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Jessica Friemel



Angie Conrad



Melissa Anthony



Toby Burgin



Jimmy Chavedo



Mary Hutsell



Todd Gray



Tami Ashford

Basketball Careers End For 8 Seniors

Eight seniors ended their high school careers with the final buzzer at the Girl's Area title match and the Boy's Bi-District playoffs.

Jimmy Chavedo, Toby Burgin, Todd Gray, Tami Ashford, Melissa Anthony, Angie Conrad, Mary Hutsell, and Jessica Friemel each have given up hours and hours of their free time to practice and perform in pursuit of one of their favorite sports, basketball. As always with a sport that has taken up so much of their time, one wonders if it has been worth it.

"It has been very much worth it to me," stated Jimmy Chavedo, "The types of skills I have gained; like teamwork and dedication; will follow me through where ever the road of life takes me."

Angie Conrad commented, "One thing I have learned is not to take tomorrow for granted. We should appreciate our activities, whether they are run of the mill workouts or a championship game because they could end

at any moment, either from an injury or other reasons. When you realize its over, you suddenly wish you could do it again."

Todd Gray said a little ironically, "I have learned not to go skiing during the final season play offs."

Gray dislocated his collar bone in a skiing accident just a few days before the play off game.

Jessica Friemel felt that the leadership qualities and ability to work with others had been the greatest gift that basketball had given her.

All of the athletes had very fond memories of their years of playing. Some memorable, some embarrassing and some euphoric.

Toby Burgin remembered with great fondness his Bi-District game as a sophomore. "We were really successful and played well as a team. It was just great!"

For Tami Ashford the most memorable moment was the one that was the

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Republican Judge Candidate To Be Decided On Mar 10th

Only two candidates will square off in the single contested primary race in Carson County. Lee Cockrell and Lewis Powers are both seeking the Republican primary nomination for Carson County Judge.

Both men have been lifelong residents of Carson County. Cockrell is from the Panhandle area with farming and other business interests in the area for 45 years. Powers also has farming interests in Carson County and has managed Robinson Fuel since March of 1997. Both have raised their families in Carson County. Powers has three grown children and Cockrell has three grown children.

Both tout their

experiences in business and dealing with the public as qualifying assets for them to seek the office of County Judge.

When asked about why they are seeking office this is what each had to say:

"After four terms with our present Judge, I think it is time for a change," stated Mr. Cockrell. Carson County needs responsible conservative leadership. I am semi-retired and can devote full time to the judgeship."

"I feel," commented Mr. Powers, "that we need to have a choice on voting day. Having contested races is healthy for the community and the county. Voters feel



Lewis Powers

they have a role in their government and how it is run."

Both candidates feel that Carson County should operate within a balanced budget.

"I would propose county salaries be set at fair market value in comparison to adjoining



Lee Cockrell

counties that have many more tax payers and much bigger work loads. I would cut wasteful spending and operate the county's business like a business," added Mr. Cockrell.

Mr. Powers had this to say. "I do not see the

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Community Calendar...

COMMUNITY Easter Cartata at Groom United Methodist Church, April 5, 1998. Choir practice March 15, 22, and 29 at 5:00 pm.

THERE WILL BE no junior high track meet in Groom this weekend due to several schools cancelling.

A GOLF tournament is scheduled at Clarendon for High School players on March 6.

A HIGH SCHOOL track meet will be held at Claude on March 21.

ON MARCH 13 & 14, Groom Junior High and High School will attend a track meet in Lefors.

GROOM BRANCH Library hours will be 1:30 to 5:30 Monday through Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 1:00, effective February 1.

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Local Happenings

Annual St. Francis German Sausage Dinner Slated

St. Francis Catholic Church is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 8, 1998 in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Serving time will be from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and those under six years of age eat free. The menu includes traditionally-cooked or smoked German sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, and gravy, homemade bread, and homemade cobbler. Take out dinners are available.

A Country Store will feature a great variety of homemade and baked items. Sausage will be sold and a drawing held. St. Francis is located 10 miles east of Amarillo on U.S. Highway 60 or one mile east of Iowa Beef Packing Plant.

March 18 is the last day to sign up for City Council or School Board. Don't wait till the last minute.

Deputy Ray Davis Moves To Panhandle

Local Carson County Sheriff's Deputy, Ray Davis, is no longer a Groom resident. Davis and his wife recently moved to Panhandle where they purchased a home.

Sheriff Loren Brand stated that two members of his department will be retiring in the next two years. He plans to put one of those replacements in Groom.

Thank You Card

Our sincerest thanks for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, food and other expressions of sympathy during the long illness and eventual loss of my sister. We thank God that we live in a community that cares so much.

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Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

- March 5 - Donald Burgin, Wayne Shaw, Tammy Bivens.
- March 6 - Michael W. Fraser.
- March 7 - Terri Rose, Mary Ann Koetting, Mary Head.
- March 8 - Grant Weinheimer, Mrs. Raymond Ruthardt.
- March 9 - Pam Ashford.
- March 10 - Jeffrey Weinheimer, Karla Koetting.
- March 11 - Mrs. Martin Hermesmyer, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Weller (A).



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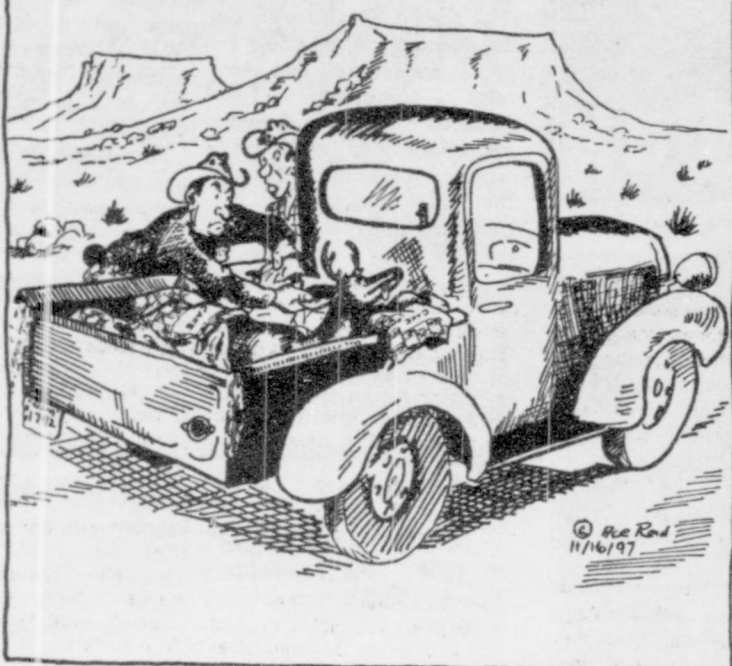
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Lambert Accepts GM Job With Durham Dragons In North Carolina

Amarillo Dillas assistant general manager Dena Lambert has accepted a job as general manager of the Durham (N.C.) Dragons.

Lambert has been with the Dillas four years recently earning a promotion from business office manager to assistant GM.

The Dragons are a member of the six-team Women's Professional Fastpitch League which plays an 88-game schedule beginning May 29th.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Lambert, who becomes the first woman general manager in league history. "I can't wait to

get started. I'm bouncing off the walls. I love baseball and get the chance to work in a really neat historic park."

The Dragons play their games in the same park where the popular baseball movie "Bull Durham" was filmed.

Dillas general manager Bob Miller said Lambert is making the right move.

"This is a perfect opportunity for her," Miller said. "I just promoted her so you know we think a lot of Dena."

Lambert is a lifelong resident of the Texas Panhandle. Her last day with the Dillas will be March 6. She said her days working for the

Dillas is something she'll never forget.

"My roots are here in Amarillo," Lambert said. "You get to know the people who sit in the seats at Dillas games and you can go there during a game and escape for a few minutes and talk to them and their kids."

"But I can't say this move is going to be bad because the people of Durham have already started calling me and said they are real glad to have me."

Grandview-Hopkins 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll

A Honor Roll:

First Grade: Taylor Aderholt, Kathy Aler, Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins, Alex Hutto.

Second Grade: Sarah Spaulding, LaTeasa Wheat.

Third Grade: Haley Acker, Maggie Hopkins.

Fourth Grade: Abbi Aderholt.

Fifth Grade: Chera Chavedo, Tiffany Edwards, Roger Johnson,

Kellie Mullican, Greg Steele.

Sixth Grade: Jake Hopkins, Michael Dominguez, Calvin

Schaffer.

A-B Honor Roll:

First Grade: Cody Schiffman.

Second Grade: Ricky Davis.

Third Grade: Shawn Johnson, Sally Steele.

Fourth Grade: Stacy Crump, Bradley Smith, Ryan Spaulding, Chandon Wilson.

Fifth Grade: Chafen Wilson.

Special Effort: Second Grade: LaTeasa Wheat, 102 average in Spelling.

Fifth Grade: Greg Steele, 100 average in English.



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Dusty Ham Funeral Services Held February 24 In Houston

HOUSTON - Dusty Ardel Ham, 58, a former longtime Amarillo resident, died February 22, 1998.

Memorial services were February 24 in Tallowood Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Spencer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Brady, and the Rev. Brad Ham of Aspen, Colorado, officiating.

Mr. Ham was born in Groom. He lived in Amarillo several years before moving to Houston.

He graduated from Palo Duro High School in 1957. He was voted the most valuable basketball player at Palo Duro High and also was named Mr. Palo Duro, both in 1957. He

attended Amarillo College, where he also played basketball. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1962.

Mr. Ham was a member of First Baptist Church of Brady.

He married Doris Dell Myers in 1958 at Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Kileen Ham of the home; a son, Derek Ham of Los Angeles; a brother, Dale Ham of Amarillo; two half brothers, Pete Ham of Groom and Sandy Ham of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to hospice at the Texas Medical Center, 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77030.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.



Southwestern Bell

Panhandle High School Junior Missing

By Loren Brand, Sheriff
The Carson County Sheriff's Department was contacted by the Shamrock Police on Friday and advised to be on the lookout for an armed robbery suspect who was traveling westbound from their area. The suspect and an accomplice were involved in the robbery of a New Mexico man at a rest area along Interstate 40. Our officers were waiting when a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description came through. Two Kentucky residents were taken into custody without incident and the weapon and mask used in the robbery were recovered along with the currency contained in the victim's wallet. Deputy Jeff Oldham and Deputy

Gary Robertson talked with the primary suspect in the robbery and secured a confession from him. Deputy Oldham previously secured a confession from another robbery suspect who had assaulted a store clerk in Groom. The Kentucky subjects were returned to Wheeler County to face trial and the Groom robbery suspect (from Florida) is being held in the Carson County Jail pending trial.

Our department is working with the Lubbock Police Department in an attempt to locate a 17 year old Panhandle High School Junior who has been missing from her home since February 23, 1998. Shannon Marie Ludington was last seen in Panhandle during the afternoon of February 23 and is believed to have

left town in the company of Jimmie Neal Hays. Hays is under investigation for an Aggravated Robbery which occurred in Lubbock during the evening hours of the 23rd and it is believed that Shannon Ludington was present with Hays when he robbed an off-duty Lubbock County Sheriff's deputy at his home. It is unknown at this time whether Shannon was with Hays of her own free will or if Hays has refused to allow her to return home. Hays is a 29 year old white male approximately 5'10" in height and weighing 180-200 pounds. He has reddish-brown hair and a red-colored mustache/goatee. Shannon is approximately 6'1" and weighs 145-155 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes. Anyone having information regarding either Hays or Ludington is asked to contact Sheriff Loren Brand at 537-3511. Because of the robbery in Lubbock, both subjects are considered to be armed.

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Methodist's To Hear Missionary Speak

On March 10th, Lee Cornelison of Pampa will speak at the United Methodist Church. Cornelison is one of twenty other Pampans that have traveled numerous times since 1992 to Belarus, a former republic of the Soviet Union, to give emergency aid and pass out thousands of Bibles. Cornelison will have slides and souvenirs from

his trips. A covered dish supper begins at 7:00. All are welcome to come to the meal and program, or just the program. Cornelison is a member of CIS, a nondenominational Christian foundation.

Lee Cockrell "The Campaign"

News Release #8 March 5, 1998

For months I have been researching the county's problems, stating my position and offering solutions. I have done this with honest open straight talk. I have also put my views in writing. People running for office just don't do that. You have learned my qualifications, business experience, and personal beliefs. You can not learn much about a candidate with a five second handshake and a card asking for your vote.

My news releases have given you a lot of informative material including past and present information on the political parties. Some people say my news releases should have been longer with more information while others said they were too long. Most articles were about eight minutes reading time once a week. I usually write about ten to fifteen minutes reading time editorials and then edit the article back to about seven or eight minutes. Many people have told me they have enjoyed reading my new releases. I feel that all candidates should be open and honest with the voters.

For you who have not read all my news releases dealing with the judge campaign, I will give you a brief summary. Last fall I decided to run for judge because of the county's deficit spending, voters unrest with the present judge, and the fact that Carson County voters have not had a choice for judge since 1982. We the people are ready for a change. It is just good democracy not to have a career politician in any position for four to six terms. I also had several projects that I wanted to accomplish for our county. Since I am semi-retired and most of my businesses are rented out, I felt it was time for me to give something back to society. I have lived in Carson County forty-five years. All three of my daughters went to Panhandle schools.

I have served Grand Jury duty and served as foreman on district juries. I was farming in two counties, operating the Horse Factory and a Western Store in Amarillo. I was also competing part time on the pro tour, I was too just too busy to contribute to my civic duties. I now have time to serve our county residents as Carson County Judge.

Last week I visited our county residents throughout the county. Residents in Groom, White Deer, Skellytown, Panhandle, Fritch and south Borger had concerns about how the over two million (\$2,000,000.00) dollars is spent each year by the judge and commissioners. People want change. I will set spending hearings to hear from the people. I will release my spending priorities before the fall election. I will continue to travel the county to hear from our residents. Please make your concerns known to me.



- In closing my pledge to you and all the voters:
1. A balanced budget without a tax increase.
 2. Better roads for our residents.
 3. A safer county with increased funding for law enforcement.
 4. I will bring arrested law breakers to a speedy trial. At present too many cases are being dismissed. I will not dismiss charges just because it is easier or cheaper not to have a trial.
 5. I will enforce the laws to protect the civil and private property rights of our citizens.
 6. To set county salaries at fair market value in comparison to adjoining counties.
 7. To set county spending priorities and eliminate wasteful spending of tax payers money. I believe in responsible conservative money management.
 8. To work for increased county income from tourism, livestock auctions, and sporting events at a donated special events center.
 9. I believe in open meetings and open records.
 10. I will adhere to the will of the people.

I will make several news releases dealing with more county issues before the fall election. Right now I am asking for your vote in the republican primary, March 10, 1998. You and I together can make Carson County alive again. It has been dormant for years. With new progressive leadership Carson County can be better for all. It will take work and promotion, but I am ready for that. Until our next visit, I am,

Cordially yours,
Lee Cockrell

Trooper Wallace Nails Dope Traffic, Trooper Davis Arrests Hot Check Writer, DWI

By Trooper Gary Davis
On 02-02-98, Trooper Jeremy Wallace stopped a pickup on IH-40 for a traffic violation. The driver was asked for permission to search the pickup after Trooper Wallace could smell marijuana. A search revealed about 70 pounds of marijuana hidden in some boxes at the front of the pickup. The driver and passenger were both arrested and taken to the Gray County Jail in Pampa. The passenger was also wanted on a Felony Warrant out of Dallas. The estimated street value of the marijuana was around \$70,000.00.
On 02-05-98, Trooper Gary Davis arrested a subject on four bad

check warrants totaling around \$2,000.00 in fines and check amounts. The person was placed in the Carson County Jail and then was released to the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

On 02-08-98, Trooper Gary Davis arrested a Kenneth Scott Green of Amarillo for DWI, Minor.

On 02-22-98, Trooper Gary Davis stopped a Ejikeme Mmadobelu from Amarillo for speeding 90/70. A computed check revealed that Mmadobelu was wanted out of Washington D.C. Immigration for Failure to Appear on a Deportation Hearing. The subject was placed in the Carson County Jail.

Candidates

need to make major changes in the way the county conducts business, nor do I have an axe to grind against anyone currently holding office. As a conservative I feel there should not be any frills or excess. Make it go as far as possible. I will work to reduce taxes and live within a budget, taking into consideration our need to improve law enforcement and roads as well as maintaining our local government in a manner which will make our people proud."

Both feel that our county's greatest strength comes from it's residents and a healthy tax base.

"Carson County is healthy economically, but our greatest strength is the people who live and work here," stated Lewis Powers. "One way to unify our county, is to focus on the needs of our neighbors, the other communities in our

county, and do what we can to improve those conditions that need improving."

"I feel our county's greatest strength," stated Cockrell, "is it's location, school and residents. Many of our residents

work in Pampa, Amarillo, and Borger. They choose to live here and commute from Carson County. After years of tax increases, we must lower our taxes to retain our residents that work outside the county. Unification can take place by policies made by the new judge. All parts of the county must be treated fairly."

Voters will go to the polls March 10th to decide this and other important primary election issues.

Exercise your right and get out and vote in the Republican or the Democrat Primary.

Seniors

most recent.

"When we lost this area game I realized there was no next year. It was really hard."

Melissa Anthony's most memorable moment was one that caused her to a little red faced.

"I stepped up to take a 3 point shot when a little bitty girl from Hedley packed it (blocked the shot). I was so embarrassed."

Mary Hutsell remembers her regional game as a freshman.

"We played Sudan. They seemed so good but even though we lost, we performed surprisingly well against them. I got

in quite a bit of playing time. Another proud moment was when we got third at the Vernon Tournament."

Coach Randy Yelverton is extremely proud of these athletes.

"Athletics is a teacher of life. There are ups and downs in both teams sports and life and sports teaches you to handle both. These young people have provided great leadership for our team. They have ended

their careers successfully. We will truly miss their talent, leadership, and camaraderie in the coming season."

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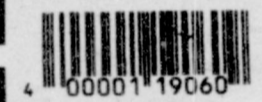
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Richardson Named All-Around Cowgirl



Jacey Richardson
RRYRA All-Around Cowgirl

Jacey Richardson, a junior in Groom High School and daughter of Joe and Jody Richardson, was awarded the 14-19 All Around Cowgirl saddle at the Rough Riders Youth Rodeo finals held at the Walter Merrick Arena in Sayre, Oklahoma.

Jacey has competed in six RRYRA rodeos during the winter series to become the All-Around Cowgirl plus the 15-19 champion goat tier and the 15-19 champion break-a-way roper for which she received two championship buckles along with the saddle.

During the two day finals rodeo Jacey won

second in the barrels, third in poles and first in break-a-way on Saturday.

On Sunday she won second in barrels, second in poles and first in goat tying.

Now that the winter series is over Jacey will be concentrating on the second semester of high school rodeos that will kick off March 14 in Hereford.

While in Sayre the Richardson's received good news from Julie Richardson, a freshman at Western Oklahoma State College (WOSC) in Altus, Oklahoma.

Julie is on the WOSC rodeo team and was competing in the Kansas

UIL Competes In Canadian

The following students attended a U.I.L. meet at Canadian last week.

Mary Hutsell earned top honors placing first in the poetry contest.

Groom's Spelling team placed second. Team members were Skye Brown, Allison Eatmon, and Josh Evenson.

Other top places were earned by Brooke Britten, 4th in Poetry; Allison Eatmon, 4th in Spelling; Dean Fields, 4th in Number Sense; and Marcie Babcock, 6th in Prose.

Also attending were Caleb Pool, Dara Whatley, Jessica McMahon, Kristi Barkley, Lysie Pool, Carrie Davis, Dustin Babcock, Macie Britten, Evan Crowell, Michele Stephens, Courtney Sustaire, Trisha Broadway, Tami Ashford, Wyatt Weinheimer, and Josiah Scott.

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State University Rodeo in Manhattan, Kansas. Julie placed a sixth in the first go round of the college rodeo with an 8 in the goat tying and would be in the top ten for the short go on Sunday.

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Tibbets Earns First Strike Award

The following citation was presented along with the Air Medal First Strike/Flight Award to Lieutenant Commander Eric Tibbets of the United States Navy.

Citation: From Commander in Chief, United States Naval Forces Europe; The President of the United States: For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a Radar Intercept Officer with Carrier Air Wing One

Judson Tibbets, Eric's father grew up NW of Alanreed and as an Alanreed Longhorn played against the

credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The Numeral "1" to represent First Strike/Flight Award is authorized.

Signed: For the President; D.S. Bill III; Rear Admiral, United States Navy; Deputy.

Lieutenant Commander Eric Tibbets is the grandson of Oscar and Viola Tibbets who lived for many years south of McLean. Oscar Tibbets was Gray county Road Commissioner from about 1960-1964.

Five embarked in USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) and Fighter Squadron One Four embarked in USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) in support of Operations Southern Watch and Deliberate Guard from 20 December 1992 to 16 July 1997. His contributions greatly enhanced the squadron's operational success during flights over Bosnia-Herzegovina. His skills played a vital role in the United Nations and Implementation Force peacekeeping mission. By his courage, skill, and loyal devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying conditions, Lieutenant Commander Tibbets reflected great

Alanreed in 1941 for the U.S. Military and in 1964 retired as an Air Force Lt. Colonel. After a 26 year career as a professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

with the University of New Mexico, Judson and his wife live in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Judson is a cousin of Emmett Allen and Jane Herndon who live in McLean.

Eric says that one of his memories of McLean is of a young teenager learning to drive. He took his grandfather's Jeep pickup for a drive and got lost in McLean. Then he had to ask for directions.

Eric and his family presently live in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



Kristin Ellis Record For Sales Of Cookies

By Beverly Odom
Kristin Ellis, the second grade daughter of Richard & Stephanie Ellis, sold 477 boxes of cookies to win the top seller award for the McLean Girl Scout Service Unit. Kristin has chosen a t-shirt, medium size gray wolf & a duffle bag as her prizes. She will also attend the top seller party at Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis in Amarillo on April 17 &

18. She is pictured in front of her 40 cases of cookies. Other top sellers include Kristen Odom, 191 boxes, Emory Crawford, 168 boxes, Brooke Seymour, 153 boxes & Katie-Lane Thompson, 126 boxes.

McLean Reminders...

McLean Superintendent John Griffin says that some students need to be reminded of the McLean student dress code. Parents are asked to help students and the school to comply to the rules as set out in the student handbook. The guidelines of the dress code are printed on page 9. Mr. Griffin said, "I appreciate McLean's students and parents where the students and teachers are very proud of their school."

MARCH 9 will be the Livestock Appreciation Dinner at 7 pm at the Gerald Tate Ag Building.

STUDY CLUB will meet at the Library, 2 pm on Thurs., March 5.

THE McLEAN Alanreed Area Museum is honoring F.J. Hess with a retirement party, March 15. See page for information.

Masonic Lodge Honors McLean ISD Employees

The McLean Masonic Lodge #889 had a supper for employees and members Thursday, February 26.

Randy Stubblefield was the guest speaker. Mr. Stubblefield spoke about the history of the Masons, and Texas Public Schools.

Guests enjoyed a meal catered by Dyer's barbecue.

Attending were J. Boyd Smith, Gene Greer, Randy Stubblefield, Don and Lonna Dorsey, Judith Watkins, Janet and Bob Glass, Jimmy and Misty Hannon, Nancy Woodard, Tammy Carter, Billie Ward, Randy and Bobbi

Stalls, Marshall and Tammy Hanes, Leslie

See Lodge, pg. 10

Mr. & Ms. MHS Named

By Moriah McCracken
MHS Tiger Rag Staff Seniors Erik Vega and Shaley Stalls were named Mr. and Ms. MHS during a recent high school election. The students were chosen by their peers for their leadership and outstanding involvement in McLean High School. Selected as runners-up were Walter Staton III and Jennifer Barker.

Vega, is the son of Cristobal and Raquel Vega. He has been active in football, basketball, and track all four years of high school. He was selected as All-Star alternate in football and had the opportunity to attend the All-Star game. He was one of two seniors on the Tiger basketball team and was a captain of the Tiger football and basketball teams. He was a Regional Team Qualifier in Cross-Country. He is a member of the Drama club and will participate in UIL competition later this month. Vega was District Champion at the Cross Country meet last fall, and he is currently serving as senior class Vice-President. He plans to attend West Texas A&M University this fall and pursue a career as a high school basketball coach. Stalls is the daughter

of Randy and Bobbi Stalls. She has been active in McLean as a Tiger Cheerleader for four years, a Lady Tiger for four years and a four-year participant in the Miss McLean Pageant. She has been named Most Beautiful of her class and is currently senior class representative. She is a member of the Drama Club, and she served as Vice-President for the National Honor Society. As an NHS officer, she attended National Leadership Camp in Black Hills, South Dakota. She was first runner-up in the 1998 Miss McLean Pageant and is an NCA Cheerleader. Stalls plans to attend college in the fall, but she has not decided on a university yet.

Staton, is the son of Walter and Angie Staton. At McLean, he has been active in sports for the past four years. He has played basketball, football and track and received the Most Improved award for Cross Country. Staton was named Most Valuable Player in Tiger football and Coach's Fighting Tiger. He was captain of the football team. He was a Regional Team and Individual Qualifier in Cross-Country and was a District Football runner-

up. He had the chance to attend the All-Star football game and he has participated in UIL Journalism events for three years. He is also a member of the Tiger Rag Yearbook/Journalism staff and a member of FFA. He plans to attend Wyoming Technical Institute this fall and pursue an associate's degree in Diesel Mechanics and Street Rod Customizing.



Shaley Stalls
Ms. McLean High School

Barker, is the daughter of Cas and Rita Barker. She has been active in McLean through UIL,



Erik Vega
Mr. McLean High School

Pep Club and Drama. Barker was recently chosen as 1998 Miss McLean, her first year to participate. She will represent McLean at the Miss Irish Rose pageant on March 14. She is senior class president, and she was inducted into the National Honor Society in January. Barker has participated in UIL for four years and was named as an Honor Student for the graduating class of 1998. She has maintained a 94 grade

See Mr. & Ms., pg. 8

**McLean Birthdays
Anniversaries**

March 5 - Doris Hill, Trudy Myers, Jerry Corbin, Nona Turpen, Jason Thomas, LaTonya Phillips, Becky M. Thomas.

March 6 - Chuck Pierce, Holly Crystal Myers, Sarah Holland, Ande Shank, Wanda Sharp, Linda Syfrett, John Dickinson.

March 7 - Murrell Emmitt Hill, Mary Davis, Lena Carter, Mary Ann Carpenter.

March 8 - Joe Bidwell, Lorene Brown, Billie Kingston.

March 9 - Jack Odom.

March 10 - Bill Kingston.

March 11 - Barbara Richards, Valerie Bradley, Angie Purcell, Wilbur Lee Wilson.

**Ladies Team
Loses To
Celanese**

The Celanese and the McLean Feedyard basketball teams battled it out last Wednesday night in Pampa in 2 halves and one overtime.

After 43 minutes of play, McLean led in overtime, 43-42.

Alicia Reynolds had 12 points; Rose Steel, Sally Seymour and Kristie Crockett had 5 pts each; Leslie Darsey put in 6; Paula Waters 3; and Shandee Tolleson scored 4.

Mr. & Ms. MHS

point average for the past three years and has received outstanding student awards. She is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students, and she has been named Most Beautiful of her class. She plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall and pursue a degree as a psychologist.

**McLean Schools
Lunch Menu**

Monday Breakfast: Waffles, ham, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Frito pie, fried squash, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Mini corn dogs, French fries, salad, pudding, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Pancake, sausage on a stick, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Burritos, chili, cheese, pinto beans, salad, fruit bars, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Subs., ham, cheese, bologna, tator tots, veg. sticks, pickle spears, tomatoes, lettuce, fruit, milk.

Mr. & Ms. MHS Runners Up



**Jennifer Barker
Runner-Up**



**Walter Staton III
Runner-Up**

The McLean PTA met recently for its monthly meeting. The Tiger Cubs lead the pledge of the flag. Jim Reene gave the invocation. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. A family night was planned for April at Wonderland Park. The event will also be a fund raiser as 40% of the sales from the gate will be rebated to PTA. A group rate will be offered for admission.

Superintendent Griffin addressed the group concerning the dress code policy. Trooper L.B. Snyder spoke to the group on drug awareness and gave them handouts.

In honor of Texas Public School Week, See PTA, pg. 11

Gymnasts Attend First Meet

Three gymnasts from McLean took part in the Flipin' Farm's first competitive meet of the season in Dumas on February 21.

In tumbling Shaley Steel was a gold medalist. She is a 7th grader and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Steel. Bronze medalist was Brooke Seymour, a third grader. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Seymour. 6th place went to DaShae Tolleson, daughter of M/M David Tolleson.

Dashae is a first grader. In the trampoline competition, Brooke was silver medalist, Shaley was a bronze medalist, and DaShae placed fifth.

Twenty athletes from McLean, Shamrock, Wellington, Wheeler, and Samnorwood competed.

Coaches for the Flipin' Farm are Mykala Bennett, Stacy Finisterwald, Whitney Conner, Natalie Conner, and Patti Conner.

All District One athletes will next compete March 7th in Canyon.



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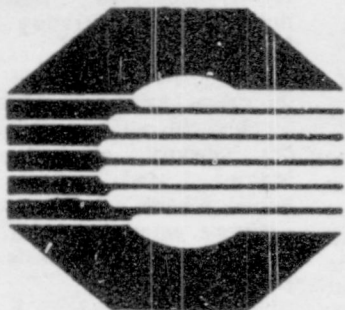
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Happy With McLean Raising

Dear Editor:
I have not lived in McLean, Texas in 38 years, however, I still do keep up with the McLean News because this town gave me the education, the backbone, the support of the entire system of America. I have raised a family, and I, just like each of you, have had my share of joys and my share of troubles. I fully believe, and this is from the heart, that the things that have come my way, I could never have handled them had I not come from McLean. I know, and you know, that there is not much left in McLean from a commercial viewpoint. I cannot thank the people in McLean enough for what I am today, as well as my children. Our very background stems from McLean. My children were born in Missouri but a large percentage of what they think and feel came from the Texas influence. First of all, my wonderful Mother, Dood Turner, and my Dad, Rush Turner. Ms. Forbes and Ms. Bldsoe, long dead, but how I can read! They were my teachers, and they taught me. I don't know what I would have done throughout the years without my school teacher, principal, and mainly friend, Carl Dwyer. He taught me

that all problems can be solved if you just shut your mouth and let the other man talk. Loyalty, honor, concern for your fellow man are the things that come from McLean. McLean has been so fortunate to have citizens such as Creed and Wanda Lamb, who have been my friends for forty-two years. I cannot think of coming to McLean without popping over to the Post Office to see Casper, calling Frank Simpson, Johnny and Anita Day, Gary Fry, and Jane Herndon. All the people there that make a difference in my life, and especially my old fat uncle Vernon Turner. How I love him!

Thank you for letting me have my say. I hope that some of you will remember me.
Bobby Jean Turner
Rogers, Rolla, Missouri

You May Be Over The Hill If . . .

By Lena Carter

Your favorite cowboy star at the Saturday movie was "Hop A Long Cassidy" or Tom Mix, and all the sound in the house was a piano player at the old upright and the moans of the audience.

When standard equipment in your little ole country school house was a bunch of "willow switches" stacked in the corner, a deterrent of crime.

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could have been rite!

When your job was to keep the fire under the old black wash pot where the crackling lye soap was boiling away - usually a half day job - and required frequent stirring.

One of life's most embarrassing moments living on the farm miles away from a grocery store and unexpected

company drops in at noon and courtesy demands you ask them to sit and eat, so mama calls us kids into the kitchen and says "now I don't want you to ask for but one piece of pie," so we were barely into eating the usual good fare, when this little brother pipes up and says, "Now remember just one piece of pie!"

By Lena Carter

Members of First Baptist Church gathered Monday night at the church to do some more work on the church basement kitchen and the prayer room.

On the sick list this week was Vonnie Bible. She was receiving medical attention on Monday.

Bill Pitts made a trip to Pampa on Tuesday.

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 - f. bicycle shorts or pants
 - g. mini skirts
 - h. bare midriffs
 - i. apparel with designs or writing with reference to drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, sex or obscenity
 - j. unnatural hair colors
3. All clothing shall be worn as it is designed to be worn. Pants must be worn at the waist.
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5. The length of shorts, skirts or dresses should be in or around the knee area.
6. Students are permitted to wear shorts on the following dates: August 15 -Oct. 15; April 15-May 29.

When it is felt desirable or necessary, school officials shall counsel with individual students and parents concerning the appearance of the student. If such counseling fails to produce the desired results, the principal shall take appropriate steps to ensure simplicity, appropriateness, safety, good taste, and cleanliness. A student whose clothing violates the dress code may be assigned to in-school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing.

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Little Dribblers Host Hedley

By Kristie Crockett
McLean Little Dribblers hosted Hedley's teams on Friday.
The 5th & 6th grade girls were defeated 40-10. Jennifer Greer had 3 points; Jamie Seitz had 2 points; and Sarai Sawyer had 4.
For the boys 5 & 6th grade game, McLean scored 15 to Hedley's 33.

Zane Richardson had 6; DJ Graybeal 2; Slade Terry 4; and Jay Wallis had 2.

Coach Kathy Hembree said our teams would probably be in a tournament this weekend.

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the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the City of Groom reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

CITY OF GROOM
JOE HOMER, MAYOR

Legal Notice

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3, in compliance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, will receive public comment on the proposed District Management Plan and revision of the Rules of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors on **Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 1:30 p.m., in the Panhandle Ground Water District Office, 201 West 3rd St., White Deer, Texas.** The following is a brief outline of the most notable changes.

MANAGEMENT PLAN, as required by § 36.1071, Texas Water Code:

The overall management goal is to have at least 50% of current water supplies still available after fifty (50) years.

DISTRICT RULES, re-systematization of current rules:

1. District-wide well registration, which will require the registration of all non-permitted wells;

2. The implementation of an aquifer depletion rule, which will require the study,

and possible regulation, of all wells depleting the aquifer faster than the acceptable decline rate set by the Board;

3. The addition of a larger well classification, to the current minimum spacing rule;

4. A comprehensive revision of the hearing process.

AGENDA

1. Manager will relate overview of District Management Plan and changes to current Rules of the District

2. Board will receive public testimony

3. Comments from the Board

4. Board will consider adoption of District Management Plan

5. Board will consider adoption of changes to current Rules of the District

6. Adjourn

A complete copy of the proposed Management Plan, current Rules of the District, and proposed rule changes are available at the District office, 201 W. 3rd St., P.O. Box 637, White Deer, Texas 79097, or call 806/883-2501.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Carson County Commissioner's Court will consider bids for the purchase of One (1) Wheeled Front end Loader meeting or exceeding the following minimum specifications:

Six (6) cylinder diesel engine with 145 net flywheel horsepower & 400 cubic inch displacement;

ROPS enclosed cab with a heater, pressurizer, and factory installed air conditioner; Front and rear windshield wiper and washers. Four (4) front and two (2) rear working lights, two (2) rear stop and taillights. Fully adjustable cloth suspension working seat with 3" retractable seatbelt. Interior dome light. Interior rearview mirror. Cab instrumentation shall include voltmeter, engine coolant temp. gauge, hydraulic oil temp. gauge, and fuel level. Machine shall be equipped with a multilevel warning system which will signal machine & component malfunctions. Dual element dry-type engine air cleaner with a service indicator. Fully hydraulic enclosed, wet-disc brakes. Manually applied safety park brake;

Automatic Power Shift Transmission with four (4) gears forward and three (3) reverse.

Single stage, single phase torque converter;

Hydraulic system shall be fully filtered and closed-type system. Loader shall

have automatic bucket positioner, lift kick out; Sealed Z-bat design loader linkage;

3.25 CYD General Purpose Loader bucket with reversible bolt-on cutting edges;

Full turn static tipping lean shall be at least 19,000 lbs;

Dump height at full lift and 45 degree discharge shall be minimum of 9'2";

Fuel tank capacity shall not be less than 66 U.S. Gal.;

24 volt direct electric starting and operating system with a 50 amp. Alternator, heavy duty batteries. AM/FM Radio. Either starting aid;

20.5 x 25 12PRL2 tires; Vandalism Protection Package;

Minimum operating weight of 28,000 lbs. With standard rear counterweight;

All other items which are normally standard;

Warranty Coverage: Standard Manufacturers Warranty to include 5 years or 5000 Hr. Extended Power Train Warranty, whichever comes first from the date of delivery.

Trade-in Machine: Case W24C S/N 9148843.

Trade-in machine may be seen by contacting Carson Co. Prec.#1, Commissioner Mike Britten, at (806) 248-7277.

Any deviations from the above specifications should be so stated in your bid for such bid to be considered. Failure to detail all such

deviations may comprise sufficient grounds for rejection of an entire bid. Initial price and advertised specifications are only part of the criteria which will be used in the evaluation process of determining the **BEST** bid for Carson Co. The county will also consider guaranteed maintenance costs, guaranteed minimum

repurchases, and the size, location, and the bidder and/or manufacturer.

The Carson County Commissioner's Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

This procedure and notice is in accordance with Chapter 262 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes annotated which requires publication of this notice for at least three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the day of scheduled bid opening. Bids are to be delivered to Jackie West, County Auditor of Carson County, Texas, prior to 10:00 a.m., on Monday, March 23, 1998, the date and time at which such bids shall be publicly opened, read and considered by the Commissioner's Court. The Court shall award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid, or reject all bids and publish a new notice or take such other action as is authorized by said Local Government Code. Additionally, the award of the contract, if at all, shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors in accordance with Section 262.030 of said Code.

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ESTATE SALE: 212 W. First St., McLean. Yellow stucco house, west of Puckett's parking lot. Sat., March 7, 9 am - 4pm.

FOR SALE: 14x80 mobile home, lot and 8x20 storage shed, fenced backyard. Carla or Chief Koetting. 248-9010 or 663-7527 (Mobile Phone) Groom.

BUSINESS MANAGER sought by the Square House Museum in Panhandle. Responsible for full charge bookkeeping, purchasing, and payroll. Required skills include computer literacy for accounting, Windows 95, and MS Office. Non-profit experience desirable. Salary DOE, can start immediately. Obtain application form at Museum, Texas Hwy. 207 and 5th Street, Panhandle.

CIRCLE B Easter Sale: Ham's \$1.79 lb; Bacon \$1.59 lb; Pork Chops \$1.89 lb; Sausage - hot & mild - \$1.69 lb; German Sausage \$1.99 lb; Polish Sausage \$2.29 lb. Good through March 14.

PTA

donuts will be served in the cafeteria for breakfast on March 6th. It was suggested that parents, grandparents or guardians that cannot have lunch with their student may be able to eat breakfast with them on that day.

The next meeting will be on March 17th. The program will be presented by 1st and 2nd grade teachers covering Saxon Math.

1998 Political Calendar

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.

CARSON COUNTY
Co. Judge

Democrat:
Jay Roselius
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

Judge
Democrat:
M. Kent Sims

223rd District Court

Judge
Democrat:
Lee Waters

Dist. & Co. Clerk

Republican:
Gaye Honderich
Susan Winborne
Susan Triplephorn

Precinct 4

Commission
Republican
James Hefley

Justice of the Peace

Precinct #4
Mary Ann Carpenter



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