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February 25 - Dekki Crockett Oliveras, effrey Lee, Reo Averett.
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Lee, Nathanial Roberts

## Thompson Receives DAR Good Citizenship Award

February 27 - Lillie Mae Williams, Ruben Flores.
February 28 - Mike Acuna.

## February 29 - Mike

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

> Carrie Thompson, daughter of Kelly and Kathy Raymond, received the DAR Good Citizen Award for McLean High School at a recent ceremony by Las Pumpas Chapter in Pampa.
> The award is mede on the basis of dependi bility, service, leadership and patriotism. The DAR Good Citizenx are re -uired to write an essay that is entered in the state competition, with the winning essay advancing to the national competiion. An honor stident, Thompson has been a class president twice, vicepresident of the st udent
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 McLean, Miss Congeniality, and a runner up in the Miss Irish Rose pageant. She sing the
National Anthem at the football and basketball games and performs at church and a local steak house.
Thompson plans to attend WTA\&M.


## LUNCH

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 is Jelly, Milk, Juice
Thursday: Egg Patties, Ham, Toast \& Jelly, Milk, Juice
Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast \& Jelly, Juice, 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, Ticic Taylor, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Mary Lou Glass, Wanda Lamb and Ruth Magee.

Don't Have Enough Time In The Day?

Angie Ware was 2 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.

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## 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.
Mailery 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. Grandparenis are Gerald and Kathy Reynolds of McLean, Les sed LaVonda Barkley of Groom and Rick and Brenda Jasper of Mclean. Great grandparents are LaVeda Wood of Amsaillo, Natalie and Pete of Hereford, Annie Herndon, Wanda Hindman and Esther Jasper all of McLean, and Rober Reynolds of Amarillo.




The $K-2^{\text {d }}$ Grade Boys placed $3^{\text {nd }}$ at the Lefors Little Dribbler Tourney.

| Kendra Richardson | 6TH GRADE A \& B |
| :--- | :--- |
| Matthew Richardson | Saber Bohlar |
| Molly Stewart | Jace McLain |
| 6TH GRADE A | George Patterson |
| Tori Bybee | Rena Smith |
| Dustin Copenhaver | Patricia Valles |
| Jordan Herring | Mariah Wooldridge |
| Rebecca Reyna | TTH GRADE A |
| Dalton Richardson | Clay Crockett |
| Rudy Rodriguez | Lynda Fortune |
| Ashiey Russell | Nicole McClendon |
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Tanner Cadra Tyler Lamb Robert Morrow Kelsey Ramirez Erin Vassey 8TH GRADE A Sheri Haynes 8TH GRADE A \& B Lyndsey Ellis Hogan Ketcherside Jessica Skipper

## "Teacher of the Year" Nominations Being Accepted

Teachers, parents, and that teacher's school. The student have until 11:59 state winner will also be p.m. on March 1,2006 to eligible for the National nominate an educator for the state's 2005-2006 "Teacher of the Year" award.
The award will include $\$ 1,000$ to the winning teacher and a $\$ 500$ grant to

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

Winners will be announced at the end of the school year.

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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 Mernorial 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 elcction day. Motion carried.
Motion by Joe Riley. second by Chet Bohlar to appoint Jimmy Hannon as the Certified Invesument Officer for McLean ISD.

Mr. Hannon has received the ten hours of training certification necessary, which is required every two years. 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 carried.
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 $16^{\text {th }}$ in the

## Council

Culberson Stowers for $\$ 1100.00$.

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

The meeting retarned to open meeting at $9: 55$ p.m. with no action being taken concerning the executive session.
During other besincss the council discussed the National Registry. The mayor informed the council that there would be approximately 40 brildiags that raight qualify.

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

Toni told the council that she had a DVD that would fulfill the Open Mectings Act requirements for the council.

The council agreed to pay the bills.

The meeting adjourned at $10: 06 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

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middale of the week, and 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 I".
Motion was made by David Fuiler, second by Chet Bohlar to adopt the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan). Mr. Hannon met with Ken Hall, Jim Adarns, and Bob Martin on February 6, 2006, to discuss the EOP which is to be adopted by March 1 . 2006. Several annexes 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.

## Daniel Lee Wins $3^{70}$ 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

Motion was made by Marshall Hanes, second by Joc 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. Mr. 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 tif Firencial 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 years.
Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. Motion carried.

## On February 25,2006 Beginning 1920 p.m. A Reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the



The $5^{\text {it }} \& 6^{\text {ah }}$ Grade Boys Little Dribber team ahows off the $t$-shirts they won in the McLean Little Dribbler tournament.

## Little Dribblers Compete in Shamrock Tournament

McLean Little Dribblers participsted in the Shamrock Little Dribblers tournament this past weekend.
The 3 and 4 grade boys placed second in the tournament. They are coached by Larry Perkins. The $3-4$ grade girls placed fourth in the
cournament. They coachsd by Brandon Lewis. The 5-6 grade girls alee placed sccond in the toumament. They sue coached by Markeisha Menefield.
The Little Dribblers wis finish their scason with a tournament at Wheeles, We would like to thank the Mc Lean Clion's Club for selecting our home for first place in the Christmas Cighting Contest. It was a great honor.

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An honor student, Stevens is president of the National Honor Scciety, has won second plice in state in UIL, pliced in FFA state competitions and BPA competition. She is caltain of the varsity basketball team, in va sity track, teanis and cruss country and is a ch ericader. She has pe formed st the nursing ho ne, tutored students, ascisted in the library, bern captain of food and coet drives and a Lion's Clib Swectheart.

## Time To File For Local City-School Elections

City of Groom Aldermen and Groom Independent School District Beard 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 Dous Kling that the Ali ermea chove not to fill by appointment. Both Cave and Stapp have ser red on the council for seviral terms of office. sev axal terms of office. Ne ther has given any
indication as to if they intend to rum again.

Two seats will be dec ded in the Groom ISD eler tion. Those currestly hell 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, requaire that the person has bees 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 school as well as monthly

## District Court Sends Five To Prison

$100^{*}$ 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 plead 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 $3^{\text {re }}$ degree felony of Driving While Intoxicated, $3^{3 \pi}$ offense or more on Sept. 4, 2005.

He was sentenced to 5 years in prison and $\$ 2, \$ 00$ fine. His drivers lior ase will be suspended for 2 years and 10 days in the County Jail.

Cause No. 3204 Edmundo Rosales Gurrero had his deferred adjudication revoked for his a $2^{\text {mid }}$ degree felony covat of possession of ma ijuana after failing to ma ijuana after failing to adbere to the provisions set down in District Court. He was 'ared to serve 6 years in the Texas Dep artment of Corrections and pay a $\$ 5,000$ fine.

Cause No. 3509 Tan uny Denise Gray pled guilty to two counts of a $1^{*}$ degree felony count of agg ravated assault on a

Public Servant with a deadly weapon and was ordered to serve 10 years in the Texas Departmen 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 $2^{\text {nd }}$ yeaninement for a $2^{\text {nd }}$ degree felony possession of marijuana which occurred on January 7, 2002. She was
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

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also ordered to pay a $\$ 5,000$ fine.
Cause No. 3317 Victoria Lowery had her deferred adjudication revoked due to non 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 with Potter C
No. $46900-\mathrm{D}$.
No. $46900-\mathrm{D}$.
Cause No. 3541 - Gary Thomas Heasley was convicted of a $3^{\text {re }}$ 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<br>search Troopers 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 I40 yesterday DPS Troopers found something other than stucco in a other than stucco in a stucco hopper vehicie. 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
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 doilars.

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## Community $\mathbb{C}$ Calenwar

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 ceiebrated on March 17. Watch this paper for information on area celcbrations.

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## Local Happening8

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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 the 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 two $\$ 250$ scholarships. The scholarship application should be sent to : Christine Marett, 15741 County Road 2, Shamrock, Texas 79079. For more information call Christine at 806-2561268.

## 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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CARD OF THANKS
We would like to express our thanks for all the acts of kindness shown to the family and friends of James Strawberry) 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 meal. Your thoughtfuiness is truly appreciated

Sincerely,
Chris Britten \&
Family

Birthday ©̛ Anniversaries

February 23 - Ethan Ritter Bivens, Mrs. Don Thompson, Kenneth W. Babcock, Samantha Amphay, Mr. Howard G. Britten, Pam and Mrs. Bobby E. Pool Brown. (A).

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

February 28 - Katie
McGuire, Mathew 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 heep the Birthday List up to date. Call 248-7333 with additions of changes!

## Nurse Practitioner Meets With Legislators

Local Family Nurse Practitioner Janet Bilyeu of Claude Medical Clinic met with elected officials met staff members at the and staff members at the
State Capitol in Austin as 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 See BILYEU, pg. 6

## COW POKES ${ }^{\circ}$ <br> By Ace Reid


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Homen Exhibits $1^{\text {st }}$ Place Steer At Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, TEXAS Chris Homen, an FFA member from White Deer, exhibited a First Place Medium Weight Shorthorn in the Junior Steer Show at the 2006 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on February 2, 2006.
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, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits.

The Stock Show provides educational opportunities for young people, and showcases the livestock industry in the ivestock industry in the growing Metroplex. The hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend the Show will include many people from nations outside the United States. Last year the show Last year the show $\gg$ hosted over 941,000
visitors from more than 94 other countries.

This marks the 110th year for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, the nation's oldest livestock show, underway now through February 5. The Stock Show features 24 days of family fun and entertainment. In addition to the prestigious livestock competitions, the Stock Show offers many
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## FARMER'S EQUPMENT



Groom School Announces Honor Roll

ALL A HONOR ROLI $4^{\text {th }}$ Grade - McKenna Britten, \& Megan Ruthardt
$5^{\text {m }}$ Grade - Clinton Galyean. Sara Kelly, Macee Rocha, \& A.my Weinheimer.
$6^{\text {T }}$ Grade - Rebekah Roskens $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Michael Kelly, Jacob Torres, \& Maddie Wieberg
$8^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Virginia Frocse. Ashley Murray, \& Jes Roskens.
$9^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Josh Kelly, \& Brett Friemel
$10^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Chad Barkley \& Michaela Roskens.
$11^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Thane Barkley. Blaine Britten, \& Kacie Galyean.
$12^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Kуга Stevens.

All A \& B Honor Roll
$4^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Brooklyn Kerlec, Caitlin Weller, \& Vidal Ybarra.
$5^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Brody Britten, Tanner Case, Caleb Reyna, Elizabcth Merrell, Victoria Moraniec, \& Alexandria Moraniec,
Ragsdale.
$6^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Suhani Bhakta, Hali Bohr, \& Neva Corley.
$7^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Tanner Britten. Samantha Clendennen, Erin Finck, Myles Friemel, \& Haley Kuchler.
$8^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten, Tyler Case, Alannah King, \& Tiffani Kling.
$9^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Trent Britten, Blake Galyean, \& Kelton Weller
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$11^{\text {th }}$ Grade - Brandi Bates, Robin Burnett, \& Brittany Kuehler
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| 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 |  |
| April 12 | Area | HS |



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|  | Monday - No School |
| Groom School | Tuesday - Pancakes, |
| Breakfast and Lunch | peanut butter, sausage, |
| Menu for the week of | juice and milk. |
| February 27-March 3 is as | Wednesday - Breakfast |
| follows: | burritos, hash brown |
| Breakfant | potatoes, juice and milk. |

Thursday - Biscuits, Fish, mashed potatoes, com, hot rolls, milk and Friday - Do-nuts, cherry crisp. cinnamon rolls, juice, and milk.
Monday - No School Tuesday - Philly Steak Tuesday - Philly Steak
Sandwich, tater tots, pears, and milk
Wednesday - Steak or

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## Directors Approve Rate Buy Down For 2006

Texas-Panhandle-Plain Federal Land Bank Association. FLCA (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 purformance goals from 2005 and approve the 2006 business plan that includes these payments Association Board Association Board Chairman Wayne GarretI further explained. "this patronage, which will anount to $\$ 2.7$ million. will reurn $\$ .25$ of every dollar


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our customers pand 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 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 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

Deadline Approaches For Teacher Of The Year

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Teachers, parents, and students have until 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2006 to nominate an educator for the state's 2005-2006 "Teacher fo the Year" award. The announcement come from the award sponsor, Teacher' Insurance Plan¹7e, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include $\$ 1,000$ to the wianing 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.

Nominations forms are available online at WWW. teachers.comitotys To nominate an educator, or yourself explain in 250 words or less, why this teacher should be the Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judgod on their ability to motivate students, their special talents and their contributions to their school, students or educational community.

Winners will be announced at the end of the school year

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Rate. Again this spring. our husiness plan calls for a spread adjustment" ${ }^{\text {r }}$ to 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."

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long-term credit to farmers. ranchers. and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo. Pampa, Perryton. and Plainview. It
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 Garrett of Gruver: Steve Rader of Canadian: and Steve Brown of Floydad

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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2006 for the Primary Election. The Primary Election is to vote on State and Local Candidstes.

## LOCATION OP POLHMA PLACES

## Precinct 101

Precinct 102 \& 401
Precinct 302
Precinct 402
Precinct $103 \& 301$
Precinct 201 \& 202
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Antier Gym- $6^{m}$ \& Doucette, White Deer Panhandle High School, 106 W. 14* Panhandle Community Center - $3082^{\text {ms }}$ Street, Skellytown Panhandle High School - 106 W. 11 ${ }^{\mathrm{m}}$, Panhandie War Memorial Bldg, 500 Main St , Panhandle

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Carson County Clerk's Office in Panhandle between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning February 21, 2006 and ending March 3, 2006.

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

The first day the clerk's office can receive an application for bailot by mail is January 9, 2006. An Application for ballot by mail must be receive no later that the close of business March 7, 2006.
issued this the 24 diay of January; 2006 .
s/Lewis W. Powers
Carson County Judge

Pase 6-THE GROOM NEW S. Thursday, February 23, 2006

## 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 Vernon. "Research has 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 dripirrigation 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 smailer 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 conservationtillage study into a terminated rye cover crop. The planting dates for each

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study ranged from early May to eariy 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 handhoeing 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 installationcost." In the 2003 study, there was no yield difference in cotton regardless of irrigation line spacing or tillage systems. The 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 cotion than our furrow-imigated plots. Our drip plots averaged 3.7 bales per acre while the furrow-irrigated plots averaged about 2.5 baies per acre - a 48 percent yield advantage.

In 2004. Mother Nature turned the tables on the studies by adding abundan precuptation to thecotionequation. Cotton root rot. possibly encouraged by ample soil moisture, knocked yields of

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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
"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 yield 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 the 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-tiling 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.
two tillage systems, compared with traditionalfurrow irrigation," he said. "In two years of our study, the loan value (lint quality) was the same for cotton grown with subsurface-drip lines on 40 -inch spacings using 50 percent evapotranspiration replacement and 100 percent evapotranspiration replacement.

## Bilyeu

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During the day-long legislative seminar and Capital visits, Advancod Practice Nurses to have prescriptive autherity 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 base 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 moraing, but not in a different location in the afternoon. It does not make sense that an APN is qualified to prescribe in one 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 specializisg in family practice. She provides primary care to patients, with acute and chronic illnesses, renging in age from 3 weelss old to 103. Her delegating physician is Dr. Randy Stewart.


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