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City Council Looks At Buying New Gas Well

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, December 12th, 2005, 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: Jim Adams, Toni Bohler, and Allen Mixon.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Housing Authority - no one was here to address the council.

Sewer Grant Bids - the bids received were:

Triple L Utilities - \$516,535

D.E. Rice Const. - \$485,000

Morton Irrigation - \$316,750

The engineer and the grant writer are trying to

see what they can do to change some of the requirements of the job to bring the bids down. The grant money is \$200,000.00 and anything over that will have to come from the City. Motion by Molly McDowell, second by Betty Taylor to table this item until we hear from the engineer and grant writer. All voted in favor.

Gas Well - A lengthy discussion was held concerning purchasing a gas well. It was decided that the Mayor will check with several banks to see if they will give us a loan for \$30,000 to buy the well and we will get an estimate from a gas attorney to see what his fees would be to draw up the papers and then a special meeting will be held to make the decision.

Texas Open Records Act - City Policy - The Mayor had submitted a policy stating that all requests for City records should be in

writing and that if the requestor wants copies of a document- it will be .10c per page. Motion by Mindy Reeves, second by Teresa Simmons to adopt the policy. All voting in favor.

City CD - Discussion was held concerning placing some of the City's money in a secondary bank so that all of the City's funds are not in one bank. Motion by Molly McDowell, second by Betty Taylor to take \$100,000 from CD # 6884 and place it in another bank and keep the remaining \$39,000 in the local bank. The Mayor will check around to determine what bank to place the money in. All voting in favor.

Tree Limbs at landfill - Allen Mixon explained to the Council that in the past, people were allowed to come out to the landfill to the tree limb pile and get limbs for firewood, but that one of the policies enacted at last months meeting

stated that no one could remove anything from the landfill and he wanted clarification concerning the tree limbs for firewood.

The Mayor explained to the Council that the tree limb pile was located in a different place from the garbage pit. Janet Glass stated that her concern was that people might get the tree limbs to cut up to sell

for firewood and that if we started amending the policies that it would be an ongoing thing. Motion by Mindy Reeves, second by Betty Taylor to allow people to take tree limbs from the landfill for firewood. Voting for was Mindy Reeves, Betty Taylor, Molly McDowell and Teresa Simmons. Voting against was Janet Glass.

Lock in Gas Price - the lock in price from West Texas Gas was \$12.00 - \$12.50 per mcf. The council declined to lock in at this time.

Director's Report - Jim Adams informed the Council that the leak on the water tower was now fixed.

Other City Business - Mindy Reeves asked about the dumpster across from Taylors that had been painted different colors, she was informed that the dumpster had been removed and another was going to be placed there. Betty Taylor stated that she had received a call complaining about barking dogs, she was informed that the problem had been taken care of by the owner. Teresa Simmons asked Betty Taylor when the EDC

might have a meeting. The Mayor stated that the Library was waiting for the EDC to decide if they would pay for new carpet for the Library. Betty said that they would have a meeting as soon as possible.

By unanimous consent the council agreed to pay the bills.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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LOCAL HAPPENING

THE ALAN REED Community Center will have Santa on December 16, 6 - 8 p.m. Bring your camera. A small gift will be provided for the children. Concession stand available.

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A MUSIC PROGRAM will be held on December 15 at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

SPECIAL Olympians versus McLean I.S.D. Staff Basketball game will be held December 16 at 9:30 in the New Gym.

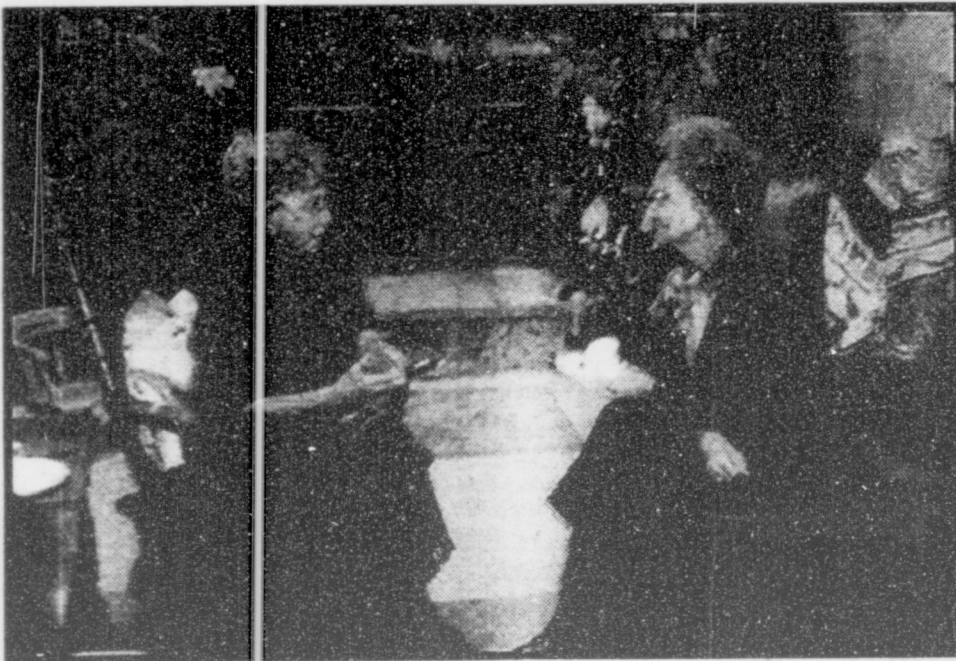
SCHOOL WILL dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on December 16.

NO SCHOOL - December 19 - January 3 for Christmas Holiday.

SCHOOL BOARD will meet on December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Business Office.

TIME IS RUNNING Out to buy raffle tickets for the quilt! All proceeds go to the Ten Commandment Monument. Tickets can be purchased at the Flower Cottage at 120 E. 1st.

THE LIBRARY will be closed Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 for the holidays.



Pat Barker and Zelda McJellan sit and visit while they enjoy the festivities of the holiday at the home of Don and Betty Taylor who held a Christmas Open House last Sunday afternoon for everyone in McLean.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 15 - Tony Smitherman, David Woods, Joe Creed Lamb, Heather Wilson, Michelle Basham, Mary Basham, Wendy Morris, Terry and Heidic Wells, (A), Jack and Linda Syfrett (A).

December 16 - Clint Herndon.

December 17 - Dorothea Bybee, Wanda Hill, Mike Nicholson.

December 18 - Coit Patterson.

December 19 - Colleen Mertel Sherrod, Ginger Holwick, Martha Jo Bailey, Wayne Carter, Stacie Bolton, Catherine Calcote.

December 20 - Laura Brooks, Candi Morris, Jamie Kingston, Ann Lamb, Lucas Seymour.

December 21 - Jana Davis, Clay Cooper, Emory Crawford, Nathaniel Conners, Mark and Diana Watson (A)..

Doris Marie Reborn, 89 of McLean passed away on December 10, 2005 at the McLean Care Center.

Doris was born in California and was a resident of McLean for over 24 years.

Survivors include Lois (ZA) Myers of Shamrock, Betty Lopez of Fort Worth, Edna Scrogam of Washington State, Mable (Elmer) Morella of Kansas, Clarence Franke of California, and Edmun (Rita) Franke of Korea. Many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Doris was proceeded in death by one sister, Ginger Morella and four brothers, Charles Franke, Harold Franke, Jimmy Franke and Bud Franke.

Family request memorials be to the McLean Care Center Activity Fund.

Bonnie Bidwell, 96 passed away on December 9, 2005 in McLean, Texas. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 12,

2005. Burial took place at Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Bonnie George was born October 27, 1909 in Charleston, Texas to Curtis White and Dovie Olive George. She married Joe Bidwell in Pampa, Texas on February 12, 1931.

Mrs. Bidwell was a homemaker and she was a member of the First Baptist Church in McLean.

She is survived by one son, Terry Bidwell and wife Wanda of Fritch, Texas; one brother, Noel George of Olestie, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Shelley Brooks and husband Keith of Washougal, WA; Logan Bidwell of Amarillo, Texas; and Tyrell Bidwell of Fritch, Texas. Two great grandchildren, Emma Grace and Murphy Clyne Brooks, of Washougal, WA and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was proceeded in death by husband, Joe Bidwell; two brothers, Paul and Duane George and two sisters, June Zetterkob and Audrey Fry.

Family request memorials be made to First Baptist Church, McLean of BSA Hospice, Pampa, Texas.

Roger "Buddy" Payne, 63 died Wednesday, December 7, 2005 in McLean, Texas. Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 11, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in McLean with Pastor Jim Bible and Pastor Larry Perkins officiating. Burial was held at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Roger "Buddy" Eugen Payne was born October

22, 1942 in Springfield, Ohio, to Clifford and Lucille Payne. He married Effie Callaway on March 30, 1983 in College

He is survived by his wife, Effie; six sons, Steve Callaway (Shari) of McLean, Dale Callaway (Kathy) of Houston, Ricky Callaway (Pam) of Houston, Rocky Callaway (Laura) of Houston, Randy Payne of Ohio, and Rodney

Payne of Ohio; two daughters, Phyllis Ryburn (Wes), College Station, and Sharon Karkon, Austin; one sister, Vicki Pelfrey, Springfield, Ohio; one brother, Sherman Draper, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Linda Smith.

The family requests memorials be made to the Alanreed Baptist Church, P.O. Box 74, Alanreed, TX, 79002.

Young At Heart To Sell Postal Directories

There were 31 members and guests at the Young at Heart December 6 luncheon. Visitors included Catherine & Otis Calcote, and Al & Joanne Ratcliff. Gayla Chester with Accolade did blood pressure checks. President Marjorie Fish thanked Otis Calcote for all the rewiring and electrical work he has done for the Young at Heart building the past few months. She wished Inez Trossle, Sherric Martindale, Linda Harvey and Catherine Calcote "Happy Birthday". She also thanked Mindy Reeves for organizing the Amarillo Area Agency on Aging's

help at the McLean Library last Friday for seniors to sign up for their new Medicare D Prescriptions plans. They also expressed appreciation to Janet Glass's for her help in scheduling everyone for that day.

The Young at Heart is currently selling "McLean Mailing Directories" (for a \$2. donation at Biral USA) to help with the need for using people's accurate post office boxes.

The next meeting will be at 11:45 a.m. on December 20 for our annual Christmas Luncheon and Party. Visitors are welcome.

4-H'ers Head To District

A 4-H District Round-up was held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon on November 5, 2005.

In the Senior Division, Tammy Syfrett placed fourth with a Senior Information Speech.

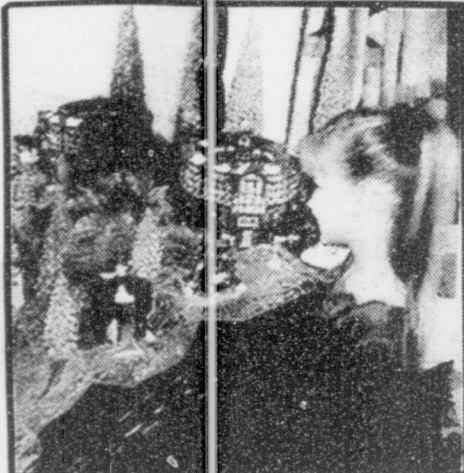
Also held on November 5, 2005 was the Gray County Food Show.

In the Intermediate

Category, Britnie Cooper won top honors with her main dish. Rena Smith won top honors in fruits and vegetables and Becca Reyna won top honors in nutritious snacks.

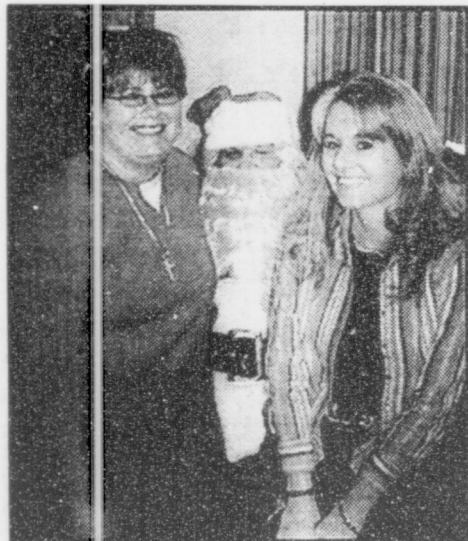
In the Senior Category, Tammy Syfrett won top honors in bread and cereal.

These participants moved on to the District Food Show.



Ariel Michalenko enjoys the pretty decorations at Don and Betty Taylor's open house.

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In Monday night basketball action, the Cubs and Lady Cubs tipped off against Amarillo Trinity. The Lady Cubs defeated Amarillo, 33-20. Ashley Byron scored 12 points for the Ladies. Saber Bohlar added nine more. Nancy Castillo put up six points. Sheri Haynes scored four and Erin Vassey added two.

The Cubs played a tight game but came up short against Trinity with a final score of 33-44.

Corey Graham put 11 points on the board for the Cubs. Tanner Cadra added 10.

Clay Crockett scored six. Robert Morrow added three. Hogan Ketcherside had two and Jordan Herring put up one.

Tigers Travel To Fort Elliott To Compete In Tournament Play

The Tigers journeyed to Ft. Elliott to participate in the Fort Elliott tournament this past weekend.

The Tigers lost in the first round to Ft. Elliott, then came back in the second round to defeat Lefors, but lost to Shamrock by one in the last game.

Ronnie Alexander led the pack with 37 points on

the board. Manden Conklin added 32.

Jacob Tolleson added 20 more. Zach Richardson brought home 16. John Haynes scored 10. Logan Sparling had five.

Kutter Anderson put four on the board. Larry Lusk added three. Steve Vassey scored two and Chase Bohlar scored one.

Student Council Looking For Winter Volunteer Work

The McLean High School Council Community Service Volunteers met on Saturday, December 3 at the Devil's Rope Museum. The volunteers work to clean out the storage

rooms of the museum. Volunteering in December were Kevin Smith, Mark Smith, Logan Sparling, Brooke Seymour and Linda Smith.

Due to the closure of the Museum during the

winter, the Community Service Volunteers will be available to help with another non-profit or community project on January 7, 2006 and February 4, 2006.

If your organization would like some volunteer worker on either of these two dates, please contact the high school student council at 806-779-2571.

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First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2040 & 779-2337
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

Trinity Church Railroad Street
 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
 Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
 Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
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Library Has New Books To Check Out

The Lovett Memorial Library checked out 764 books for the month of November. 768 people visited the library for the month and 175 people used the computer resources.

The library has several new books for the public to check out. These books include *Iron Orchid* by Stuart Woods, *A Sudden Country* by Karen Fisher, *Six Bits a Day* by Elmer Kelton, *Murder at the Washington Tribune* by Margaret Truman, *Predator* by Patricia Cornwell, *The Amber*

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titles on CD, 87 audio book titles on Cassette and 226 Large Print books.

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The library will be closed December 23 through January 2 for the holiday season. It will open back up on the third of January.

(Left) Quinton Davis Brown list off on his fingers the gifts that he would like Santa to bring this Christmas!



Bradley Hannon sits on Santa's lap and gives his toy list for Christmas.



"Gee Santa, I didn't know you were gonna ask tough questions like 'Have I been good?'" said Pre-K'er Jayden McLain.

Jr. High Celebrates Christmas With Nursing Home Residents



Amber Staton gives Earl Riley his gift at the party.



Hailey Harper visits with great grandma, Betty Kaiser at the Christmas party.

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Thursday, December 15, 2005

Four Tigers Named All-District



Thane Barkley



Chad Barkley

The Groom ISD Administration and Coaching staff, along with all the members of the Six Man Football UIL District are please to announce this years All-District Teams.

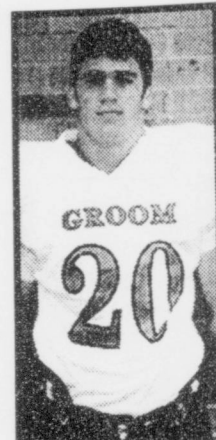
Several Groom Players made the teams. Thane Barkley made the 1st team offensively and defensively. He was named All-District Spread Back and Punter. Thane is a junior at Groom High School. He also played in the Quarterback position for the Tigers and will be a big asset to the team in the 2006-2007 season.

Chad Barkley is a Sophomore. He was named the All-District Defensive Lineman. He and Thane are the sons of Keith and Kathleen Barkley.

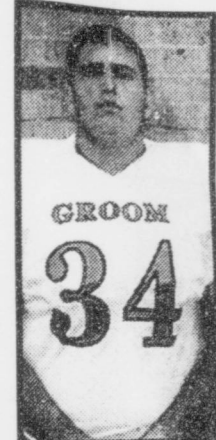
Javier Caro, a senior, was named to the second All-District team as a Kicker. Javier also helped out on the line, defensively. He is the son of Javier, Sr. and Marina Caro.

Blaine Britten was named to the second All-District Team as a Defensive Back. He is a junior at Groom High

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Blaine Britten



Javier Caro

Bill Hinson Announces Bid For Re-Election



I would like to announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct One, Carson County.

The past four years have seen numerous new laws that pertain to the Justice of the Peace Court, both in civil and criminal law. I have attended all available State training, plus I have attended other area seminars pertaining to new and existing laws.

Your local JP office has also completed numerous changes during this term. Our volume of cases has increased, and the way we record cases and report to the State of Texas has changed so that we now do most of our reporting over the internet. We have also complied with the new State law concerning collections by participating in the Omni Program and dealing with outside attorneys. This reporting also by electronic media.

The City of Groom and the state Department of Transportation have been very helpful by participating in our community service programs. They have provided supervised work stations for people in our precinct. I would like to

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G.E.D.C. Elects New Officers

The Groom Economic Development Corporation met in their regular monthly business session with the following members present: Chris Welch, Joe Rae Richardson, Jamie Bowen, Cecil Gwyn, and Mary Sue Lyles. Those absent were Lisa Roskens and Rick Prather. There were no visitors.

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 pm by President Joe Rae Richardson.

There was no discussion in the Open Forum.

A reorganization of the board was held. Joe Rae Richardson was elected to serve as president. Jamie Bowen was elected to serve as vice-president, and Mary Sue Lyles will serve as secretary.

A motion was made and approved to table making a decision concerning the property granted to Alvin Adams.

The Adams have moved and the manufactured home that was on the property has been moved. According to the agreement that the Adams signed with GEDC they have not maintained the property for 5 years, so they are in default. Mary Sue Lyles will contact the lawyer to find out how the EDC will need to proceed.

Minutes for the August meeting were approved.

The financial report was approved.

Groom Community Calendar

THE CITY of Groom will be closed for the Christmas holiday on December 23 & Dec. 26. They will also be closed on January 2.

THE TIGERS & Ettes will play Bushland on Friday Dec. 16. The girls game will begin at 5:30. Please note the new time. The next game will be Jan. 3 in Shamrock.

GROOM ISD will release early on Dec. 19 & 20 at 1:50 pm during the semester test schedule.

THE SCHOOL Gym will be closed from Dec. 22-26 in accordance with state law.

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Our sincerest thanks to all our wonderful friends and family who have expressed their sympathy at the loss of our wife and mother in so many ways. The food sustained us; the flowers and memorials reminded us that life goes on; the cards, visits and especially prayers soothed our souls.

A special thanks for the outpouring of love from the whole community, the wonderful support of our church and the tender care from the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service.
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Local Happenings

Helen Witt of Clarksville, Texas called last week to place her Christmas Greeting in The Groom News. She says to tell everyone "Hello" and that she misses them. She is doing fine!

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A love fund has been set up for Tooty Meador at the White Deer Bank. Those wishing to donate should sent their gift to the White Deer Branch of the Memphis State Bank, 211 Main, White Deer, Texas 79097



Whatley's Welcome Baby Boy

Charlotte and Darrell Whatley welcomed their first grandchild into the world on December 1, 2005. Gage Wyatt Whatley was 7 lbs. and 7 oz., and was 18 3/4 inches long. His proud parents are C.J. and Kamy Whatley of Fabens, TX.

Darrell & Charlotte Whatley of Groom, TX, and Kermit and Judy Williams of Morton, TX.

Great grandparents are Curtis & Margret Whatley of Groom, TX, and Furr & Faye Standridge of Vernon, TX, and Kenneth and Kathryn Herd of Lubbock, TX

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Birthday & Anniversaries

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December 16 - David Lee Britten, Katrina S. Meaker.

December 17 - Renee Brown, Brent Stephens, Verda Lee Littlefield.

December 19 - Amanda Martin, Ronin

Burger Moore.

December 20 - Wade Ritter, Linda Bohr, Shirley and Gary Parish (A).

December 21 - Thane Barkley, Franklin Leven, Joannie and Douglas Kling (A).

Madeline Grace New To Britten's Home

Bart and Ann Britten of Houston, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Madeline Grace Britten. She was born on September 17, 2005. She weighed 8 lbs. 12.4 oz and was 21 inches long.

She is welcomed by proud grandparents Gary & Sharon Britten of Groom, Texas and Gary and Susan Loth of Houston, Texas. She is also welcomed by a host of Great - Grandparents. They are Jack & Willie Barnett of Groom, Bill



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Naughty

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Inanimate objects (at least we think they were inanimate) that take up a discussion with a distinguished member of our City Council.

HINSON

thank them for their cooperation.

I strive to be fair and effective in dealing with all matters that come before this Court. I appreciated all the help and support that I have received and I ask for your continuing support and your vote in the coming Democratic Primary.

Thank You,
Bill Hinson

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cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern recognized by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through EQIP offering cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on -farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

The Carson County USDA Service Center is now accepting EQIP applications for 2006. The deadline for applications on 2006 EQIP funding is February 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before February 17, 2006 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Carson County. Last year EQIP funding in Carson County

totalled over \$282,000.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Carson county, these include soil erosion on cropland, plant health on rangeland and improved water use efficiency on irrigated cropland. Eligible conservation practices include planting cropland to grass, terraces, waterways, livestock water developments (wells, pumps, windmills, pipeline, and tubs) fencing and brush control. Eligible practices to improve water use efficiency include new pivots on previously row-watered land, pivot conversions, replacing leaky pipeline, and installing drip irrigation on previously row-watered land.

NRCS, through the invitation of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary

efforts to protect soil, water and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

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Monday: Soft Tacos,

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Tuesday: Bar-B-Que Beef on a Bun, French Fries, pickle slices, pineapple and milk.

School is out for the Holidays until January 3.

FOOTBALL

School. His parents are Pat and Connie Britten of Groom and Laura Moran of Amarillo.

Other members of the first team include Offensive MVP Alex Espinoza of Valley and Allen Irriback of Happy. Tight Ends are Kye Fuston of Valley and Drew Reed of Silverton. Wide Receivers are Joaquin Saenz of Happy and Jesse Reynolds of Silverton. Center is Randy Farley of Valley. Quarter Back is Gio Mayfield of Silverton. Vance Forbes and Jacob Francis, both of Silverton were named running

backs of the team. David Castejilla of Kress will share honors with Thane Barkley as spread backs. Fernando Regalado of Valley was selected as utility back. Kicker is Albert Deleon of Silverton and Special teams players selected were Diego Ramirez of Silverton and Coby Miller of Cotton Center.

Defensive MVP is Charlie Walden of Valley. Defensive Linemen include already mentioned Chad Barkley of Groom, Alex Espinoza of Valley, and Gio Mayfield of Silverton. Selected as linebackers were Fernando Regalado of

Valley and Jacob Francis of Silverton. Jacob Young of Kress and Vance Forbes of Silverton were named corner backs. Safeties will be Joaquin Saenz of Happy and Michael Braxton of Kress. Kye Fuston of Valley is the Utility Player and Thane Barkley was named the punter as already mentioned.

On the second team the picks were as follows:

As tight end Ruben Ramos of Valley and heath Reeves of Cotton Center were selected. Marshall Elliott of Happy and Michael Braxton of Kress were named Receivers. Centers include Ory Johnson of Silverton and Brayden Bennett of Hedley. Quarter Back will be Darrius Kimberling of Happy. Wes Shields of Hedley and Kyle Kirby of Cotton Center will serve as running backs. Spread back selected is Austin Voyles of Cotton Center. Cole Hicks of Happy was selected as utility back. Kicker is already announced Javier Caro. Special teams selection was Ivan Aguilera of Kress.

On the 2nd Defensive team the following players

were named. On the Defensive line Drew Reed of Silverton, Randy Eady of Happy and Roger Ramos of Valley were selected. Linebackers are Stephen Pacheco of Lazbuddie, Rudy Garcia of Happy and Eli Luna of Hedley. Defensive Backs named were Seth Koetting of Hedley and Blaine Britten of Groom. Darrius Kimberling of Happy and Kyle Kirby of Cotton Center were named safeties. Utility player is Ivan Aguilera of Kress and Jose Eguia of Hedley was named Punter.

Congratulations to all the players and thanks for a season of excitement!

Groom Beats Bible Heritage

Groom High School basketball players competed against Bible Heritage last week. The girl won their game hands down 58-7. Kacie Galyean was high point with an impressive 27 points. Carey Carter added another 12, Kyra Stevens put up 10, Sherri Britten 6, Brandi Bates 2, and Michaela Roskens 1.

The boys game was a little bit closer. The Tigers beat the Bible Heritage 63-54. Leading

the way for the Groom team was T.J. Moraniac with 25 points, Thane Barkley scored 18 points. Blaine Britten added another 7. Brandon Jenkins netted 6 points to Groom's credit. Chad added 4 and Javier Caro 3.

The teams will play Bushland there on Friday Dec. 16. The girls game will begin at 5:30. The Tigers and Ettes will have a break for the holiday until the play Shamrock ther on January 3.

Ettes Beat Caprock

The Groom Tigerettes battled Caprock's freshman team last week. Kacie Galyean lead the scoring with 22 points. Kyra Stevens added another 15 points. Carey Carter earned 4 and Brandi Bates 3.

The final score was Groom 50, Caprock 39.

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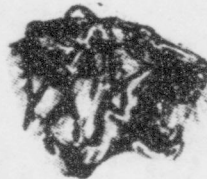
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If You Ask Me ... I Am Politically Incorrect and Proud of It

By Donna Burton

Let me make this perfectly clear... I DO NOT INTEND TO POLITICALLY CORRECT. It is not an accident that I say "Merry Christmas!" If you happen to be celebrating Chanukah or Kwanza, please correct me. I won't be offended, if you won't. Is not the whole ideal to spread "good will"? It looks like to me that even an agnostic or an atheist could get behind the idea of "Good Will to All"... not just "Good Will to Those Who Think Like Me!"

I do not claim to be any kind religion authority, but to put it like Archie Bunker, you radical ding bats need to shut up! The Bill of Rights says Freedom OF Religion... Not Freedom FROM Religion. I don't claim to know any more about the

Constitution than the average person but, when I was in 5th grade that meant that we could practice any faith we chose without fear of reprisals.

Being baptised a Methodist, attending Pentecostal Church for many of my formative years and then converting to Catholicism. I think I have a fairly good grasp on what most protestant think about the holidays and Christmas. This country was founded by Christians who wanted to practice their religion. Being sensitive to others beliefs does not mean that my faith or theirs is invisible.

I think it is time for us to "Bah Humbug" those who tell us not to do this or that because it is politically correct. Let's just treat everyone as a friend and hope they will

do the same. I think we will all be judged on how we lived and treated others, not what we said as a winter's greeting.

Regardless of your religious preference there is not doubt that there is something special about

the holiday, while commercial appeal is something that we all must keep in perspective, the child-like quality of wishing for a special gift is a state of mind that has no price tag.

The most piquet example of this in my life happened at a moment when, like so many time I thought I was the giver, not the receiver...

It was back in my days as a Girl Scout Leader. My troop had a tradition of stinging at the December meeting of SOS (Seniors Over Sixty), a senior citizen organization that is greatly missed. (but that is another column!) It was quite an event because the school allowed me to take the girls out of class for an hour while they entertained and ate with the group. We had gone through our repertoire of the usual "Rudolph the Red-Nosed", "Jingle Bells", and "Silent Night" and had just finished with a roof raising "We wish you a Merry Christmas!" After wonderful applause, the girls were basking in the glow of their performance visiting with many of their own grandparents as we tried to round them up to head them back to school. Amid the chaos, a tiny but firm voice called out to me above the din.

"You did not sing my favorite!"

I looked over the crowd and could not find where the voice had come from.

As the crowd slowly parted, and in front of me stood a short little woman with a sweet round face. She was wearing a red cardigan sweater, I think, which complemented her ruddy complexion and bright eyes.

"What is your favorite?"

"Why, it "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas!" she replied.

"I don't believe we know that one," I said thinking that she was wanting us to sing it.

As if that was her cue, without an instance of pause, she began to sing that old favorite in her tiny but strong voice. Like magic, as if she were a piper, the commotion quieted, people stopped and listened. The girls and other children stopped and gathered around her, sitting on the floor at her feet, or next to her on a

chair... any where they could look into her face to witness the wonder in her eyes and in her voice. I too, was mesmerized. This little lady transformed us all into a 5 year old child sitting on Santa's knee, whispering the secret of what we really want for Christmas.

When the spell was broken and we were leaving, one of the girls asked me ... "Was that Mrs. Claus?"

No, I said, "But I am pretty sure that she is an elf!"

That lady was Cleo Musser. When I'm

grinching about having to spend money or stressing about what to get someone, I try to remember the magic of the simple wants and needs and hold on to the wonder of the season. And remember how an old woman taught me to keep the child-like surprise alive in my own heart. Merry Christmas!



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F.A.S.T. Action Can Improve Recovery From A Stroke

AMARILLO * Stroke is the third-leading cause of death in the United States after heart disease and cancer. F.A.S.T. Action is important to recover from a stroke, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Andrew Crocker, Extension gerontology health specialist, said stroke is a major cause of physical and mental disabilities in older adults.

The warning signs of a stroke may last only a few minutes and then go away, Crocker said. Recovery from a stroke is most successful if treatment begins within the first three hours after symptoms appear.

"Always pay attention to any stroke symptoms, even if they are fleeting," he said. "If you suspect someone may be having a stroke, the National Stroke Association recommends you act F.A.S.T."

The term refers to: **FACE** - Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

ARMS - Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

SPEECH - Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence (e.g. "It's sunny today."). Are the words slurred? Can the person repeat the sentence correctly?

TIME - If the person shows any symptoms, time is important. Call 9-1-1 immediately.

Recognizing the symptoms of a stroke is just as important, Crocker said. Some signs and symptoms include:

Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg especially on one side of the body;

Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding;

Sudden problems seeing in one eye or both eyes; and

Sudden dizziness, loss of balance or trouble walking.

"A stroke happens when blood cannot flow to a part of the brain," Crocker said. "When the brain does not get the oxygen and nutrients it needs from the blood, its cells are damaged or begin to die," he said. "If brain cells are only damaged, they sometimes can be repaired," Crocker said. "But brain cells that have died cannot be brought back to life. This means that the brain may stop sending signals to other parts of the body that control things like speaking, thinking and walking."

There are two major types of strokes: ischemic and hemorrhagic. Ischemic stroke is the most common kind and is caused by blood clots or the narrowing of a blood vessel leading to the brain, he said. The clot keeps blood from flowing into other regions of the brain and prevents needed oxygen and nutrients from reaching brain cells in these regions.

Hemorrhagic stroke happens when a broken blood vessel causes bleeding in the brain, Crocker said. This break also stops oxygen and nutrients from reaching brain cells.

A "mini-stroke" is technically called a transient ischemic attack, which may occur when blockage of the blood vessel has not reached 100 percent.

"Though not as immediately harmful as a regular stroke, a TIA is still a medical emergency," Crocker said. "The affects may be fleeting, but eventually may lead to a major, debilitating stroke." A drug that may help

break down the clot, known as t-PA, can greatly lower the damage caused by a stroke. But only patients with ischemic stroke caused by a clot are candidates for this treatment, he said.

A health provider will diagnose stroke based on the patient's symptoms, medical history and medical tests that look closely at the brain to see the type and location of the stroke, Crocker said.

There are many different ways to help people recover from a stroke, he said.

Drugs and physical therapy work to improve balance, coordination and other deficits from the

stroke such as speech and language problem, Crocker said. Occupational therapy can make it easier to do things like bathing and cooking. Many therapies start in the hospital and continue at home, he said.

Progress is different for each person. Some people recover fully soon after a stroke, while others may take months or years to recover.

Sometimes the damage is so serious that therapy cannot help at all, Crocker warned.

"Talk to your health provider about what you can do to lower your risk of stroke," he said. "Even if you are in perfect health, you may have some serious risks."

The National Stroke Association estimates that up to 80 percent of strokes

are preventable. The association suggests these steps to help prevent a stroke:

- * Control blood pressure. Have your blood pressure checked often. Treating high blood pressure lowers the risk of both stroke and heart disease.

- * Stop smoking. Smoking is linked to increased risk for stroke. Quitting smoking at any age lowers the risk for stroke, as well as for a lot of other serious diseases.

- * Exercise regularly. Activities such as brisk walking, riding a bicycle and yard work may lower the risk of both stroke and heart disease. Exercise may make the heart stronger and improve blood flow. Before any major change in exercise routine, be sure to check with a health provider.

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