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Reminder

SHOT CLINIC has been changed to May 7 from 1-3 at the Elementary School. If your child is starting Kindergarten next year and needs some booster shots you can get them at this time. It is also open to the community.

MOM'S CIRCLE will be cancelled on the 24 due to parent-teacher's conference. It is tentatively re-scheduled for May 1 at the Methodist Church. Check the reminders April 25 for more info.

HIGH SCHOOL Regional Golf Tournament is April 22 & 23 in Sundown for the girls and Levelland for the boys. Good luck!

KINDERGARTEN Registration is coming up on May 1 & 2 at 2:30 p.m. You will need to bring you child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card.

SPRING CLEAN-UP will be May 6-10. The city will pick up items in the alley on the 6th. Only one trip will be made. The Landfill will be free that week to City residents.

FAMILY READING Night is Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the School Library.

THE PIONEER Study Club will be hosting the Senior Tea on Sunday, April 21 at 2:30 in the Church of Christ Annex.

DON'T FORGET to plan for the City Wide Garage Sale on Sat., May 25. This is a good time to get rid of a lot of good items that you no longer use.

CLARENDON College will hold graduation exercises on May 3 at 7:30 in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium.



Ruth Trew Receives Award For Distinguished Service

Long time McLean resident, Ruth Trew was honored with the prestigious 2002 Texas Panhandle Distinguished Service Award, presented by the Women's Forum of Amarillo. Ruth was one of ten women in the Panhandle who was honored on April 13 at a luncheon at the Amarillo Country Club, with several hundred people present.

The award has been given since 1975 to women selected for their volunteer work and examples set in art, business, finance, agriculture, education, health care, law, science, or other fields. These are women who have

helped shape the Texas Panhandle.

Ruth Trew was honored for her countless hours of volunteering in many areas in McLean. She was instrumental in the founding of the Devil's Rope/Rt 66 Museum, negotiating the agreement to rent the building where it is housed in 1990. She works on the daily operations of the museum, and she writes a newsletter which is sent out quarterly.

Ruth is also the secretary of the Hillcrest Cemetery Association, President of the Pioneer Study Club and is on the board of directors for the McLean/Alanreed Museum.

Third place essay...

Where Have The Old Days Gone

By D.J. Menefield
Where have all the good old days gone? These words told me a lot of things I learned from the people that I interviewed. It sounded like they had some good times back in those days.

I interviewed a nice gentleman and I learned a lot from him. There was a bowling alley, but this was no ordinary bowling alley. It was called the Duck Pin.

They used little balls no bigger than a plum. The pins were small and at the top of them it was shaped like a duck head. I thought that was pretty unusual.

There were two movie theaters. One of them was called the Avalon and the other was the Lone Star. What they would do is show half of one movie one Saturday, and show the other half

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Drama Team Presents... "Why Teachers Go Crazy"



Every year at this time the McLean High School Drama Class hosts a Dinner Theater, entertaining the audience with a good meal and a fine performance. This year was no exception.

Mrs. Riley's class performed two one act plays. The first "Why Teachers Go Crazy" featured a classroom where the students gave the audience a comical book at a teacher's day with her students. Katrina Routen played the teacher with Chris Reyna, Jacob Eddleman, Chase Barnes, Nikki Hefley, Randi Riley, Ben

Reyna, Matt Gutierrez and Rio Dennis performing as her rowdy students. The second play "The Happy Scarecrow" was about the quest of Scarecrow, Chase Barnes, to find happiness. Katrina Routen as a beautiful fairy encounters old ugly Randi Riley. A bet is made that the scarecrow, when brought back to life can or cannot find happiness. Along the way the scarecrow meets a man who defines happiness from a dictionary, played by Jacob Eddleman, beautiful

princess Nikki Hefley, a power hungry king Bron Bohlar, a bitter old man Ben Reyna, a crafty jester Rio Dennis, a mischievous skunk Chris Reyna, and a scare human played by Matt Gutierrez. Each with their own version of what happiness is. It is a play about sacrifice and love. The students did a wonderful job in their performance.

Between the plays a delicious "Mexican Pile On" was enjoyed. It was prepared and served by Margaret Milain and Mitzi Smith.



Mrs. Greer's second grade class celebrates dinosaurs with a party as part of their annual study of prehistoric life. Parents were entertained by activities and songs performed by the students.

Mr. & Mrs. Hess Celebrate 60th

Terris and Leta Mae Hess celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 13 with a family reunion and renewing their vows. They were married on April 18, 1942 by a Church of Christ minister the first time. They were reunited in marriage at the Methodist Church with George Watson conducting the ceremony. There were 57 family members in attendance coming from all over Texas. Terris and Leta Mae have a daughter, Nancy Blackburn of Houston, a son Terris "Jake" Hess of McLean, and five grandchildren.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

- April 18 - Ruth Trew, David Hutchison.
- April 19 - La Donna Bradley, Molly McDowell, Frankie Sparling.
- April 20 - Bernice Dean, Tucker Adams, Angie Billingsley.
- April 21 - Earl Riley, Robbie Bradley, Evelyn Shaw, Janet Wall, Leah Turpen, James Wall.
- April 22 - Doyal Billingsley, Billy Corley, Jr.
- April 23 - Bonnie Hauck.
- April 24 - Walter Morris, Donnie Basham, Jim Krueger.

McLean School Lunch Menu

APRIL 22-26 Breakfast

- Monday: French toast, sausage, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.
- Tuesday: Pancake and sausage on a stick, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.
- Wednesday: Muffins, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.
- Thursday: Breakfast burrito, toast, jelly,

- peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.
- Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast, jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk.
- Lunch**
- Monday: Nachos, meat and cheese, pinto beans, salad, cinnamon crisp, milk.
- Tuesday: Mini corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, baked beans,

- salad, cake, milk.
- Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, french fries, sherbet, milk.
- Thursday: Grilled ham
- and cheese sandwich, cheetos, veggie sticks, pickle spears, cookie, milk.
- Friday: Chicken fajitas, peppers, onions, refried beans, salad, milk.

Letter To The Editor

Local elections are important in that they impact most directly on our lives. A candidates night would be in order in order for the candidates, challengers and incumbents alike, to provide the community with some reason to elect them for office. In the case of challengers, what do they see as an opportunity to be a positive factor in the position they are seeking? In the case of incumbents, what have they accomplished in a prior term or terms and what are their intended contributions in the future? If a candidate cannot tell you why they are running, they don't deserve your vote. Vertical head nodding in board or commission

deliberations are of little motivation to the voter to support a candidate. There is the backbone consideration. Does the candidate have convictions and have the courage of those convictions? An informed electorate can do much for a community. An ununiformed electorate can do a ton of damage at the ballot box. Make an informed decision and vote!

Some examples that conceivably might be explored at a candidates night.

The Lefors ISD publishes its financial and operational situation. The McLean ISD had rather not let the people, who pay the taxes in support of the district, know what is happening financially or operationally. Lefors has \$700,000.00 in the bank. McLean ISD has ? Lefors has 172 students in school. McLean has about 200. Lefors is considering the implementation of an Ag-Science course of instruction for both junior



CONGRATULATIONS to Shaley Steel and Josh Seymour, McLean 2002 Jr. and Sr. Prom, King and Queen.

Mindy Reeves
would appreciate your vote for City Council on May 4th.

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and high school students. McLean has been silent on plants, but the odds are there will be cuts rather than any growth of instructional courses. The lunch cost for grades 6-12 at Lefors is \$1.10. The same meal at McLean cafeteria was set at \$2.00 at the beginning of school. Lefors publishes their audit reports-McLean does not. All of this doesn't mean Lefors ISD is superior to our local district-just better management and superior administration from it's elected board.

Does the City publish it's audit reports? What is the financial situation with the EDC. What has the EDC accomplished either to attract new job creating businesses or civic improvement. Since the inception of the EDC how much tax money has gone into the entity? What are the plans for future use of the tax funds? There are alot of issues to be explored and you, having funded both the city and school are entitled to answers, particularly from those who would govern.

Bill Reeves

McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10 am
Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm*
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main
Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15
Sunday Evening 7:00
Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
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First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
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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

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins
779-2456 or 779-2965
Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

Fund Raiser Planned To Aid Grigsby

A Bowl-A-Thon has been planned for Saturday, April 27 to help with raising medical bills for Penny Grigsby. Penny is suffering from a degenerative disease that goes into remission in most cases, but when it doesn't it is fatal. Penny's case is a tough one, her disease is not in remission and she needs expensive treatments that her health insurance will not cover. They are looking at two different procedures. They are trying a blood cleansing procedure will do the trick. This procedure will cost about \$130,000.

The second procedure is a stem cell transplant, a kind of bone marrow transplant from her brother. This is a more expensive procedure costing \$230,000.

A Bowl-A-Thon will be held at Harvester Lanes in Pampa on Saturday, April 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost of bowl is \$6.00 for three games with the proceeds going to Penny. There will also be a silent auction, door prizes and food specials. If you don't want to bowl donations are accepted. If you have anything to be donated to the silent auction or need more

information call Jan Woods at 669-8018 and after 6:00 p.m. at 669-9814.

Essay

the next Saturday, but you would have to pay again to get back in, and it cost 10 cents. Today, in Shamrock; the Texas Theater costs \$2.50. Man, I wish I'd have lived back in those days, but it was a lost cause here in McLean because they usually traded eggs, butter, cream, and mainly anything they raised on farms to get in.

Can you believe there were two skating rinks? One of them was in the high school and the other one was downtown. A lot of people went skating on the week ends. I would like McLean just how it was then.

During the Great Depression, the W.P. would give people clothes to wear, and pay you to put trees in the ground for \$0.50 a tree, but you could only go so far and that was called a shelter belt. The kids would have to tie wet rags around their mouths, but most of the people would try to have fun and be happy that they were not dead. They were enjoying being alive.

That's not all of the fun that they had. They also had Derby Town Jubilees that were held at the high school auditorium, and people all around the Panhandle would come and play music and sing and do comedy skits.

The watermelons were grown here in McLean and shipped off to Different towns. These were Black Diamond watermelons. The Baileys were the biggest watermelon growers, but there were several others also.

On Saturday around maybe 5:00 p.m., people would go to the drug store and buy cokes and sit on the corner and gossip. That's mainly how news traveled around McLean, or they would go home and watch the boring news, but some times, it was interesting.

The Prisoner of War Camp was where they held German soldiers and the good ones would get out every once in a while and work on farms and get a little money in their pocket. Some of them were good and polite people.

McLean used to be so interesting until they had to run out of money and the population dropped a lot, but is has a good history. I will have to say, "Happy 100th birthday, McLean, stick in there!"

Dinosaur Party Held In Second Grade

Mrs. Greers second grade class at McLean Elementary hosted their annual Dinosaur Party on Friday. The class has been learning about dinosaurs this semester and this was their chance to show off all they have learned. Parents were entertained by the class, led by Mrs. Watkins singing several songs about dinos. Then the parents were invited to examine all the work the children had done. Each child was able to excavate "dino bones" from a dig site, examine books made by the class and explore computer programs. Each child



had also made their own model of a dinosaur out of paper mache. The afternoon was topped off with refreshments.

POWER TEAM

For the fourth year a group of young body builders calling themselves the Power Team visited McLean performing feats of strength and speaking to both the High School and Elementary School about making good choices.

This year two men of about 20 came to McLean. The Power Team travels world wide discussing with young people the importance and consequences of making good decisions.

Both the High School and Elementary School was treated to bricks and baseballs being broken with bare hands, weight lifting and phone books being torn in half. After the show the men spoke to the younger kids about working hard and staying in school. They also spoke about saying no to drugs. After the elementary children went back to class there was a deeper discussion with the High School. This discussion was about drugs and alcohol, suicide, and respect, giving all the students something to think about and an example of someone who is a winner.

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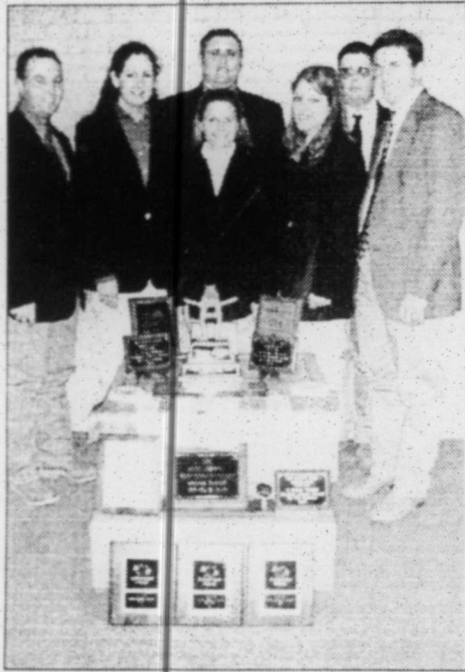
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Team Ends Career With Strong Performance



"The Seward County Community College Sophomore Livestock Judging Team finished up a really good career with a strong performance at the Houston Livestock show and Rodeo," said Kevin Williams, judging coach.

The team of Shelby Axtell of Meade, Sabrina Dorsett of Dalhart, Jessi Fish of McLean, Jeremy Shields of Stinnett, Kenry Thies of Ft. Lupton, CO, and Roger Dickey of Lakin, had a really good run over the past two years, and are now preparing to graduate and move on to the other university level. All six team members are planning to continue their judging careers at either Texas Tech or Panhandle State.

All team members have finished in the top 10 overall at least once

with several first place individual honors throughout the two years. As a team they have placed very well at all contest with a couple of second place finishes this fall, and a fifth place finish overall at the Kansas City contest in November.

The Houston Contest, one of the best in the country, was the final opportunity for this group to compete together as one team. The Seward team did finished eighty overall among the other community colleges and 120 contestants from across the nation.

The team finished first in swine, sixth in cattle and oral reasons and seventh in sheep. Individually, Axtell placed seventh in oral reasons, fifth in sheep and 12th overall. In swine, Fish finished fifth and finished ninth

McLean Librarian, Ellen Malone, To Retire



McLean's Librarian, Ellen Malone is set to retire as soon as a replacement has been found and trained.

Ellen has worked in McLean, commuting from Pampa for the past 3 1/2 years, coming to McLean in November of 1998. She has been a librarian in Pampa for 18 years.

Ellen has seen a lot of change at the library here and believes her greatest accomplishment has been the TIF endowment (Texas Infrastructure Fund). Through the monies given the McLean Library has been linked to the top libraries in 26 counties in the Panhandle. It provided two new computers, a color printer, a black and white laser printer, a CD burner, a scanner and a

digital camera, all for a community to use. She also provided a phone line. All of this puts our little town on an equal footing with bigger cities and amounts to \$70,000.00 for the library.

Besides the TIF, Ellen secured grants from the Tocker Foundation providing \$5,000 for children's books, the Texas Book Festival for \$2,500 in adult fiction. Gates provided \$5,000 computers, software hardware, and a printer. She also received \$1,000 for shelving and books from direct aid. Ellen has managed to receive grants averaging about 500 books a year.

Ellen says she enjoyed her time in McLean. "The people in McLean have made a place in my heart because they have

accepted me and made me a part of the community," she said. She plans on "exploring the world around her" and helping church more. She is looking forward to spending time with her daughters and grandchildren and her husband, Danny, who retired five years ago.

Centennial Activities Planned By Committee

The Centennial Committee, along with the City of McLean, Gray County Precinct #4, the McLean Chamber of Commerce, the McLean EDC, and interested citizens are right on schedule with Centennial activities. The clean-up days went well with others scheduled. Memorial Day activities are planned and all is in place to host and feed those attending.

All June 15 celebration activities are on schedule with the various committees awaiting confirmation of participants coming.

Flyers are available at many local businesses and hundreds more flyers are being mailed out in the next week.

Generous McLean citizens have donated 25 gallons of paint and other materials for the spruce-up projects along main street or any other location. This has provided the Avalon with a face-lift only as restoration at this point is prohibitive in costs. Already, the tourists are snapping photos of this new attractive site.

If you want to give your business a face-lift call Jim Reyna, Mindy Reeves, Delbert Trew, or City Hall. Resources are available for this purpose. If you want to donate to the clean-up cause, give your tax-deductible check to the McLean Alanreed Area Museum and tell them it is for Centennial activities. Join in the fun and be a part of this "pride in McLean effort."

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NOTICE

Carson County is now accepting bids for the mowing of the County lawns. Bids will be accepted April 18th through May 3rd. A job description can be picked up at The County Judge's Office, Carson County Courthouse.

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Community Calendar

MOTHER'S Day is May 12th.

KINDERGARTEN through 4th grade will have a concert on May 14th at 6:00 p.m.

BAPTIST Church will hold their Senior Supper on April 23rd.

THE SPRING Jr. High and High School Band Concert will be held on May 16.

IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be held on April 23, 2002 at Groom School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

THE K-4 Band Concert will be held on May 14.

GROOM Elementary Accelerated Readers will travel to Wonderland Park in Amarillo on May 14th.

MOTHER'S DAY is May 12.

REGIONAL TENNIS Meet is April 24th and 25th in Levelland.

GROOM ISD High School Awards Assembly are scheduled for May 15 at 8:00 a.m.

JERICO CEMETERY TO BE PROCLAIMED HISTORICAL TEXAS CEMETERY

On April 27, 2002, the Jericho Cemetery which was founded in 1894 will hold a special ceremony as it unveils its historical marker and the Texas Historical Medallion.

The cemetery is located on Highway 70 just south of Interstate 40. The dedication is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

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Six Groom Athletes Qualify For Regional Competition At Levelland

Six Groom athletes have qualified to compete in the Regional Track meet to be held at South Plains Junior College at Levelland on April 26 and 27.

The Area Meet was held in Dumas at Mustang Stadium.

Qualifying for the regional meet are Nichole Barnett, Krisanne Davis, Candace Bohr, Staci Britten, Amanda Conrad, and Garrett Britten.

Nichole Barnett qualified in the 800 meter run placing 4th.

The 400 meter relay team of Krisanne Davis, Candace Bohr, Staci Britten, and Amanda Conrad will represent Groom in the 400 meter relay after placing 4th.

Krisanne Davis, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr and Amanda Conrad placed 4th in the 800 meter relay and will go to Regionals.

Qualifying in the 1600 meter relay were Amanda Conrad, Candace Bohr, Nichole Barnett and Staci Britten with a 4th place finish.

Candace Bohr and Staci Britten will represent Groom in the High Jump with a 2nd place and 4th place respectively.

Candace Bohr won the pole vault competition with a vault of 7' 6" and will attend the Regional meet.

Krisanne Davis won the long jump

See Athletes, pg. 3



Candace Bohr excels at a relatively new girl's sport, Pole Vaulting. She places 1st at the Area Meet and qualifies for Regional.

Senator Teel Bivins Responds To Local Citizen's Letter

Many Groom residents have written letters to our legislative representatives concerning school finance and the problems that Groom School is having locally. Senator Teel Bivins, while not our local representative any more is the chair of the school finance committee. While Mr. Bivins has not yet responded to the article in the newspaper he did respond to an e-mail sent by one of our most devoted supporters of the school. The following is what he had to say:

Thank you for your letter regarding school funding in Texas. I am very sympathetic to the difficulties faced by small school district, many of which are in my district.

I am happy to hear of your interest in the report of the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance and I would like to assure you that the report will be released, like all interim studies, after a comprehensive evaluation of the issues and in

compliance with the deadlines set by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The committee has been working since September 2001 to conduct a comprehensive review of the school finance system and will continue to hold additional hearings.

During these hearings we have heard from many small school districts with some other the same concerns that your express. However, any change that could be made to aid Groom and small towns like it would have to be made during the next legislative session, which begins in January of 2003. The committee is currently working on suggestions to present to the 2003 Legislature on methods to improve the system as a whole. Letters like yours and public testimony by parents, administrators, and taxpayers at our hearings play a vital role in helping us make the important decisions.

I greatly appreciate See Response, pg. 3

Fatal Accident, Drug Busts, and Roll Overs Keep Troopers Busy

Groom DPS officers stayed very busy over the last week.

On Tuesday April 9th, Trooper Rusty Nesbitt made a traffic stop. The driver acted suspicious and he called for Trooper Storm. The DPS drug dog immediately sniffed out 151 pounds of marijuana hidden in the vehicle.

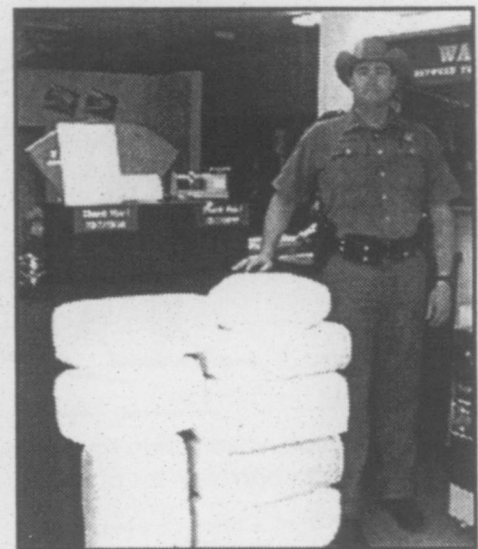
On April 13th, Trooper Tony Rocha was called to the scene of a one car roll-over, 3 miles north of White Deer. Matt McKissick of Skellytown was seriously injured when he fell asleep at the wheel. He is still in the hospital in critical condition.

Also on the 13th, Troopers Tony Rocha and Gary Davis were called to the scene of a fatal accident at the 111 mile post of Interstate 40. Jackie Weldon of Amarillo, lost control of his 1997 Ford Mustang. The vehicle rolled two time, ejecting Weldon from the vehicle. Judge Hinson pronounced Mr. Weldon dead at the scene. The accident is still under investigation pending results of the autopsy.

On Sunday, Troopers Davis and Rocha were called to the 120 mile post, with another one car rollover.

A 21 year old Clovis woman, driving a Ford

Explorer lost control and over corrected causing the vehicle to overturn. Lindsey Price was air lifted by Lifestar to Northwest Texas Hospital in critical condition.



With the increase in summer traffic, DPS Troopers are having a field day making drug busts. These crime fighters are doing a terrific job at stopping drug traffickers from using Interstate 40 at a pipeline to more lucrative drug markets east and west. After making a routine traffic stop, Trooper Rusty Nesbitt calls for Trooper Storm, the DPS K-9 detective to assist with a search and nets 151 pounds of marijuana.

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There were six persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of April 8 through April 14, 2002. Currently there are 12 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 11 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

Arrest made this week include:

Keith Johnson, age 42 of Niles, MI-Possession of marijuana more than 4 oz., but less than 5 lb and felon in possession of firearm.

Mary Browne, age 29 of Tigard, OR-Possession of marijuana more than 50 lb. but less than 2000 lb.

Jeffrey Gugenheim, age 35 of Amarillo, TX-Failure to appear in court-District, and failure to appear in court-County.

Jackie Williams, age 26 of Amarillo, TX-Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. and no vehicle financial responsibility.

Gilbert Gann, age 46 of Nashville, TN-Driving while intoxicated-1st.

Caleb Howard, age 19 of Canyon, TX-Traffic warrants-DPS.

Local Happenings



Brett Friemel



Chelsea Patterson

Students Win Poster Contest

Two students from the fifth grade class of Groom Elementary School participated in the conservation poster contest sponsored by the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District in January. On Tuesday, March 26, these students were presented Austrian Pine seedlings

by the SWCD for their participation.

First place winner was Brett Friemel and 2nd place winner was Chelsea Patterson. The district appreciates the interest in this program. Their teacher is Mrs. Knobloch. Zone 5 SWCD director is Bobby Pool.

Thank You Card

I would like to thank the ambulance crew for taking such good care of me every time I called. I could always count on you. Thanks to all my friends and neighbors for all the many thoughtful things you have done over the years. The visits, calls, food, cards and prayers meant so much to me and my family.

I am now living in Happy and really miss everyone in Groom.

Vernie Watson
 Box 453
 Happy, Tx 79042
 806-558-4141

NORTHWESTERN RODEO TEAM COMPETES AT PANHANDLE STATE

Members of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University rodeo competed this past weekend at Oklahoma Panhandle State University event. While they didn't win the team competitions, the Rangers had a very good rodeo, according to Coach Tim Kolb.

In the women's competition, Jacey Richardson, a Groom High School graduate and a sophomore at Northwestern was in the top 10 in breakaway roping after the first round.

Richardson placed 9th in the long round with 4.1 seconds and incurred a 10 second penalty in the short round. She ended up with 16.8 seconds that was good for sixth in the average.

The rodeo team will travel to Weatherford this weekend for the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo.

Carson County Run-Off Elections Decide Winners

Carson County Precinct 4 County Commissioner race will pit incumbent

Kevin Howell a Republican, against long time White Deer Businessman-Insurance Agent Grady Milton, a Democratic candidate. The race will be determined in the General Election, November 8,

2002. Each man defeated primary challengers to get to the General Election.

Randy Elliott of Skellytown won the Republican Run-Off Election for Justice of Peace Precinct 4. Elliott will meet Democratic Candidate Marcy Ruth in the General Election, November 8.

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—William Graham Sumner

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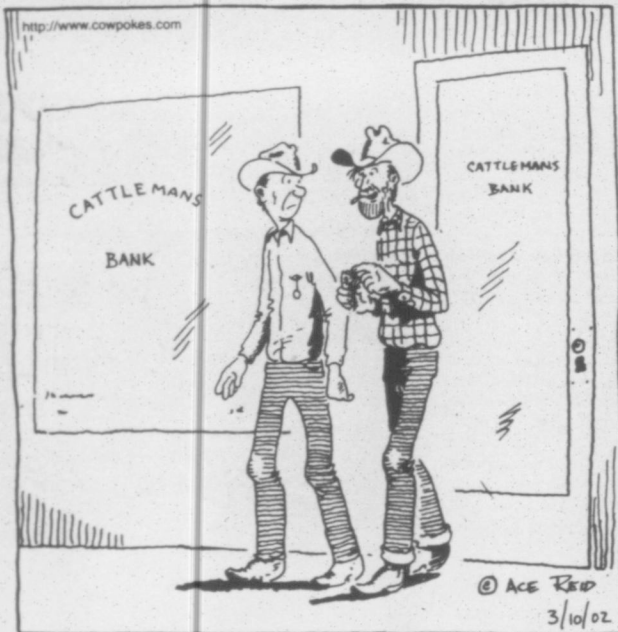


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Reids Resign; Board Approves Non-Renewals Due To RIF

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in its usual meeting place in the school administrative offices with the following members present: Clifton Britten, Tim Case, Ron Kuehler, Kelvin Ollinger, Barry Fields, Mike Friemel and Tony Britten. Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager, and Kevin Noack, Superintendent were also present. Guests present were Karen Brown, Brenda Broom, Kim Lewellen, Dondra and Curtis Downs, Brad and Lezlie Rainer, Larry and Lisa Roskens, Robin Welch and David Kelly.

The minutes of the March 21st regular meeting and the March 26th special meeting were approved.

In open forum Kim Lewellen expressed a concern about possible lack of junior high athletics. She was asking the board to guarantee a reimbursement for cheerleading outfits if there was no junior high athletics.

According to Mrs. Lewellen she was told that the board could not reimburse her.

Dondra Downs expressed a concern that if there were coaches willing to stay, why would we let them go if there are openings.

According to Mrs. Downs, the board responded by saying that this item had been discussed in open meetings before and that they would continue with their plan to release Brad Rainer under the "Reduction in Force" proposal.

A motion was passed to approve the itinerary for the band trip.

A motion was passed to approve the itinerary for the senior trip 2002.

A motion was passed to change the fiscal year back to beginning September 1 and ending August 31.

Mr. Noack presented an idea to allow students in the District use of band instruments if they are in an organized program.

According to Superintendent Noack, Mr. Porter, the current Band Director will be coming to Groom 2 or 3 times a week to give lessons to children upon their parent's request. The school will draw up some kind of agreement to allow these Groom students to use the

school's band instruments. No money will be charged for the students to use the equipment, but the parents and students will be held financially responsible if the instruments were broken or lost. The school will not be paying Mr. Porter for his time or travel.

Mrs. Hutsell presented a list of checks for the board to look at.

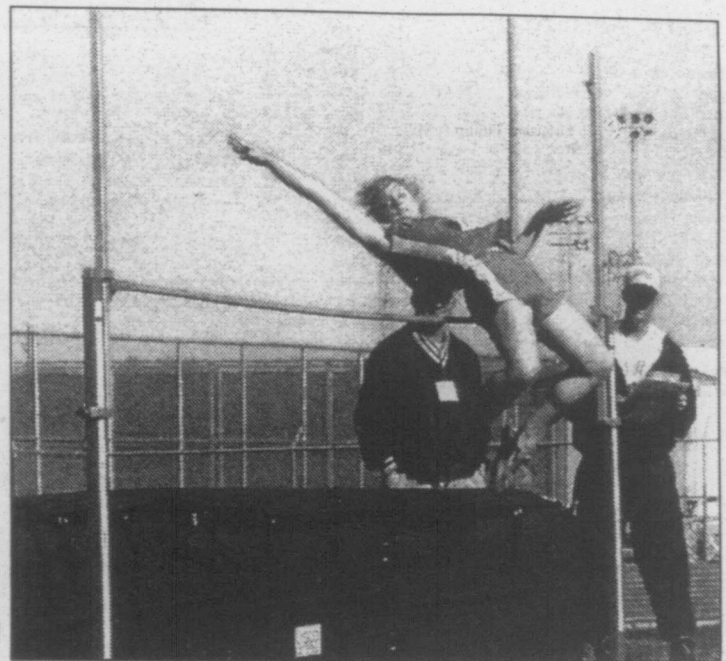
Mrs. Hutsell presented the energy report.

Mrs. Hutsell presented a budget summary.

A motion was passed to accept the resignations of Aimee Fields, Larry Reid and Karen Reid.

A motion was passed to non-renew the term contracts of Brad Rainer and Charles Burk due to a reduction in force.

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Staci Britten clears the 4'9" mark and places 4th at the area meet.

ATHLETES

competition with a leap of 16'3.5". She also earned gold in the triple jump with a measurement of 33' 8.5". She will compete in both events at regional.

Other girls who competed but did not qualify for regional in the following events are: 400 meter dash, 5th place Staci Britten. 3200 meter run, 5th place Lauren Crowell. Shot Put, 6th place Laurissa Noack and 8th

place Jennifer Jenkins. Discus, 6th place Laurissa Noack.

In the boys competition, Garrett Britten is the only Groom athlete that qualified. He will run the 400 meter dash at Regional.

Other boys who competed placed as follows: 100 meter dash, 5th place Garrett Britten. 200 meter dash, 6th

Clay Britten, and 8th Calvin Schaffer. 800 meter run, 8th Luke Pavlovsky.

1600 meter run, 7th place Luke Pavlovsky. 3200 Meter run, 7th Wyatt Britten.

400 meter relay, 5th place, Clay Britten, Doug Fields, Calvin Schaffer, Trey Britten.

1600 meter rely, 6th place, Clay Britten, Doug Fields, Calvin Schaffer, and Garrett Britten.

RESPONSE

your comments. We must work together to make the changes that are necessary in the next legislative session to enable all school districts to provide an equitable and adequate education.

Sincerely,
 Teal Bivins

[Editors Note: If there ever was a time that it is important to write, call, email, etc. our state representatives, it is

NOW! While you may or may not agree with School Board decisions the fact is, that without funding, our school is doomed. I strongly urge you to contact them soon and keep contacting them through out the summer and fall. Like I said before, the squeaky wheel gets the grease and while one person doesn't have much of a voice.... get a bunch of us together and

we can very hard to ignore!

The following are addresses for some of the people you should be writing to:

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 P.O. Box 9155
 Amarillo, Tx 79105
 FAX: 374-4607

or
 Capital Station
 PO Box 12068
 Austin, Tx 78711
 teal.bivins@senate.state.tx.us

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Jump Rope For Heart Raises Nearly \$2700

On March 25-28, 2002, Groom K-5 P.E. students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Seventy-six students participated in this year's event, raising more than \$2,685.00 for the American Heart Association. Funds raised for Jump Rope for Heart help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers.

"This year's event was a huge success," said

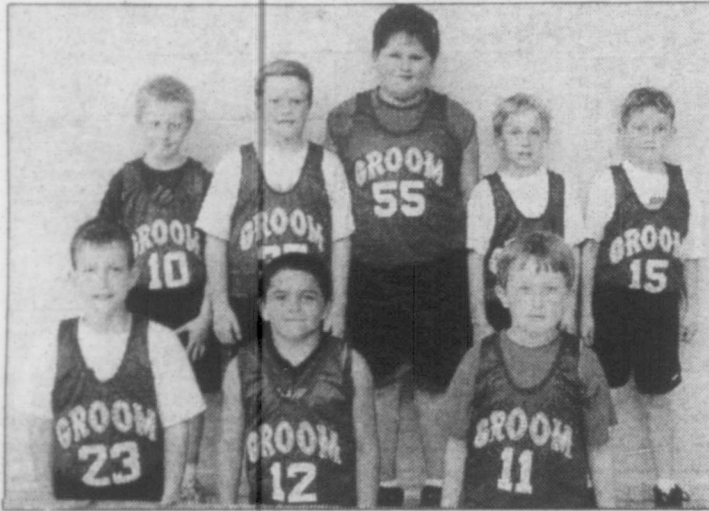
Brad Rainer, Jump Rope for Heart coordinator. "We're very proud of all the jumpers, and we all had a lot of fun."

Money raised by classes included: Kindergarten-\$175.00; 1st-\$544.00; 2nd-\$348.00; 3rd-\$468.00; 4th-\$1019.00; and 5th-\$127.00.

Jump Rope for Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Top money raisers by grade: Kindergarten-Shawna Corley-\$51.33; 1st-Molly Brown-\$150.00 and Ryan Reid-\$139.50; 2nd-Keeli Howard-\$75.00; 3rd-Morgan Britten-\$131.00 and Maddie Weiberg-\$104.00; 4th-Tyler Babcock-\$300.00 and Tiffani Kling-\$211.86; and 5th-Bailee Ruthardt-\$62.22.



Young Groom Cagers earned participation medals last week in the 15th annual Jim Brinkley/Red Bell Memorial Basketball tournament held in Panhandle and White Deer. Pictured are Josha Davis, Tyler Babcock, Eric Torres, Shane King, Miles Friemel, Michael Kelly, Jacob Torres and Tanner Britten. Fabian Torres and David Kelly coached these youngsters.

Groom ISD 5th Six Week Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL
Fourth: Korri Britten, Britney Evanson, Kathryn Herndon, Ashley Murray,
Fifth: Brett Friemel, Bailee Ruthardt, Brittany Weinheimer.

Sixth: Chad Barkley, Whitney Evanson, Michaela Roskens.

Seventh: Blaine Britten, Karla Howard, James Reid.

Eighth: Katy Britten.
Ninth: Adam Britten.
Tenth: Clay Britten, Britteny Martin, Owen Weinheimer.

Eleventh: Jessica Bates, Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin, Laurissa Noack.

Twelfth: Cassie Ashford, Nichole Barnett, Cody Bivens, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Karri Britten, Wyatt Britten, Krisanne Davis, Luke Pavlovsky, Hugh Weinheimer.

A-B HONOR ROLL
Fourth: Tyler Babcock, Tyler Case, Alannah King, Tiffani Kling, Jes Roskens, Eric Torres, Cady Wilson.

Fifth: Trent Britten, Trevor Friemel, Joshua Kelly, Chelsea Patterson, Ben Thompson, Kelton Weller.

Sixth: Taylor Drewery, Katie-Lane Thompson.

Seventh: Thane Barkley, Berklee Ruthardt.

Eighth: Sharri Britten, Gailynn Drewery, Malorie Homen.
Ninth: Chance Barkley, Jeff Rios.
Tenth: Joanea Horn, Caren Howard, Jennifer

Jenkins, Calvin Schaffer.
Eleventh: Cody Britten, Staci Britten, Brin Burgin, Stephany Fraser, Lance Ollinger.
Twelfth: Clay Ritter.



Krisanne Davis advances to the Regional Meet with her long jump of 16-03.50

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UIL Qualifiers To Compete At Regional

Groom UIL-ers will compete in the Regional head south this week to UIL Meet. Jessica Bates

Lainie Britten and Wyatt Britten will be competing in poetry. Garrett Britten and Amanda Martin will compete in Editorial Writing. In Ready Writing, Garrett Britten and Karri Britten will represent Groom.

Garrett Britten will also compete in Newswriting. Lauren Crowell will compete in Headlines. Both she and

Candace Bohr will compete in Feature Writing.

Wyatt Britten will qualified to compete in persuasive speaking. Stephany Fraser will represent Groom in Informative Speaking.

Good luck and congratulations on qualifying for the Regional Meet!

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 18 - Sydney Ritter, Krista Gayle Johnson, Kim Brumley Bates, Louis Vega.

April 19 - John McConnell, Kenneth Payton, Ricky McCoy.

April 20 - Margie Lee Fredriksen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Homer (A).

April 21 - D. W. Ashford, Sr.

April 22 - Jimmy Britten, Jacob Torres, Christopher Britten, Brandi Sustaire.

April 23 - Earl Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Britten (A).

April 24 - Scott McLaughlin, Travis Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown (A).



Groom Home Immortalized On Canvass

Joan Ledwig, wife of former resident Jerry Ledwig of College Station, Texas recently completed this needle point of a Groom area residence that the Felix Ledwig family lived in for about 21 years. This was on the "Brown farm". Mr. Ledwig thought that it might be known as the Bohr Brothers Place now. The piece was drawn by Barbara Bangser, an artist from Westport, Connecticut who has done some canvass artwork for Barbara Bush and the Presidential Library gift shop in College Station. This particular piece has been added to her website and can be viewed at barbara@bangser.com under the "homes" heading. Congratulations to Joan for such a beautiful piece of craftsmanship and a wonderful subject.

Barkley - Cockrell Plan June Wedding




Mr. & Mrs. Lee Barkley are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Renee Barkley to Dennis Bud Cockrell.

Dennis is the son of Margaret and Robert Williams of Claude and Bud and Bobbie Cockrell of Conway. Kristi is a 2000 graduate from Groom High School.


A June 29 wedding is planned at The First Baptist Church in Groom.





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