

McLean News



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Reminder

DON'T BE CONFUSED about the two upcoming elections! In the Primary Election: Last day to vote early - March 8. Election will be held on March 12. In the Local Elections for City Council and School Board: Early voting begins on April 17th. Election will be held on May 4th.

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

RED, WHITE, and Blue Day at School and parents eat lunch with your kids at school.

THERE WILL BE no Family Reading night on Monday, March 11th, see you next week.

SPRING BREAK is on March 11-15. **SCHOOLS OUT!**

MONDAY, MARCH 11 is the last day to register to vote in the runoff election.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 is Primary Election Day.

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

LITTLE Dribblers Tournament will be on March 7-9 in McLean.

Notice to Area Residents
There is a survey being taken concerning the need of a medical clinic here in McLean. If you are interested and would like your opinion registered you may be part of the survey by answering the questions at the Post Office, Country Corner, Taylor Mart, Bank of Commerce or at Pucketts.

Neal Odom Takes Position With B3R Country Meats

B3R Country Meats of Childress has enjoyed an extremely good growth and McLean Feedyard is proud to have been a part of their success. Neal Odom has announced that he has joined the B3R staff as Project Manager. B3R produces a premium natural branded beef that is marketed mostly on both the East and West coasts as well as Central and South Texas. B3R beef was chosen by George W. Bush to be served at the inaugural banquet in Washington D.C.



Neal Odom

Neal says, "The opportunities for B3R's continued growth are so good that I cannot help but want to be a part of it. From my discussions with MFY customers you know that I believe that our industry needs to find better ways to find value for cattle. B3R seems to be on the right track. They have the best grid premiums. This, combined with the individual information received on cattle, gives the opportunity for better returns to the ranch through decisions based on actual numbers rather

than simple eye evaluation or opinion."

"I believe that I can help customers of MFY and B3R make progress and profits by accepting this new position," Neal said. While a long term decision has not yet been named on management of McLean Feedyard, the McLean Feedyard staff, under the direction of acting manager, David McDonald, will continue to take very good care of all of their customers.

"I have enjoyed being a part of McLean Feedyard these past 10 years and look forward to my new role in the beef industry. I look

forward to continuing the relationship with MFY and its customers. There is no doubt that we have all been through some pretty tough years lately, but finely it looks like we are in for some really good years ahead of us," says Neal. Neal and his family will continue to live in McLean.

Neal says:
"It has been my distinct pleasure to have been a part of the success of McLean Feedyard. I have had a wonderful group of partners that have been very innovative and forward thinkers. Together we have made many accomplishments for not only MFY but the industry as well. We have taken the feedyard to one that is nationally and to some degree internationally known.

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James Hefley Seek Re-Election



JAMES HEFLEY

To the Precinct 4 Voters:
I am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the Precinct 4 Commissioners office,

subject to the Republican Primary next Tuesday, March 12. It is important that you vote as it will affect McLean's representation on the commissioners court.

Gray County is a multi-million dollar business. Since my election I have worked to get the most for your tax dollar. With the current economic climate as it is, I think being conservative with tax money is very important. It is important to keep a commissioner in McLean as this is where the county maintenance barn

See Hefley, pg. 8



Historical Hotel Takes On New Look

On Monday, March 4th the awning was torn down off of the old Hindman Odell Hotel as part of the Gray Co. Anniversary Celebration Cleanup. Main street

was blocked off while the men worked. If you haven't seen how nice that part of the street looks, take the time to drive by.



Students To Compete In Art Contest

As part of Gray County's 100th Anniversary, the Elementary students, grades 1st-3rd are

competing in an art contest. Mrs. Greer's second grade class are drawing pictures of buildings from McLean's past. First-fifth place

winners will receive cash prizes ranging from \$50.00 for first place to \$5.00 for fifth place.

To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act.
—Anatole France

HEFLEY

is and where most of the work in the precinct is located.

I earnestly solicit your vote and support and please remember to vote in the Republican Primary next Tuesday, March 12.

Yours Truly,
James Hefley

Area Obituaries

JIM HALL

Jim Mac Hall, 47, of Denton died March 3, 2002 in Lewisville. A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 6 at the Chapel of DeBerry Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Crouch officiating.

He was born January 28, 1955 in McLean, Texas to Charles H. Hall, Jr. and Lettan Louella

Saunders Hall. He attended McLean public schools.

Jim married Carol Ann Graves in Denton, Texas. He was employed by Western State Fire Protection.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Ann Hall of Denton; three daughters, Rachel and Shannon Hall of West Palm Beach, FL, Angie Loftice of Princeton; two sons, Brandon and Travis Jones of Denton; three sisters, Charlene Bridges of Collinsville, Janelle Burch of Denton, and Donna Husley of Macor, GA; and four grandchildren.

OBITUARY

Sanford Cletis "Bob" Fish died on March 1, 2002, in Alanreed at the age of 84. Funeral Services were held on Monday March 4, 2002. The eulogy was given by DAn Fish. Burial was at the Alanreed Cemetery.

Mr. Fish was born to Joseph Daniel and Beulah

Lee Fish on November 6, 1917, in the community of Goldson, north of Howardwick. He married Jeanette LaTrece Fort on December 12, 1949 in Groom. He was a farmer, cattle rancher, business owner and property manager in Texas. After moving to California, he delivered pharmaceutical supplies for McKesson-Robbins in Los Angeles. A talented gospel singer, for many years he was the song leader for the Lefors Church of Christ, the McLean Church of Christ and Van Nuys Church of

Christ in Los Angeles, California. He belonged to several gospel quartets that gave concerts around the Panhandle. He was also an elder in the Van Nuys and McLean Churches of Christ.

Mr. Fish was a proud graduate Of Alanreed High school in 1936. A gifted athlete, he played on several award-winning football, baseball and basketball teams. He was also a strong supporter of the annual Alanreed Homecoming.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette, on daughter Lynn Swanson of McLean; two sons, Joe and Dan Fish of Alanreed; five grandchildren, Tony Poito of clarendon, Ryan Swanson of amarillo, Ashley Fish of McLean, and Taylor and Parker Fish of Alanreed; one son in law, Larry Swanson of McLean; one daughter in law, Sasha

Fish of Alanreed and one granddaughter in law, Amy Polito of Clarendon; and numerous other relatives.

Services Held For Ruth Pennington

MCLEAN - Ruth Ellen Pennington, 92, of McLean passed away on February 25, 2002 in Shamrock.

Services were held on Feb. 28, 2002 at 11:00 at the Shamrock Cemetery with Pastor Thacker Haynes of the United Methodist Church of McLean officiating.

Mrs. Pennington was born on June 3, 1909 to Gordon Hampton Malcome and Martha Jane Talbot in Haskell County, Texas. She married Fred Pinkerton in 1926 and Dewey Pennington in 1937. Both preceded her in death. She had lived in the McLean area and


worked at Marie Foundations 14 years and McLean Care Center 13 years before her retirement. She moved to Shamrock in her later years to be closer to her daughter. Mrs. Pennington was a member of the United Methodist Church of McLean and had been for many years.

Survivors include a daughter Priscilla Vermillion of Shamrock, TX; 1 step-son Thomas Pennington of McAllen, Texas; 3 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two husbands, a daughter Lavern Edward, a step-daughter Dorothy Franks and a step son Dewey Pennington, Jr.

The family suggest memorials be sent to Methodist Church of McLean, Methodist Church of Shamrock or the Shamrock Cemetery.

You Are Invited!
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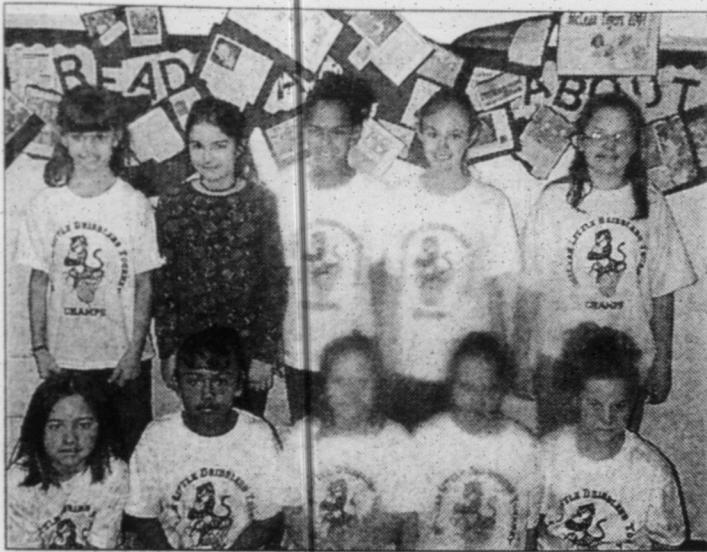
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Students of the Week for Feb. 25 - March 1: Kindergarten- Braxton Cooper, 1st Grade-Cassandra Ingle, 2nd Grade-Jack Odom, 3rd Grade-Holly Phillips, 4th Grade-Lexi Menefield, 5th Grade-Chris Walker, 6th Grade- 7th Grade-Tamara Lova.

Baker - Holden To Wed In Puerto Rico

Susan and Jim Baker of McLean announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Michelle, to Brandon Dale Holden.

Jamie is the granddaughter of Pat

Barker and the late James Barker of McLean.

Brandon Holden is the son of Karen and Glenn Holden of Baton Rouge, LA.

The couple plan to be

wed March 30 at the Ritz Carlton in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The bride-elect graduated from U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., with a bachelor of science degree in human factors engineering and a minor in systems engineering. She is serving in Korea as a 1st lieutenant in the adjutant general branch of the U.S. Army.

The prospective groom

also graduated from West Point with a bachelor of science degree in economics and a minor

in systems engineering. He is serving in Korea as a 1st lieutenant in the field artillery branch of the U.S. Army.



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Neal Odom 806-779-2405
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ODOM

We started feeding cattle for the B3R program in 1993 and are proud of the growth we helped generate with them. The B3R program will continue to be a major marketing method for MFY and its customers."

MFY was the second feedyard nationally to receive the industry "Brand Mark" for production quality. This recognition is based upon having in place production quality standards and practices that meet or exceed the criteria set forth by the Brand Like Commission.

MFY was the first feedyard in Texas to be licensed by the CAB program. We are also proud to be one of the selected feedyards for the CAB "Best of the Breed" contest which offers the winners close to \$250,000

in prize money.

McLean Feedyard is proud to have been a founding force of the development and creation of Consolidated Beef Producers (CBP). As we have always been focused on better methods of marketing cattle we feel that the cooperative marketing method will yield better prices for our customers. No doubt that this new approach to marketing cattle will take some time to prove itself, but it is the future of cattle marketing for implanted cattle. We are very proud to be a part of CBP.

Additionally MFY has always been focused on production efficiency and will continue to work on finding ways to lower cost of gain and conversions. We appreciate being able to work with producers on

developing effective vac. 45 and pre-weaning programs. We have enjoyed helping producers identify and correct

immunity problems with their cattle.

MFY is looking forward to continuing this long tradition of helping producers find ways to lower production cost and increase sales value. We appreciate your business.

Museum Entertains Visitors From All Over

By Dorthey McKee

In October we had 69 visitors from 18 different states and a couple from Germany.

The first part of November we had 29 students, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders and five adults from Lefors. Including the student we had 71 visitors from 12 different states and a few from France.

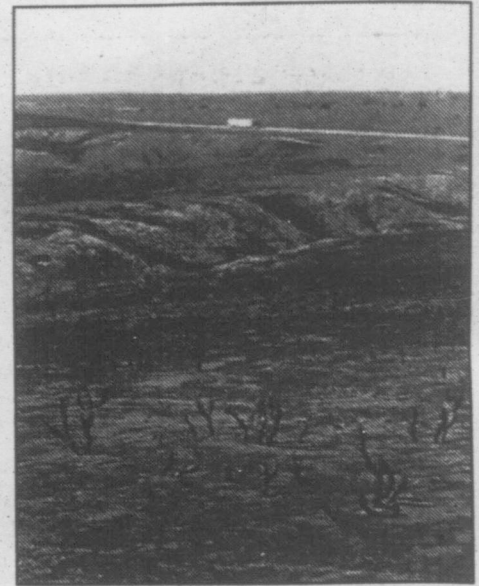
First part of December we had 9 visitors and the McLean Alanreed Museum closed for the winter.

The McLean Alanreed Museum had the Chili-Stew Dinner and opened back on February 5. We had 37 visitors from 12 different states for the month of February.

Everyone come and see the changes that have been made to update the museum, they plan to be finished on May 30th.

Fire Scorches Rangeland Near McLean

For the second Sunday in a row the McLean Fire Department was called to a range fire. This time the fire was east of McLean on the properties of Joe Skipper, David Hall, J.C. McAnear and David Woods. There were some tense moments as the fire spread close to the Wood's home, but the fire was contained thanks to the hard work of our fire department. There was damage to approximately 40 acres of range and no damage to buildings or other property. It is unknown what started the fire. It is currently under investigation.



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Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
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Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

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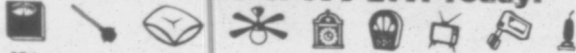
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For Carson County Clerk
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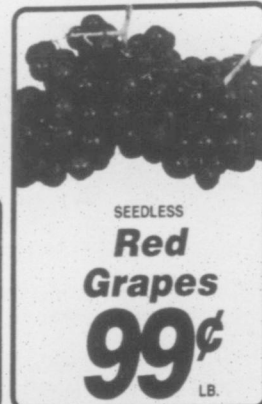


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19.22 OZ.

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18 OZ. PKG.

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13.75-14.25 OZ.

PREBAKED 8 INCH **Boston Creme Cake** 5⁹⁹
26 OZ. PKG.



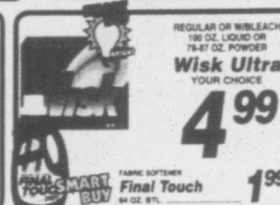
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FOR



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FOR



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FOR



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FOR



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FOR



Doritos 2\$5
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12 OZ. PKG.

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SALAD SIZE

Pork Chops 1¹⁹ LB.

Boneless Pork Chops 1⁹⁹ LB.

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Guacamole Mix 69¢

PREFERRED TINY **Chuck Roast** 1⁸⁹ LB.

BONELESS BEEF **Stew Meat** 2⁴⁹ LB.

FRESH **Ground Chuck** 1⁸⁹ LB.

CORN KING **Sliced Bacon** 1³⁹ 10 OZ. PKG.

JUICY **Lemons or Limes** 5^{or} 1

FRESH **Blueberries** 8 OZ. PKG. 1⁹⁹

CELLO PACKED PEELED **Mini Carrots** 1 LB. PKG. 99¢

DOLE CLASSIC **Coleslaw Mix** 1 LB. PKG. 99¢

LARGE **Cauliflower** EACH 1⁹⁹

LARGE GREEN **Bell Peppers** 3^{or} 1

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NAT'L **Oranges** 5^{or} 1

ROMA **Tomatoes** 5^{or} 1

SWEET **Potatoes** LB. 79¢

WHITE **Onions** 2^{or} 1

PEYTON'S **Meat Franks** 12 OZ. PKG. 79¢

PEYTON'S REG. OR POLISH **Smoked Sausage** 14 OZ. PKG. 1³⁹

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14 OZ. PKG.

KRAFT MILD CHEDDAR OR MOZZARELLA **Shredded Cheese** 2\$5
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SHURFINE ASSORTED **Jumbos Biscuits** 89¢
16 OZ. CAN

SHEDD'S SPREAD ASSORTED **Country Crock** 1⁶⁹
48 OZ. TUB

STEPS 1 TO 5 **Huggies Ultra** 38-64 COUNT 10⁹⁹

ASSORTED **Huggies Wipes** 80 COUNT 2⁷⁹

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Thursday, March 7, 2002

Community Calendar

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

GEDC will meet with Dairy Strategies, LLC and with High Ground of Texas on March 11 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

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

NATIONAL HONOR Society will install new members on March 21.

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

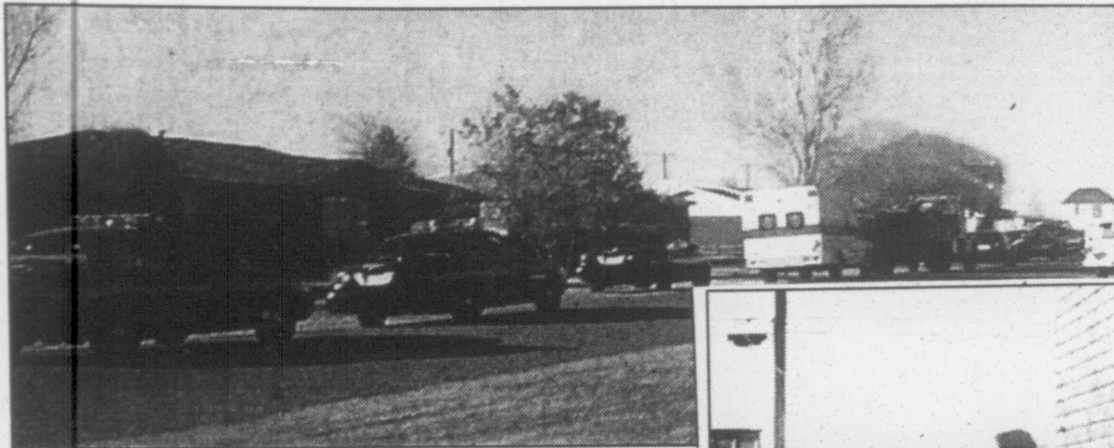
SPECIAL SCHOOL Board meeting tonight, 7:00 p.m.

FEB. 25 is the 1st day for early voting in the Primary Election. March 8th is the last day to vote early.

Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat.....\$2.39
Milo.....\$3.22
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No Precipitation Reported



Fire Damages Home

Firefighters responded to a fire at the home of Tim and Sherry Crum at 509 Martin in Groom on Monday afternoon. The blaze began, according to fire officials in the

backyard in an old couch that was right next to the house.

Fire Chief Tony Treadwell stated that if the blaze had gone undetected a couple of

more minutes the home might have been fully engulfed.

"We caught it in the nick of time, as it was, we were lucky that only minor damage was done to the home," he said.

Damage was done to the cave of the south and west corner of the home. The fire scorched the interior of the west wall as a window was slightly open.

The fence separating the Crum's and the Jesse and JoAnn Baker residence was a total loss.

Fire officials estimate the damage at approximately \$6,000-\$7,000. One child was home alone when the blaze began. He was uninjured but very frightened.



Firefighters quickly respond along with three deputies, two highway patrols, and two ambulances to the fire in the 500 block of Martin Street.

Meeting Planned With Dairy Firm

A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center with John Young and Mark Cummings of Dairy Strategies and Lorie Vincent of High Ground of Texas.

The meeting will be 3 to 4 hours with Dairy Strategies providing information on how they

go about a feasibility study and what kinds of services they provide to potential investors.

Anyone who is interested in the future of Groom is encouraged and invited to attend. The Groom Economic Development Corporation will host the event. Refreshments will be provided.

School Board Meets Tonight

The Groom School Board will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m. in a special meeting. On the agenda are items directly relating to the projected 2002-2003 budget deficit. Among those are declaring a financial exigency and reinstating the tax on personal property.

According the Superintendent Noack, re-

implementing the tax could raise as much as \$100,000 for the school.

Personnel and program cuts will also be discussed.

Because of the special meeting, there will be no Open Forum, and according to Noack, much of the meeting will be discussed in Closed Session since it will deal with personnel cuts.



Bohr Earns DAR Award

Candace Bohr, daughter of Rodney and Michele Bohr was recently selected as DAR Good Citizen by the Las Pampa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Students who receive this award meet the criteria for the honor because of their dependability,

leadership, service and patriotism.

Candace is a member of the National Honor Society. She serves as vice-president of the Senior class and has been a class officer all 4 years of her high school career. She is a member of the yearbook staff and co-

See Bohr, pg. 4

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Card of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for their concern during Ronny's recent illness and surgery. We sincerely appreciate the calls, cards, flowers and food. We especially want to thank Doug and Daniel for transporting Ronny to the hospital. Thanks to all of you, Ronny & Linda Fields and Family

DON'T BE CONFUSED about the two upcoming elections! In the Primary Election: Last day to vote early - March 8. Election will be held on March 12. In the Local Elections for City Council and School Board: Early voting begins on April 17th. Election will be held on May 4th.

Local Happenings

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 7 - Terri Rose, Mary Ann Koetting, Mary Head.

March 8 - Charlotte Craft, Jimmie Ray Leven, Grant Weinheimer, Tammy Bivens, Mrs. Raymond Ruthardt.

March 9 - Pam Ashford.

March 10 - Karla Koetting.

March 11 - Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Weller (A).

March 12 - Janetta Lamb, Mrs. Larry D. Brown, Toby Burgin, Krisanne Davis, Amy Weinheimer, Rachael Hopkins.

March 13 - Julia McGee.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincerest thanks to those who rushed to our aid after Chy's accident and to all who expressed concern with their phone calls, prayers, visits and cards. Special thanks for the Ambulance Service for their prompt response and professional care.

Thanks again,
Chy Jackson &
Twila Jackson

CROSS TO HOLD EASTER SERVICES

The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ will host several services during Easter. On March 29, Good Friday Services will include:

12:00 - Rosary of the Sorrowful Mysteries, lead by Jim Lummus of Pampa.

1:00 - "The Seven Last Words" with Bishop John Yanta of the Amarillo Diocese presiding followed by the Stations of the Cross and Music.

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

For more information call 665-7788

CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 6 person booked into the Carson county Jail during the week of Feb. 25 - March 3, 2002. Currently there are 12 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 12 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests made this week were: Brenda Simmons, 45, of Bushland - Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

John McMahon, 22, of Gore, OK - Probation Revocation on Possession of Marijuana more than 50 lbs, but less than 2000 lbs.

Michael Smith, 17, of Panhandle - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Brenda Wingart, 40, of Pampa, TX - Theft by Clerk Warrant - Potter Co.

Terrance White of Anthony, TX, 24, Probation Revocation on Burglary of a Building. Johnny Dominguez, 43, of Pampa, TX - Driving While Intoxicated - 1st offence.

Jiggs and Janie Britten visited their son, Tracy at Lenora, Tx over the weekend.

DISTRICT UIL contestants will compete on March 25 in Clarendon.

Guess Who Is "Moonin'" Over Turning 50!

She is still a "Cheeky" Chick!

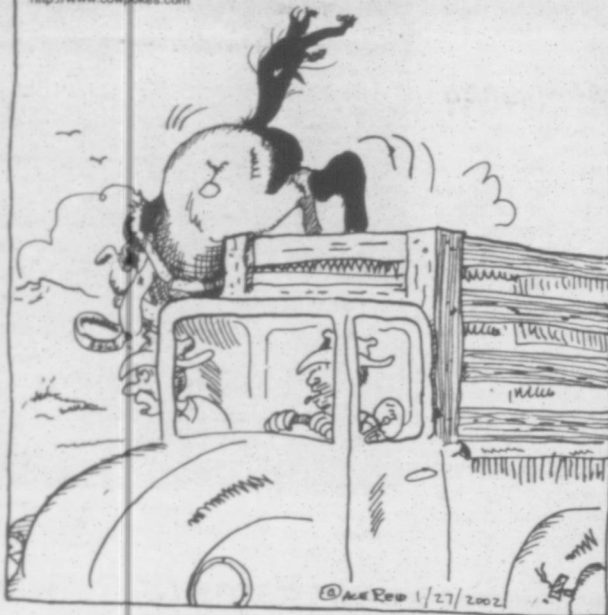


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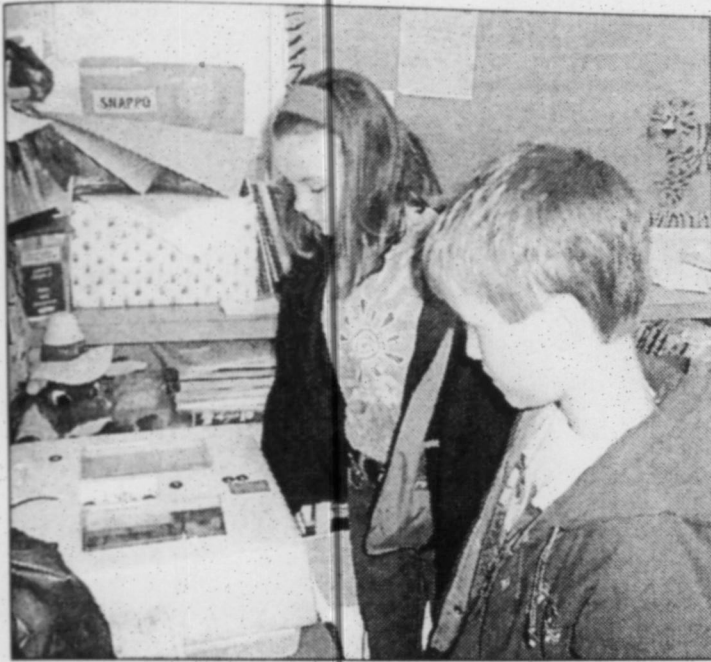
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GROOM THIRD GRADERS HATCH EGGS! Groom Third Grade Students in Mrs. Susie Thompson's Class have been studying life cycles in Science. So far this year they have grown tadpoles, hatched butterflys and now they are hatching eggs! They incubated approximately 41 eggs and the first began to hatch on Monday. All different kinds of chickens were represented in the incubator. The students have learned a lot about science and responsibility during the project. The baby chicks will go to a nice ranch when the students are done with their research. Member of the class are Morgan Britten, Tanner Britten, Samantha Clendennen, Myles Friemel, Kassandra Graves, Micheal Kelly, Michelle Nunn, Jacob Torres, Cecilia Unger, Todd Weinheimer, and Maddie Wieberg.

Carson Co. Commissioners Approve Roof Repair Bids At Monthly Meeting

The Carson County Commissioners met in regular session last week with all members present. Aubrey Russell and John Wimberly of the Carson County Soil Conservation District met with the board to give their annual report. Russell reported on the farming and conservation legislation. Russell also stated that Ed Dittberner resigned from the board after 20 years of service. Mark McKiernan was appointed to replace him. Carson County's annual payment to the program is \$5,300. The report was accepted and approval was given to continue the County's support.

Claims were discussed and paid. Added to list of claims was \$20 to the Texas Department of Agriculture for licenses and \$200 for postage for

early voting ballots for the clerk's office.

Blue Diamond Cattle Company petitioned the court to bore County Road 17 in Precinct #4 1/4 mile east of White Deer. The petition was approved.

Cory Lehman resigned from his maintenance position effective Feb 15. Judge Powers reported that he was accepting applications for the Courthouse position.

Commissioner Strawn reported that a tractor, 2 mowers and a pickup were recently sold at auction.

Several budget items were discussed. Sheriff

Gary Robertson requested that \$2600 be moved from various line items to cover training expenses.

Commissioner Mike Britten moved to cash in the \$25,741.39 certificate of deposit set aside for the new Department of Public Safety Building and place it in the general fund.

\$11,000 was amended to the budget to pay Allison Bass and Associated for expenses for the redistricting plan.

Sheriff Robertson reported that the balance of the forfeited assets account stands at \$1,783.65. He also made it known that Deputy Chris Richardson resigned his position effective Feb 14, 2002. Applications will be accepted to

replace him.

Commissioners approved a supplemental and final order adopting political boundaries following redistrict of commissioners court precincts. The U.S. Department of Justice will have to accept the plan before it becomes final.

Judge Powers reported on the new technology fee collected by the Justice courts. Powers stated that the monies will be frozen in a separate account until clarifications can be made on the court costs. The account currently has around \$4900 in it.

The court discussed county owned property in Groom where the old DPS building is located. The court will advertise for sealed bids on the 6 lots located on west 1/2 of Section 65.

Bids were opened for roof repairs on county owned buildings following last year's hail storm.

Construction Services did \$387,300 and Parsley Roofing bid \$394,000. Bids will be submitted to Allstate Insurance before final action can be taken. Repairs will be made to the courthouse, museum buildings, ag barn, precinct barns and library.

The next meeting of the court will be on Monday, March 11.

Windy Land Seminar Planned

CANYON- The Alternative Energy Institute at West Texas A. & M University aims to enlighten landowners, ranchers, farmers, public officials and anyone else interested in the many possibilities and economics of wind energy. The daylong Windy Land Owners Seminar will begin at 8:30 am on Thursday, March 14 at the Agriculture and Natural Sciences Building, Rm 101 on the university campus. A registration fee of \$20 will be collected at the door to cover handouts,

reference materials and copies of the presentation notes and refreshments.


The seminar concludes with a question and answer session beginning at 3 pm. Sponsors include WTAMU, Ecel Energy, State Energy Conservation Office, American Wind Energy Association, Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association, Agricultural Research Service - USDA and Texas Wind Power.


For more information about the Alternative Energy Institute or the upcoming seminar call 806-651-2295.


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editor this year. Bohr competed in UIL and placed in district and regional UIL in Feature Writing and competed in Science.

As an athlete, Candace was a regional qualifier in cross country and served as co-captain of the basketball team during her 4 year career. She was named to the All-District and All-Region Teams in basketball and was selected MVP All-District this year. She was named to the Academic All-State team and named Groom's MVP in 2001. Candace played tennis for 3 years and track for 3 years. She qualified for regional in both sports. She earned the coveted Fighting Tigerette last year for her contributions to Groom sports.

Candace Bohr is a member of the church choir and youth ministry. She helped with the Evelyn Rivers coat project. She works part-time after school and weekends. She plans to attend college and major in physical therapy. Congratulations to Candace on this outstanding accomplishment.

Groom ISD Honor Roll

ALL A'S

4th Grade: Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten, Tyler Case, Kathryn Herndon, Ashley Murry, and Cady Wilson.

5th Grade: Brett Friemel, Bailee Ruthardt, and Brittany Weinheimer.

6th Grade: Chad Barkley, Whitney Evenson and Michaela Roskens.

7th Grade: Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Karla Howard, Kecia Howard, and James Reid.

8th Grade: Katy Britten and Malorie Homen.

9th Grade: Chance Barkley, and Adam Britten.

10th Grade: Clay Britten, Brittney Martin, and Owen Weinheimer.

11th Grade: Jessica Bates, Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, amanda Martin, and Laurissa Noack.

12th Grade: Cassio Ashford, Nichole Barnett, Cody Bivens, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Karri Britten, Wyatt Britten, Krisanno Davis, Luke Pavlovsky, clay Ritter and Hugh Weinheimer.

A-B HONOR ROLL

4th Grade: Britney Evenson, Ricky Fehr, Alannah King, Tiffani Kling, Jes Roskens, and Eric Torres.

5th Grade: Trent Britten, Trevor Friemel, Joshua Kelly, Andrew Thompson, Ben Thompson, and Kelton Weller.

6th Grade: Taylor Drewery.

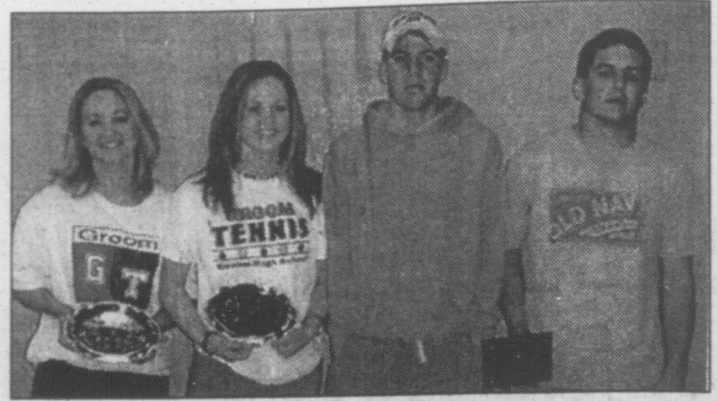
7th Grade: Berklee Ruthardt

8th Grade: Sharri Britten, Gailynn Drewery, and Kelby Noack.

9th Grade: Jeff Rios.

10th Grade: Lorri Britten, Joanea Horn, Caren Howard, Jennifer Jenkins, and Calvin Schaffer.

11th Grade: Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Lainie Britten, Amanda Conrad, and Lance Ollinger.



Groom Tennis Teams Compete

The Groom High School tennis teams began the season with much success on Friday, March 1, 2002. The boys fought the bitter cold and wind to play in the Vega Invitational held at several courts in

Amarillo. Brin Burgin and Lauren Crowell recieved 2nd place trophies in the girls doubles by defeating Novak/Cran, Boys Ranch, 8-0; Leven/Sams, Wheeler, 8-3; Price/Hall, Childress, 8-3; and were defeated in the finals by Gullett/Issacs, Canadian, 4-6, 1-6.

Clay Britten and Lance Ollinger were awarded plaques for winning the consolation championship. They were defeated by Borunda/Cooper, Gruver, 6-8; and beat Forrester/Perkins, Boys Ranch, 8-1; Bazalbau/Bennett, Caprock, 8-8 (7-3); Troup/Piley, Childress, 8-2; and Gonzales/Kirpatrick, Ft. Elliott, 8-4.

Cody Bivens had much success in the boys singles division by tying for 3rd place. He beat Douglas of Randall, 8-0; Vest of Childress, 8-4; Sengphogphanh of Palo Duro, 8-4; and lost to Parsley of Vega 4-8.

Amanda Conrad ployed girls singles and made it to the consolation finals. She lost to Woodard of Hedley, 5-8; Beat Johnson of Canadian 8-2; Ferguson of Kress, 8-3 and Siphon of Palo Duro 8-4. She lost to Osborne of Wheeler 1-6.

Others competing in the tournament were Wyatt Britten; Cody Caprock; Brett Britten; Candace Bohr and Nichole Barnett; and Lainie Britten.

Students Jump Rope For Heart

The students of Groom Elementary (K-5) are jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's N. 1 and No. 3 killers. From March 25 - 28, the school will hold it's 2nd annual Jump Rope For Heart event. Students will jump rope to raise funds for the american Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope For Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Jump Rope For Heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The

event empowers children as they provide vital community service and

discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoy being part of a team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event.

Please help our children help others. When a student asks you to be a sponsor, support Jump Rope For Heart with whatever you can afford to give. If you would like to help more, call your nearest American Heart Association office at 7-800-999-8348. For more information about the local event, contact Brad Rainer at 248-7971.

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Groom Deserves Better From State of Texas

Dear Mr. Teel Bivens, "Welcome to the town that the State of Texas killed" This may very well be the next sign we have to put up, right next to the "Groom Population ?????" sign. The State of Texas is standing on the oxygen hose, it is up to you as to whether to pull the plug or start CPR.

Now you might say that Groom is just a wide spot in the road and you would be right. But the thing about is... it's our wide spot! We deserve better than what the State of Texas is giving us. This town was once an important place along Route 66. We had a hospital, two schools (one public, one private), lots of gas

stations, mechanics shops, 2 or 3 grocery stores, a pharmacy, several restaurants, a picture show and much more. All our streets are paved and while we don't have a stop light, we do have Gary, Tony and Rusty, 3 of the best DPS officers in the state of Texas. So maybe a stop light really isn't necessary.

In 1979, most of what we had was sacrificed to what you would call progress. The state cut the artery that fed us all when the highway went around us. The same year the Rock Island Line went bankrupt and our hospital had to close due to government regulations and lack of funding. Our community

took the bit in their teeth and continued to plod along, not blaming anyone, and just tried to make the best of a tough situation.

We kept going to church and work and figured that prayer and sweat would be enough. Every year a few more people would be forced to move away due to lack of jobs.

Still we kept going. Every year we put on an old-fashioned get together completely on volunteer labor and welcome back ex-citizens, family and a few politicians (seems like you even wandered in one time) doubling the population for one weekend. This is done with the generosity of the area residents and everyone pitches in something.

My point is that hard work is no stranger to us. Neither is doing without. The nearest pizza is at least 25 miles away!

Our school has been the center of all our lives and we take great pride in doing it right. Our school has been exemplary more times than not since the testing program was begun. Our kids don't drop out of school. The one or two that have in the last 20 years have sent the whole town into mourning. More of our kids attend college per capita than most of the towns around us. In fact, I would put our percentages up against just about anyone in the state. Our kids go to college and many receive

their bachelors, masters and even doctrine degrees. We produce the finest citizens, the kind that rise to defend their country when necessary and the kind that vote. No funky hairdos, no pierced noses, little to no drug use.

The football and basketball games are our Friday night dates with our husbands and a chance to visit with our friends. Our children's accomplishments are what fills this newspaper with stories. We have had state winners in UIL many times in the last several years and our JETS teams have become legend in the state of Texas.

So you may ask, what am I whining about? Our superintendent had the unpleasant duty of telling us a couple of weeks ago that our school may have to close. Why? No money!

Now, this is not from over spending, bad planning or any other thing that is within our control. We have tighten our belts so much that we are suffocating. The state of Texas slowly and methodically squeezing off the last artery to our heart because somewhere along the way numbers became more important than people and results.

Your committee and the State of Texas are responsible for this. I want to know what you are going to do about it. You are supposed to represent all the people. Don't you feel a responsibility to those who originally put you in office. You politicians sit in you nice warm offices while we have freezing hallways in our school because it costs too much to heat them.

You implemented mandatory pay raises but give us no way to fund them. (Not that the teachers didn't deserve them). Don't you realize that you have created a kind of secret discrimination. Teachers with years of experience are quietly being forced out so that cheaper ones with less experience can take their place? (And TEA has the nerve to send us press releases on the shortage of teachers!) The State of Texas should place enough value on those teachers to at least pay the district for educators that have more than 10

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years experience.

The State was paying an average of 70 cents of each education dollar. Now it is precariously close to the 50% mark, which in my research is a 50 year low. On top of everything else you have tied our hands with the \$1.50 tax ceiling. Working harder just is not going to get it for us. However... we are a people filled with faith and we are looking for a miracle. Wouldn't you like to step up and be that miracle. Too many other schools are in the same shape. We can hold out a while but not long. Rally your education team and take each case one on one if necessary. Our whole town will die without the school. It is our largest employer. And without it, more people will move away. It is not fair to kill our whole community, our whole culture, just because Dallas and Houston have more voters.

We have an EDC that is doing everything they can to bring people to Groom. They have been pretty successful in the last year or two. What will they have to work with if there is not a school.

We are entitled to more from you. I intend to continue being the squeaky wheel, until I get the grease. There are more out there just like me. I have no political clout. I can't do much for you, politically or financially. After all, I am just a woman who was given a job because she couldn't make biscuits. All I can do is vote. I anticipate bigger and better things in your future. I'd like to think that you have not forgotten your roots. I encourage you to come to Groom and see what we have accomplished here. I enjoyed raising my family here and was looking forward to rocking my grandkids on the same front porch that my children were rocked on. Please help us save our school so that I, my friends and neighbors have a front porch left to rock on. I can promise that the people of Groom have very long memories.

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