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# The Groom News

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## Bohr-Ruthardt-State Bound

Karen Bohr and Jowannah Ruthardt earned a trip to Austin and the State track meet over the weekend both placing second in the Regional track meet at Levelland.

Bohr ran the 100 in 12.71 the winning time was 12.64. Ruthardt took second in the 800 clocked at 2:28.95. The winning time was 2:27.41.

The 1600 M relay team was just shy of going to State coming in third. Members of the team were Suzanne Smith, Erin Kate Eschle,

Karen Bohr and Heather Patterson.

Eschle plagued the latter part of the track season with a foot injury ran the second leg of the race. She pulled in front at the start but by the time she rounded the curve, her foot was giving her trouble and she fell back into the pack.

The Tigers will not have anyone advance to State. The 400 relay team (Daniel Lambert, Brent Thornton, Brice Ruthardt and Bruce

Thornton) which coaches had hoped would go on to state came in third on a photofinish call behind Sudan, first, 44:34 and Paducah, 44:43.

Daniel Hinson also took third place in discus.

Bruce Thornton was hampered during the prelims in the 800 pulling a tendon in his leg. He did not qualify for the finals.

The Tigerettes took fifth place in the meet with the Tigers placing eighth.



Jowannah Ruthardt and Karen Bohr trips to compete in the State track meet at Austin on May 15 and 16. They have plenty to smile about as both earned

## Crowd Views Grand Opening

Two grand openings in a year have kept the talented Laura Britten busy. Some 150 persons attended the festivities on Friday and Saturday at Duck, Duck, Goose & Co., Groom's newest business.

Mrs. Britten began venturing into the business world by carrying her creations to arts and crafts shows around the panhandle. She launched her career 2 years ago with homemade teddy bears for Christmas. She's still making teddy bears in a variety of materials. A popular favorite now being heirloom quilts stuck away in closets for years. Quilts fashioned into teddy bears seem to fit in every decor.

Her latest venture has been designer jumpers sold through the Apparel Mart in Dallas. She credits Tracy Brown, a Lubbock clothing store owner, for introducing her goods in the Dallas market.

A small town girl at heart, born and bred in Amarillo, she has helped a number of local businesses by incorporating their services in her business.

A very creative individual, the ideas seem to grow and flourish with each new project begun, she always has a new idea in the works.

Featured in her store are all types of decorative items,



most with a country charm all their own. Moving into the Rock House Gallery she will continue to stock paint supplies and craft items that were a part of the Gallery owned and operated by Alice Wells and Bettye West.

Flora Glenn Hammers and Janice Koetting will be instructors for special painting

classes to be offered from time to time.

The grand opening drew persons from Groom and the surrounding area. Helping with duties on opening day were Susan Brown, Nell Britten, Kelli Cutrell and Jo Rader, both of Amarillo.

The store is open six days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Deputy Jerry Gaines Arrests Men On Conway Pickup Theft Charges

Deputy Sheriff Jerry Gaines arrested two men early Friday morning after receiving a complaint from Conway.

The pair allegedly stole a pickup in Conway. Gaines intercepted the duo at the 113 mile marker about 1:30 a.m.

Gaines said the initial report was for a stolen blue pickup. Two blue pickups passed Gaines on the Interstate before he spotted the third one limping along with a flat tire and sparks flying from the rim.

Russell D. Lyman, 23, and Michael Ray James, 24, both of Sibley, Mo. are being held in Carson County Jail on \$5,000 bond each set by Justice of the Peace Max Wade.

The pair had stolen a 1979 Dodge pickup belonging to Carl Williams of Bloomington, Texas.

When arrested the pair also had other items which they had stolen from Conway including a metal detector, headphones and suitcase containing ladies' clothing and two cans of stew.

Gaines said all the

missing items were recovered except the suitcase. The pair burned the suitcase and clothing to heat and eat the two cans of stew.

Thursday evening around 9:00 p.m., Deputy Gaines was called to the Jackson farm south of Groom where a woman had run her vehicle into a ditch.

She was arrested for public intoxication.

"She had apparently driven to Lake McClellan after work and gotten lost on the way back to Pampa."

Gaines also reported that burglaries last week have been cleared with the arrest of a 17 year old.

Frankie Rodriquez remains in Carson County Jail on burglary charges and for parole violation on a previous felony charge.

## Community Calendar

**Attention Eighth Grade Mothers**—Planning meeting for the reception will be May 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**Immunization Clinic** will be held Tuesday, May 12 at Groom Arpa Clinic from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please use the south entrance.

**Band Concert** is today, May 7, in the Groom School Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

**Awards Assembly** for Groom students will be held at 9:05 a.m. Wednesday, May 20. Everyone welcome.

**Lazy Dazys** meet Tuesday, May 12 at the home of Carolyn Brooks for supper at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a \$10 gift for Mother's Day.

**Methodist Bible School** has been set for June 8-12 during the evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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Rose England will start work next week in the Soil Conservation District office in Amarillo. Mrs. England has been employed in the cafeteria at Groom Schools for a number of years.

Helen Lee represented the local Lions Club in the District Sweetheart contest. Winner of the title was the niece of Bobby and Judy Babcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Weller hosted a birthday party for their son Aaron on his fourth birthday at Lake McClellan. Enjoying a picnic and fishing were Ernest and Dorothy Weller, Tony and Tina Painter, Tonda Weller, Finis and Ruby Marchman, Erma Dean McKee of Pampa, Andrea and Brenda Palmateer, John, Jeanie and Joel of Pampa and Aaron's sister, Amber Weller.

## Local Happenings

Jane Burroughs of Shreveport, La. is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Leldon Hudson this week.

Weekend visitors in the home of Ruby Milton were Mrs. Betty Davis of Yorba Linda, California, Becca Pickard and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith of Amarillo and Earl Davis of Pampa.

Lee Barkely returned home from the hospital last Friday afternoon.

Edna Russell had surgery in Pampa Friday to replace a loose pin placed when she suffered injuries in a fall some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Amarillo visited Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Hickox.

Larry Byrd of Amarillo visited his grandmother Loula Wall Saturday.

### Brush & Palette

Brush and Palette met Monday for their last monthly luncheon until September with Sue Wills serving as hostess.

New officers to take office in September were elected as follows: Billie Bivens, president; Inis Weinheimer, vice president; Shirley Fields, secretary-treasurer; Juandell Ritter, reporter.

Others attending were Marion Kendrick, Evelyn Ollinger and Carole Fields.

Sanfra Ann Johnson from Houston spent the weekend visiting here with her mother, Burniece Johnson.

Jake and Vivian Lacy attended a family reunion and church services at Turkey Sunday. Their son, Donald Dean, was the guest speaker for a combined ordination of one elder, three deacons and a dedication of a completely remodeled interior of the Church of Christ in Turkey. Some 46 living Lacy relatives attended the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eschle and Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell visited relatives in Anton Saturday morning enroute to Levelland to attend the Regional track meet.

Among Groom residents attending the track meet in Levelland last weekend were Mary Brooks, Mary Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sweatt and Lesa, Ellie Peebles and Scott, Brent Thompson, Stoney Crump, Jack Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crump and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Koetting and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Britten.

Thelma Pool, Loula Wall, Stella Patterson and Velma Hickox visited Monday with Corinne Wheeler and Bill and Wynona Koetting at the Coronado Hospital in Pampa.

Mrs. Wheeler, a former Groom school teacher, suffered a stroke.

### AC Graduates

Three Groom residents will be in the graduating class of Amarillo College May 15 at 8:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Coliseum. Included are Tisha Ann Moore, a medical office assistant major; Rebecca Britten, a business administration major and Lanita Schultz, majoring in court reporting.

Dean Max Sherman of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, Austin will be the keynote speaker to the 521 students who will be graduating in Amarillo College's 58th commencement.

Summer I registration will be June 4 with classes starting June 5 at Amarillo College. Registration will be in the College Union Building on the Washington Street Campus.

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Guest speaker will be author-humorist John Erickson. Erickson has written the popular "Hank the Cowdog" series published by his own company Maverick Books.

Students will be awarded certificates for their partici-

pation in each event by the teachers who sponsored each event.

Sponsors for the program in addition to the PTO are UIL Patrons Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Asberry, Mr. and Mrs. John Eschle, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack West, Mrs. John L. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Weinheimer and State National Bank.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the School auditorium. The reception will follow.



Nicki Germany of White Deer and Allison Eatmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Eatmon of Groom will be among those performing "Animal Crackers In My Soup" Saturday in the annual recital for Linda Germany School of Dance at the White Deer High School Auditorium.



Brooke Britten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Britten will be among performers of the tap number "Be My Little Baby Bumble Bee."



Kay Lynn Britten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Britten, will be dancing to the Jazz number "Mean Ole' Lion."

### Former Resident Buried In Pampa

Frank Lee Thomas, 69, died Sunday, April 26, 1987.

Graveside services were held in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa.

Mr. Thomas, better known as "Bump" Thomas was a resident of the Grandview and Pampa areas since the late 1940s. He was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include two daughters, Pat Keith of Pampa and Sandy Nelms of Yukon, Okla.; a brother, Charlie of Oklahoma City; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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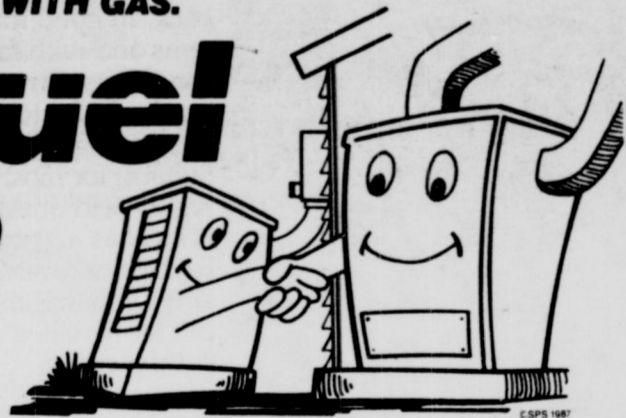
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Cheerleaders were elected last week at Groom Schools. Serving as cheerleaders for the high school will be Erin Kate Eschle, head cheerleader, Lezlie Sweatt, senior, Karen Bohr, junior, Heather Patterson, sophomore, Katonia Meaker, freshman and Suzanne Smith, Tiger Spirit.

Junior High cheerleaders will be Lesa Sweatt, Brandi Sustaire, Amy Brown, Melinda Burgin and Marie Conrad.

## Sean Crowell Writes President Concerning Farm Issues

Second Grade teacher Marcia Davis recently completed a lesson with her students on letter writing. Sean Crowell, a second grade student sent a letter to the President informing him of the plight of the American farmer. Sean pointed out ways in which the farm crisis has not only affected his family but the Groom community as well.

Printed below is the letter

Sean received from Ewen M. Wilson, acting assistant secretary for economics in the Department of Agriculture.

Dear Sean:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan about the problems farmers are having. Unfortunately, he cannot answer all his letters personally because he receives so many every day.

These are hard times for many farmers and their

families. President Reagan is very concerned about farmers' problems. He has approved two bills to provide some help. The 1985 Farm Bill provides billions of dollars for various kinds of support to farmers during the next few years. At the same time, the Bill will make it easier for farmers to sell more of their products to other countries. The President also signed a bill to protect products to other countries. The President also signed a bill to protect the farm credit system. In addition, he ordered all Federal agencies to do what they can to assist farmers. These actions should help farmers, though they will not cure every problem. They do show that the President, the Congress and all Americans are concerned about farmers' problems.

Although many farmers are in trouble, we expect the family farm to survive this period. Most of our food and other farm products will continue to be produced on family farms. These farms have been through difficult times before, but they have not disappeared. We do not expect them to disappear now.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. It is important for all of us to be concerned about farmers.

### Honor Roll

Students at Groom Schools named to the fifth six weeks honor roll include the following:

**Seniors**—Sunni Barnett, Jennifer Brown, Jami Duke, Tawnya Hancock, David Hinson, Joannie Homer, Kristi Jackson, Misti Kingston, Loretta Kuehler, Daniel Lambert, Helen Lee, Jowannah Ruthardt, Brent Thornton, Gordon Tittsworth, Audra Wagner and Nick Weinheimer.

**Juniors**—Robbie Ellington, Erin Eschle, Tony Heather Patterson, Ben Homer, Travis Homer, Vincent Meaker, Kelly Stroope, Lezlie Sweatt, Brent Thompson and Tracy Weinheimer.

**Sophomores**—Jason Eschle, Daniel Hinson, Richard Koetting, Ron Kuehler, Kiley Lambert, Michael Rose and Matt Weinheimer.

**Freshmen**—Jay Britten, Phillip England, Tricia Fraser, Richard Jenkins, Staci Kotara, Julie Lyles, Heather Patterson, Ben Weinheimer and Laurie Weinheimer.

**Eighth Grade**—Susan Babcock, Heather Brown, Mike Conrad, Robert Miller and Sherrie Weinheimer.

**Seventh Grade**—Brian Baker, Bruce Britten, Jolee Burger, Kristy Case, Daryl Homer and Nick Kuehler.

**Sixth Grade**—Amy Brown, Melinda Burgin, Marie Conrad, Matt Fields and John Weinheimer.

**Fifth Grade**—Kenzi Burger, Rebecca Conrad, Aimee Lyles and Andrea Payton.

**Fourth Grade**—Bart Britten, Brody Brown, Bo Burgin, Bryan Crowell, Misty Homen, Jill Howard, Halee Kotara, Darcee Lyles and Eric Weinheimer.

**Third Grade**—Terry Eatmon, Sheri Koetting, Sabrina Schaffer and Trisha Treadwell.

## Vaccination Clinic Saturday, May 16, 1987

9:00 a.m.-Noon; 1-3:00 p.m.

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# The McLean News

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## Don't Forget

The Annual All-Sports Banquet will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Country Club.

The McLean School Board will meet Monday night at the School Business Office at 7:00 p.m.

Concerned Parents, an anti-substance abuse group, will meet Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium. At that time, the movie "Shattered" will be shown. Due to the nature of the film, it is requested that parents only attend.

The McLean City Council will meet Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

The 5th and 6th Grade Bands will compete in concert, solo, ensemble and sight-reading contests on Saturday in Spearman.

There will be a Play Day tomorrow at the football field for grades K-5. There will be a variety of track and field events and medals will be given to the winners of each event. Races begin at 9:15 a.m.

## Band Members Set For Spearman Contest

Members of the McLean 5th and 6th grade bands will participate this Saturday in concert, solo, ensemble and sight-reading contests in Spearman.

In the concert portion of the program, the band will play "Minuet and March" by Mozart, arranged by Kinyon and "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven, arranged by Feldstein and O'Reilly.

Competing in the solo contests will be: Flute-Holly Hefley, Caryn Jordan, Alta Joslyn and Erin McCracken; Clarinet-Becki McCarty, Joetta Bailey, and Tiffany Stump; Alto Sax-Rhonda Glass, Mindy Magee and Nathan Sullins; Tenor Sax-Chad Williams; Cornet-Patsy Barker, Jeremy Thomas, and Mike Young; Trombone-Doug Purcell; Tuba-Tommy Pennington; and Snare Drum-Melissa Darsey and Toby Northcutt.

There will be five ensembles competing from McLean. Their members are: Alta Joslyn, flute, Joetta

Bailey, clarinet, and Mindy Magee, alto sax; Caryn Jordan, flute, Erin McCracken, flute and Tiffany Stump, clarinet; Jeremy Thomas and Mike Young, cornets; Holly Hefley, flute, Becki McCarty, clarinet, Rhonda Glass, alto sax and Patsy Barker, cornet; and Michael Barker, cornet, Chris Phillips, cornet, and Quillian Rutherford, bassoon.

Band Director Roger Myers says he is expecting good things from this group. He said, "They are playing so well they could have a bad day and still get a Division I rating."

Parents will have an opportunity to hear this group and all the McLean bands next Thursday night as they give their spring concert. It will be at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The 5th and 6th and Junior High bands will present the music they have performed in competition while the Tiger Pride Band, according to Mr. Myers, will throw in a few surprises.

## Session To Open Bids

The McLean City Council met in special session last Tuesday night to open bids from auctioneers to conduct the sale of equipment from the hospital. The bid of Bob Goree Auctioneers was accepted. It was for \$1450 for advertising plus 9 1/2% of the sale. The date of the auction has not yet been set.

In other business, the council:

-Considered a request by the school board to suggest a fee that might be charged to the school for a contract to use the library's services. This request is part of a proposal to combine the library services of the school and the city. The council set a fee of \$2000 per year, this amount to be negotiable.

-Passed a resolution changing signatures on the water project papers to George Green and Jerry Cook.

-Appointed Martha Jo Bailey to replace Miro Pagan

-Held a discussion regarding street maintenance.

-Changed volunteer firemen's accident insurance from Continental Insurance Co. to Regnier and Assoc.

-Passed a motion to allow the State Highway Dept. to use the landfill at the normal fee.

-Rescinded an action by the council on April 7 to open the south end of an alley in block 89. The council's attorney advised that, according to the law, this alley cannot be reopened.

as a member of the library committee.

-Hired Dale Barker, Johnny Mann and Brian Johnson as summer help.

-Passed a motion to pay an adult truck driver \$4.35 per hour and students \$3.35 per hour for summer help beginning June 1, 1987. Working hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

## Journey for Sight Set for May 16

Don't forget the Lions Club Journey for Sight coming up May 16. The journey of 10 miles will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the McLean Golf Course and will end at the home of John M. Haynes north of McLean.

An entertainment center will be given away to the person collecting the most money from pledges. The prize is currently on display at McLean Pharmacy.

Pledge sheets can be obtained at the pharmacy, the bank or through Johnny Haynes. Mr. Haynes said that all entrants under 18 years of age must have their pledge sheets signed by a parent or guardian.

Everyone must bring their pledge sheets on the day of the race. They will be returned after the journey is completed.

Olympic style medals for first, second and third place male and female winners will be given out and everyone who finishes the race will be given a T-shirt.

Refreshments will be served to all those who participate.



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## All-Sports Banquet Tomorrow Night

McLean athletes will be honored tomorrow night at the Annual All-Sports Banquet. It will start at 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Country Club.

This year, 51 athletes will be the center of attention, a select few among them will be chosen to receive the Lions Club Awards, the Coaches awards and the McLean News Award.

Also on hand will be the members of the coaching staff to introduce all of the students who participated in athletics this year.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or through any Lions Club member.

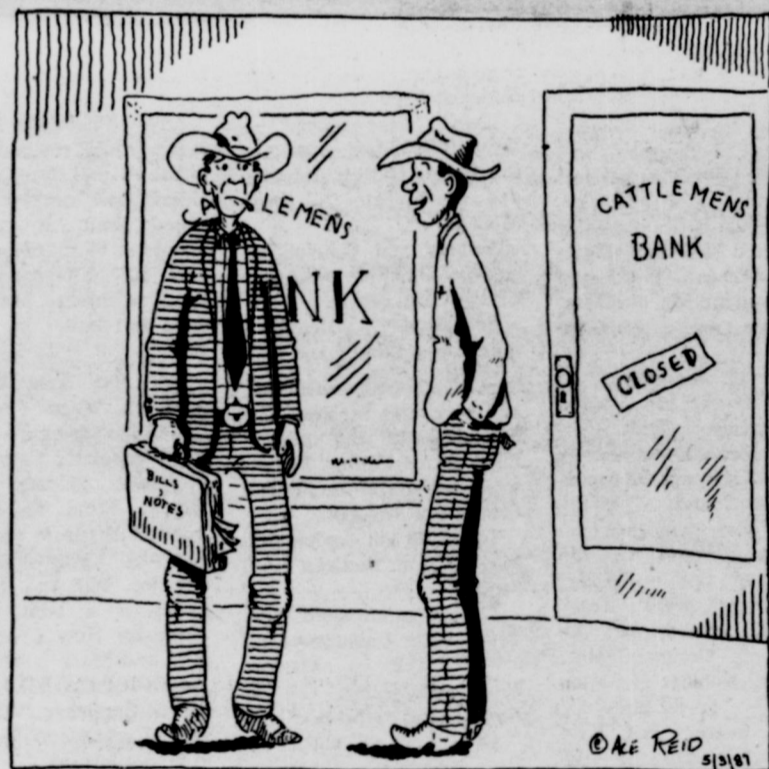
## Gray County Accident Report

Captain Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District, comprising 31 counties, said, "For the month of March, our troopers investigated 5 fatal accidents, 74 personal injury accidents and 132 property damage accidents. There were 5 persons killed and 120 persons injured in these accidents."

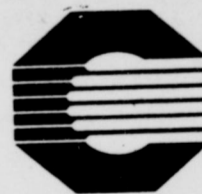
Sergeant Jim Powell of Pampa stated, "In Gray county, our troopers investigated 10 personal injury accidents and 5 property damage accidents in the month of March. Eleven persons were injured in these incidents."

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By Ace Reid



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## Wiginton - Masters Exchange Vows May 1

Kimberly Cheryl Wiginton and Timothy Alan Masters were united in marriage on May 1, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at McLean First Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Jeff Messer.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Wiginton of McLean. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Dawson of Cotton Center.

Maid of honor was Le Milam of McLean. Bridal attendants were Cindy Hembree of McLean and Shanna Kirkland, sister of the groom of Cotton Center.

Best man was Michael Masters, brother of the groom, of Cotton Center. Groomsmen were Tracy Dawson, brother of the Groom, of Cotton Center, and Gary Koelder of Cotton Center.

Ring bearer was Kyle Masters, cousin of the

groom, of Wheeler, Tx. Flower girl was Jennifer Sanderson, niece of the bride, of Booneville, Ark.

Guests were seated by Trevor McDonald, cousin of the bride, Darren Johnson and Mark Tate, all from McLean.

Singers and candlelighters were Dan Fish and Angie Glass of McLean.

Reception attendants were Angie Purcell and Col-

leen Orrick, both of McLean, and Mrs. Lisa Masters, sister-in-law of the groom, from Cotton Center. Guests were registered by Shawn Crockett of McLean.

The bride will graduate on May 29 from McLean High School.

The groom attended West Texas State University and is employed by Masters Land and Cattle Co. of Amarillo, in McLean.

The couple will make McLean their home.

## Highway 273 Bridge to be Replaced

The Texas State Department of Highway and Public Transportation is planning to replace the State Highway 273 bridge over McClellan Creek about six miles north of McLean.

"The proposed construction includes removing the old bridge and replacing it with a new one in order to accommodate traffic on State 273," according to Jerry Raines of Pampa who will directly supervise the work once it is underway.

A temporary detour will be constructed across the creek just west of the current SH 273 bridge. Portions of the detour will be removed when construction is completed, Raines said.

Further project development is being done by the department's Amarillo District office, 5715 Canyon Drive in Amarillo. Plans and environmental documents are available for review at the district office.

## McLean Briefs

The Senior Class was honored at the Sunday morning services of the Methodist Church. Reverend Billy Wilson preached a special sermon to the class and each Senior was presented with a Bible with his or her name engraved on it.

Visiting Chester and Jean Bohlar during the weekend were daughter Toni and Bron from Lubbock and daughter Becky and Megan and Joey from Midland.

DPS Officer John Holland reminds local residents that, although the state is considering an increase in the speed limit, it currently stands at 55 miles per hour and will be enforced. He cautions drivers not to exceed that limit.

Bill and Katy Graham were in Waco Friday to attend the spring meeting at the Wrangler's Club at the Methodist Home Boy's Ranch. From there they went to Austin to visit their daughter Kathy and Mark Henslee, Will and Rachael. Kathy is a home health nurse for Holy Cross Hospital and Mark is attending Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Will is in second grade and Rachel is in kindergarten.

## McLean Care Center News

Walter Evans is in the hospital in Wheeler and Fred Alvey in Pampa. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

McLean Care Center extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Blanche Shaw who passed away last Thursday. She will be greatly missed.

We welcome a new resident, Dick Hill, from Alanreed.

Sunday, Brother David Walters, of the Victory Fellowship Church, was here to conduct services.


Residents playing bingo Monday were Lucille Cullison, Ruth Kemp, Odessa Beeman, Elsa Stalls, Kittie Hessey, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Fay Wilson, Ruby Trusty, Annie Eudey, Alice Dickenson, Dick Wheeler, Teresa Richardson, Inez Fields and Gladys Smulcer. Our volunteer helpers were Mildred Giesler, Cliffie Heasley, Loree Barker, Onie Gibson and Bertha Smith. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club and Molly McDowell.

Tuesday morning, residents working in crafts were Teresa Richardson, Odessa Beeman, Leon Burch, Inez Fields, P.L. Ledgerwood and Earl Tolleson. In the afternoon Ted Robertson, Lena Carter, Mary Davis and Brenda McLain were here to

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Wednesday afternoon, members of the Victory Fellowship Church were here for a Bible study and returned Thursday for a sing-a-long.

Thursday morning resident Lola Graham celebrated her 93rd birthday. Cakes were furnished by Betty Lopez. The following residents attended the celebration: Dewey Allen, Jay Gould, Elsa Stalls, Odessa Beeman, Farrar Guyton, Annie Eudey, Eula Morrow, Thelma Hopkins, Pat Seymore, P.L. Ledgerwood, Gladys Smulcer, Leon Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Kittie Hessey, Alice Dickenson and Ruth Kemp. Guest attending was Marie Reeves. Lula Sheegog helped with the serving.

Friday, Martha Parker was here with her great movies.

Our Mother's Day party will be celebrated this coming Friday, May 8, at 2:30 p.m.

## Services for Blanche Shaw

Services for Blanche Ada Shaw, 83, were held last Thursday at the McLean First United Methodist Church with Reverend Billy Wilson officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. Shaw died last Tuesday at McLean Care Center.

She was born July 2, 1903 in Anderson, Tx. She moved from Anderson to Alanreed in 1928. She married B.J. Shaw in April, 1928. He preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1982. She was a housewife and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jim Shaw of Alanreed; two grandsons, Lee and Will of Alanreed; and one brother, Ralph Moody of Beaumont.

## Alanreed Briefs

The Elmer Daniels' had all of their children home. They all attended the wedding of Kim Wiginton. At home were daughter Karen and family of Arkansas, Linda Hastings and family of Oklahoma, daughter Christy and family of Borger and James and family.

Former resident Dick Hill returned to McLean this week after a long stay in Amarillo. He will be living at McLean Care Center.

Nora Drago was in Pampa on Thursday for medical tests.

Visiting the Hartley Davises during the weekend were the Willis Mays of Panhandle. The May's daughter Debbie and family visited on Sunday.

Kay Hallum and family of Wildorado were here last week to visit with Rose Hall.

Visiting Lena Carter on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carter of Pampa.

Spending the weekend and attending the First Baptist Church with the Robert Bruces were Shawn and Paul Bruce of Pampa.

Due to a family emergency, Carl and Marie Baker were absent from the First Baptist Church on Sunday.

The Alanreed Community Improvement program met Saturday in the school cafeteria for the last meeting of the season. A covered dish supper was enjoyed. The business session was presided over by Jeanie Adams. Only a small crowd attended but enjoyed the fellowship. Meetings will start again in September.

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## How to Make After-School Time Count

The following is another in a series of articles by Alan-reed Principal Billy Bob Adams on the importance of parents in supporting their child's education.

"What children learn outside of school is just as important as what they learn in the classroom," says Joan M. Bergstrom, Ed.D. of Wheelock College, Boston. So how do you make time after school valuable for your child? Education experts agree that a balance of structured time (i.e., planned, organized activities, usually with adult supervision) and unstructured or "free" time is the best possible combination.

### How structured time helps your child:

- \*Develops interests that may last a lifetime.
- \*Teaches self-discipline.
- \*Wipes out boredom.

### Unstructured time has its benefits too:

- \*Gives kids time to be kids.
- \*Relieves stress (kids need to unwind too).
- \*Develops creativity and a

sense of responsibility for entertaining themselves.

### How to choose the best after-school activities for your child:

\*Consider your child's age. Kindergartners through 3rd graders can benefit from an average of 3 hours per week of structured time; grades 4 to 6 can have up to 7 hours per week.

At any age, set a maximum of three structured activities per week.

\*Find out what your child likes to do. Most children will readily tell you. Look at what materials, toys and activities he shows an interest in. Is it a box of crayons or a chemistry set? Take him to special stores (art supply, hardware, computer) to learn what materials "speak" to him.

\*Allow for time, transportation and your pocket-book. Before you sign your child up for an extra-curricular activity, make sure it won't eat into her homework time; figure out how she will get there and back and estimate how much the activity will end up costing.

\*Talk about commitment beforehand if your youngster wants to take music lessons, discuss with him the importance of practice

before you sign him up.

### Set up a schedule:

\*Be sure there's a good balance of activities. Don't overschedule your youngster.

\*Set up a monthly calendar. This helps both you and your child keep track of the schedule. Pencil in homework first and then plan around it. Allow at least a half an hour for younger children and an hour for older ones. After homework write all other activities: lessons, practice, playtime, TV, etc.

\*Look for signs of overloading (crankiness, headaches, trouble at school) and underloading (boredom, overeating, fights with siblings). If this happens talk with children about the schedule.

\*Adjust as necessary. Having a super child is not the goal. The goal is to have a happy child.

### New Arrival

Jeff and Donna Messer are the proud parents of a baby boy. Born April 15, his name is Dustin William. He weighed 9 lbs. and was 21½ inches long.

Grandparents are T.J. and Rosa Messer of Canyon, Jean Lee of Plainview and Don McClure of Kerrville.

Great-grandparents are W.M. and Wilma Sparks of Roswell and W.W. and Victoria McClure of Kerrville.

He has a brother and a sister, Teron and Leigha.

The most difficult tongue-twister is believed to be "The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick."

## Beef Cheaper Than You Think It Is

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article originally appeared in the April 1987 issue of THE CATTLE CARTEL NEWS-LETTER. The article is called "Life in the Express Lane" by Carol Wilson. It was given to the McLean News by Bill Graham:

My bill at the grocery store last week was \$137.00. If I had five kids and a hungry husband at home, that wouldn't have been too bad. But I thought it was a terrible price to pay for food for two people.

I was home stashing my supplies in the cabinet when a friend came over. In the midst of my singing the grocery store blues, she commented, "Oh well, you probably bought a lot of meat."

She didn't know that we have half a beef in our freezer. The \$137 went for flour and sugar and canned goods and cabbage, but not for meat. But her comments piqued my interest. Her opinion is a popular one. Most people blame their high grocery bills on the "high" cost of meat.

I decided to do some comparative pricing next time I went shopping. I found the same grocery store that sells beef loins for 16 cents an ounce charges 31 cents an ounce for halibut steak and 37 cents an ounce for lobster. Something was starting to smell a little fishy.

I like good home grilled hamburgers, so I decided to find out what they were

really costing. Ground beef was a bargain at seven cents an ounce. But the accompanying catsup, mustard and mayonnaise retail for six, 16 and seven cents an ounce. Ouch!

In the next aisle, peanut butter was selling for 13 cents an ounce...and an ounce of crackers to go with it cost 20 cents. The new sugar-free Jello is selling like hotcakes, at the prohibitive price of \$1.36 an ounce. And corn chips at 90 cents and cheese puffs at 98 cents could sure run the bill up quickly! At those prices, I didn't think eight cents an ounce was too much to pay for pork roast.

Prepared breakfast cereal was selling for 18 cents an ounce, four cents more than the cost for an ounce of Choice Sirloin steak. Beef was looking like a better buy all the time! I was glad I didn't like steak sauce when I found it would cost 23 cents an ounce to put sauce on my 14 cent steak.

I found that a quarter would purchase an ounce of toothpaste or shampoo and razors retailed for 30 cents apiece. Light bulbs go for a dollar apiece. Deodorant costs 30 cents an ounce. And you can take a Porterhouse steak home for 20 cents an ounce, a nickel less than it takes to buy a roll of toilet paper.

And the list continues. One ounce of tea bags sells for 89 cents, but we haven't seen a reenactment of the Boston Tea Party. An ounce of Kool-Aid costs 75 cents and coffee goes for 27 cents an ounce. But boneless hams are sold for 9 cents per ounce.

I just can't figure why people will complain about paying 10 cents an ounce for Round steak and turn right around and buy Stove Top

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stuffing for 20 cents an ounce. That is double the money! I prefer standing over a hot grill tending the beef ribs I bought for six cents an ounce to dusting furniture with my 11 cents an ounce polish. (Mmmm, I can almost taste the barbecue right now!)

The store was full of paradoxes. Salad dressing mix is sold for \$1.87 an ounce and breakfast bars go for 30 cents. Chuck steak, on the other hand, can be bought for less than a dime. Ounce for ounce, candy bars sell for more than three times the price of Chuck steak.

When steaks are cheaper than paper towels or chocolate chips or coffee, I find it hard to believe that people can gripe about the prices they pay over the meat counter.

### McLean School Menu May 11-15

Mon.—Hamburgers, French Fries, Rice Krispy Bars

Tues.—Chalupas, Tossed Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Sopapillas

Wed.—Hamburger Steak, Macaroni and Cheese, Fried Okra, Cornbread

Thurs.—Tacos, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit, Cookies

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May 11 - May 15
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Breakfast—Pancakes
  - Wed.—Chili Pie  
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Greg Lamb and Bill Homer put the finishing touch to the walls at the Community Center preparing for them to be painted.

### Workday Saturday To Bring Community Center Near Completion

Progress continues to be made on the Groom Community Center. Working nights this week, the walls in the community center area are being textured and readied for painting.

According to Johnny Brumley, Saturday will be a workday and, "we're hoping to have a number of people come to help as we'll begin installing the ceiling." Plans are to hang a suspended ceiling, install the lighting and insulate.

The Groom Economic Development Corporation was running very low on funds as this final bit of construction needed to

wind the project to a close. Monday morning, two checks for \$1,000 each were received, so plans were immediately made to continue and have the ceiling in place by next week. One of the checks came from an individual donor and the other was made by the local Lions Club which originally donated funds to the GEDC to get started.

Work completed this week will bring the community center completion down to the final step, covering the floor and purchase of tables and chairs.

"The Groom Community Center Board plans to spearhead a fund-raiser and at that time we'll have the costs available and let people donate funds to cover the purchases.

At the same time, we

plan to unveil the plans for an endowments program to insure ample funds are available for the operations of the center," said Brumley.

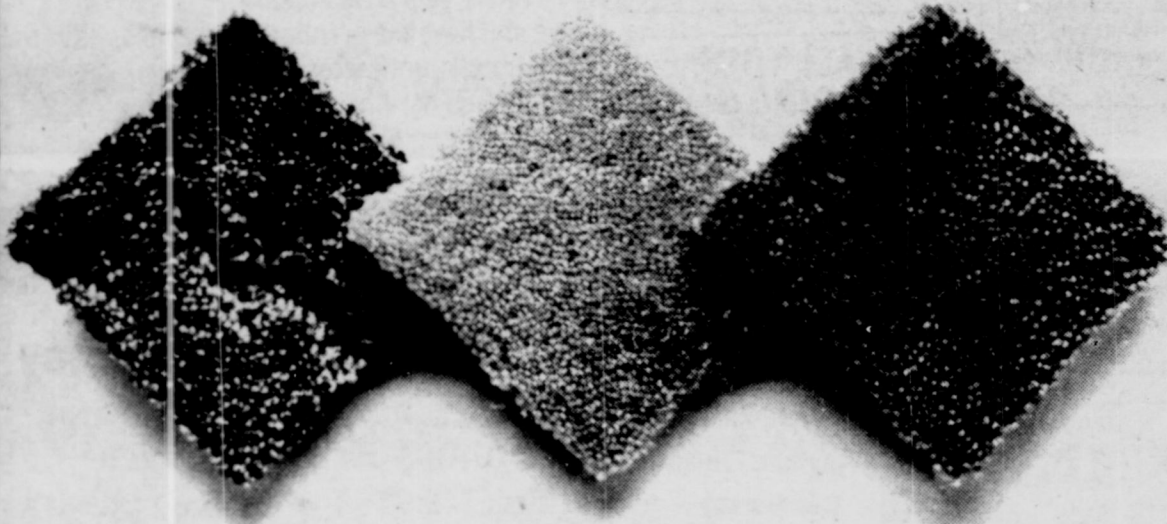
So far, organizers have been very pleased with the memorials and donations they have received. Rent is also being collected on the clinic.

Looking at the project in the long range, when everything is running smoothly, the GEDC hopes to begin the process of securing a grant to renovate the remaining southwest portion of the hospital into a 7-9 unit congregat housing project.

"Should this area be rehabilitated in such a way," says Brumley, "it could provide the money needed to operate the facility."

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