The Groom Rews

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Thursday, January 22, 1998



Jill Britten



Evan Crowell



Brett Britten



Amanda Martin



Wyatt Britten



Karri Britten

All - State Band Students Participate

Six students from the Groom High School Band recently participated in the All-Region Band at Texas A&M West University. There were approximately 1,000 students that tried out for these 100 member bands.

Karri Britten was 1st chair mailet player; Wyat Saturday afternoon. Britten was 2nd chair Evan Crowell was

cornet; Jill Britten was 12th chair clarinet; Amanda Martin was 7th chair cornet, and Brett Britten was 6th chair These trombone. students worked all day on Friday and Saturday morning and performed in a great Saturday afternoon.

chosen as the 6th chair Trombone in the ATSSB All-Region Concert Band. This is the 4th year Evan has made the All-Region Band. His concert was also Saturday afternoon in the Mary Moody Northern Hall.

Carson County Stock Show Jan. 22

The Annual Carson County Junior Livestock Show and Sale is Thursday-Saturday, January 22-24, 1998 at the County Agricultural Building in Panhandle. The awards presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the sale will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 1998.

In the past there has been excellent support from local and area businesses. Your continued participation in the support of the Carson County youth through the livestock show is very much appreciated.

If you would like to support the youth of

See Stock Show, pg. 6

Allsup's Robbed, Clerk Assaulted

are being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond after they were arrested in McLean early Saturday morning. Dustin Allen VanMeter, 24; and Jennifer Lynn Jazen, 24; both of Florida

are being held for Aggravated Robbery after they allegedly robbed Alisup's in Groom. The pair are accused of

assaulting the clerk. The released at the Columbia Medical Center in Pampa.

According to Sheriff Loren Brand the quick apprehension of the suspects was due to the good description provided by the witness, the fast response of the Carson County dispatcher, Shauna Holtgrew, and alert observation of Gray case.

County Constable Frank Sparling. victim was treated and County's Jeff Oldham is the investigating officer.

Other cases that the Carson County Sheriff's

Department is investigating are attempted carjacking, several car accidents, two attempted burglaries, a child abuse case and an indecency with a child,

Tigers, Tigerettes Ready For District

Groom Varsity teams faced off with Shamrock last Tuesday night in what turned out to be a double win for Groom.

Jessica Stapp had an awesome night for the Ettes, netting a whooping 30 points. Angie Conrad put up another 12. Karen Conrad added 9, Mary Hutsell 7, Melissa Anthony 6, Carrie Davis 5, Jessica Kepley 4, and Jessica Friemel and Tami Ashford each had 2.

The Tigerettes easily out-distanced Shamrock winning 77-49.

In the boys game, the Tigers played a whiteknuckler, winning 48-44. Josh Evenson led the scoring with 22 points. Daniel Treadwell added

Toby Burgin and Wyatt Weinheimer each put up 6 points. Chris Ollinger had 3, Jimmy Chavedo 2, and Todd

Friday night the teams Wheeler with played another double win. The Ettes repeated the same score as they had in Tuesday nights game, 77-49. Sisters Angie and Karen Conrad shared the high point honors with 15 points each. Jessica Friemel added another 10; Carrie Davis had 9. Mary Hutsell earned 8 points for the Ettes, Jessica Kepley 7, Melissa Anthony 6, Tami Ashford 6, and Jodi Homen 1.

Groom Tigers out-scored details.

Mustangs, 59-42. Yelverton. "This time of Josh Evenson was high point with 23. Daniel Treadwell added another 10. Chris Ollinger scored 8 points, Jimmy Chavedo 7, Toby Burgin 6 and Wyatt Weinheimer

"Both teams (varsity girls and boys are playing very well," stated basketball coach Randy

year that is what you are hoping for... that your teams are ready for the challenge of district competition. Friday night the game against Silverton will be a key game for us. I'd like to pack the gym! Come on out and support the Tigers and Tigerettes in the opening district game."

Community Calendar...

THERE WILL BE no school on Friday, January 23 due to the Carson County Stock Show. School will be released early at 12:50 pm on Thursday Jan. 22. Buses will run at 12:55.

GROOM UIL contestants will attend a speech contest at Hereford on January

County Carson Livestock Show Set For January 22-24

The annual Carson County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held at the county Ag Barn in Panhandle on January 22, 23, and 24.

GIRL SCOUTS are selling cookies Jan. 9-25. In the boys game, the See classified page for

UIL WRITING contestants will attend a meet in Dumas, January

GROOM HIGH School basketball teams will play Silverton here on Jan. 23 beginning at 4:00 pm. The Tigers & Tigerettes will face off, here, with Lakeview on January 27.

GROOM JUNIOR High basketball teams will play McLean on January 26.

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football players were named to the first-tearn while four others got second-team selection on the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-State team.

Lazbuddie center Jason Thomas, Miami lineman Jammy Murray, Groom linebacker Toby Burgin and Silverton kicker Jared

Second-team members include Samnorwood's Wright, Jr., Silverton's Jeremy Holt, Miami's Marshall Flowers and Follett's Olin Gibson.



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Local Happenings

Thank You Card

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and flowers in my behalf, during my stay in the hospital. I'm recovering nicely and hope to be seeing everyone again soon. Breeze Kuehler

Misty Homen and Roxie Stapp were in Bethany, Oklahoma on Thursday to watch the Wayland Flying Queens play Southern Nazarene College. The Queens won the basketball game 77-75.

Frank Phillips College announced students who have made the President's List and the Dean's List.

Joe Britten from Groom, son of Cobb and Kay Britten, earned a place on the Dean's List.

Donna Burger was appointed to a three year term on the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board during December 15, 1997 special meeting of the Gray County Commissioners' Court.

Thank You Card

The family of Marietta Britten would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the many condolences shown to us during our time of sorrow. The cards, food, flowers and prayers will all serve as lasting reminders your thoughtfulness. Her family and friends were her most beloved treasures. May God continue to bless each of you and your families.

The Marietta Britten Family

VOTING DEADLINES

Jan 9 - First day to request application for early ballot by mail

Jan 24 - First day to mail ballots

Feb 23 -Early voting begins Mar 3 - Last day to receive application for voting

by mail Mar 6 - Last Day to vote early by personal appearance

Mar 10 - Election Day

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 22 - Dixie Anthony, Stephanie Nicole Fraser, Christina Stephanie Galvan.

January 23 - E.W.

Lamberson, Ed Gray.

January 24 - Joseph

Homer Teron Teron Homer, Howard, Tyler Jordan Fraser.

January 25 - W.E. (Bill) Homer, Carlene

Britten Steward, Melanie Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Fraser (A). January 26 - Robert West, Mrs. E.W. Lamberson, Mrs. R.A. Clark.

January 27 - Pat and Connie Britten (A). January 28 - Courtney

Ann Sustaire.

Lordy, Lordy! Bless My Soul, Look who hit the big 4-0!



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By Ace Reid



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January 26-30

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Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, zombies, pears, milk. Canadian bacon, juice, Lunch: Tiger baskets, curly fries, Texas toast, peaches, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast, Breakfast burritoes, hash browns, juice, milk.

Lunch: Sloppy Joes, tator tots, fruit cocktail, pickle spears, milk.

Breakfast: Thursday Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, cheese

Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Stuffed baked potatoes, shaved ham, broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, milk.

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Jr. High Girls Win White Deer Tourney

By Shirley Fields

The first game of the year was against McLean on January 8. The 7th grade girls overpowered McLean with their full court defense and quickness. All players saw playing time as we entered the 2nd quarter with a 12 point lead and ended the game with a score of 33 to 8.

Scorers were Burgin 10, Jill Britten 8, Lauren Crowell 6, Staci Britten 2, Stephany Fraser 2, Amber Moore 3, Kira Broadway 2.

The eighth grade game was close and hardfought as we struggled against a strong 2-3 zone. The girls showed a lot of poise and strength by defeating McLean 29 to

Scorers: Krisanne Davis 9, Nichole Barnett 2, Amanda Conrad 2, Candace Bohr 13, Amanda Martin 1, Cassie Ashford 2.

Karri Britten was noted for her outstanding rebounds.

The teams travelled to White Deer on Saturday, January 16 for their tournament. Both teams were entered. The first game of the tournament for the 7th grade girls was against White Deer. We Deer. struggled foul



1997-98 Groom Junior High Cubettes win First Place at White Deer Tournament

problems and ended up losing by only 2 points. Every starter on the team had 3 or more fouls with two of them fouling out.

Scorers: Brin Burgin Lauren Crowell 6, Staci Britten 5, Amber Moore 1, Kira Broadway

The first game of the tournament for the eighth grade was against White Deer also. Fouls were also a problem for us, but the girls played with poise and control and were able to defeat White Deer by 29 to 15. Scorers were Krisanne

1997-98

Tigers & Tigerettes

Davis 16, Nichole Barnett 3, Amanda Conrad 2, Candace Bohr 5, Cassie Ashford 3.

Stephany Fraser gave some valuable minutes of playing time and played really strong defense.

The seventh grade girls played again after only one game rest and were able to defeat Panhandle 51 to 30. This game gave them 3rd place in the tournament against 2A teams.

Scorers: Brin Burgin 17, Lauren Crowell 15, Staci Britten 13, Amber Moore 2, Kira Broadway

Penny McMahon and Lainie Britten played outstanding defense to help contribute to the

The eighth grade girls were able to bring home the First Place plaque for the tournament defeating Panhandle's 8th grade in an exciting game by a score of 37 to 35 with Amanda Conrad making a last minute shot to win the game.

Scorers: Krisanne Davis 12, Candace Bohr 15, Amanda Conrad 10.

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Rebecca Conrad-Toby Vincent United In Marriage

and Toby Duane Vincent were united in marriage on Saturday, January 3, 1998. The Nuptial Mass was performed by Father Raymond Crosier at The Immaculate Heart Mary Catholic Church in Groom.

The bride is the daughter of Donnie and Marcia Conrad of Groom. The Groom is the son of Pete and Mary Vincent of Hartley.

The bride was escorted by her father, Donnie Conrad. She wore a full length white satin gown. The bodice was covered

Rebecca D'Ann Conrad with re-embroidered lace and hand beaded pearls. The chapel length satin train, was also encrusted with pearl and lace She carried a edging. "round ball" bouquet of white rose, accented with tiny red rose buds and red and white ribbons.

Sandie Conrad, sister of the bride of Groom served as maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Marie Conrad, Amarillo; Angie Conrad, Groom, (sisters of the bride); Romme, Canyon; Lori Kenzi Burger, Oklahoma City. wore identical tea length,

green, princess style dresses and carried bouquets of red roses.

Scott Vincent, brother of the groom, of Channing served as the Groomsmen were David Vincent, of Canyon; Russell Vincent, Amarillo, Jason Vincent, Lubbock (all brothers of the groom) and Brian Bakes of Dalhart.

Acolytes were Garrett Britten and Wyatt Britten. Lector was Ron Kuehler and Eucharistic Minister was Donnie Conrad.

Music was provided by soloist Stephanie Ollinger, pianist Stacy Fields, and organist Debbie Ollinger.

A reception and dance followed the ceremony. Karen and Amanda Conrad, sisters of the bride and Aimee Lyles of Amarillo were servers.

The bride is WTAMU student, pursuing a degree in kinesiology with a minor in mathematics. groom is a graduate of WTAMU with a degree in criminal justice. is currently employed as an adult probation officer with the 69th Judicial District in Dalhart.

Following their honeymoon in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, the couple will make their home in Dalhart.

Card Of Thanks

deepest appreciation to all who have kept me in their prayers, called to inquire about me and the many acts of kindness done to my benefit during my recent illness. thanks to Jay Lamb and Groom Ambulance Service for their quick response.

Arnie Kuehler



New Arrival

Michael and Bethany Rose of Muleshoe are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, Madison Michaela, Wednesday, January 7. She weighed in at 6 pounds 2 ounces.

She is welcomed by a sister, Brooke, 7.

Grandparents Howard and Mary Rose of Groom, Bat and Gayle Evans, Amarillo, and C.W. and Irene Newkirk, Hot Springs Village, AR.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy Mansel, Groom, and Troy and Peggy Gatlin, Amarillo.

JV Battle Sporadic Schedule

Groom's Junior Varsity teams have had sporadic activity due to other school's having to cancel games because they do not have enough players. The Groom J.V. boys recently played Wheeler. Brandon Crump led the scoring with 11 points. Dewayne Gray earned another 8. Wade Ritter scored 5, Evan Crowell

Conrad had 3. Tigers lost Mustangs 30-42.

The J.V. girls lost a match against Lefors, 43-20. Brooke Britten led the scoring with 6 points, Kristi Barkley had 5. Courtney Sustaire had 4, Skye Brown had 2. Michele Stephens had 2, and Francis Britten had

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community. There will be a variety of weekly activities as well as scheduled transportation

to appointments. Hudson House is being built by three local sisters and their husbands in memory of their grandmother, Alda Hudson. Owners include Sharon and Ron Wetzel, who own Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude; Sandra and Glen Metcalf, of Canyon; and Gary and Vickie Wood, of Olton. Mrs. Metcalf plans to manage the facility.

Each private, locking apartment will have a full bath, kitchenette, and emergency call system. Common living areas include living room, dining room, and two separate family rooms. For the enjoyment of residents as well as visitors there will be a gift shop.

City Council Authorizes Street Patching For Spring

Groom City Council met in a regular meeting with members following present: Joe Homer, Mary Margaret Brooks, Don Case, Jimmy Britten, Ellis Stapp. Alderman Jay Lamb was absent. Also attending were visitors, James Allen -Auditor, Dwight Brandt - City Engineer and employees Mary Sue Lyles and Donnie Evans.

Minutes meetings held Dec. 10, Dec. 15, and Jan. 5 were read and approved with the following correction: In a motion dealing with the longevity pay, animal control officer receive pay equal to 1/2 of the full time employees longevity pay.

The 1996-97 audit was

presented by James Allen and unanimously approved by the board.

Street patching will become part of the seal coating project slated to begin this spring, after discussion and unanimous decision by the council.

The group went into executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss with Dwight Brandt, City Engineer, the waste water permit land acquisition. came out executive session at 8:10 p.m. and no further action was taken by the council.

Approval was given for an interlocal agreement with the TML-Group Benefits risk pool. With no further business the meeting was adjoined.

D.P.S. Report . . .

Accidents Keep Troopers Busy In New Year

By Trooper Gary Davis It's been very busy this week with lots of traffic accidents in the area. On 01-17-98, at 2:00 a.m. the Borger trooper's worked a one vehicle roll over in Hansford County north of Spearman. The driver was running from the Spearman police and lost it on a curve. The vehicle rolled and the was killed. passenger driver was transported to an area The vehicle hospital. had been far ahead of the police unit and he The lost sight of it. Spearman police turned around and found where the car had turned off onto another road. found the then accident. The driver will

be charged with Intoxication Manslaughter. Alcohol and Speed, plus running from the police, add up to death and

01-17-98, Also on Chris Ray Trooper accident worked A car rear-Sanford. ended a tank truck on FM687. The driver of the car was cited for Failure to Control Speed and No Seat Belt.

On 01-17-98, Trooper Chris Ray worked another accident at the 104 mile marker on IH-40. A lady lost control of her car and struck a highway road sign. She was cited for Failure To Drive In A Single Lane.

On 01-17-98, I worked an accident on US 60 about 9:00 p.m. A truck tractor driven by Joseph Wilmot of Amarillo, was westbound on US60. A car driven by Jim McCormick of Panhandle was also westbound on US60 at a very high rate of speed. McCormick's Ford Mustang hit the rear of the truck and caved the whole front end of the car back into the dash. The Mustang went 440 feet into the center median. McCormick was air lifted to Northwest Hospital in McCormick Amarillo. was cited for Speeding 92/65 and DWI-Minor.

I was talking to Sergeant Bill Schneider in Borger and he stated that accidents in this Sergeant area are up 100 accidents in 1996. know that I worked over 40 accidents last year compared to 25 in 1996. All across the state we are going to see an increase in fatals and overall accidents. So be very careful out there driving.

JH Boys Beat WD, Win Results A 2nd

By Coach Kelm

The Groom Cub Junior High boys basketball team competed in the White Deer Tournament last weekend and came home with the 2nd place The Cubs trophy. opened the tournament on Saturday morning with a thrilling 40-39 victory over White Deer to average an earlier season loss to the Little Bucks. This is probably the best game the Cubs have played all season. Clay Ritter scored 18 points for the Cubs and was followed by Doug Fields with 13. Cody Bivens Hugh scored Weinheimer 3 and Garrett Britten 2. Garrett's two points was at the buzzer for the game winning basket. Luke Pavlovsky also contributed to the victory with good defense and rebounding.

In the

Saturday night the Cubs lost a hard fought battle to Panhandle by a score of 44-33. Panhandle had a very strong team featuring a 6'-4" post The Cubs fell behind early and gamely battled back but came up a little short. again led the scorers with 19 points. Garrett Britten added 8 followed by Doug Fields with 3, Cody Babcock 2, and Hugh Weinheimer with 1. Also playing well for the Cubs in the tournament were Trey Britten, Lance Ollinger, and Robert Newton. The Cubs play at Silverton on Monday, January 19th and are at home against McLean on Monday, January 26th in their next two games. Come out and support the Cubs and be treated some fine

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Heifer judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 1998. The lamb show will start at 10:00 a.m. and then the steer show will begin at 1:00 p.m. Pigs will show at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 1008

The show anticipates 200 pigs, 38 lambs, 10 steers, and 2 heifers will be exhibited by approximately 152 4-H and FFA youth from Carson County which includes Groom, Fanhandle, Skellytown and White Deer.

Approximately 135 animals will be sold in the premium auction. The animals sold will be determined by their placing in their respective classes.

If you purchase an animal the night of the

sale, you have the option to pay for the animal that night. Buyers numbers will be given.

Your support and attendance at the show and sale is recognized and very much appreciated.

(Submitted by Dean Matthews, Carson County Livestock Association Board)

JH Boys Beat WD

By Coach Kelm Groom Junior boys basketball travelled teams Silverton last Monday night and split a pair of games with the Junior Owls. In the "B" game the Cubs were defeated Silverton by a score of 55-31. in the "A" game the Cubs won by a score of 39-32. Cubs were led in the "B" game by Wyatt Britten with 10 points, Trey Britten 7, Cody Babcock 6, Lance Ollinger 4, Brett Britten 2, and Robert Newton 2.

In the "A" game Clay Ritter scored 17 points and was followed by Hugh Weinheimer with 8, Garrett Britten with 6, Doug Fields with 6 and Cody Bivens with 2. Luke Pavlovsky also contributed to the win with good defense and rebounding. This runs the Cub record to 6-2 for the year. The next Cub action is Monday night, January 26th as the Cubs host McLean. Come out and support the Cubs!

Area Obituaries

The Rev. J. Arnold Carlson

The Rev. J. Arnold Carlson, 83, of the Amarillo area, died Sunday, January 18, 1998.

A vigil was held in St. Laurence Cathedral. celebrated Wednesday in St. Laurence Cathedral by Bishop John W. Yanta of Amarillo, and Bishop emeritus and priest of the diocese Leroy Matthiesen. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery at Clarendon with Monsignor Monroe Matthiesen officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home Inc., 4100 S. Georgia St.

The Rev. Carlson was the second-oldest priest serving the diocese of Amarillo. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Amarillo in 1948 at St. Vilbiana Cathedral in Los

John F. Etchison, Jr. EDEN, NC - John Frank Etchison, Jr., 73, a former resident of Groom, died January 16, 1998 at his residence.

Services were Tuesday, January 20, 1998, at Reynolds Funeral Home Chapel in Eden, NC. Burial was in the McFarling Family Cemetery in Yanceyville, NC. Military honors were conducted by the Honor Guard Post 325 of Danville, VA.

A native of Advance, NC, Mr. Etchison retired from the military, serving in the Navy during World War II. He also worked as a construction superintendent and attended Osborne Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marie McFarling Etchison.

Surviving are his wife, Etchison Groom, Texas; daughters, Sherry Baker and Lori Sawyers, both of Eden, NC, Jamie Tackett of Ripley, OK; sons, Terry Etchison of Mina, Ark., Larry Etchison of Pampa, Texas; step children, J'Lynna Finck and Justin Harris, both of Texas, Jay Harris of Arkansas; sisters, Shirley Absher of Pleasant Garden, NC. Betty Horn of Greensboro, NC; brothers, Glenn Etchison and Jim Etchison, both Greensboro, NC, George Etchison of Port St. Lucie, Fl; and eighteen grandchildren.

High School seniors who plan to attend Clarendon College and major in business or accounting are encouraged to apply for the Malouf and Iris Abraham Business Scholarship. Contact the financial aid office at 1-800-687-9737.

Angeles. He was appointed financial secretary of the diocese, pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral and diocesan chancellor.

In 1950, he was named rector of St. Ann's Church of Canyon. He remained there until 1953, when he was appointed administrator and later the pastor of St. Theresa's Church in Panhandle. While in Panhandle, he was appointed director of the Catholic Children's Home.

After nearly six years in Panhandle, Carlson was named pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at Groom. In 1975, he was appointed administrator of St. Mary's Church at

Clarendon.

He took care of both churches until 1981, when he was named pastor of the Clarendon parish. He served there until retiring in 1994. He continued to live there until 1997, when he moved to St. Joseph's Retirement Home for Priests in Panhandle.

Survivors include a sister, Sally Wood of Anaheim, California; and a brother, Douglas Carlson of Los Angeles.

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Charlie Marie Shurley **Education Grant Awarded** To Amarillo Teacher

By Delbert Trew The Old Route 66 Association of Texas was established in 1990 to preserve the historic highway and adjacent sites, to promote awareness of the history and significance, and to promote tourism along the old route.

In 1997, the association created an educational grant to be presented each year to teachers, schools, history groups, or deserving individuals who have furthered the purposes of the association during that year.

The Charlie Marie Shurley Education Grant established in memory of Charlie Marie who died in 1996. She served in several official positions including president and guided the association's development throughout the walls and in the early years.

unrestricted grant in the to local Route 66 sites amount of \$250 was and museums in the area. presented to Becky She has received both San Jacinto Christian recognition from speaking Academy in Amarillo, at educational Texas. Miss Ransom has tourism seminars. developed a six-week curriculum teaching the history of Route 66. The fact that the school is located on Old Route 66 contributed to the school's interest in local history.

The curriculum, developed entirely by Miss Ranson, consists of a text book, questions, maps, tests and library reading. A visit to the classroom reveals a virtual museum of Route

66 souvenirs, artifacts, and literature, displayed

shelves. The course also On January 15, the includes class excursions Ransom, a teacher in the state and national

> Other gifts and donations by Route 66 authors and artists accompanied the grant. The Texas association welcomes donations the grant fund which well be presented each year. For additional information about the grant or to submit nominations for prospective recipients, call (806)779-3164, or visit the Texas Route 66 Exhibit in McLean,



Not much is left after a weekend fire destroyed a home in the McLean area. All that remains are charred bits of furniture and a ruined air conditioner.

Fire Destroys McLean Home The property is leased

Fire destroyed a home, just took it. We got the leaving one family with no place to live, late Friday night, on the north west quarter section of the El Paso plant.

"The house was a total loss. We don't know at this time how it started. The wind was so high it

call around 12:45 p.m., but is was on fire all over when we got there. There was a grass fire going on at the same time, so we had two problems, said Fire Chief Clifford McDonald.

by J. Boyd Smith of McLean and is on the NW 1/4 section of El Paso plant, west off the county line road. was a two bedroom home. It was a real nice little house. It belonged to Buck Williams in Pampa," said Smith. "The family renting had moved some items in," he added.

Two of the children in the family are enrolled in McLean Elementary School and the teachers have replaced some of the clothing lost in the fire.

McLean Reminders.

THERE WILL be a Chili Dinner at McLean-Alanreed Area Museum on Feb. 3 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

McLEAN Scouts will be selling cookies on Sunday, January 25. If your are not contacted call Beverly Odom 779-2309.

TIGERS & LADY Tigers play at Miami on Friday, Jan. 23.

McLEAN WILL host the Lefors Varsity teams on Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 pm.

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Jessica Fish shows her champion lamb at the recent Gray County Stock Show.

Stock Show Winners

County Gray Stock Show was held on January 17, 1998 with the following results for McLean's young exhibitors.

Jessica Fish was the

big winner with grand champion and reserve grand champion in the lamb show.

Other McLean

See Winners, pg. 8

School Board Members Profiles

The McLean spoke with school board members Don Dorsey and Jay Dee Fish this week. in continuance with our school board profile stories.

They each had similar reasons for running for the board.

Dorsey said he ran for the board, "Because I enjoy being closely associated with the community."

Fish said, "Just having kids in school made me want to get involved, and wanted to see in the improvements academic area and other phases of the school district."

Both members several things achieved by the school board this year.

Don Dorsey said, 'The biggest achievement in estimation, was my making noticeable academic improvements in our staff."

Jay Dee Fish felt there were several mentionable things accomplished. "In



Jay Dee Fish

my opinion, this past year's greatest achievement was the coop we joined into for the new computer system for the whole school to be Also, we've on-line. brought in some new teachers and a principal that will benefit the school district, along with the addition of a counselor," said Jay Dee.

As for the future, Dorsey said, "I would like to see more direct community involvement in association with the school board."



Don Dorsey

Jay Dee said, "There's for For improvement. example, I'd like to see continued improvement in See Profile, pg. 10

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High School Seniors in Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Robert or Wheeler Counties are encouraged to apply for the Malouf and Iris Abraham Agriculture Scholarship. Contact the Clarendon College Financial Aid Office at 1-800-687-9737



Kristi Tidwell Named To WTAMU List

The College Education and Social

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 22 - Cash Carpenter, Debra Acuna, Norma Curry, Johnny and Joyce Haynes (A).

January 23 - Sherry Watson.

January 24 - Emory (Pete) Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hustead (A).

January 25 - Rhonda Thornton, A.A. (Bo) Nicholas, Travis Winegeart.

January 26 - Oma Watson, Jean Longino, Ida Wilson.

January 27 - Pat Stubbs, Mildred Mantooth, Casper Smith, Jerry Miller, Tami Marsh. January 28 - W.A. Sciences announced that Kristi L. Tidwell was a member of the fall 1997 Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M West University.

Kristi was Valedictorian of McLean's 1997 class.

Amarillo Women's Forum Deadline Is February 28

The Amarillo Women's forum is seeking nominations for the Distinguished annual Service Awards. The purpose of the Distinguished Service Award is to honor outstanding women who have helped shaped the development of the Texas Panhandle through their contributions of talent and skill. Since 1976, 189 awardees from 26 communities within the Panhandle have been selected from the arts, business, finance, education, health care, law, science, volunteerism and other fields.

The deadline nominations will be February 28.

Former recipients that are from the Groom-McLean are:

1980 - Ruth Magee 1981 - Helen Witt 1983 - Vera Back If interested in

Stock Show Winners

follows:

Colt Patterson, 3rd, Precinct No. 2. Austin Williams 5th, D.J. Basham 4th in fine wool cross; Lori Hefley 7th light med. wool; D.J. Basham 3rd & 4th. Fish 2nd, Jessica Nicholas Odom 7th in med. wt. med. wool; Austin Williams 3rd, Lori Hefley 2nd in hvy. wt. med. wool.

Nikki Hefley won Reserve Champion Southdown.

Lori Hefley won the citizenship award over seniors in nine counties.

In the Pig show Josh Seymour won Champion in the Berkshire division. Crissy Edwards 5th in lt. wt. Duroc; Tyler Hanes 8th and Lucas Seymour 4th, med. Duroc; Evan Patterson 5th and Jessica Fleming 3rd in lt. wt. Hampshire; Rebecca Hembree 5th and Hembree Anthony Albus 7th in hvy. wt. Hampshire; Kevin Smith placed 11th in the hvy. Spot division; Trent Cadra 6th and Tyler Hanes 7th in the lt. wt. Cross; Brooke Seymour 7th and Anthony Albus 3rd in the med Cross division.

Commissioners Approve Abandoned Road

Gray County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session at the Courthouse in Pampa, Texas, on the 15th day exhibitors did very well of December, 1997. All in the county wide show. members were present Their results are as with the exception of Jim Greene, Commissioner,

Agenda Item No. 5 was a public hearing

concerning a petition to close a road known as 3rd Street between Block 55 and Block 60, Block 56 and Block 59, Original Town of Present for Alanreed. the hearing were Mr. Kyle Allen, Attorney, Donald R. Blaylock, land owner, and Chester L. Bohlar, Jr., land owner.

Commissioner Hefley and seconded by Commissioner Wheeley it was declared, Town of on a unanimous vote, that the road known as 3rd Street, according to the survey attached to the petition, was to be publicly abandoned.

Study Club Enjoys Program About Depression Glass

For the first meeting got it's name. of the Lovett Memorial times merchants Library on January 15, 1998.

Members answered roll times of the depression. explaining why, business meeting. It was colorful accents. Trew was in Amarillo applesauce Shurley, who was a member of this club.

presented an interesting and informative program on Depression Glass. A short history of glass making helped to explain how this type of glass

of the new year the Emma showed examples Pioneer Study Club met of various patterns and in the conference room explained how often Thursday, them to entice people to buy during the hard

call by telling their Sherrie Martindale favorite color and decorated the serving if table with a lace possible. President Lynn tablecloth, topped with a Reeves conducted a short bouquet of greenery with pointed out that Ruth served sandwiches, helping to award a cookies, pickles, olives, scholarship on behalf of nuts, chip mixture and the Route 66 Museum in punch to the following honor of Charlie Marie members: Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Nell Fabian, Mickey Mary Emma Woods Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Magee, Ruth McClellan, Loyce Murray, Lynn Reeves, Jenny Wells. Stubbs, Joann Mary Emma Woods and Ella Mae Reyna.



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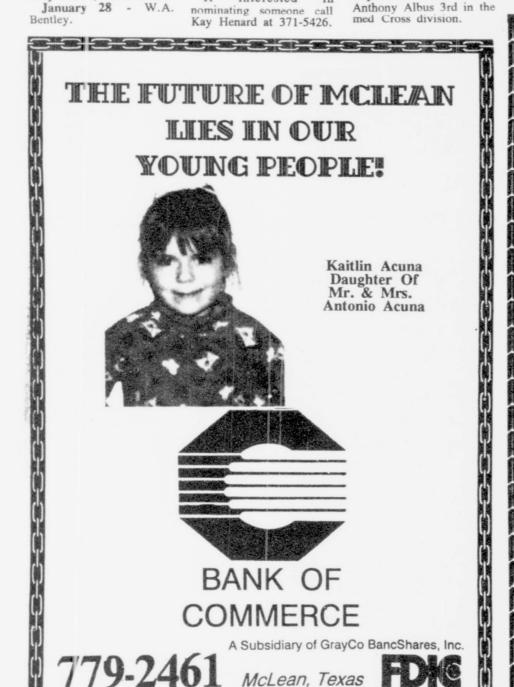
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McLean Board Rescinds Decision

McLean Independent School Board of District Education met in regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 14, 1998. Board members present were Jay Dee Fish, Bob Glass, Don Dorsey, Billie Eugene Galley, and John Holland. Absent from the meeting was Neal Others present Odom. were John Griffin, Superintendent, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Dick Crockett, Elementary Principal, and Edgar High School Principal. Visitors present were Dawn Herndon, PTA President, and PTA member Susan Corley. In observance of School Board Recognition Month, the PTA served snacks and punch to the board members and presented each with a certificate honoring them for dedicated leadership. Others present were Gary in the school cafeteria

and Cheryl McFall, Kelly McClellan, Sue Rasser, Lorin Hall, Anthony Bill Layman, Albus, Chris Flores, Amanda Cline, Robbie and Jamie Sanderson, Ann Pierce, Jacque and Joe Riley, Cas and Rita Barker, Ward, Krystle McClellan, Jennifer Barker, Lynch Glass, Charlotte James Hefley, JoAnn West, Traci Seitz, Lori Hefley, Bobbi Stalls, Rose, Dale, Lacey and Shaley Steel, Shandee Tolleson, Doug Bolton, Erik Vega, Gary Bolton, Kim Oldham, Walter Staton, Mr. and Mrs. Staton, Darlis and Monty Joiner, Terri and David Hall, Janet McCracken, and Mark Cadra.
All votes

unanimous otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by President, Jay Dee Fish. The meeting was opened due to the large crowd. Opening prayer was led Jay Dee Fish. Motion was made by Billie Ward, second by Bob Glass to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December

Recommendation was made by Mr. Griffin that the board rescind their vote to do away with the senior trip at the December board meeting. Motion by Billie Ward, second by Don Dorsey, with five members voting for, and John Holland voting against this decision. Motion by Don

Dorsey, second by Billie Ward, to reinstate the seniors of 1998 a trip with four parent sponsors. Five members voted for, and John Holland voted against this motion.

The board returned to the business office and went into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. with motion by Don Dorsey, second by Eugene Galley.

Return to open session was at 12:05 Motion was made by Billie Ward and second by Don Dorsey to rehire Superintendent, John Griffin.

The Financial Report

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A, B, and C were approved and December bills to be paid as presented. Adjournment

came at 12:10 a.m. (These minutes have not been approved.)



Students Of The Week January 12-16 at McLean Elementary: Tucker Adams, Christopher Walker, Katie Lane Thompson, Amanda Fricks, Justin Wehrenburg, Tyler Hanes, Jami Seitz and Drew Barker.



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McLean 1997-98 Tigers & Lady Tigers

Teams Keep Busy Schedule

Monday night, January 19, the junior high girls battled it out against Miami and won 31-15.

Austin Williams scored 11, Randi Jo Riley 8, Sara Beth Hall 4, and Sarai Sawyer, Shaley Steel, Jennifer Greer and Caroline Cole each scored 2 poir is.

"Jennifer Greer plays tough defense. She can really cut the ball off," said Coach Waters.

On Tuesday, January McLean played the JV Silverton and tough. was 39-40. lost McLean Scoring for McLean was Terrell Hembree with 13 points, Brian Fuller 10, Daniel Simpson 9 and Derek Studebaker had 7

January McLean's Varsity Tigers lost to Silverton 62-52. Scoring for the Tigers were Ike Hanes with 13 points, Brett Montgomery 12, Erik Vega 10, and Gary Jones with 10 points.

On the 16th the Tigers battled Allison and were defeated 62-30. Hanes scored 10 and Brett Montgomery 6.

On Monday, January 19th the junior high boys were defeated by the Miami Warriors 34-29. Jared Rice scored 14 points with Josh Seymour 7 and Chris adding Sparling 6.

Friday night McLean Lady Tigers lost a close with Allison, 53-

"We were down 12 points at halftime and we came back within 6 and were down by 18, and came back and should have won the ball game," said Coach Waters.

Rachel Galley scored 16 for the Ladies, Amanda Cline and Lacey Steel each put in 11 points and Shaley Stalls and Lori Hefley each added 6 points.

On January night Tuesday Silverton Owls defeated McLean's Lady Tigers 67 to 50. Rachel Galley scored a high of 23 points. Lacey Steel and Shaley Stalls each put in 9 points, Lori Hefley 6, Valerie Joiner 2 and Amanda Cline added 1



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Grandview Recognizes Dedication Of Board

The students and staff Grandview the Hopkins Independent School District would like to thank each Board member for their dedication, hard work, and commitment.

The staff would ask parents, the PTO, and community members to thank Board members for their service.

School Board members volunteer hundreds of hours and a tremendous

quality of education for children attending the Grandview Hopkins School District. The following list will describe some of the decisions made by Board members. Let these Board members know how much you appreciate their time, energy, effort, and sacrifice with a thank you, a telephone call, a card, letter, or

amount of energy to

assure that our school is

providing the highest

appreciation. Board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children - what they learn, who will teach them, and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

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These men elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy, and sometimes turbulent, meetings, conferences, and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education; during numerous conversations about the schools; and before the Texas Legislature.

Our school board is one of more than 1,000 such boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of the public

schools, meaning that school decisions on programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture, and circumstances.

It's a tradition that began more than 300 years ago. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one which should not be taken lightly.

Too often quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision.

Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

Too often we neglect to recognize dedication and hard work of these men who represent us. The staff students of our and school district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about our children's education.'

So hats off to the dedicated men who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our communities. We salute the public servants of Grandview Hopkins Independent School District whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow.

Names of Board Members are: Mr. Greg Acker, Mr. Gary Babcock, Mr. John Mark Baggerman, Mr. Charles Bowers, Mr. Troy Ritter, Mr. Joe Smith and Mr. John L. Stephens.

Lion's Club Honors Seniors

McLean's Lion's Club met Monday January 19, Three seniors attending the meeting were honored. Jennifer Barker, Jennifer Patton and Moriah McCracken, Lion's Club Sweetheart, were presented Lion student of the month certificates.

Mayor Bob Neslage of Pampa presented the spoke program. He about the impact Pampa Economic Development Corporation is having on the economy of Pampa and the area. Mayor Neslage also addressed the landfill problem McLean and other Panhandle communities are having.

The next Lion's meeting will be February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Lion's Club building.

Profile

relations between school and community, and continued improvement in the curriculum."

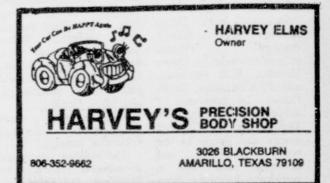
Both men had several positive things to say about the McLean Independent School District.

"I think improvements in the teaching staff and administration and the parents' willingness to get involved in the school activities, are some of the best things about

M.I.S.D."

Jay Dee said that some of the best aspects of M.I.S.D. are "The entire teaching staff, administration, and sports personnel. I think we've got the best teachers that can be had and some true professionals that are truly concerned with the education of children."

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Political Calender

The Groom News is authorized to present the name of the following candidates for offices, subject for office, subject to the Elections to be held on March 10, 1998. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

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Republican:
Lee Y. Cockrell
Lewis Powers

Co. Treasurer
Democrat:
Jeannie Cunningham

Dist. & Co. Clerk Democrat: Sonya Millican

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Democrat: Bill Hinson

GRAY COUNTY
31st District Court
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Democrat:
M. Kent Sims

223rd District Court
Judge
Democrat:
Lee Waters

Dist. & Co. Clerk Republican: Gaye Honderich

Justice of the Peace
Precint #4
Mary Ann Carpenter

TOTAL 86

McLean Independent School District

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes In Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types And Similar Trust Funds

CONTROL CODES

For Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1997

REVENUES:

5700 Local and intermediate sources
5800 State program revenues
5900 Federal program revenues

EXPENDITURES:

0010 Instruction and instructionalrelated services

0020 Instructional and school leadership

0030 Support services - student (pupil)

0040 Administrative support services

0050 Support services - nonstudent based

0070 Debt service

0080 Capital outlay

0090 Intergovernmental charges

Total Revenues

6050 Total Expenditures

1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over
(under) Expenditures

OTHER RESOURCES AND (USES)
7910 Other resources:
 Insurance proceeds
 Sale of property
 Transfers in
8910 Other (uses):
 Transfers out

Total Other Resources and (Uses)

1200 Excess (deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses

0100 FUND BALANCE - September 1 (Beginning)
3000 FUND BALANCE - August 31 (Ending)

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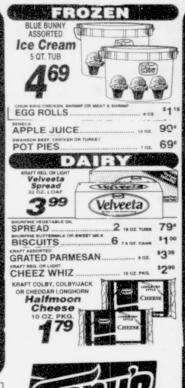




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