# Council Looks Into A New Water Vending Machine For McLean 

The City Council of Mclean met in regula mession Monday, March 13, 2006 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the mayor and opened with an invocation by Mindy Reeves at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Mindy Reeves, Molly McDowell, Betty Taylor and Teresa Timmons Others present immons. Others present vere Jim Adams, Toni Bohlar, Patrick Phillipg, Chet and Sally Bohlar and Bill Anderson.
The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The mayor called for Executive Seation at $6: 07$ p.m. socording to Section 551.071 for consultation with the attorscy.

The meeting returned
o open session at $7: 34$ p.rn. with no action taken conserning the executive sestion.

The mayor called for Exccutive Session at $7: 35$ p.m. according to Section 551.074 to discuss per onnel matters.

The meeting returned 0 open session at 7:39 p.m. Teresa Simmons mare the motion that the City pay for professional val uation for Jim Adams, Bill Anderson and Che Botlar for as long enet Bot lar for as long as it talor s to get the evaluation with a second by Mindy Ret res, with all voting in favir. The mayor will male some phone cells to fin! a professional eval tator in Pampa.

Motion by Molly Mc Dowell, second by Mindy Reeves to accept Jan t Glass's resignation
as Alderman with grea regret. All voted for
Motion by Betty Taylor second by Teres Simmons to accept the Animal Control Agreement with the City of Pampa. This is an ongoing agreement in case the City of McLean should ever be in need of their services. All voting for

Policies and Procedures was tabled until next month for the council to go through the curren policics and procedures and come to the next meeting with any changes and additions.
The water vending machine was tabled until next month. Jim Adams will go to some of the area towns and have a look at their systems and talke

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## No City Election.

## Unopposed Incum sents To Serve Another Term


#### Abstract

With only the incumbents sigaing up 0 rua for city couscil aldermea positions, there wili be so eloction.

Alderman, Betty Taylor has served for Tyylor has served for three yeass oa the council. While in otice, Mrs. While in oftice, Mrs. Taylor said that the council has made decisions that have helped the city. New equipment, strect repair and the mandatory sewer plant repairs are just a few of the things that she has boea a part of.

One of the things that she states the council is currently working on is the moving of the $\$ .25$ water well into a better location for everyone.


During the recent firestorm, Mrs. Taylor stated that the mayor kept everyone on the council informed and she, as a council woman, was ready
to meet and make deci nions if nocessary.
V/hen asked how she supports McLean pert onally, Mrs. Taylor stat d, "I try to bay as sraik in Mclean as pos ible. I also want to pos ible. I also want to seh people in town, such as tie fire victims. Moncy is sice, but sometime peor le need more. I just wan t to know what they noerl and help where can."
Mindy Reeves has also servad on the council for thre: years. While on the council, she believes that the wo grants, one on the sew ir plant and one with the water pipes are a few of he accomplishments she has been a part of. She also stated that she was excited that the may or had some of the poth oles filled last year and that the council has liver within it's budget.
Hx main focus for her
next term will continue to be to clean up the town.

Mrs. Reeves serves as the Red Cross Chairman in McLean and stated that she had been focusing on that this past week During the fires, Mrs During the fires, Mrs. Reeves along with her husband and a friend stayed in Oklahoma, stating, "The fire department was more crucial to the city at that time."

Mrs. Reeves is active in the Young at Heart and says she volunteers in things that need volunteers.

Teresa Simmons will enter her third year during her next term. She also considers the grant on the sewer plant to be a good accomplishment. "We have been able to purchase

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All that is left of Johnnie and Mary Ann Carpenter's home is part of the brick walls and the fireplace.

## Funds And Donations Continue To Come Into McLean For Fire Victims

The fires are gone and now comes the aftermath. Governor Rick Perry flew over the devastated areas on Tuesday of last week. Congressman Mac Thomberry toured the areas on Monday. Both said they are encouraged by how quickly FEMA will respond to Texas.
Locally, farmers and ranchers are benefiting from the kindness of others.
Free hay is currently available at the McLean Feed Yard. You can cail Ronnie Ferguson with the McLean Cowboy Church at 662-7211 for more information. Free hay is also available at the

Pampa Fairgrounds Brandon Wheeler with Farm Bureau is coordinating this effort. Call $665-8451$ for more information.
The Lonestar Equine Program is donating quality hay and blankets for horses. Along with this program is Texas A\& M , who is offering their student services to come personally and help with the care of your horses. Even if it is just to ferd and water, they want to come. The program is also offering free aiso offering free medications for your horses through your, veterinarian. For more
information on any of information on any of
these services, call 806-

681-5858, 806-681-7885, 806-681-9424 or 7792496. There will be a distribution sight in McLean under the direction of Becky Simmons.

Loeves and Fishes has food items available for families who lost their homes to fire. Persons can go by 601 Commerce to pick up items.

Donations are also being excepted in several places. The Mclean Fire Department is accepting donstions to repair fire trucks. Please send donations to Box 212 in McLean, take by the bank

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## Local Reminders

DONATIONS TO the fire deparment can be made to Box 212, taken to the bank or given at Cantrell's.

A FUND has been set up at the Bank of Commerce to benefit the families who lost their homes to fire.

A TRACK MEET will be heid on March 24 \& 25 in Stratford.

ZONE ONE ACT Play will be held on March 28 in Follett.

## MARCH 30 - FFA

 Land and Wildlife Judging in Paducah.Any person that has been displaced due to the Panhandle fires, please call 1-800-297-2270 for assistance.

TKXAS Panhandle Wildfires Benefit will be held on Friday, March 24 at $7: 30$ p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
PRAY POR RAIN!!

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March 23 - Clirc McDowell, Lexie Simmons.

March 24 - Pat Wils on. Marcl 25 - Saman tha Jo Brown, Brian Fuller, Betty Tate, Tincy Gideon. March 26 - Heidi L/nn Wells, Colleen Onick Huseman

March 27 - Davey Ridgway, Patrick Martin. March 28 - Louise Watson, Jesse Swafford, Linda McDonald, Andy Ritchie, Mark Smith. March 29 - Linda McDonald, Martha Smith, Kristin Ellis.

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I have no words that are adequate to express my appreciation for the people of this community You are the best.
Aryway, thank you so much for you prayers, cards, food, concerns, etc. during my recent vacation in the hospital and my return home. You certainly made the stuation more bearoble. God Bless You.


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## OMc Lean School Menus

for the week of March 27 LUNCH Monday Sloppy Joes, - March 31
$\frac{\text { BREAKFAST }}{\text { Monday: Fren }}$
Monday: French Toast,
Sausage, Toast \& Jelly,
Milk, Jrice
Tuesday: Scrambled
Eggs, Bacon, Toast \& Jelly, Milk, Juice
Jelly, Milk, Juice
Wednesday: Biscuits and Gednesday: Biscuits and
Gravy, Toast \& Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Thursday: Yogurt,
Graham Crackers, Toast \& Jelly, Juice, Milk Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast \& Jelly, Juice, Milk

Monday: Sloppy Joes, Fritos, Veggie Sticks, Pickle Spears, Fruit, Milk Tuesday: Oven Fried
Chicken, Ranch Potatoes, Chicken, Ranch Potatoes,
Peas \& Carrots, Texas Toast, Milk
Wednesday: Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Cake, Milk Thursday: Pizza, Corn on Thursday: Pizza, Corn on
the Cob, Salad, Jello, Milk
Friday: Hot Dogs with Chili, Baked Beans, French Fries, Fruit, Sherbet, Milk

## Ferguson Speaks To Young At Heart About Angel Food Program

[^0] March 7 meeting
Laura Garrison and Terr Whiteley with Accolade did blood pressure checks Visitors included Andreal Copeland. Kaitoyn Copeland, and Dorothy McKec. Boots Stone wished Billie Kingston. Wayne Bullis, Gayha Long, and Eli/abeth Martin "happy birthday." She also thanked Ines Trosile for the paper goods she donated.


Julic Ferguson spoke about the Angel Food Ministries she is bringing to Mclean. For $\$ 25$ per month anyone who is interested can order a varicty of food items (worth belween $542-78$ ). There is a different menu every month. Julic needs to receive a check by the deadline (usually the first week of the month). She will be picking up the food in Pampa and have it available at the Cowboy Church (about the fourth Saturday of the month). There are no qualifications. hut the food must be ordered and paid for hefore the deadline. The have started accepting food stamps. For more information Julic can be reached at 779-2135.

## Funds

or you can drop it off a Cantrell's.

A fund has been established at the McLean Bank of Commerce to help the eight families who lost their homes.

A free variety show has been scheduled for Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium . Although this is not a money making venture, information will be provided as to specific needs, where to go, or who to contact for help or who to contact if you want help. However, free donations will be accepted.
If you cannot attend, but would like to donate please send your donations to Texas Panhandle Fire Relief Fund, P.O. Box 33, McLean, Texas 79057 or if you want to donate hay, wire, labor or other materials, please call materials, please call
Dawn Roudybush or Dawn Roudybush or
Leslie Darsey at 779-2301 Leslie Darsey at 779-2301
or evening hours call 779or eve
2377.

## Study Club Learns About Cotton

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, March 16 at Elizabeth's. Hostess Mary Lou Glass served Mississippi fudge cake and chess cake along with mints and nuts, coffee and mints
tea.
Members present were Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Corbin, Mary
Shirley Ennis, Mickey Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Mindy Reeves, Betty Taylor, Rosa Troy, Angie Ware and Ruth Magee. Guests and Ruth Magee. Gund Gary
Oldham were welcomed.

Mary Dwyer introduced guest speaker Gary Oldham who is a longtime cotton farmer in the Samnorwood area. He read a poem that had been written by his grandfather called "Raising Cotton at Six Cents a Pound." Gary told the club about the organic cotton that he raises and how he markess it through SOS from Texas.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 6 with Barbara Bode in charge of the program and Mindy Reeves as hostess.

## MCLEAN CHƯRCH DIRECTORY

Church of Christ
4. \& Clarendon

Pastor Jim Reyna 779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. \& 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class $7: 30$
New Lhe Assembly of God 4a Main
Pastor Mahion Richardson
Sundey Schood $9: 30$ a.m
Worship Service 1030 a.m.
Sundey night Service $6: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Wechescay Service -7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Pastor Kelly Raymond $79-2175$ Sunday School $9: 45$ a.m. Worship $10: 508.8: 40 \mathrm{pm}$. Wechestay Bble Study \& Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church
Pastor Thacker Heynes 779-2049 \& 779-2337
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Sunday $9: 45 \mathrm{a} \mathrm{m}$. Worship $10: 50 \mathrm{am} . \mathrm{m} .6 .00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Apha Chi $5: 00$ p.m.
Wechestay Choir $7: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Heald United Methodist Church
Kellewille Road
Sunday $9: 15 \mathrm{am}$.
Trinity Church
Raliroad Streek
Pastor Lany Perkins 779.3207
Sunday worship 10:45 am.
Life Groups Sundey 5.00 pm .
Solid Rock Youth \& Sonshine Children's Ministy Wechesday 6:00
Adult Bble Study-Wletnesdoy-7:50 pm.


## Fourth At Lefors Track Meet

The Mclean Tigers and Lady Tigers recently participated in the Lefors track meet
The Tiger team finished $4^{\circ}$ out of 10 in the rankings with a team total of 68 points.

In shot put, Cameron Taylor came in third with a distance of 36 feet $53 / 4$ inches.

Manden Conklin Minished third in the triple jump with 38.5
Mclean finished first in the 400 meter relay. In the 800, Jayme Welch took third with time of 20.12 .
Trey Skipper brought home a third in the 100 with a time of 12.00 .

Jayne Welch won first in the 00 with a time of 55.65.

The Lady Tigers carne home fourth in the rankings with a team total of 49 .
In he Pole Vault, Brooke Seymour won first with a jump of 5-0.
DaSi ae Tolleson took second in the 100 Hurdles with a time of 18.91. She also win second in the 300 Hy rdles with a time of 57.40 .
In the 100, Brooke Seymour won second with a time of 13.78 and Tamara Loya won third with a t me of 14.40 .
Both teams will travel to Strat ord for a moet on March 24 and 25.


Brothers Take Top Awards At Pinewood Derby
On March 6, the Mcl March 6 , the their annual local their annual local gym in McLean. There was a large crowd this year.
Amazing enough, the top three winners this year were all brothers. Jerod McClellan, third grade Bear scout took first place in the race. Kelby McClellan, Weblo scout came in second. Little brother, Nolan McClellan, who is a first year Tiger scout took third.
Also taking a top prize this year for best looking race car was Danny Syfrett.

Participating in the race this year was Tiger scouts, Nolan, Charles and Bradley. Also, Wolf

## Incumbents

some equipment that the city desperately needed," stated Mrs. Simmons. "We also have done some great repairs on gas lines, improved trash pick up, and repaired the water tower."

scouts Danny and Julian along with Bear scouts, Daniel and Jerod participated. Weblo
scouts Stormy, Shiloh and Kelby and the little scout buddy, David also participated.

All the boys had a great time and will qualify to enter the District Pine Wood Derby on April 1 in Clarendon.

Mrs. Simmons would also like to continue the city wide clean up during her next term.

Mrs. Simmons assisted some of the elderly residents of McLean during the recent fires.

She stated she was also
prepared to meet if necessary.
"I pray for our town all the time" stated Simmons. "I pray for the council members, the
mayor and the employees." Mrs. Simmons said she shops in McLean and goes to church here. "We are a wonderful town full of wonderful people."

##  <br> 3 C \& H Saphy 779-2209 <br> <br> From The Desk Of <br> <br> From The Desk Of <br> <br> McLean I.S.D. Superintendent <br> <br> McLean I.S.D. Superintendent <br> Rod Riwer Sieakk Howse 779-8940 <br> ```The Bank of Conemu \\ 779-2461``` <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> <br> \section*{Belop/Wine Funend Hisu: <br> <br> \section*{Belop/Wine Funend Hisu: 779-2424} 779-2424} <br> From the Superintendent's Desk, <br> In our society today many of our young people look to prominent celebrities or professional athletes as heroes. As you are all aware this is not always a good thing for our children. Most of these socalled heroes do not want to shoulder the responsibility of being a role model. I would like to express to you that there is 779-2469 <br> Melean Home Health 779-2485 <br>  <br> hope based on what I witnessed during the past week. <br> It is sad to think that it takes a tragedy to bring out <br> the best in people, but the devastation of the recent wildfires did just that. The young pcople of McLean and the surrounding communities do not have to look any farther than downtown or even their own home to find someone to consider a hero. The men and women of the local fire departments, police officers. moms and dads, and students of our schools fought the <br> Kirk's Aeto Sapply 779-2654 <br> Trisily \&The Solid Rock Yooth 779-3207 <br> hlares to protect their homes and the homes of others. These people are the true heroes. <br> I can only hope that our young peopic will realize the real heroes are not the ones who make a great deal of money, but those who volunteer to help when others are in need. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of McLean ISD we all fappreciate the sacrifices made by so many to kcep our community safe during this time of tragedy <br> Packett's Grocery <br> 779-2661

## Medicare D Sign Up Time Running Out For Those Already On Medicare

Medicare beneficiar es who have not signed up for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program (Known -as Modicare $\bar{f}$ int D) have until May 15 , 2006 to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

Currently-eligible beneficiaries who do not sign up by the deadline must wait until the next open ennoblement period beginning November 15 to enroll in a plan, and vill likely face higher premiums for not signing up when first eligible.
Medicare beneficiar es with private prescription coverage through a current or former employer or other source my defer signing up for Medicare Part D and avoid a hgh premium if their private prescription coverage is as good as, or better than, Medicare 's standard prescription benefit.

Anyone curren ly enrolled in, or elibible for, Medicare Part A or Par: B (or both) is eligible for extra help from the

## McLean Care Center

Thanks and Appreciates all the volunteers, and the communily for all their support Sunday, March 12, 2006. A job well done in the safe evacuation and return home of our residents.
Billy Ray Johnston, Adninistrator Mclean Care Center
government in paying their prescription ' costs under Medicare Part -.D Persons who become eligible for Medicare after the enröllment deadline may enroll in Medicare Part D three months before their $65^{\text {th }}$ birthday, the month they turn 65 , or three months after turning 65.

There are many Medicare prescription drug plans to choose from.

Beneficiaries should compare plans to find one
that covers their medications at the best cost. Persons wishing to compare the medicare prescription plans may contact 1-800MEDICARE (1-800-6334227 ), or may contact the Area Agency on Aging at (806) 331-2227 if local of 1-800-642-6008 if longdistance.

some pictures for the council so they can see the different systems.
The gas consultant was tabled until the May meeting so that Jim Adams can talk to the Railroad Commission's inspector and ask them about the consultant.
Motion by Mindy Reeves, second by Betty Taylor to amend the following Water, Sewer and Gas Budget item \#224 dues and manuals from $\$ 800.00$ to $\$ 3000.00$ and $\$ 800.00$ to $\$ 3000.00$ and pumphouse with a budget of $\$ 13,000.00$. All voting in favor.
No action was taken on Review and Score Management and Management
Engineer Proposalis. The council will wait until a Grantworks representative can be in McLean to assist the council with this task.
(Left) Sand dunes have developed on burned land around McLean changing the landscape of the Tewos. Panhundle.

(Above) - A fireball shoots up in the sky during the fires last week

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
APRIL 2, 2006

In the Director's report, Jim Adams reported that a hydrant meter had been ordered at a cost of $\$ 1170.00$ and will be in McLean in a couple of weeks. He reported that a compressor for the city gas weil would take approximately 45 days build time. The council ask that this be put on the July agenda. put on the July agenda.
The mayor and the The mayor and the council thanked Jim Adams for all his efforts helping with the fires Sunday night.

In other business, Mindy Reeves informed the council that she knew of a man that was coming to McLean to look at buying the Texas Motel. She also informed the council, as an FYI, that she had gone to the Housing Authority meeting and that they were being faced with a difficult decision concerning the USDA Apartments on the west side of town. She said that there was no money for the upkeep on the apartments and they were run down and in need of repair and that the Housing Authority board was going to have to make a decision on whether to let the USDA foreclose on the apartments or to get a large loan to try to repair
the apartments that are still being paid for.

The mayor informed the council that he had a letter for the Gray County Appraisal District concerning a hearing on tax valuation concerning a company that falls within
the city's jurisdiction and he said that he would contact the Appraisal District for more information.

He also told the council that he had received a letter from the Division of Emergency Management Office of the Governor and they are going to have a Governor's Homeland security Strategy Pian on May 2-7 and would like someone representiag McLean to attend this meeting. The mayor suggested and the council agreed that Ken Hall be the representative since he's the County Emergency Management Coordinator and the mayor will contact Hall and ask him if he will attend as our representative.

By unanimous consent the council agreed to pay the bills.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.


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S5,000 REWARD is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft of the saddles and tack taken from south of Groom on Friday, night, March 17. Contact 248-7224 or the Carson County Sheriff's Deputy Drew Brassficld at 537-3511.




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Election Set For May 13．．

## City of Groom Voters To Hold Contested Race



Lee Benkley


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Buck Babcock
and has elected to run as a write－in candidate．

Buck Baboock grew up in the area．He is an active volunteer in the Groom Fire Deparment and for the Groom Ansbulance Department． He and his wife，Jill，are expecting their first child．

Joe Rae Richardion is a lifelong resident of the area．He is a member of the Groom Economic Development Corporation． He is married to the


Joe Rae Richardson
former Kim Fields．He owns Richardson Custom Baling and H \＆R Tractor Service．
Lee Barkley has lived in Groom just about all his life．He works for $R$ \＆ B Ag Services．He and his wife，Lavonda have raised three children in Groom．They are enjoying being grandparents．
Sharon Jones Briteen is a life long resident of the aren as well．She has


Clint Babcock
rassed her family here． Three of her four grown children still live in the children still chive in the live at home．She is involved in the farcily farming and ranching enterprises．

Matt Fields is another live long Groon resident． He and his wife，Aimee have 2 children．He is employed by Pantex and has family farming and

See City，Pg． 2


Sharon Jones－Britten


Don Case

## Community Calen⿱亠乂口：

TO VOTE by mail in the ruas－of election for Carson County Treasurer． Request a bellict by April 4．Vote early in person until April 7 at the Carson County Clerks office．

THENEXT AWANA＇s meeting will AW on March 26，due to Spring Break．That night will be Carrouflage night． Wear all your camouflage clothes！


GHS NATIONAL Hionar Society Induction has been rescheduled for April 10.

GROOM LION＇S Club will host a Buffer Luncheon to beaefi Groom＇s Summer Program for Kids on April $9^{*}$ from 11：30－1：00 p．m． at the Groom Community Center．Keep watching the Groom News for more details！


Looking a bit forbidden．the ent／ance to the Lake McClellan vretty lonely It is currently guarded by a sheriff＇s de puty to keep sight seers for sturizing across downed power lines and falling trees．
the rarea was devertated by the recent renge fires． The historic perssit office and living quarters were completely destroyed，＂ stated Ranger Smeltaer． There are many of the trails that are impossible and unasfe due to the falling urecs and limbs and downed power lines．＂

Eagineers will be looking the situation over this week．and an archeological team will study what to do about the burned out buildings．
＂I expect the lake to be closed for a while．．． possibly a couple of months，until we can figure out how to re－open the area safely，＂he commented．
Area residents are asked to discourage aryone from going to the area until it has been deemed safe，

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Fire Department at P.O. Fire Department at P.O.
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79039 or The Grooni Ambulance Department at P.O. Box 111, Groom, Texas 79039.
Both entities had more expenses than usual due to the fires. Any help will be appreciated.

## City Election

ranching isterests.
Clint Babcock, our write-is candidate, also grew up in the Groom area. He owns his own welding enterprise. He and his wife, Kim, have one son, Ethan.

Residents are encouraged to vote. These candidates will be elected by a straight majority. So who ever gets the moet votes will win one of the three seats available. No rua-off elections are held in this type of election.
Early voting is also encouraged, either by personal appearance or by mail. To apply for a bellot by mail, you must request the ballot by contacting the City of Groom office at 203 Broodway in Groom. The first day to vote early in person is May 1
The School Board of Trustees had oniy enough caadidates (Toay Britten and Tony Rocina) to fill the seats that they would have had available. There will be no school boand election.

A FUND has been established at the Stase National Bank for the benefit of Monte and Sandie Schaffer. They lost their home in the fires of March 12.

## FARMER'S EQUIPMENT



CARD OF THARKS
To the Clarendon, Grooms \& Howardwick Fire Departments,

We should like to express our deepest appreciation for your aid in containing the grass fire on our properties in Jire on our properties in
the Jericho area. the Jericho area.
Through the good woik of your departments there was no damage to cattle or buildings, for which we are very grateful. Your are to be commended for your dedication to duty as well as for your professionalism.

Again, thank you,
Stanley Lamb and
Gaylen Fredericksen
ILL OR RECOVERING
The following folks are ill or recovering this week.

Dan Ashford and Norris Hoyt.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS APRIL 2, 2006

## Birthday of Anniversaries

March 23 - Cindy Babcock, Melvin Wills, Emma Weinheimer, Haley Kuehler.
March 24 - Russel
March 24 - Russeil
March 25 - Mrs. Tom Britten, Roman Friemel, Joyce Hutsell, Buck Babcock, Jessica Friemel, Kim and Russell Lewellen

March 26 - Brice Ruthardt.
March 27 - Laveda
Wood.
March 28 - Clinton Adam Babcock, Billy Dan Hughes.
March 29 - Bill Ellington.


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## Come \& Celebrate With Dorothy Mansel On Her $90^{\text {di }}$ Birthday! <br> 

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By Tam Tery, Sheriff

1. Mendoza-Hernadez, Scrgio, 19, of Wheeler, Texas born in Mexico, welder by trade. Trooper Mike Smith, DPS arrested Mendoza on $3 / 5 / 06$ for public intoxication. Released on $\$ 500.00$ bona.
2. Espinoza, Ramon, 20, Wheeler, Texas, dairy worker, arrested 3/5/06 by Trooper Mike Smith for public intoxication. Released on $\$ 500.00$ bond.
3. Cedano-Sanchez Carlos Omar, 23, Wheceer, Texas, born in Mexico. Arested by DPS Trooper Mike Smith on 3/5/06 on driving while
intoxicated, on $\$ 1500.00$ bond.
4. Trantham, Brian Keith, 38, Conway Ark arrested for possession of controlled substance by Chief Deputy Randy Elliott. Bond was set at $\$ 40,060.00$.
5. Self, Bradley Lynn, 43, Clarendon, Texas, wieder by trade. Areested by officer Tanner

## Our Sincerest Thanks!

The Groom Volunteer Fire Department wishes to extend their sincerest thanks to all the wonderful people who did so much to support the firefighting efforts.

Those who hauled helped us navigate get to the fires; Sheriff's Department, Department of Highway Department,
 water and fuel; the back roads to support from the City Employees, Public Safety, Dispatchers; those good Samaritans who brought us or donated food and water and other supplies. Those who have given so generously of their time, money and most importantly.... prayers.

Blackburn on driving while intoxicated. $\$ 1500$ bond set.
6. Kerekes, Teena Marie, 36, Henderson, Nevada, self employed was arrested $2 / 13 / 06$ for possession of marijuana more than 50 pounds and carrying an unlicenced weapon.
7.
7. Burnell, Charles Stuart, 26, of Virginia Beach, VA, an air brush artist. Was arrested by Trooper Mike Smith for possession are marijuana, more than 5 but less than 50 pounds. He was released on $\$ 10,000$ bond. released on $\$ 10,000$ bond.
8 . Sutton, Shane Parker, 25, of Virgina Beach, VA was arrested on 3/16/06 by Trooper Mike Smith. He is a landscaper. He was released on $\$ 10,000.00$ bond.
9. Mize. Jacob Lawrence, 20, White Deer, was arrested by Carson County Deputy Clarence Mebbitt for unasthorized use of a motor vehicle. He is being held on $\$ 20,000.00$ bond.
10. Horner, Michael Chad, 33, Panhandle, TX turned himself in for a warsant on driving while intoxicated, $3^{\text {si }}$ time or more.


| 11. Segura, Pat | Trooper |
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| Edward, 32, of Panhandle. | Brassfield. |
| A turf installer by trade, | released on bond |
| was arrested by DPS | 13. Campos Richard |
| Trooper Dennis Brassfield | A. 23, of Corpus Christi, |
| or driving while | was arrested by Carson |
| intoxicated, $2^{\text {mid }}$ offense. | County Deputy Tanner |
| He was released oa bond. | Blackburn for Driving |
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Dinnme Waggnor \& Billy Dan Hughes


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The Groom School Breakfast and Lunch Menu for the week of March 27-March 31.
BREAKFAST:
Monday - Cold Cereal, muffins, juice and milk

Tuesday - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk

Wednesday Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk
Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, juice, and milk

Friday - Do-nuts cinnamon rolls, juice, and milk

LUNCH
Monday - Chicken

Fajitas, Sauteed Onion \& Green peppers, lettuce \& tomatoes, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tuesday - Chili Cheese dogs, tator tots, pickie spears, pears and milk.

Wednesday - Charbroiled steaks, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, milk, rice krispie treats.

Thursday
Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce \& Tomatoes, refried beans, chips, milk and sherbert

Fridsy - Pizza, Salad Peaches, crackers, and milk.

## White Deer Fajita Dinner

 Set For Sunday, March 26The $18^{\text {th }}$ Annual Fajita Dinner in White Deer will be held Sunday, March 26, 2006. Everyone is invited to attend the special event at the Fellowship Hall, 101 West $8^{\text {mit }}$ Street. White Deer United Methodist

Church is looking forward to a wonderful spring day to invite all to White Deer. Serving the all you can cat fajita dinner will begin serving lunch at $11: 00 \mathrm{am}$. 1:30 p.m.

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## Groom City Council Hears Financial Report, Sets Annual Rabies Clinic

The Groom City Council had their regular monthly meeting on March 8, 2006. Present were Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Ellis Stapp, Don Case, Kenneth Weller, and Chits Werch City Secretary Mary Sue Lyles and Public Works Directory Slim Finck also were present. Visitors who attended were Tim Case with the Groom Youth Organization. Tanner Case, Tyler Case, Rick and Sharon Prather representing the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Department.

Tim Case presented the financial statements for the Groom Youth Organization. The statements were accepted.

A motion was made and approved to donate
$\$ 2200$ to the Groom Youth Organization for b seball, basketball, and stimming programs. The Annual Rabies C inic has been scheduled fof Thursday. May 4 200 -from ${ }^{*} 1: 00$ to $6: 00$ pin in the Groom Fire Hall. Dr. Horne will be the veterinarian in charge. The council approved Javie Britten and Flora Glyn Hammers as election juiges for the May $13^{\text {t }}$ City Election.
The council voted NOT to make any change in the eniployee policy that states "The City of Groom, Texas has re olved that a city en ployee, after the age of 65 years with 12 years or mere of employment with the City of Groom, Texas sh.ll have free water, sever, garbage collection


Public Notice of Test Of Automatic Tabulating Equipment
Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment tha will be used in the PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION held on April 11, 2006 will be tested on April 6, 2006 at $2: 30$ p.m. at the Clerk's Office, 501 Main, Panhandle, Tx 79068 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures
s/ Celeste Bichsel

and city maintenance, for the rest of their lives."
A motion was approved to give the east part of Lots 5 \& 6, Block 4, OT to the Groom Economic Development Corporation for housing. The GEDC will be responsible for having the property surveyed and for the lawyer fees for transferring the title. The west half of the lots will be maintained by the city for an ally.
Rick and Sharon Prather visited with the City Council about some of the concerns they have about the Groom Ambulance Service Ambuiance Service Kenneth Weller moved and Chris Welch seconded the motion to table this item until the April meeting. The council asked Mr. Prather to come back on the next council meeting with a mission statemen pertaining to the future of the service and a job description for an Executive Director.

A motion was approved to remove Bobby Ratterree from his probationary status as of March $15^{\text {t. }}$.

No clean up letters were sent, and the work list was reviewed.

Minutes of the February meeting and the financial statement were approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Thornberry Pushes for Fire Aid House Eeaders Promise to

## Help

(Washington D.C.) Congressman Mac Thurnberry (TX-13) is optimistic that Congress will provide help to area residents for the damage caused by the wildfires that continuc to plaguc the Texas Panhandle.

Thornberry said he is receiving increasing support in the House for his proposal to attach wildfire recovery awstance to a spending bill currently making its way through Congress. The bill in question is a supplemental appropriations bill primarily intended to provide new funding for the Glohal War on Terror and hurricane recovery efforts.

The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote tomorrow on its version of the supplemental appropriations bill. Fire aid amendments drafted by Thornberry could not be considered at this time. hut Thornherry is encouraged by the support he is receiving for taking action before the bill is finalized

I am grateful for the upport my proposal have


Behind the dam at Lake Mc Cleflen. The cattail pond is burned off at the waters level. While it looks like something out of a horror movie right nows. Mother Nature has a wonderful was of healing itself. In a few weeks most of the damage will hardly be
noticeable.
received from hoth
Republicans and Democrats. Key leaders have promised Key leaders have promise
to help," said Thornberry.

Among the provisions Thornberry has proposed is Compensation for
livestock owners for their losses through the Livestock Indemnity Program, and Funding and technical assistance through the Emergency Conservation Program of rehabilitate farm and ranch land by removing debris. estoring fences and conservation structures, and providing water for livestock.
The Livestoch Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) have been used in previous disasters, but the wo programs do not receive continuous funding Instead, these two programs receive funding from Congress only on an "as needed" hasis in response to specific emergencies.
Although his Although his
mendments are not yet amendments are not yet Thornberry noted that the passage of the supplemental appropriations bill by the House is just a first step.
"The Senate will still need to adopt its version of the supplemental, and then a conference committee will work out the differences between what the two chambers have
passed. I think the chances are very good that. by the lime we have the final
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appropriations language ready $t 0$ send to the President. lire aid will be in the hill." said Thornherry.


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## Services Held For Lucille Merrick



Neoma Lucille Settle Merrick. 89, of Clovis died March 19. 2006 at the Retirement Ranch in Clovis. NM. Services were held on March 21. 2006 at the Crosom Church of Christ with Kent Watson. of Claude Church of Christ offictuitig. Burial was Wednesday March 22. 20K6 in Alva Muncipal Cemetery. Alva. OK with Hartncll Johnson

## officiating.

She was born July 4 1916 in Driftwood, OK to Lirrie and Bert Settie and grew up on a farm at Byron, OK. She graduated from high school and attended Northwestern State College in Alva, OK where she graduated with a B.S. Ed. She was an Education Major. She married Orville Gore Stephenson on December 23, 1937. She laught in several rural echools in Oklahoma. Her last teaching joh was in Cirosom. TX. She then worked with her hushand in the Groom Drug Store, which they owned and operated. Orville passed away in 1955, and she continued to operate the store until 1959. She married Henry Merrick in 1956 and they farmed after the sale of the drugstore
She was a member of

the Groom Church of Christ. She enjoyed other activities such as DAR which she served as Regen for several years and was a charter member of the chapter in Pampa. She was active with the Candy Striper Girls at the Groom Hospital. She was an avid reader, seamstress, loved poetry and the computer and had her regular chats with people far and wide She dearly loved the Groom Senior Citizen Chow Line and loved and missed all her long time friends there.

She was preceded in death by her parents both fusbands, a brother: Leroy Settle and 2 infant granddaughters, an infant great grandson. and I great grandson. Joshua Wheele;

She is survived by ? daughters: Maxine Kelso and husband Ferman, of Clovis. NM. and Carolyn

May of Arlington, TX: son: Steve Stephenson and wife. Connie, a
stepdaughter: Marlys Melton and husband. Larry of Frankston. TX. 9 grandchildren: Kelly Kelso. and family, of Aztec. NM.

## NOTICE: OF RUNOFF ELECTION

To the regisiered voters of the County of Carson, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2006, for the Runoff Election. This Election is to decide which Republican Candidate will proceed to the General Election.

## LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES:

## Precinct 101

Precinct 102 \& 401
Precinct 302
Precinct 402
Precinct 103 \& 301
Precinct 2018202

St. Mary's Halli - 411 4w ST. Groom. Antler Gym - 6im \& Doucette, White Deer Panhandle High School, 105 W. 11a, Panhandle Community Center, 308 2n ST, Skellytowm Panhandle High School, 105 W. 11e, Panhandle War Memorial Building, 500 Main, Panhandle

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Carson county Clerk's Office in Panhandle between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.rn. beginning April 3, 2006 and ending April 7, 2006.

To request a bellot for early voting by mail please contact the clerk's office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE at 537-3873 or write to Celeste Bichsel, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 487, Panhandle, Texas, 79068.

The first day the clerk's office can receive an application by mail is NOW. An Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business April 4, 2006.

Issued this the $13^{\text {th }}$ day of March, 2006.
s/ Lewis W. Powers
Carson County Judge

Nicole Van Pelt and family. of Panama City, FL, Sarah Warrick and son of Denison, TX, Stephon Stephenson and family, of Canyon, TX. Byron May of Pampa, TX, Dallas May and wife. Sarah, of Abilene. TX. Stephanie May of Arlington, TX. Lauren Melton and family of Frisco, TX and Jeremy Melton and family of Frankston. TX, 11 great grandchildren, 3 nieces Sue. Donna and Karen Settle of Oklahoma.

Honorary pallbearer are the grandsons:

## LETTER FROM

## THE EDITOR

To Mecie.
Mistakes, like colds are contagious! in this business. when we make a mistake on someone's name $\alpha$ on their ariticle it just seems like we cannot get it right no matter how hard we try. We are very sorry hat we twice made a mistake on the headline of you engagement announcement. We hope that you know that it was unintentional and we are very happy that you have found someone special. We will ty gain at a later date and pray that it will be correct

Again, please accept ou pology.

Donna Burton

## POLITICAL <br> CALENDAR

## STATE OF TEXAS

 House of Representatives Republican Candida: David SwinfordCARSON COUNTY
County Judge.
Republican Candidates
Lewis Powers
Democratic Candidates
Jackie West
County Treasurer Republican Candidates Denise Salzbrenner Virgil Frick
Democratic Candidates Dea Schroeder Tax AssessorCollector
Republican Candidates Jackie Lewis Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Democratic Candidates Bill Hinson

## Gray County

Gray County Clerk Republican Candidates Susan Winborne Justice of the Peace. Precinct 2
Republican Candidates Mary.Ann. Carpenter. Co. Commissioners Precinct 4
James Hefley
The following candidates have pard a tee to have their rame on this political calendar. Their disclamer statements are on file at The Groom-Mclean News for public inspection.

## Sylvia Pool Services Held Monday, Burial Here

Sylvia Pool, 96, Groom

formerly of Groom, died Survivors include Wednesday. March 15. daughter. Betty Martin of 2006, in Mena. Ark.

Graveside services will be at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday in Groom Cemetery.

Mrs. Pool was born in
Crawford. Okla., and was a
longtime resident of

Mena: two sons. Ross Pool of Harlingen and Larry Pool of Combes: two sisters, Margaret Leach of Tacoma. Wash.. and Juanita Leddy of Galt.

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A fireman's life is one blg surprise,
Usually he laughs, somethmes he cries.
There's always stress, toil and acrie.
His wifte undenstands, when he misoes dinner, If he runs out of church, don't think him a sinner. Answering a call, is tops on his ifst Regretting each one he's ever missed.

He tries and tries, but can't make us see, The happiest men, still work for free. Jumping from bed, fighting the cold, Knowing what to do, without being told.

He rushes to the station, jumps on a truck. Depending on skili, never on luck. Putting his life on the line, for an unknown friend, Hoping and praying, it won't be the end.
"The Bravest Men In The World", the titie is firting, They all do their best, never thints of quitting. They all knose what to do, whille the fires rage,
They drop everything, at the sound of a page
By Kyra Stevens


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