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## Carson County Primary Results

Carson County voters turned out last week to vote in the March Primary elections. A record number of people voted in the Republican primary when the Democratic party is usually the strongest and draws the most interest in the county. A total of 1,081 people turned out to vote. Of those voting, 665 people voted in the Republican Primary and 416 voted in the Democratic primary. The County Judge's race has drawn the most interest locally and will be the only contested county race come November.

### Democratic Primary: 416 Votes Cast

DEMOCRAT	Groom	Wh. Deer	Panhandle	Fritch	Skellytown	Absentee	Total
Co. Judge Roselius, Jay Bob	28	42	148	7	20	47	292
Dist. & Co. Clerk Millican Sonya	35	50	166	11	25	56	343

### Republicans Cast 665 Votes In Primary

REPUBLICAN	Groom	Wh. Deer	Panhandle	Fritch	Skellytown	Absentee	Total
County Judge							
Powers, Lewis	20	113	245	3	37	48	466
Cockrell, Lee	11	29	62	9	20	33	164
County Com. Pr. 2							
Jewett, Art			70			17	87
Ware, Kenneth			126			14	140
County Com. Pr. 4							
Howell, Kevin		74			49	4	127
Justice of Peace, Pr. 2							
Hammer, Renia M.			236	8		50	294
County Chairman							
Osborne, Jeri R.	20	108	241	8	49	60	486

## City Council Awards Bids For Street Repairs And Seal Coating, Discuss Land Purchase

Groom City Council met last week with all members present. Also in attendance were visitors Mike Herring and Dan Reese and employees Donnie Evans and Mary Sue Lyles.

Mike Herring of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District #3 presented a report on water usage in Groom and the surrounding area.

E.D. Baker & Co. of Borger was awarded the bid for sealcoating and patching streets on the west side of town. They will be paid \$54,059.09.

The Council adjourned into executive session at

7:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land acquisition around the waste water plant and discussion of a bill owed by Cindy Maddox, doing business as "Cindy's."

The aldermen reconvened at 8:30 p.m. in open session.

In a unanimous decision the council voted to take no further action on the bill owed by Cindy Maddox and charge the account off. They also agreed to accept the amount paid by Kenny Jackson doing business as Cross Plains

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## City And School Candidate Filings End Wednesday, March 18

With the deadline for candidates to sign up for Groom City Council and Groom School Board looming large on the horizon, (Wednesday, March 18, 5:00 p.m.) the Groom School Board of trustees has found no one interested in filling

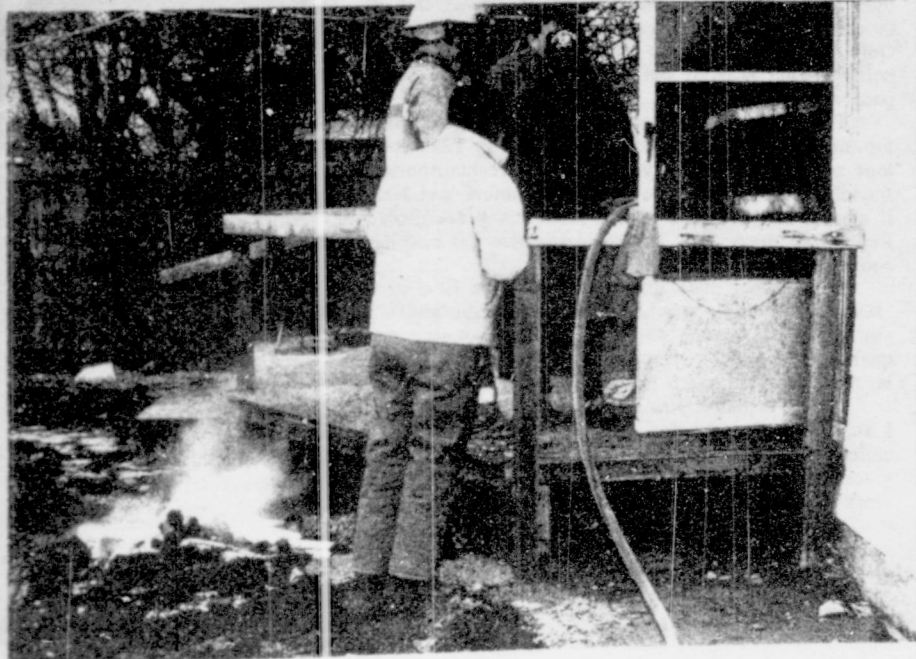
the slots currently held by Adela Kotara, Pat Britten and Denny Babcock.

The Groom City Council currently has three people vying for

three seats, currently held by Don Case, Ellis Stapp and Jay Lamb. Don Case and Ellis Stapp have put their name in the hat for another term of office. The newcomer on the ballot will be Pete Ham.

There is still time, as the paper goes to press for changes and additions to be made to this list. The City office and School business office may take applications until the close of business on Wednesday.

## Fire Damages Brister's Home



Firefighters responded in force last week to a blaze that started in the Don Blister home.

Blister returned home from the post office Friday morning to find his home filled with smoke. The fire started in a garbage can. The blaze destroyed a portion of a wall in the kitchen area but the most costly damage came from smoke.

The Bristers are temporarily living in a home belonging to Chris Britten. They hope clean up and repairs will be completed within two weeks. No dollar amount was given with regard to damage.

## Community Calendar...

**GROOM HIGH** School will compete in a track meet at Claude on March 21.

**THE NATIONAL** Honor Society will install new members on Thursday, March 19th.

**JUNIOR HIGH** and High School tracksters will compete in Miami on March 27 & 28.

**SPRING ARRIVES** this Friday, March 20.

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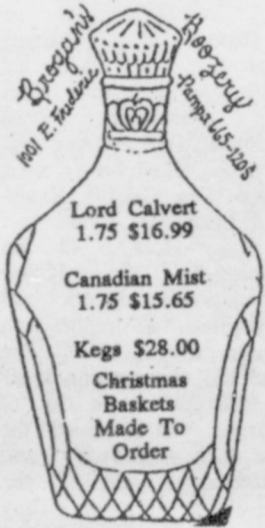
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**D.P.S. Report**  
 By Trooper Gary Davis  
 Well I've been on vacation. Until next week, be safe.

### Local Happenings...

Norma Jean Homer, Jeannette Blackwell, Joannie Kling and Tiffani and Cody were in Pampa Saturday visiting with Norma Jean's sister, Janice Rucker and Greg, Jessica and Jason Cline of Headrick, Oklahoma.



## Groom Takes Home 3 Team Wins At Lefors

Groom High School girls and Junior High boys and girls all won their divisions in the Lefors Invitational Track Meet. Groom High School boys earned a second place slot.

The Ettes tallied 134 points for first place. Channing had 113 for 2nd. 3rd place was Miami with 70; 4th Higgins 46; 5th Lefors 32; 6th Hartley with 26; 7th Samnorwood 24; 8th Hedley 20; and Ft. Elliott with 14 was 9th.

Individual results for the Groom Tigerettes:  
 High Jump: 1st Carrie Davis.

Long Jump: 1st Sara Britten; 5th Karen Conrad.

Triple Jump: 1st Sara Britten, 2nd Carrie Davis, 5th Karen Conrad.

400 Meter Relay: (Angie Conrad, Karen Conrad, Sara Britten) 2nd place.

800 Meter Dash: 3rd Jessica Kepley.

100 Meter Hurdles: 1st Carrie Davis, 5th Marci Babcock.

100 Meter Dash: 3rd Angie Conrad.

800 Meter Relay: (Angie Conrad, Karen Conrad, Sara Britten, Brooke Britten) 2nd Place.

300 Meter Hurdles: 3rd Carrie Davis, 4th Marci Babcock.

400 Meter Dash: 5th Brooke Britten, 6th Karen

Conrad.  
 200 Meter Dash: 4th Carrie Davis, 5th Sara Britten.

1600 Meter Run: 3rd Jessica Kepley.

Shot Put: 4th Michelle Stephens.

The Tigerettes next track meet will be Saturday, March 21st at Claude.

The Groom Junior High girls team began their season on a successful note last Friday and Saturday at Lefors by capturing the team championship with 203 points. Higgins came in second with 109 points; 3rd Ft. Elliott 70; 4th Channing 60; 5th Hartley 43; 6th Higgins 38; 7th Pringle-Morse 30; 8th Lefors 3.

Groom results are as follows:

400 Meter Relay: (Jill Britten, Kira Broadway, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad) 3rd place.

800 Meter Dash: 2nd Nichole Barnett, 3rd Stacie Britten, 4th Amanda Martin.

100 Meter Hurdles: 1st Krisann Davis, 4th Stacie Britten.

400 Meter Dash: 3rd Candace Bohr.

200 Meter Hurdles: 1st Krisann Davis, 2nd Stacie Britten, 6th Amanda Conrad.

200 Meter Dash: 2nd Amanda Martin, 6th Lauren Crowell.

1200 Meter Run: 3rd Jill Britten, 4th Amanda Martin, 6th Penny

McMahon.  
 1600 Meter Relay: (Nichole Barnett, Lauren Crowell, Krisann Davis, Candace Bohr) 1st place.  
 800 Meter Relay: (Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell) 1st place.

Shot Put: 1st Stacie Martinez, 3rd Karri Britten, 6th Kira Broadway.

Triple Jump: 1st Krisann Davis, 3rd Candace Bohr.

Long Jump: 1st Krisann Davis, 5th Amanda Conrad.

High Jump: 1st Candace Bohr, 2nd Stacie Britten.

The next Junior High meet will be in Miami on March 27-28.

The Groom High School boys team placed second in the Lefors meet with 111 points. Miami took first place with 165. 3rd place was Hartley with 57; 4th Channing 53; 5th Hedley 46; 6th Follett 26, 7th Higgins 5.

Individual results were:  
 Shot Put: 2nd place Dusty Crump.

Discus: 2nd Dusty Crump.

3200 Meter Run: 1st Josiah Scott and 2nd Dewayne Gray.

800 Meter Run: 2nd Dewayne Gray.

400 Meter: 3rd Toby Burgin.

1600 Meter Run: 2nd Josiah Scott and 3rd Russell Conrad. 2nd

1600 Meter Relay 2nd place (Wade Ritter, Dean Fields, Toby Burgin, Dewayne Gray).

The Junior High boys team placed 1st with a total of 135 points. Ft. Elliott 2nd with 94; 3rd Lefors 75; 4th Follett 67; 5th Channing 54; 6th Hartley 43, 7th Higgins 38; 8th Pringle-Morse 30; 9th Lefors 3.

All the results of this meet were not in and we will add to the list when the information becomes available.

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

March 19 - Sam Gabriel Thomas, Kay Burke, Judy Bland.

March 20 - Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope, Brent Payton, Vernon Baggerman, Mrs. Johnny C. Brumley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack West (A).

March 21 - Kenneth Babcock, Andrea Payton Boucher, Kay Case, Kay Lynn Britten.

March 22 - Mrs. Donald Burgin, Sabrina Leven, John Webster Thomas.

March 23 - Mrs. Gary Don Babcock, Melvin Wills, Jody Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Earl Steed (A).

March 24 - Russell David Conrad, Brenda Diane Fields.

March 25 - Mrs. Tom Britten, Roman Friemel, Joyce Hutsell, Buck Babcock, Jessica Friemel, Thomas J & Mitzi Moraniec (A).

### COW POKES By Ace Reid



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### Lee Cockrell (Election Reveals A Lot)

News Release #9  
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I'm pleased with the election results, in fact I could not have planned a better outcome for the county and myself. I accomplished most of what I set out to do and I will not have to give four years of my life to the courthouse. My candidacy reported the many county problems and I opened a lot of eyes. I feel like I did contribute.

My news releases were focused at promoting a conservative Republican party. Of the 1,081 county residents who voted, 665 voted republican while only 416 voted democratic, that is 61.5% republican against 38.5% for the Democrats. In the judge's race the percentages were even wider. Of the 922 votes cast in the judge's election 68.3% went republican while the tax and spend Democrat Roselius only received 31.7% from the county voters. Of the 416 voters in the democratic primary only 292 chose to vote for the unopposed Roselius.

Now let's move on, I did a poor job of campaigning. I did not go eat with the senior citizens, make the coffee shops, or do any door-to-door campaigning. I did spend over \$3,347.00 of my own money on news releases. I thought it was the best way to get my messages to the people. I may have been wrong. Only 30% of the people take a paper and only 20% of those people actually read a political ad. 80% of our county residents did not vote. I should have reached those people.

The election analysis reveals that if 153 Republicans who voted for Powers had voted for me, I would have won the election by four votes. I would have then been tied to four years of community service at the courthouse. I feel great because the deficit spending Roselius will be out in November and I can retain my present quality of life. If elected I would have had to make many sacrifices. My campaign was not against my Republican opponent. My main purpose for running was to give our county citizens a choice against the present judge.

A professor once told me "You learn how to win when you lose". He also said "Many of your fair weather friends will leave you if you lose an election, but the friends you made by coming forward and campaigning for what you believe in are a better quality of friends." I have received so many calls since the election, the only problem is, most of them were from the 80% who did not vote.

I want to thank you who supported me in my effort to contribute to Carson County. I support Lewis Powers, our Republican party candidate for county judge. I ask all county residents to support and vote for him. He is an honest, christian man. The voters showed by a landslide vote that they are ready for a change. I will continue to work to make Carson County a better place for all.

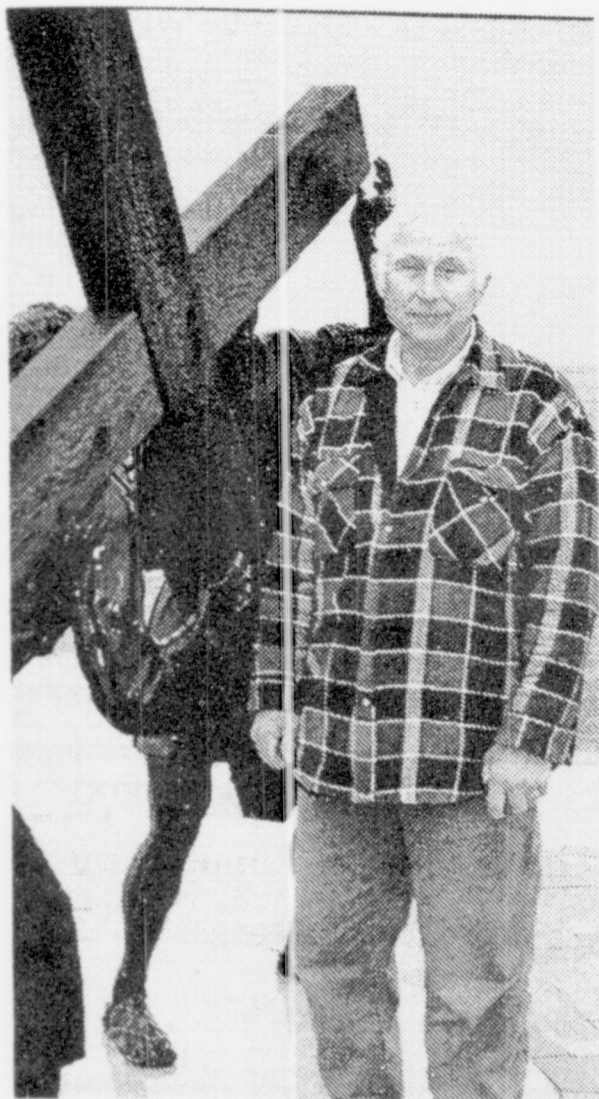
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 Lee Cockrell

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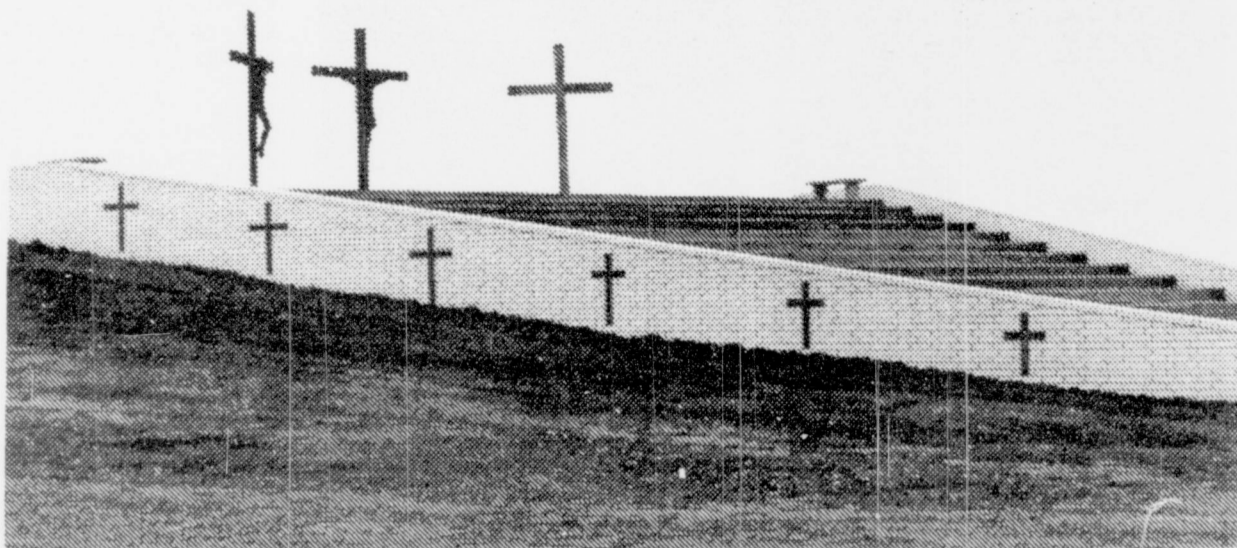




# Bad Weather Doesn't Detour Cross Visitors



This gentleman from Moriarty, New Mexico didn't let a little rain stop him from taking time to see the Cross.




The steps up to the replica of Calvary are now complete. One statue remains to be placed on the cross.



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## If You Ask Me . . . And Nobody Did

By Donna Burton  
 "Build it and they will come," was an often repeated phrase in the popular movie "Field of Dreams" and seems to be causing the same effect in Groom. The Cross of the Plains has continued to draw attention despite inclement weather and construction activity.

On two occasions when I visited recently the weather was just awful. One day, it was snowing, the other it was raining. Both days were accompanied by a brisk wind that made it seem much colder than it was. Both times, there were several people visiting the site. Granted few tarried very long outside, but most all of them stopped long enough on the way out to leave a donation.

It made me wonder just how many people were stopping on pretty days. Another thing I noticed is that almost everytime I drive by, I see trucks (18 wheelers) stopped there. You know that these truck drivers have a schedule to keep. Some of them I talked to said they stop by frequently.



A volunteer from Pampa and a truck driver enjoy the exhibit of the "Shroud Of Turin" at the inside display area.

"My job doesn't always find me near a church on Sunday morning," said one man. "I kind of use this place as my own private place to pray and meditate."

Another driver commented, "It is a peaceful break to stop here. I would rather get out and walk among the statues as to get out on the side of the road somewhere."

It really makes me

proud to see such a positive event taking place in our own backyard. Most people that I have spoken with are just in awe of the cross and the grounds. It renews my excitement about the whole thing!

If you have become used to seeing it, go out some afternoon and visit with the folks who stop by! Perhaps, you will see what I mean!

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KayLynn Britten



April Burton

## Seniors End Show Careers

Several Groom 4-Hers and FFAers completed their stock showing season with the Houston Stock Show earlier this month.

Senior April Burton completed a long and productive career at Houston.

"I have truly learned a lot from my years of showing cattle. Responsibility to myself, my animals and my family have been the

greatest lessons. When I gave up sports a couple of years ago to continue my showing career, it was a very difficult decision. Every day of the year with the exception of show days, raising animals can be a lonely business. There are no pep rallies, no crowd of fans cheering you on. But when you know you have done the best you can do with your animals and your showing ability it makes

it all worthwhile.

Earning recognition for being in the 'Top Ten of Texas' the last two years has been a highlight of my career. While it saddens me to realize that this part of my life is over, I know that the life lessons it has taught me will go forward with me in everything I do."

KayLynn Britten also ended her showing career at Houston. KayLynn began showing lambs as a young 4-Her. In her career she has showed not only lambs but pigs and steers as well. As someone who has grown up on a farm, KayLynn stated that it has taught her to respect the diversity in each type animal.

I have learned a lot about how the market demands affect the type of animals that we show. It is a great responsibility to care for any animal. They have to be taken care of no matter how hectic your schedule. I have a greater appreciation for the responsibility that rests on the shoulders of ranchers like my father

that have this job year in and year out.

I have also learned to meet people who have much different lifestyles than me and find the common thread that binds us together," commented Britten.

Both girls have dared to tread in a traditionally male activity and come away with good feelings.

"There are more and more girls getting involved," stated Burton. "I was always treated with equality and respect."

"Women have always played a big role in farming and ranching," said Britten. "4-H and FFA have a tremendous amount to offer anyone who is interested in building their self esteem in a variety of activities, only a few of which involves actual farming

or ranching."

Results from the Houston show are as follows: Kori Brown placed 1st in class with her Angus heifer. April Burton placed 9th with her light weight steer. KayLynn Britten's pig earned a 23rd slot, and Dara Whatley placed 9th with her heavy weight steer. Also competing were Cody Britten, and Justin Homen.

## Happenings...

Visiting in the home of Bill and Norma Jean Homer this past week were Jeannette Blackwell of Woodstock, Georgia, Mary Jo and Daniel Schacher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi Jo, and Justin of Lazbuddie, Travis Homer of Amarillo, and Joannie Kling, Tiffani and Cody of Groom.

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# Watch For Cut Worms In Wheat

## Largest Egg Hunt To Be Held At The Discovery Center In Amarillo

Spring Eggstravaganza, hosted by the Son Arrington Discovery Center will take place April 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Back by popular demand the Discovery Center invites children ages two through eight to participate in Amarillo's biggest egg hunt. In addition to age specific hunts on the outside grounds, families can enjoy a variety of fun and eggciting activities including Science, Eggsperiments, Egg Toss, Bunny Hop, BunyCrawl to the-Stars, and craft activities such as: Bunny Ears, Bunny Face, Baby Chicks and Easter nests.

Eggs filled with suprisers will cover the north lawn of the Discovery Center for each scheduled hunt. Egg hunts begin at 10:00 a.m. with the seven and eight year olds. Ages five and six start at 10:30 a.m., three and four year olds at 11:00 a.m. and two year olds at 11:30 a.m. One make-up egg hunt will be available at noon.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a special breakfast event prior to the hunts, will be available for an additional \$3. The Mad Hatter's Tea Party is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and includes breakfast, costume characters and activities. Seating is limited to the first 100 children and tickets can be purchased in the Discovery Center Gift Shop.

A ten speed bike, donated by Chick-Fil-A, will be a door prize the day of the event. Interested parties can enter the drawing by filling out the stub on the admission ticket. Contributors include: Chick-Fil-A, Once Upon a Child, United Supermarkets, Sir Speedy Printing, First National Bank, KGNC, KVIII, M & M / MARS, Nestle, Blue Bunny Ice Cream and Pepsi.

Discounted tickets can be purchased at the Discovery Center Gift Shop beginning March 3. Ticket prices are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members in advance and \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members if purchased the day of the event. Gift Shop hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Gift shop is closed on Monday. For further information, contact Julie at 355-9548 ext. 20.

Local entomologists are asking area alfalfa and wheat producers to watch for army cutworms. The pests have been identified as infesting alfalfa and wheat in Kansas. Causing some damage, especially in alfalfa.

According to Dr. Carl Patrick, entomologist Extension Service in Amarillo, the army cutworm is a sporadic pest of alfalfa and wheat in the Texas Panhandle. Occasional heavy infestations can cause considerable damage to both of these crops.

Farmers should be aware that cutworms lay eggs and hatch offspring in the fall. This species will feed periodically as temperatures allow during the winter. And, given the

type of winter, the worms can be quite large by February and March, and be most damaging.

"Mature larvae can attain lengths of 1 1/2 to 2 inches," Patrick said. The cutworms are greenish-brown or greenish-gray, and have a narrow pale stripe down the full length of their body.

Although true cutworms, they feed on foliage much like armyworms. During sunny days they will be under debris or slightly underneath the soil surface. Their presence will be obvious on plants during overcast days and at night when temperatures are above freezing, said Jody Bradford, Carson County Extension Agent.

"Fortunately, there is only one generation per year," said Patrick, however, these worms

could cause damage over the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Insecticide applications are justified when four-to-five army cutworms per square foot are causing visible damage in well-established alfalfa or wheat. In poor, thin stands of wheat or seedling alfalfa--the economic threshold should be dropped to two per square foot.

"During outbreak years, its not uncommon to find 10 to 20 army cutworm per square foot" said Patrick.

Effective treatments for wheat are Kerate and Lorsban 4E SG, and alfalfa producers can select from Karate, Lorsban, Pounce, Ambush, or Baythroid insecticides.

"The cutworm moths, also called 'Millers' can be a real nuisance in April and

early May before flying away from this area," Patrick added.



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## SETTING THE FACTS STRAIGHT...

I want to thank all of the citizens of Carson County who supported me in the recent primary election. Even though I ran unopposed, as did the other Democratic candidates, your support is appreciated.

When I was first elected judge in 1983, I ran a clean race. I will run an honorable race in 1998. Throughout the primary campaign I have been called a "rascal." "a tax and spend democrat," and a political appointee. Nonsense. These buzzwords and scare tactics were used to mischaracterize the truth and win votes.

I am a conservative person and always have been. I have taken a conservative approach to the office I hold; however, I try to remain open-minded, flexible and innovative. This blend has proven successful. As a result, Carson County is stronger and more stable than ever.

During the primary election campaign, numerous misleading, and even some untrue, statements were made about the operation and personnel of Carson County. Needless to say, several county personnel, including myself, were disturbed about the remarks. Now that the primary is over, I would like to present to you, the citizens of Carson County, factual information concerning your county government. We are all entitled to the truth.

- I was elected judge of Carson County through a contested race. I was sworn into office in 1983.
- In 1995 the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association listed Carson County as a county with one of the lowest tax rates in the state. Out of 254 counties in Texas, Carson ranked 206. Our rates have decreased since 1995, not increased; therefore, our rank is most likely lower now.
- The county is in excellent financial condition through the practice of conservative management of funds.
- Concerning qualifications, I have a Bachelor of Science degree, a Master of Education degree and an administrative certification; over 300 hours of concentrated education in the judiciary, including probate, guardianships, juvenile, criminal, and civil law; and most importantly, fifteen years of experience in the judiciary and county government.
- I do not receive a meal allowance. I only receive reimbursement for meals when out of the county on county business and this time spent out of the county is rare. This is true for all county officials.
- In reference to the current year's "budget deficit," we are proposing to construct a new branch library in White Deer which we feel will be a valuable asset to the citizens of White Deer. Part of the expense (\$45,000) was reflected in this year's



budget. The commissioners' court was fully aware that this would cause a \$20,000 reduction in the reserve fund. After completion of the library, the reduction would not appear in future budgets. Bottom Line: We are using a very small part of our reserve fund for much needed capital improvements so that we will not need to increase the tax rate of our residents.

- Carson County officials practice sound, conservative budget control. This has been my philosophy since I stepped through the doors of this office. We have a full time auditor and we also have a regular outside auditing service which audits county offices. Our funds and expenditures are scrutinized closely. That is how it should be.
- In reference to conferences, accountability has long been an issue for professional people. The public has demanded it. County officials are required by the state of Texas to attend educational meetings/conferences to obtain a required number of credit hours to maintain certification. Failure to do this could result in removal from office due to incompetence or negligence. Because the laws and policies of Texas constantly change, your county employees must stay abreast of these changes. That is one reason Carson County is on the cutting edge.
- Carson County officials carry out their duties with honor and capability. We employ the most qualified people. Lately, a small, but vocal, minority has attacked the personnel of Carson County. This attack is unfounded. This attack is resented by myself and the employees of Carson County.

- It has been suggested that Carson County should set salaries to be in line with adjoining counties. The average annual salary for elected and appointed officials in the four adjoining counties (based on 1996 Texas Associations of Counties' survey and including the recent supplement from the State of Texas for several levels of judges) is \$33,138.35. Carson County's average for the same officials is \$29,213.50. Therefore, Carson County's average is \$3,984.85 lower than the average of the four adjoining counties. Although we appreciate the compliments, we do not see a need at this time to increase our salaries to match that of the four surrounding counties' average.
- The average of the county judges' salary in the four adjoining counties is \$48,603. Carson County judge's salary totals \$43,725; therefore, Carson County judge's salary is \$4,878 less than the average of the judges of the four surrounding counties.
- The law enforcement budget of Carson County is almost \$500,000 per year. We have a responsible, conscientious sheriff who supervises ten employees (five deputies, one secretary, and four jailers/dispatchers). We provide reliable transportation, education, and equipment. The expenditures are made considering the available revenue.
- Carson County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. As such, Carson County is obligated to carry out the will of the State of Texas. We must do this within a framework of state and federal rules, regulations, and laws. People who think they would do things to the contrary could be violating the law and failing in their duties to the taxpayer. Such a person should run for a position in the legislature, where the rules, regulations, and laws are made. County officials enforce the laws as set forth by the state of Texas.

Here are the hard facts. You have heard the tales of the past weeks. You are now the judge. Decide for yourself based upon the facts presented. If you have any questions, please come and see me. My door is always open.

Thank you for your attention. I would appreciate your vote on November 3, 1998.

Judge Jay Bob Roselius



**City** ..... as payment in full, since he had paid the original balance as well as part of the late charges. No action was taken on land acquisition. No action was taken concerning a question raised on the penalty amount on waterbills. In other business: the council agreed to take \$40,000. from the general fund and purchase a certificate of deposit.

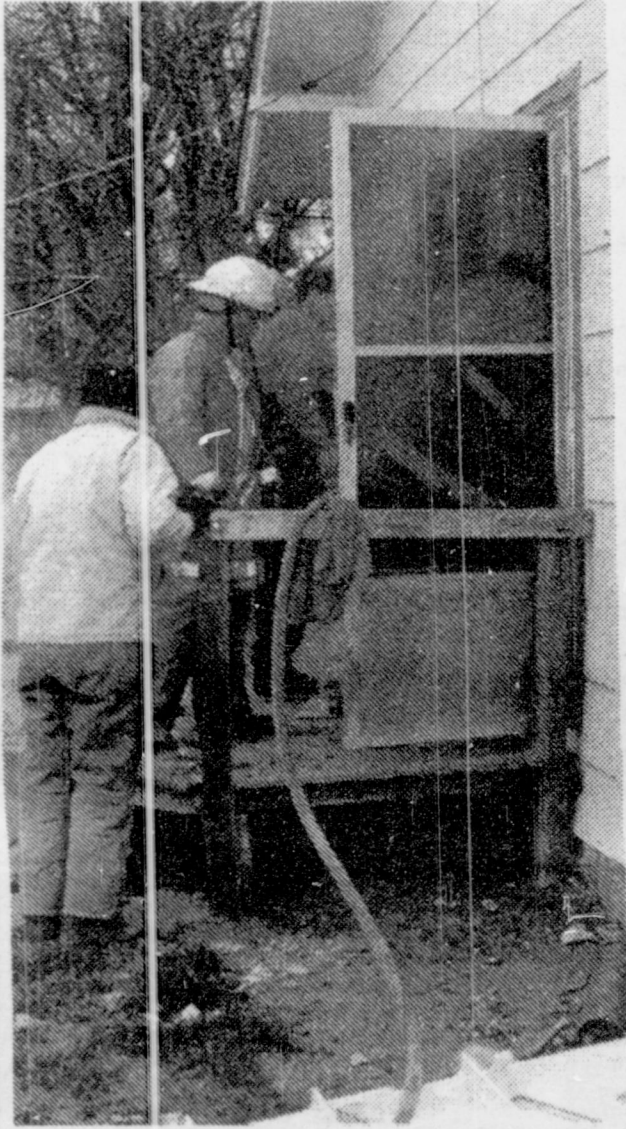
Jay Lamb reported on the financial statement of the Groom Volunteer Ambulance Department. The Service had a fund balance of \$4,174.93 at the end of the fiscal year.

Flora Glynn Hammers was appointed as election judge, for the May 2 election. Mary Sue Lyles will be the absentee judge.

Louis Leven was

named city building replacement for the 1985 inspector. The council instructed Major Joe Homer to begin searching for a pickup used by the water department. \$8000.00 has been allocated for this purpose.

A lease agreement was approved with Columbia for rental of the clinic space at the rear of the community center for a fee of \$600 per month from January 2, 1998 to January 3, 1999.



Smoke is the biggest problem faced by firefighters on this day. Lewis Leven and Tony Treadwell were just a few of the volunteers who turned out to offer assistance during the mid-morning blaze.



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# The McLean News



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## McLean City Council Discusses Landfill Needs

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Tuesday, March 10, 1998 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by San Haynes at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Gordon Shepler, Bob Martin, Sam Haynes, and Charles McClendon. Mary Dwyer and Ford Smith Jr. was absent.

Others present: Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Alan Preen, Rick Harris, John Griffin, Ann Pierce, Neal Odom, and Jane Pierce.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Discussion was held on the landfill. Supt. Smith informed the council that a methane sniffer was needed at the landfill and

the cost would be approximately \$2600.00.

After some discussion concerning the old hospital building, it was decided by the council to allow the McLean EDC to advertise the building for lease to try and bring in new business.

Discussions was also held on property in town that needs cleaning up. It was decided to make a list of the properties and to put it on next months agenda.

Superintendent Smith gave the council a brief outline on each employee's job description. He also told the council that one of the employees was interested in becoming certified for an animal control officer. The council asked Supt. Smith to find out what it would take to become certified in this area and to bring the information to next

month's meeting. Supt. Smith informed the council that Jackie Hembree had obtained his Grade D water license and was now entitled to an increase of \$50.00 a month.

Neal Odom, a member of the McLean School Board addressed the council about the City property that is adjacent to the school's gymnasium. The school district is interested in purchasing this property to build a new gymnasium on. He told the council that he was aware that the city had a well on that property and he assured the council that the school would leave plenty of room surrounding the well for the city to be able to maintain it. The council voted to donate the property to the McLean Ind. School District, if

See Council, pg. 10

## The Mertels Named King & Queen Of National Honor Society Ball

By Moriah McCracken  
MHS Tiger Rag Staff

The music was playing, the candles were lit, and the food was waiting. The first annual National Honor Society Ball was about to begin. The guests began to arrive one by one, and the small but intimate crowd began dancing the night away.

"Not as many people were able to make it as we had originally hoped, but we really feel that those who came had a good time," said Sponsor Linda Haynes.

The air was filled with music from the past - The Ink Spots, Bob Wills, The Beach Boys, Willie Nelson and even

See Ball, pg. 10



## Board Votes To Proceed With Phase I, New Gym

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met in a special session at 6:00 p.m. on March 11, 1998. Board members present were Jay Dee Fish, Bob Glass, Don Dorsey, Billie Ward, Neal Odom, John Holland, and Eugene Galley. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent; Pam Crockett, secretary; Greg and Cledon Billington of CIB, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by President, Jay Dee Fish. Opening prayer was led by John Holland.

Motion was made by Neal Odom, second by

Billie Ward to gratefully accept the land donated by the City of McLean, and to accept their terms of McLean ISD paying for attorneys' fees, closing costs, and that the City will retain the water rights and easement rights to the water well. Vote was unanimous.

Neal Odom made a motion to proceed with Phase I of the new gym construction plans; second by Billie Ward. Vote was unanimous.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

The Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 16th, at 6:00 p.m.

### McLean Reminders...

GIRL SCOUT cookies are available at the bank.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet at Lovett Memorial Library on Thursday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.

McLEAN SCHOOL Board ballot position drawing, for the May 2 school board election, will be Thursday, March 19, at 10 am in the McLean ISD Business Office.

DEVIL'S ROPE Museum will help you advertise a spring garage sale if you schedule it for April 17 & 18 during the barbed wire show. Contact us at 100 Kingsley or call 779-2225.



## Former Resident, West Point Recruiter, Visits Area

Last Thursday, March 12, former McLean resident, Jamie Barker was in Amarillo to help recruit for West Point, where she is about to complete here sophomore year. Jamie attends West

Point on a tennis scholarship, and plays doubles and singles for the West Point women's tennis team.

Jamie is soon to go to Korea for a month as part of her West Point

training.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker

of Amarillo and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barker of McLean.



**McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**  
 March 19 - Mildred Hill, Walt Bailey, Jennifer Barker, Mike Bybee, Raymond C. Baker.  
 March 20 -  
 March 21 - Linda Haynes.  
 March 22 -  
 March 23 - Claire McDowell, Lexie Simmons.  
 March 24 -  
 March 25 - Samantha Jo Brown, Brian Fuller, Betty Tate, Tincy Gideon.

**Miss Irish Rose Pageant**  
 Jennifer Barker, a senior at McLean High School, and Rebecca Hembree, a junior at McLean High School, were both named to the top eight in the 52nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Miss Irish Rose Pageant. Jennifer is the daughter of Cas Dale and Rita Barker. Rebecca is the daughter of Jerry and Brenda Hembree. Congratulations!

**Correction!**  
 We are so sorry we placed the wrong names under last week's pictures of Erik Vega and Walter Staton. Please accept our sincere apologies. Sometimes in the rush of deadline we don't check carefully enough! We hope you understand.

**McLean Little Dribblers Defeated By Miami, 25-24**

In the 5th and 6th grade girls little dribblers division, McLean was narrowly defeated 25-24 by Miami, coach Kathy Hembree reported. Sarai Sawyer and Kendall Newton each scored 6; Jami Seitz and Jennifer Greer put in 4 apiece; an Jessica Kemp scored 2 points. The tournament that was scheduled for this weekend has been postponed until April 23 and 24th.



Most dolphins live in the ocean, but the Amazon River dolphin and the Ganges River dolphin dwell in fresh water.

**Alanreed News**

By Lena Carter  
 Faye Connor of Junction was here Friday and Nell Keese went home with her for a follow up check on her recent eye surgery.

Lean Carter, Shirley Armbrister and Cathy Dorsey attended election school at Pampa Thursday evening.

First Baptist Church suffered quite a bit of roof damage in Saturday nights storm. There were no services Sunday due to the weather.

Jack Walker, former longtime resident, was buried here in the Alanreed Cemetery on Tuesday.

Bad weather put a severe glitch in the local archery shoot this past week, but watch for the next one.

Vonnie Bible was in Shamrock on Tuesday for medical attention.

**I Remember When... The Fly Drive**

By Delbert Trew  
 Wheat harvest time in the early 1940's brought many changes to the Trew Farm located south of Perryton, Texas. Equipment was repaired, extra fuel purchased, and the bunkhouse began to fill with harvest hands.

Preparing meals for the crew was a big job, so Mother always hired neighboring high school girls to help her cook and serve. My little brother and I were too small to work in the field so we stood by ready to help when needed.

Hard times, brought on by the recent Dust Bowl and Great Depression, left most homes in the area suffering from neglect. Worn out window screens and screen doors allowed the pesky house fly to invade within. This problem was countered by creating the "fly drive." My brother and I looked forward to Mother's call just before each meal.

The harvest table was set by placing the silverware first and turning the plate upside down over it for protection. Coffee mugs were also upended. Dish-cloths were spread over all prepared food. When the men arrived to wash up, Mother said,

"Get the towels. Let's chase flies." While she propped the back door open with a brick, we all took dish towels in each hand and headed for the back rooms of the house.

The fly drive was the only time we were allowed to run, jump, yell, and cavort inside the house so we took advantage of this privilege. We waved our towels frantically, yelled and screamed, jumping and plunging like wild horses. Our excitement increased as we moved through the house driving Mr. Fly before us.

The climax came as

we met at the door laughing, pushing, and popping each other with the dish cloths. We could get by with popping Mother if it wasn't too hard. The fly drive chore ended as the hungry men came in to eat. At each meal, a lesson in patience was taught as we watched the men eat first and awaited our turn at the second table.

Although modern times have eliminated the old time wheat harvests and the fly drives, they will always remain pleasant memories from my childhood.

**Obituaries**

**Betty McCurley**  
 Betty McCurley, 86, died March 9, 1998. Services were Thursday, March 12, 1998 in the McLean United Methodist Church with Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. McCurley was born July 18, 1911 in Elida Roosevelt County, New Mexico. She moved with her family in 1927 to Foard County, Texas. She married C.H. "Hack" McCurley on October 31, 1929 in Altus, Oklahoma. They moved to McLean in 1930 where they farmed until Mr. McCurley's death in 1970. Mrs. McCurley worked for the McLean School District and the Marie


Foundations before retiring in 1975. She

made her home at 420 Grove in McLean where she was active in the Wesley Adult Bible Class of the United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, an infant daughter and a son Charles McCurley.

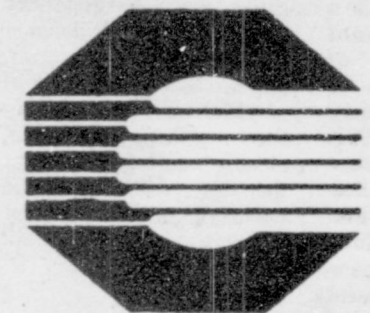
Survivors include one son, Paul McCurley of Kingston, Oklahoma; four daughters, Texetta Tarbet of Shamrock, Martha Bailey of McLean, Lynda Butt of Clayton, New Mexico, and Barbara Schneider of Canyon; one sister, Jewell McCurley of McLean; 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Thanks to the Board of Directors and the many friends who attended the reception. It was a wonderful affair. Thanks, and I appreciate it very much.  
 F.J. Hess



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## Hess Honored With Retirement Party By Museum Board

On March 15, 1998 F.J. Hess was honored at the McLean Alanreed Area Museum with a Retirement Party by the Board of Directors. A refreshment table made festive with a bouquet of spring flowers and punch bowl with cookies made the occasion extra special.

Delbert Trew presented a tribute of praise to Mr. Hess for his many years of service. Included in the tribute was a recalling of his attending Texas A&M, serving in the Army, retiring as a Captain, and his production of registered Herefords. His animals were sold all over the world and he served as

president of many Hereford organizations including President of the American Hereford Association.

Many friends came to the museum to honor him. Members of the board attending were Loyce Murray, Lynn Reeves, Fayette Bell Barton, Delbert and Ruth Trew, Marjorie Fish, Zeld McClellan, Dick and Pam Crockett, Lavern Back, Mary Powell and Ruth Magee.

F.J. and Leta Mae Hess along with several members of their family and a host of friends enjoyed the event. A gift certificate from Wayne's Western Wear was given to him by the museum.

## McLean Care Center News

Saturday morning, residents enjoyed visiting in the Chat Group then played Bean Bag Toss. In the afternoon, almost all the residents were able to participate in the February birthday party. Residents enjoyed playing by Norma Curry.

On Sunday, 21 residents attended Sunday School. That afternoon, the Baptist Church came for the worship service. Those residents attending were Lillie Billingsley, Don York, Emma Graham, Pansy Mounce, Dovie Simmons, Vernee Bowling, Lopez Hauck, Ruby Ayers, Thelma Finson, Marjorie Turnage, Phyllis Bailey, Ora Billingsley, Dorothy Patterson, Jessie Watson, Pat Seymour, Varnie Lowe, Truman Goodlett, Thelma Hopkins, Mable Dickey, Jesse Coleman, and Polly Burnett.

Monday residents got together to make the name tags for St. Patrick's Day decorations. In the afternoon Teresa Richardson, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Dovie Simmons, Dick Wheeler, Ruby Ayers, James Throckmorton, Vernee Bowling, Ora Billingsley, Don York, Thelma Finson, Jessie Watson, Lopez Hauck and Varnie Lowe enjoyed Bingo.

Tuesday morning began with a new activity we call "Special Moments." Later in the morning, Dorothy Patterson Dovie

Simmons, Duella Beverly, Don York, Emma Graham, James Throckmorton, Hadda Moore, Thelma Finson, and Florence Drake gathered in the sun room for a game of Beach Ball Kick. In the afternoon residents gathered for dominos or crafts.

Wednesday Morning Circle started off nicely with residents enjoying girl scout cookies. Then they moved over to watch the "Price Is Right" followed by a game of Bean Bag Toss. In the afternoon residents gathered to watch another "Ma & Pa Kettle" movie that they enjoyed. Those watching were Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Lula Sheegog, Vernee Bowling, Don York, James Throckmorton, Hadda Moore, Versie Collie, Thelma Finson and Dovie Simmons.

Beach Ball Kick was enjoyed by many on Thursday morning. Those attending were James Throckmorton, Jesse Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Hadda Moore, Vernee Bowling Dovie Simmons, Phyllis Bailey, Thelma Hopkins, Duella Beverly, Joe Taylor, Don York, Emma Graham, Florence Drake, Thelma Finson, and Dorothy Patterson. In the afternoon many enjoyed a Care Center favorite of Bingo.

On Friday, the morning began with another

session of "Special Moments." Afterwards, residents gathered for their Reminisce gathering. Residents enjoyed visiting about Easter. In the afternoon they gathered for dominos and crafts.

### Baby Shower Held

Shawn Bybee and Juliana Burnett were honored Monday, March 16th with a baby shower in the home of Mrs. Vonda Avarett.

Guests braved the rain and snow to enjoy visiting and refreshments.

Pastel streamers and balloons decorated the living room and refreshment tables, from which was served an array of fruits with dip, chocolate suckers, chocolate mints, punch and a cake decorated like quilt squares with chocolate mints shaped like bears, safety pins and hearts adorning it.

Those attending were Pat Bailey, Pam Crockett, Donna Burnett, Heidi Gamble, Linda McDonald, Juliana Burnett, Dixie Burroughs, Shawn Bybee, Dixie Jo Crockett, Deanna McClendon, Marye Thomas, Cassie Jones, Kristie Crockett, Vonda

### You May Be Over The Hill . . .

By Lena Carter

If you went into a "Mom & Pop" store and bought candies 2 and 3 for a penny, or a large peppermint stick for 5 or 10 cents.

You learned your ABC's from poster cards and a large chart the teacher used a pointer on the words.

It took fifteen yards of percale to make a dress, so Dad bought it by the bolt on his annual trip to the nearest big city for supplies.

You were host to a traveler and evangelist and got to board and bed him.

Mama bought a hat frame that she covered with organdy to match your best dress, also organdy.

You used a "button hook" to fasten your Sunday shoes.

Honey came in gallon buckets (tin) which sold for about \$1.00.

Mom made kraut in a five gallon keg and it was hard to wait till it ripened.

Avarett, Sonie Bybee, Renea Chambers, and Teddy Sage.

Entertainment was provided by Derek Jones.

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## McLean Fourth Six Weeks Honor Roll

90 And Above  
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2nd Grade: Travis Fish, Kristen Odum, Mark Smith, Lacey

Wallis, Loucious Webb.  
3rd Grade: Erin Bailey, Michael Doniz, Courtney Hickman, Tamara Loya, Shelby Terry.  
4th Grade: Russel Anglin, Talitha Newton, Justin Wehrenberg.  
5th Grade: Valorie Bradley, Ashley McClendon, Zane

Richardson, Mitchel Steward.  
6th Grade: Jennifer Greer, Sarai Sawyer.  
7th Grade: Katrina Routon.  
80 And Above  
1st Grade: Tobey Focken, Suzanne Howard, Evan McMordie, Kortney Smith, Ben Thompson.  
2nd Grade: Jacob

Connors, Kristen Ellis, Stephanie Henson, Matthew Jeffries, Zachary Richardson, Logan Sparling, Catherine Thompson.  
3rd Grade: Seth Childers, John Haynes, Evan Patterson, Anthony Ruiz, Brooke Seymour.  
4th Grade: Ashley Love, Kevin Smith.  
5th Grade: Skyler Ferguson, Bryan Graybeal, Tyler Hanes, Felecia Hankins, Allison Hill, Antonio Montoya.  
6th Grade: D.J. Graybeal, Jaci Grigsby, Kendall Newton, Traci Rigsby, Jami Seitz, Delinda Simpson, Jay Wallis.  
7th Grade: Drew Barker, Robert Brass, Trent Cadra, Matthew Guitierrez, Jeffrey Lee, Joshua Seymour, Jennifer Smith, Shaley Steel.



Six is a perfect number: the sum of its whole divisors (1, 2 and 3) is itself.

## McLean Church Directory

Assembly Of God 4th & Main  
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Sunday School all ages 9:45am  
Worship & Children's Church 10:45 am  
Worship 6:00 pm Wed. Bible Study & Youth Service 7:00 pm

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon

779-2548  
Sunday Bible School 10 am  
Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st

Pastor James Martindale 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm  
Sun. Youth Bible Study 5 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray

Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 779-2337  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm  
Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm  
Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church

Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce

James Mantooth 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

# THANK YOU...

to my family and friends for all the many hours spent working on my campaign

to my treasurer

to all who contributed financially  
to all who offered words of support and encouragement

to all who voted for me for County Clerk in the Republican Primary on March 10<sup>th</sup>

I offer my sincere gratitude.

*Susan Winborne*  
**Susan Winborne**

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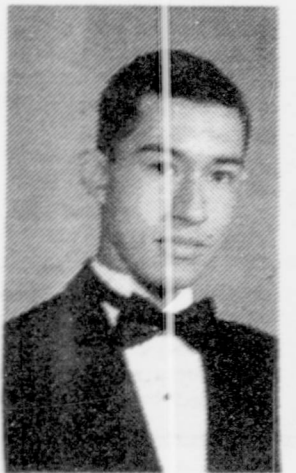
# McCracken, Albus Named "Most Likely To Succeed"



Moriah McCracken



Anthony Albus



Erik Vega



Lorin Hall

## All-School Favorites

By Moriah McCracken  
MHS Tiger Rag Staff  
Seniors Anthony Albus and Moriah McCracken were chosen in all-school favorites elections as Most Likely to Succeed on March 6. The students were chosen because they had demonstrated a commitment to their futures. Seniors Erik Vega and Lorin Hall were chosen as first runners-up.

Albus is the 17 year-old son of Gary and Cheryl McFall. He has been active in MHS as a member of the football,

basketball, golf, cross country, track and tennis teams. He is currently president of the FFA and a member of the Tiger Choir. He has participated in livestock judging and stock show competition as a member of the FFA. He was a Special Olympics Basketball coach in Pampa. He has been chosen as Most Witty of his class for three years and has served as Vice-President. He was a captain of the football and basketball teams and was chosen as All-Star Alternate football player

and Second Team All-District in basketball. Albus is currently working as a model through the Diane Dick Agency in Amarillo. He has participated in floor shows for Cavender's Boot City and The Buckle. He will be traveling to New York in July to attend the International Model and Talent Association convention. He plans to attend Clarendon College for two years to complete his basic courses and then to Tarleton in Stephenville to pursue a degree in Wildlife Management to become a game warden.

McCracken is the 18 year-old daughter of Roger and Janet McCracken. She is the yearbook editor for the second year and is also a three year member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in the Miss McLean pageant for four years and been a member of the pep club and drama club for three years. She is an active participant in UIL Ready Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing and Extemporaneous Speaking. She has been to Regional competition for two years in Ready Writing, Feature Writing and Editorial Writing, and last spring she attended the UIL State competition in Ready Writing.

McCracken has maintained a 98 grade-point average for the past three years and has received top honors in her classes. She is the Daughter of the American Revolution Good Citizen, Lion's Club Sweetheart, a member of the Region XVI Gifted and Talented Committee and a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. She will represent the McLean Lion's Club in the Miss Irish Rose competition this weekend. McCracken plans to attend the University of Texas of the Permian Basin this fall and pursue a Master's degree in

English before attending law school to become a litigation attorney.

Vega is the 17 year-old son of Cristobal and Raquel Vega. He has been active in football, basketball, and track all four years of high school. He was chosen Mr. MHS, as an 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 Second Team All-District in basketball. 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 the 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.

Hall is the 18 year-old daughter of David and Terri Hall. She has been active in MHS as a Tiger Cheerleader, Yearbook staff member, Drama member and was Miss McLean 1997. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years and has served as secretary/treasurer for the 1997-1998 school year. This summer she attended National Leadership Camp in Castine, Maine. She has served as class secretary for two years. She has been chosen as Most Beautiful of her class and was named Harvest Queen as a Freshman. She has participated in UIL journalism events and Computer Applications. She was a participant in the Miss Irish Rose pageant last year and made the Top 12. Hall has competed in advanced gymnastic competition. She is a member of the Flippin' Farm and a certified judge. She has been a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students and received academic excellence awards. She has been a member of the basketball and tennis teams. Hall plans to attend Texas Tech this fall and pursue a degree in broadcasting.

# Crocketts To Be Part Of Good Morning America

The nationally televised morning show "Good Morning America" sent a crew, last Thursday, to McLean to interview Dixie Jo and David Crockett as part of their segment on tornado awareness; which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

"Good Morning America" became interested in Mr. and Mrs. Crockett after learning from the

## Council

they would pay all attorney fees concerning the transfer and that we would retain all water rights.

The council asked Supt. Smith to put new swings in the city park, to fix the basketball backboards and to check into prices for material to go across the chain fence at the tennis courts by the next meeting.

It was decided by the council to place ads in the papers for bids on a new pick up for the city.

Discussion was held concerning garbage pick up within the city limits of McLean. If a citizen lives within the city limits, the city is required by law to pick up the garbage and the citizen is required to pay the garbage fee.

It was voted on by the council to put \$1000.00 a month from the General Fund into the Financial Assurance Fund required for the landfill.

The mayor called for an executive session at 7:59 p.m.

Discussion was held concerning a city attorney.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:09 p.m. No action was taken.

The council voted to pay the current bills, and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

National Storm Research Center that the Crockett's had been hit by a tornado not once, but twice.

"They mainly wanted to know if we felt there was a difference in how the public was alerted to impending severe weather now compared to years ago. We think it's definitely better now," said Dixie Jo.

The Crockett's were first hit April 18, 1970 and the second time was June 8, 1995.

This segment is set to air on GMA on Tuesday, March 24th.

## Ball

Some Diana Ross and the Supremes. The couples danced, talked, ate and watched as couples danced so well that the teenagers were jealous.

"The best part of the night was the surprised look of Johnny and Colleen Mertel when we announced that they were our Ball King and Queen," said Sophomore Jessica Fleming. "They truly are a romantic couple. It was nice to see a couple who has been together and can still go out and dance."

"It was really neat to see all of those couples together. I think the best part was seeing some of the Senior girls dance with their fathers. I never thought that the generation gap would be crossed until we played a song we all listen to, and the adults came out and danced with us," said Sophomore Brian Fuller.

Soon, the night began to slip away and before the couples realized the late hour, the last song was played, the food was sent home, the decorations came down, and a few memories were made.



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### 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.

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##### Co. Judge

Democrat:  
Jay Roselius  
Republican:  
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  
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