

McLean News



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Reminder

THERE WILL be a breast cancer screening clinic in McLean at the Lovett Memorial Library, Feb. 8, 2002. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call toll free 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905. There is financial aid available. This is a project of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

FAMILY READING
Night is Monday evenings at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Library.

THERE WILL BE no school on February 1 and 4.

LITTLE DRIBBLER
Tournament will be held at Ft. Elliott on Feb. 5, 7, and 9th for K-6th grade.

LEFORS 4-H GRAY
County WOW Tourney and Free Shot Contest for Little Dribblers will be held at Lefors on Feb. 14, 15, and 16 for K-6th grade.

PIONEER STUDY
Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 17 at the home of Mary Powell, 208 Cedars at 2:00. Wallace Fields from Shamrock will be speaking on the community that used to be Ramsdell.

TEXAS Panhandle Mental Health Retardation in conjunction with Volunteer Services Council, Westover Middle School and Alpha Beta Sorority will host the annual Valentine's Dance for the area's mentally retarded individuals on Friday, Feb. 8 at Westover Middle School from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The band Mid-Life Crisis will perform.



PTA To Host Parenting Classes

The McLean PTA would like to encourage you to attend Parenting: The Underdeveloped Skill on February 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Young At Heart Club Re-Organizes

Recently the Young at Heart Club held a reorganization meeting at the Senior Citizens building with June Thomas presiding. Mary Dwyer was elected the new president with Archie Cooper as vice-president. Wilma Barker agreed to be

the contact person to rent the building for parties, reunions, meetings, and community activities. Pot luck dinners are usually held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Posters will be in the post office announcing these dinners and everyone

and 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. presented by Amarillo ISD Council PTA, Canyon ISD PTA, Amarillo ISD and Canyon ISD. Workshops will be

Senior Citizens of McLean organized the Young at Heart Club in 1966 by a group of hard working men and women that saw a need for a meeting place for the more mature citizens of the community. When they first organized, the building was open daily for coffee drinkers and anyone wishing to play games. At one time a group of ladies gathered every week to quilt for the public as a fund raiser for the organization. All of the charter members

presented throughout the day in 50 minute intervals (each interval has approximately 10 workshops to choose from) and two 50-

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are gone now and the club needs new members to keep it going.

Everyone 50 years of age or older is invited to join the club and get involved in the community.

Gray County generously includes the Young at Heart Club in their annual budget to help defray expenses. Club dues are \$10.00 per year.

Anyone wishing to join the Young at Heart Club should contact Mary Dwyer at 779-2128 or Wilma Barker at 779-3637.

Don't sit home alone. Come out and lend your support to this organization.

Old Man Winter Makes Stop In McLean, TX

Once again Old Man Winter visited McLean, first with ice then with snow. Thursday should be mostly sunny with the temperatures back up in the high 50's with lows in the 20's.

Friday and Saturday should be cloudy with the temperature dropping slightly, highs in the mid 50's. Sunday and Monday will be mostly cloudy in the 55 to 60 range with the lows near 30.

McMordie Finds Mystery Shopper



This year as an incentive to encourage cookie sales, Girl Scouts of America asked a local person or business to act as a "Mystery Customer," a special reward will be given to the first girl to ask the customer to buy cookies. This year Miranda McMordie discovered the "Mystery Customer" Cynthia Hauk.

Miranda is the six-year old daughter of John and Roxie McMordie of McLean. She is a member of Brownie Troop 126. This is her first year to sell cookies and has started with a bang, selling 215 boxes of cookies.

Each year Girl Scouts sell cookies to help fund all of the many activities for the

girls. This is Girl Scout's 90th birthday and a special year of activities have been planned. Now, more than every, the 2300 girls in the Panhandle area are relying on the nurturing and accepting environment that Girl Scouting provides them. Girl Scouts Texas Plains Council is dedicated to helping girls develop qualities that will serve them throughout their lives, such as leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their individual potential.

Although the girls are finished going door to door you can still purchase cookies at the Bank of Commerce through March 16th. As troops earn money to fund their activities, they are also encouraged to give back to their own communities. Girls make special contributions in a variety of ways, they are encouraged to be an active part of their community.

During the past 90 years, Girl Scouting has helped more than 50 million girls grow into confident and strong women. We

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McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
 February 7 - Vestal Bailey, Maybelle Nash, DaShae Tolleson.
 February 8 - Doris Guyton, Spooky Smith, Tom Trostle, Doris Stillwell, Vera Glenn, Lanasa Sutton, Tammie Pike.
 February 9 - Braxton Cooper.
 February 10 -
 February 11 - Sandy Bowen, Flea Hill, Peggy Adams, Robert and Peggy Leeder (A).
 February 12 - Charlie Carter, Danna Hess, Jim Barker, Doyle Lee, Anna Jean Lamb, Teresa Cheatham, Zane Richardson, Quenton Newton.
 February 13 - Burt Stubbs.

More Reminders

WEBELO CUB Scouts will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

IF YOU HAVE a recipe you would like to include in the **McLean/Alanreed Museum Cookbook**, time is running out. The deadline to get your recipes in is Feb. 15. Take your recipes to City Hall and remember to include your name.

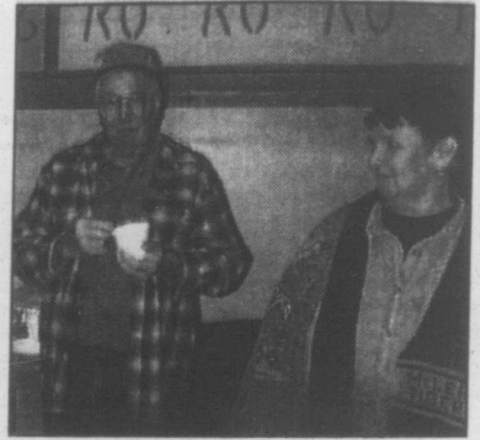
FAFSA will be holding its 7th statewide teleconference to help students and families complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is the first application students must fill out to determine their eligibility to receive grants, work-study and student loans. It will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Feb. 7. For more information you can visit their web site at <http://www.adventuresineducation.org>.

THE PTA WILL meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria, plan ahead, plan to be there!

MHS Yearbook is now on sale. Orders will be taken by MHS Yearbook staff from Jan. 17, 2002 to Feb. 28, 2002 for \$25.00

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Schedule of Services

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McLean School Breakfast & Lunch Menu

February 11-15

Breakfast	Lunch
Monday: Pancake and sausage on a stick, oast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.	Monday: Chicken on bun, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, cake, milk.
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, bacon, toast and elly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.	Tuesday: BBQ sausage, baked beans, onion rings, texas toast, cookies, milk.
Wednesday: Muffins, toast and elly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.	Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, oast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.	Thursday: Taco salad, refried beans, salad, sopapillas, milk.
Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit,	Friday: Pizza, corn on cob, salad, rice krispies, milk.

GIRL SCOUTS

hope you will help us celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in 2002.

In McLean there are about 42 girls in Scouting. If you are interested in Scouting contact Beverly Odom at 779-2309. If you know a girl interested in scouting it is never too late to start. Scouting begins in Kindergarten with the Daisy Scouts; Shawn Bybee and Julianna Burnett are the leaders. Brownies are first through third graders; Ella Mae Reyna, Judith Ingle, Sasha Fish and Tracy Cooper are the leaders. Junior Scouts are fourth through sixth graders; Susie Thompson, Stephanie Ellis and Beverly Odom are the leaders. Cadet Scouts are seventh and eighth graders; Betty Morgan and Cindy Newton are the leaders.



Students of the Week for Jan. 28 - Feb. 1: Kindergarten-Jordan McLain; 1st Grade-Candace Shackelford; 2nd Grade-Victoria Newton; 3rd Grade-Nicole McClendon; 4th Grade-Stephen Williamson; 5th Grade-Amanda Loya; 6th Grade-Johnny Bencomo; 7th Grade-Mrs. Hargrove.

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includes any and all workshops you attend and your lunch.

Pre-registration deadline is February 18th. For a registration sheet and a list of all workshops offered, please contact Amy Herring at 779-2457. Some of the workshops offered are: Coping With Stress; Your Influence on Your Child's Self Image; Grandparents-Parenting Again; What to do When My Loving Caring, Bugs Bunny Turns into Temper Tantrum Taz; Beyond Do It Because I Said So; Divorce Through the Eyes of a

Child; and Effective Step Parenting.

Continuing Education Credits through Amarillo College are available for these workshops.

There is also another Parenting Program called Back in Control. The STAR Program of Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation is offering Back in Control, a one day parenting course for parents or grandparents who want to regain control of their children's behavior. The program will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2nd at the TPMHMR Children and Adolescents Facility, 1619 Kentucky Suite 640-F. The program is free, an optional book can be purchased for \$10.00. Heidi Rindlisbacher, LPC, and Sharon Guinn, MSW, will teach the course. Pre-registration is required.

Back in Control is based on a highly successful program that

has enabled parents to set and enforce rules, as well as improve communication with their children. The curriculum offers parents a simple, effective method of childhood discipline.

STAR is an early intervention, family based program funded by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. It targets youth between the ages of 7-17 who are experiencing family conflict, at-risk of truancy, running away or juvenile delinquency. Services include short-term counseling, crisis intervention, parent education and emergency residential placement.

For further information, directions or to register for the class, please call the STAR Program of TPMHMR at 359-2005. The class is for parents/grandparents only childcare will not be available.

This little princess will be 7 years old Saturday, February 9th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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Sunday Evening 7:00
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First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
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(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

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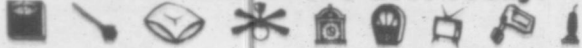
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DEMOCRAT

For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
Bill Hinson

For Carson County Treasurer
Jeannie Cunningham

For Carson County Clerk & District Clerk
Celeste Bichsel

REPUBLICAN

For Carson County Judge
Lewis Powers

For Carson County Justice of the Peace Precinct 2
Phyllis Tyler

For Carson County Commissioner Precinct 2
Kenneth Ware

For Gray County Clerk
Susan Windom

For Gray County Inspector Of Hides and Animals
Bill Reeves

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Community Calendar

DON'T FORGET
Valentine's Day on
February 14th.

GROOM SCHOOL
Board will meet tonight,
February 7 at 7:00 pm.
some of the items on the
agenda will include:
discussion of the mastery
level on TAAS tests, the
TASB Board Effectiveness
audit and the use and cost
of substitute teachers.

GROOM SCHOOL
will have two teacher in
service days in the near
future on Feb. 15 and Feb.
22. Students will not
attend on these days.

THE 4TH six week
will end for students on
Feb. 14. Students will be
taking tests on the days
prior to Thursday.

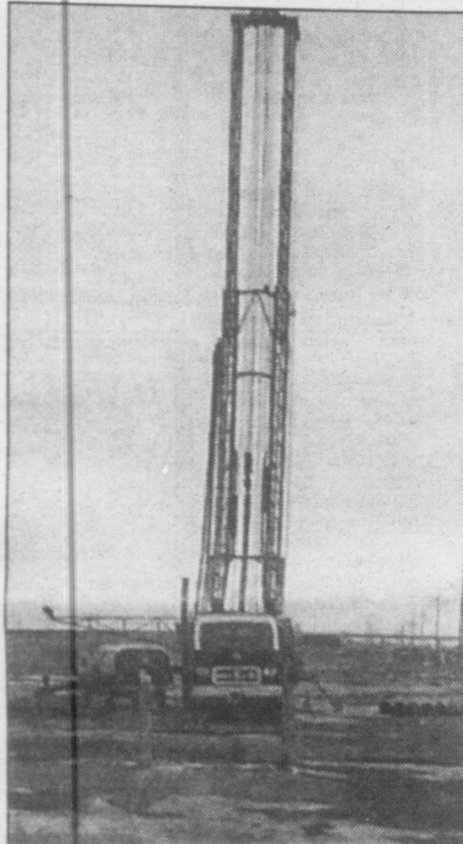
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am to noon. Call David
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Work Begins On New City Water Well System

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While the new well will not increase water pressure because the present lines will deliver the same amount of water they always have, it will

provide more stable pressure due to the quicker recovery as water is used out of the tower.

The system will also include a new electronic regulating system that will include many safe guards including alerting workers when the system is not working properly. (In the past, many times there was not a way to know that there was a problem until the city was without water or the tower ran over.)

The work is expected to be completed no later than May 27.

Winter Makes A Grand Comeback Just As Thoughts Were Turning To Spring!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... except it's nearly Valentine's Day! The Texas Panhandle is definitely getting acquainted with Old Man Winter even if it is a little late in the season. Just a few days ago, with temperatures ranging in the 60's, thoughts were turning to spring. In a few sunny gardens around town some daffodils had been fooled into sprouting. Last Wednesday morning, a resident woke up to a mixture of freezing rain and sleet. Highway Department workers, DPS officers and emergency workers had their hands full with the usual accidents and trying to clear the roads.

Just as the workers were catching up and removing the last of the ice nearly a week later, snow began to fall! Groom residents woke up to about 4 inches of snow on the ground on Tuesday morning.

While the winter weather is a nuisance for drivers and those who are home bound when the weather is bad, area farmers were glad to have the moisture. The first storm deposited about an inch of moisture, while the storm that hit on Tuesday should have a little more.

No school closings were called for the second storm, but school started late last week and buses did not run for a couple of days.



The Groom S & H Grocery store experienced it's usual run on bread and milk! Since the groundhog saw his shadow, it looks like 6 more weeks of winter!

What Happened To The New Look?

We are just as disappointed as you are that we are unable to keep the size paper that we had last week. But, all is not lost! While we will return to the size of paper that we were (before last week), we have been promised a size (as soon as the paper is shipped from the mill around March 1) that is a little bigger than this weeks paper but smaller than last weeks paper! Totally confused?! So are we! Economics just will not allow us to keep the large size. I cannot stress enough that in order to keep our hometown newspaper we must at least make it pay for itself. Ads must cover the cost of production in order for us to continue. We have always felt that the Groom

businesses were good to support the paper, though we all have felt the economic pinch in the last few years. We appreciate your support!

While your ads pay the bills they are also helping you to keep your name and services out in front of the people in our community. Don't ever assume that people in town all know who you are and what you do. You would be amazed how you can renew interest in your business just by running an ad!

Thank you for the many wonderful compliments on the paper. We loved it, too. We will soon have a size that we all can live with!

Thanks, The Groom News Staff

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Interscholastic League Announces New Districts

The University Interscholastic League announced Monday the new football and basketball district alignments for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 seasons. Groom is included in Region 1, District 1. Others schools in District 1 include: Fort Elliott, Pollett, Higgins, Lefors, McLean, Miami, and Samnorwood.

Local Happenings

BRITTEN & CROWELL NAMED TO AC HONOR ROLL

Travis Britten and Evan Crowell of Groom have been named to the Fall 2001 honor roll at Amarillo College. They are among more than 330 students who were enrolled in 12 or more hours in academic courses at Amarillo College and earned a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. More than 8700 students were enrolled in academic courses at Amarillo College last fall.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to all our wonderful friends, neighbors, and family for the phone calls, cards, visits, and prayers. Hope I'm home to stay this time. Also a big thanks to the Ambulance Crew. I don't know what the people of Groom would do without them.

Jack Barnett

GROOM SCHOOL MENU

Feb. 11-15

Breakfast

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.

Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.

Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, chocolate cake, hot rolls, milk.

Tuesday: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday: Fish or steak, corn, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, rice krispie treats, milk.

Thursday: Nachos, pinto beans, lettuce, sopapillas with honey, milk.

Friday: No school

Groom Birthdays

Anniversaries

February 7 - Rick Prather, Mitzi Moranic, Susan Noack, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones (A).

February 8 - Bill & Jo Ann Musser (A).

February 9 - Jolee Burger Moore, Connie McMahan.

February 10 - Mildred Burgin McWhirter.

February 11 - Jodi Homen Reid, Justin Homen, Troy Ritter, Nathan Ruthardt.

February 12 - Jessica Odell Baggerman, Karen and Scott Fields (A).
Groom birthdays

IMMUNIZATION

CLINIC will be held on February 19 at the Claude Medical Clinic from 9:30 - 12:00.

We would worry less about what others think of us if we realized how seldom they do.
—Ethel Barrett

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Bertha Knight Celebrates 93rd Birthday

On Wed. January 30, Mrs. Randal Patterson and Mrs. David Kelly (the Baptist Preacher's Wife) and her children

Josh, Hanna, Thomas, and Sarah surprised Bertha Knight on her 93 birthday in her

home. Mrs. Patterson baked a lovely decorated birthday cake, the children, Josh, Hanna, Thomas, and Sara brought pretty balloons, and Mrs. Kelly brought a gift.

They lit the candles and sang "Happy Birthday Bertha."

Later Ray and Gaynell Pool brought a large cherry pie and cards.

Portia Thurman brought a large basket of "goodies" from Amarillo.

Bertha received 25 birthday cards, several gifts and long distant phone calls. She said "I want to thank each one of you who made my birthday a great day and may God bless, with angel wings around you."

55th Anniversary Celebrated

Lois and Nile J. Patterson of Claude celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Patterson married the former Lois Anglen on Jan. 28, 1947. The couple previously resided in Wheeler. They have lived in Claude for 32 years.

Patterson worked for Bell Helicopter. Mrs. Patterson is a homemaker. The couple belong to the First Baptist Church in Claude.

Children of the couple and their spouses are

Jackie Patterson of Claude, Nancy and Randal Patterson of Groom, Dyana and Barry Duman of Amarillo, Riley and Delise Atwood

of Wheeler and the late Linda Atwood.

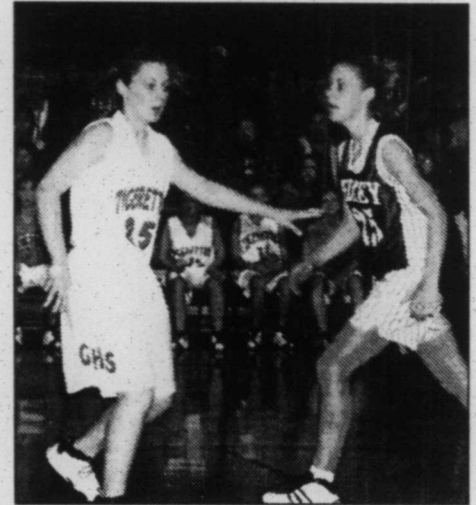
The couple have seven grandchildren: Bruce Atwood, Heather Patterson, Rhett Patterson,

Merinda Dawson, Shonda Rose, Jeff Duman and Lara Yarvis. They also have seven great-grandchildren.

A wise man turns chance into good fortune.

—Thomas Fuller

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Teams Battle Lefors

Groom Girls played a good game against Lefors on Tuesday, last week. Candace Bohr lead the scoring with 25. Amanda Conrad contributed 20 points to the game. Lauren Crowell put up 11 points for the Ettes credit. Krisanne Davis added another 10. Nichole Barnett scored 8, Jill Britten 7, Brin Burgin 3, and Amanda Martin 2. The boys lost to Lefors 46-39. Wyatt Britten scored 5 points and 3 rebounds, Doug Fields had 1 steal, 1 blocked shot and 3 defensive tips. Luke Pavlovsky had 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, and 1 defensive tip. Garrett Britten had 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and 4 defensive tips. Lance Ollinger had 3 points and 1 rebound. Clay Britten had 8 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals, 4 assists and 3 defensive tips. Cody Babcock had 5 points, 10 rebounds and 3 defensive tips.

Tigers Beat Samnorwood

The Groom Tigers played Samnorwood on January 25 and won a fast paced game 43-35. Wyatt Britten scored 2 rebounds, an assist and 3 defensive tips. Doug Fields earned 4 points for Groom along with 5 rebounds, and a defensive tip. Luke Pavlovsky contributed 4 points, 3 rebounds, an assist and 2 defensive tips. Garrett Britten completed 6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, an assist, and a defensive tip. Clay Britten was high point with 15, he had 12 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists, 1 take charge, and 3 defensive tips. Cody Babcock had 8 points, 3 rebounds, a steal and 3 defensive tips.

Most of us become parents long before we have stopped being children.
—Mignon McLaughlin

Groom Plays Tough Games Against Hedley As Battle For District Comes To An End

Groom came out ready to play against one of their toughest rivals on Friday night.

"I was never more proud of the girls as I was the other night," said Coach Fisher, "their heart and effort was impressive. These girls gave 100% of their effort!"

The Ettes lost the match by a heart wrenching 13 points, 73-60.

Candace Bohr lead the scoring efforts with 23. Amanda Conrad put up 17 points while Krisanne Davis scored 8, Nichole Barnett 6, Lauren Crowell 3, Staci Britten 2 and Brin Burgin 1.

Demonstrating what a physical game this was, 3 of Groom's key players fouled out late in the game, something that does not happen with this team very often.

"We had quite a few defensive turnovers, which could have hurt us. But in this kind of fast paced game against a team that also plays very

fast, it is a normal occurrence," commented Fisher. "Our girls never stopped trying... I couldn't be more proud of them."

The girls will most likely play Nazerath in the Bi-District game next Tuesday. When and where are yet to be announced but Fisher anticipated that the game would be held somewhere in the Amarillo area.

"I think we will match up well with Nazerath," said Coach Fisher. "Nothing they do is anything that we have not seen before. We will definitely have to be ready to play all four quarters"

The Tigers also played a difficult match against Lefors and came up short at the buzzer, 46-39.

Wyatt Britten earned 5 points and 3 rebounds. Doug Fields had a steal, a blocked shot and 3 defensive tips. Luke Pavlovsky scored 8 points, gained 4 rebounds, a steal and a defensive tip. Garrett

Britten contributed 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2

steals and 4 defensive tips. Lance Ollinger added 3 points and a rebound. Clay Britten scored 8 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals, 4 assists and 3 defensive tips. Cody Babcock earned 5 points for the Tigers, 10 rebounds and 3 defensive tips.

The boys path to the

playoffs is not a straight as the girls. They will probably have to have a playoff game before they will know if they will be moving forward in post season. Keep watching the Groom News for more information.

Both teams have one more district game to contend with as the paper goes to press on Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

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Underclassmen Tigers get ready to applaud their Senior teammates in last weeks last home game of the season. (right) Candace Bohr was just one of the senior cagers who presented their Mom's with a rose as they took the court in the game against Hedley.



Xcel Energy Repairs Damage

Xcel Energy electric service crews and service men are rebuilding ice storm-damaged transmission and distribution lines in the northeast and central parts of the Texas Panhandle and in the central South Plains.

Ice and wind combined to damage lines from south and east of Pampa, to east and southeast of

Plainview, and on the eastern side of Lubbock. Crews anticipate restoring service to most or all customers in the areas by midnight of Jan. 31, 2002.

Approximately 175,200 homes and businesses near Pampa, McLean, Lefors, and Groom were without power late January 31, 2002. About 2000 homes and business in

Floydada, Lockney, Silverton, Idalou, and East Lubbock were out of service at one time or another Thursday afternoon; most had been restored to service before dark.

At the same time, Xcel Energy sent other

crews and equipment from several states to assist utility companies in and near Oklahoma City and Kansas City, where an estimated 278,000 homes and businesses were left without power by the ice and snow storm that whipped across the

Texas Panhandle and into the Midwest Wednesday and Thursday.

The traveling Xcel Energy crews will help rebuild storm-damaged utility systems operated by Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co., Kansas City Power and Light

Co., and Topeka Power and Light.

Crews, servicemen and substation personnel from Pampa, Amarillo, and Borger were concentrated on the out-of-service lines in the northeast Panhandle. Personnel from Plainview and Lubbock assisted local servicemen with the work in the South

Plains.

Xcel Energy crews from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota are assisting the Oklahoma and Kansas utilities. Amarillo based transmission construction and trucking department crews dispatched to assist out of state from Amarillo, Lubbock, Littlefield, Shallowater, Levelland, Carlsbad, Roswell, and Portales, N.M. The various Xcel Energy crews may spend a week or so working in the Oklahoma City and Kansas City areas.

"Choice Of Mile" Rate Available If Car Insurers Cooperate

The approval January 23 by the Texas insurance Commissioner of rules to implement the "cents-per-mile choice" law has been hailed by the Texas National Organization for Women (NOW) as clearing the way for Texans to demand that insurance companies make this choice available to all of their customers.

If insurance companies cooperate with what the law and new rules authorize, car owners can choose either the annual rate or the new cents-per-mile rate for their car's profile group. Owners can decide when to buy miles of protection.

in advance and how many mile to buy at a time to suit budget and convenience-much like buying gasoline.

According to NOW, selling insurance miles like gasoline also reduces administrative cost for companies because car owners are responsible for monitoring their own car's odometer-like watching the gasoline gauge-and for buying more miles as needed to keep insurance continuously in force. Fraud is strongly discouraged because disabling or tampering with a car's odometer voids the insurance coverage and is also punishable by severe fines and jail under federal and state odometer law.

Supporters of cents-per-mile choice have developed a web site with more information at www.centspermilenow.org.

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NORINE RUTH BAKER WALLS

Norine Ruth Baker Walls died Monday, February 4, 2002. Services will be held today, Thurs. Feb. 7, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. in Memorial Park Funeral Home chapel of Memories in Amarillo.

Mrs. Walls was born September 18, 1903 in Carson County to Richard and Bessie Baker. She was the oldest daughter of one of the first families to homestead in Carson County. She was raised on the family farm west of Conway and attended Tony Ridge School.

She married Roy Glenn Walls on February 15, 1922. They resided in Carson County several years

before moving to Potter County. Mrs. Walls died in 1993. She was a Baptist and a member of First Baptist Church of Amarillo. She was also active in the Carson county Home Demonstration Club in the 1930's-1940's and the Highland Park School P.T.A.

Mrs. Walls was also preceded in death by three brothers, R. A. (Ross) Baker, Asbury Baker and C.B. (Clemmie) Baker, on sister Blanche Jenkins, an infant son Donald Kent Walls and a grandson Stanley Sellman. She is survived by four daughters, Ruth Houston of Houston, Velma Lou Sellman of Elgin, Hazel Dockery

of Grand Junction, CO, and Linda Clark of Claude, two sons Clifton Walls of Boerne and Richard (Dick) Walls of Grand Junction and a sister Minnie Sibold of Colorado Springs, CO; 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors at the family farm east of Amarillo. Memorials may be to the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle or to a favorite charity.

When desire dies, fear is born.
—Baltasar Gracian

PGCD Awarded Grant For Cloud Seeding

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District will receive a grant for \$183,412 from the Texas Department of Agriculture for its precipitation enhancement program.

"It's a 50-50 grant that we get from the state to do our weather modification program," general manager C.E. Williams said. "Without it, it probably wouldn't be possible. It would be much more difficult for

The grant was announced in December, and is one of ten awarded to

weather modification programs around the state. The PGCD program, like most others across Texas is seasonal. It will start about April 15 in the eastern part of the Panhandle. "This is the third year for our program," Williams said, "and the second year we've done it in house." The first year it was contracted out to Weather Modifications, Inc out of Fargo, N.D.

According to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, the precipitation

enhancement program is an integral part of the state's long-term water management plan. Increased rainfall has meant high crop yields, improved grazing, reduced irrigation costs, and improved water quality. "The practice also helps increase rainfall runoff into reservoirs and aquifers," Combs said.

The precipitation enhancement programs stimulate clouds to generate more rainfall that would normally be produced, TDA officials say. It is an effort to maximize rain through the introduction of seeding agents, such as silver iodide. The seeding agents are flown into the clouds with aircraft.

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