy Jean Snyder had her community supervision sentence overturned due to noncompliance and was ordered to prison for 6 years confinement for a 2nd degree felony possession of marijuana which occurred on January 7, 2002. She was

also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Cause No. 3317 - Victoria Lowery had her deferred adjudication revoked due to non compliance with the terms of court for a guilty conviction of evading arrest on Sept 4, 2003. She will serve 18 months in prison and be ordered to pay a \$1500 fine. This case was to run concurrent with Potter County Cause No. 46900-D.

Cause No. 3541 - Gary
Thomas Heasley was
convicted of a 3rd degree
felony possession of a
controlled substance after
entering a guilty plea on

See COURT, pg. 2

I-40 DPS Traffic Stop Search Finds Stucco Machine Harboring Drug Money

Groom — We have all heard of the proverbial tree that money does not fall from. Well evidently we should have been looking in stucco machines instead of on trees. Because after making a traffic stop on I-40 yesterday DPS Troopers found something other than stucco in a stucco hopper towed by the vehicle. They found 80,380.00 dollars cash money.

At 12:20 PM yesterday troopers stopped a 2006 Ford F150 pickup for a traffic violation. The stop was made on I-40 near Groom. Troopers became suspicious of the driver and received consent to

search Troopers searched a stucco machine towed by the pickup. In the hopper of the machine cash was found in a hidden compartment that totaled 80,380.00 dollars.

Arrested were Alejandro Sandoval 23, of Fontana, CA. and Jose Saucedo 19, of Paramount, CA. The

subjects were placed in the Carson Co. jail on charges of money laundering.

The cash was believed to have originated in Illinois and was destined for California.

Community Calendar

NO CLASSES will be held at Groom School on Monday, February 27.

LENT BEGINS on March 1. Check with your local church for special service times and events.

SPRING BREAK at Groom ISD will be March 13-17.

EARLY VOTING in person continues in the Primary Elections (mostly county and state positions) until March 3. Vote at the County Clerk's office in Panhandle.



GROOM ISD's National Honor Society will hold their annual induction of new members and installation of officers on March 20.

ST. PATRICK'S Day will be celebrated on March 17. Watch this paper for information on area celebrations.

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



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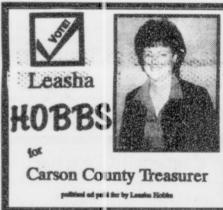
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Local Happenings

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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Top O'Texas CattleWomen would like to remind high school seniors attending state certified schools in Carson. Collingworth, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Wheeler Counties that applications for the Top O'Texas CattleWomen's scholarships should be in your high school counselor's office by February 18, 2006. The deadline to return the application for judging is April 22, 2006. This year we have voted to award two \$500 scholarships and \$250 scholarships. The scholarship application should be sent Christine Marett, 15741 County Road 2, Shamrock, Texas 79079. For more information call Christine at 806-256-

Election

place on the ballot by March 13.

These positions are vital to the progress of our community. Forward thinking, open minded individual are an important resource to our future as a community.

Groom Temperatures

Groom temperatures are cold at night ranging in the low 20's with highs in the day above 50. No moisture is expected within the next 5 - 7 days.

Court

the case that occurred on January 4, 2006. He was sentenced to 4 years in prison, probated to 4 years and a \$2,500 fine



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We would like to express our thanks for all the acts of kindness shown to the family and friends of James (Strawberry) Cummings. A special thank you is sent to the Cross Ministries for their help and to the ladies of the First Baptist Church for serving the excellent me a l. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated

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Birthday & Anniversaries

February 23 - Ethan Don Thompson, Samantha Amphay, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Pool

February 24 - Louis Lee Barkley, Robbie Thornton, LaDonna Walker Cortez.

February 25 - Trevor Friemel.

February 26 - Katy Leann Britten, Jo Ann Musser, Michele Bohr.

February 27 - Juandell

Ritter Bivens, Mrs. Kenneth W. Babcock, Howard G. Britten, Pam Brown.

February 28 - Katie McGuire, Matthew Keith Fields, Mrs. Harris E. Howard, Gary Davis, Ellis Stapp.

February 29 - Irma Ray Rutherford.

March 1 - Sharri Renee Britten, Tim Case, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip England (A).

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

Nurse Practitioner Meets With Legislators

Local Family Nurse Practitioner Janet Bilyeu of Claude Medical Clinic met with elected officials and staff members at the State Capitol in Austin as a part of the Coalition for Nurses in Advanced Practice's (CNPA) 2006 Legislative Day. Bilyeu joined with 200 other Advance practice Nurses (APNs) attending the event held at the State Capitol and the Omni Hotel in Austin, Texas.

"Articulating the needs

and concerns of advanced practice nurses is critically important, even when the Texas Legislature is not in session," state Bilyeu. "I was proud to represent our area of Texas at the Coalition's Capitol Day, and I especially appreciate the hard work of our locally-elected officials, including state Representative Warren Chisum and state-Senator Robert Duncan who represents us at the Texas

Capitol, " she added.

"Another area of concern I addressed with the legislators involved funding for Medicaid and Chips," Bilyeu stated. "It is important our legislators continue to be aware of the needs of their smallest constituents, the children. In my practice there have been incidents when a child transitions from Medicaid to Chips and they have a full

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By Ace Reid



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This year, the Stock Show's Junior Division is hosting over

10,000 entries by Texas 4-H and FFA youth as the culmination of year long agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production Junior premiums will exceed \$81,836. The junior entry list is part of the overall record count this year of nearly 25,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, goats, donkeys, llamas, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits.

provides educational opportunities for young people, and showcases the livestock industry in the growing Metroplex. The hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend the Show will include

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12th Grade - Kyra

All A & B Honor Roll

Vidal Ybarra. 5th Grade - Brody Britten, Tanner Case, Caleb Reyna, Elizabeth Merrell, Victoria Moraniec, & Alexandria Ragsdale.

Bhakta, Hali Bohr, & Neva Corley.

Britten, Samantha Clendennen, Erin Finck, Myles Friemel, & Haley

Babcock, Korri Britten,

Britten, Blake Galyean, & Kelton Weller

10th Grade - Anthony

11th Grade - Brandi Bates, Robin Burnett, &

Britten

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4th Grade - McKenna Britten, & Megan

Ruthardt. 5th Grade - Clinton Galyean, Sara Kelly, Macee Rocha, & Amy Weinheimer.

6th Grade - Rebekah

Kelly, Jacob Maddie Wieberg. Virginia Kelly, Jacob Torres, &

Froese, Ashley Murray, &

9th Grade - Josh Kelly, & Brett Friemel.

Chad 10th Grade Barkley & Michaela Roskens.

Stevens.

4th Grade - Brooklyn Kerlee, Caitlin Weller, &

6th Grade - Suhani

Grade - Tanner Kuehler. 8th Grade - Tyler

Tyler Case, Alannah King, & Tiffani Kling. 9th Grade - Trent

Blackwell

Brittany Kuehler.

12th Grade - Sharri

Groom School District 2006 Track & Field Schedule

March 2	Lefors JH	& HS
March 7	Lefors	JH
March 8	Lefors	HS
March 31	Miami	JH
April 1	Miami	HS
April 4	District @ Lefors	JH
April 7	District @ Panhandle	HS
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burritos, hash brown
potatoes, juice and milk.

Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, juice, and milk.

Friday - Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, and milk.

Lunch Monday - No School

Tuesday - Philly Steak Sandwich, tater tots, pears, and milk

Wednesday - Steak or

Fish, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, milk and cherry crisp.

Thursday - Lasagna, salad, peaches, fried okra, bread sticks, and milk.

Friday - Ham or cheese, stuffed baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, milk and sherbert.



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Directors Approve Rate Buy Down For 2006

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Texas—Panhandle-Plains
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(FLBA). CEO Robert R.
Williams Jr. announced that
the board of directors
approved a patronage
payment and additional
interest rate buy-down for
2006.

The Association board

met January 19. 2006 in Amarillo to review performance goals from 2005 and approve the 2006 business plan that includes the se payments. Association Board Chairman Wayne Garrett further explained, "this patronage, which will amount to \$2.7 million, will return \$.25 of every dollar

our customers paid in interest during 2005. This year's payment will again be 100% cash, and in their hands this spring said Garrett. Since 1997. Panhandle-Plains FLBA has a history of stock reduction, patronage payments, and interest rate buy-downs all of which reduce the cost of credit for rural real estate mortgages.

CEO Williams elaborated on the rate reduction. "We are simply

continuing our philosophy of Providing Value to Membership with the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Rates have been on a steady rise since the middle of 2004, and our products have reflected this increase. But this association has reduced its cost of operations and utilized its capital strength to pass along savings resulting in a variable that is currently 1% point under the Prime

Rate. Again this spring, our business plan calls for a spread adjustment for a spread adjustment for mitigate the increasing cost of "borrowing," said Williams. "We are committed to being the best choice for long-term real estate mortgages on farm and ranch land, rural recreational tracts, rural homes, and agribusiness."

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is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Randy Darnell of Amarillo; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Don James of

Plainview: Rusty Henson of Quitaque; Daniel Krienke of Perryton: Wayne Garretti of Gruver: Steve Rader of Canadian; and Steve Brown of Floydad There is still time to request a ballot by mail for the primary election in March



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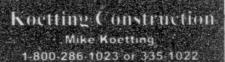
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To request a ballot for early voting by mail please contact the clerk's office at 537-3873 or write to Celeste Bichsel, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 487, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

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Drip Irrigation Is Most Popular

VERNON - After three years of testing cotton performance in the field a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station agronomist says subsurface drip irrigation is a workable option for Rolling Plains crop producers.

"Drip is the preferred way to irrigate in many other crop-producing regions," said Dr. John Sij Experiment Station agronomist based at "Research has Vernon. proven it is the most efficient water delivery system available today But is it feasible in the semiarid climate we have here on the Rolling Plains? Answering that question is the rationale behind our research."

So far, the Rolling Plains project has focused on evaluating plant productivity and lint quality of irrigated cotton grown in conventional and conservation tillage systems. Results were then compared to cotton grown with traditional furrow irrigation.

The site for the first three years of this research was a 28-acre field in Munday, Texas. Subsurface drip-irrigation lines were installed 12 to 14 inches deep, using 40- and 80-inch spacings. This allowed the researchers to divide the field into 66 plots, each

slightly smaller than one-half acre, which could be individually watered and monitored. "We installed water meters to record actual crop water use in each plot," Sij said. "We planted our conservation-tillage study into a terminated rye cover crop. The planting dates for each

study ranged from early May to early June. "We used SureGrow 215 bollgard/roundup-ready cotton in all the plots, seeded at five plants per foot of row on 40-inch rows. We used a combination of hand-hoeing and herbicides to control weeds."

A well producing more than 200 gallons per minute provided irrigation. Wells of this caliber are common in the region, Sij said.

"We had some leaks in the system and a minor rodent problem right after the system was installed," Sij said. "Even with some labor involved to fix the leaks and take care of gophers, the subsurfacedrip system has proven more labor-efficient than a traditional furrow-irrigation system.

"Installation cost is a factor when you compare drip systems to furrow or sprinkler irrigation," he said. "Drip is more laborefficient, but it can cost from \$700 to \$1,200 per acre to install. The ability to intensively manage the crop and the land compensates for the higher installation cost." In the 2003 study, there was no yield difference in cotton regardless of irrigation line spacing or tillage systems. terminated rye cover crop used in the conservationtillage study did not contribute additional soil moisture as Sij had hoped.

"There was very little precipitation in 2003, so we didn't see any effect from using a cover crop," he said. "Our drip-irrigated cotton did, however, produce significantly more

cotton than our furrow-irrigated plots. Our drip plots averaged 3.7 bales per acre, while the furrow-irrigated plots averaged about 2.5 bales per acre - a 48 percent yield advantage."

In 2004, Mother Nature turned the tables on the studies by adding abundant precipitation to the cotton equation. Cotton root rot, possibly encouraged by ample soil moisture, knocked yields of

drip irrigated cotton back to 2.9 bales per acre. No yield difference was found between 40-inch and 80-inch drip line spacings with conventional tillage. But cotton grown in a terminated rye cover crop outperformed conventional-tillage cotton by six-tenths of a bale per acre.

"In a wetter year, the

terminated rye cover crop boosted yields significantly. Sij said. He also conducted a study comparing deficit irrigation to full irrigation in 2003 and 2004 on 40-inch drip line spacings. Full irrigation was based on 100 percent evapotranspiration replacement. Reducing irrigation water by 50 percent, to 50 percent evapotranspiration replacement, reduced yields in conventional and conservation tillage studies but not as much as expected

We noted a 9 percent vield reduction in conventional tillage cotton and an 18 percent yield reduction in cotton grown in a terminated rye cover crop, Sij said. "That tells us that cover crop extracted some subsoil moisture. At the same time, a cover crop protects young plants from weather-related damage and reduces erosion damage that can mean re-tilling or entirely replanting a field." With two years of comparative data at hand and one year's data still in review, Sij feels subsurface drip irrigation has proven its worth on the Rolling Plains.

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"In two years of our study, the loan value (lint quality) was the same for cotten grown with subsurface-drip lines on 40-inch spacings using 50 percent evapotranspiration replacement and 100 percent evapotranspiration replacement.

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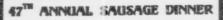
During the day-long legislative seminar and Capital visits, Advanced Practice Nurses to have prescriptive authority based on the relationship with the delegating physician rather than the location in which the APN works. Currently APNs may sign prescriptions in Texas, just as they can in 40 or the 50 states.

However, Texas is one of only five states that bases writing those prescriptions on the practice site.

Bilyeu noted that "Advanced Practice Nurses have been permitted to prescribe in Texas since 1989, and qualified to prescribe based on their education. However in Texas, we have situations in which an APN may prescribe for patients in one clinic in the morning, but not in a different location in the afternoon. It does not make sense that an APN is qualified to prescribe in none location, but is not qualified to prescribe for

the same types of patients in another. In the end, the consumer suffers, " Bilyeu added.

Bilyeu is a part of a busy rural health clinic in Claude, TX specializing in family practice. She provides primary care to patients, with acute and chronic illnesses, ranging in age from 3 weeks old to 103. Her delegating physician is Dr. Randy Stewart

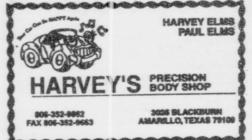


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