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Top Ranked "Power Team" Wows Students At McLean

The Power Team was in McLean on March 25, 1999 for a performance in the school gym. The Ministerial Alliance along with the school system brought the Power Team to McLean from Pampa where they have been performing at the Calvary Baptist Church.

The Power Team is ranked as one of the top school assemblies in the nation. They bring a message of hope to kids from elementary school to high school. The Power Team tackles the tough issues of drugs and alcohol, teenage pregnancy, suicide and the importance of high academic standards.

The Power team was founded in 1981 by the Reverend John Jacobs and is based out of

Dallas, Texas. The team consists of twenty-five world class athletes who utilize their skills to demonstrate the world's greatest show of strength, power and speed declaring a positive message of hope and personal achievement.

Guy Earle, a member of the Power Team, stands 6'7" and weighs 330 pounds. Guy played five years of professional football for the Washington Redskins and the Houston Oilers. He has a bachelor's degree from Chadron State College, where he was named All American in football. He can bench-press 500 pounds.

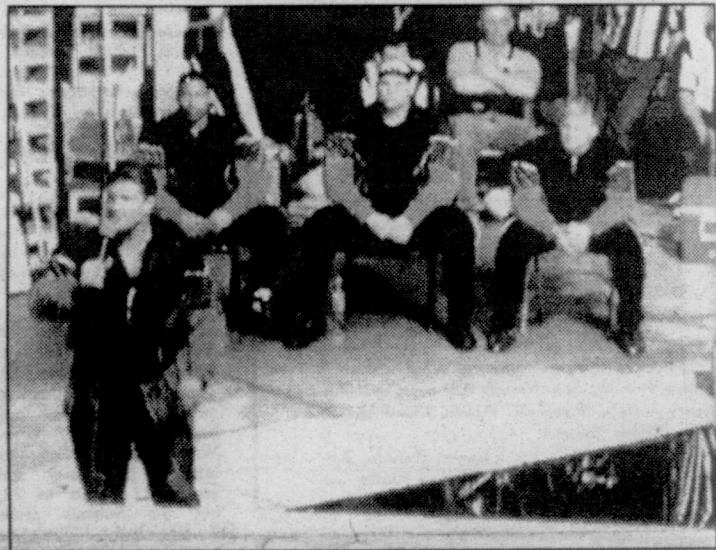
Tim Spigner, also a member of the Power Team that performed in McLean, stands 6'3" and

weighs 266 pounds. Tim has played basketball and baseball and has a first degree brown belt in karate. He served in the Marine Corp and is completing his Bachelor's degree from Word Bible College. Tim can smash a wall of concrete three feet thick with one blow of his forearm.

Marc Wilkes, also on the team that performed in McLean, stands 6'1" and weighs 240 pounds. Marc played football and basketball and competed as a bodybuilder in Northwestern Ohio. Born deaf, he miraculously began to hear at age three. Marc can crush a five foot wall of ice with his skull.

The Power Team has

See Power Team, pg. 12



Mike Hagar addresses the McLean students while Tim Spigner, Guy Earl, and Marc Wilkes prepare to perform.

Jessica Fish Receives Houston Kudos

One member of the McLean FFA Chapter recently attended the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and participated in the Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Department.

Jessi Fish along with Jay Dee and Becky Fish and FFA Advisor Bill Layman spent three days in Houston taking part in the show.

The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Show is to encourage 4-H and FFA members to participate in a practical beef production program.

The students purchased and put on feed a pen of three steers in September and fed and cared for them for about 150 days, the steers are then taken to Houston to be graded as part of the contest.

There are four parts to the contest that the exhibitor can earn points towards their total score. The yield grade and quality grade assigned the steers by the three judge committee are 10% of the score. A detailed set of records that have been kept on the steers are

checked for accuracy and completeness and account for 25% of the total score. A quiz is taken by each student over their general knowledge of the cattle feeding industry, and accounts for 25% of the score. Also an oral interview is conducted by a committee that determines the exhibitors knowledge of their pen of steers, their performance, and the cattle business in general. This also is

25% of their score. Extra points are earned based on the steers cost of gain, average daily gain, and feed conversion ratio.

The cattle are sold at See Houston, pg. 12

Ford Withdraws From City Of McLean Race

Ford Smith, Jr. a candidate for an Alderman position on the McLean City Council has withdrawn his name from the race for personal reasons.

Places for position on the ballots were drawn and will be placed in the following order: Mayor, Charles McClendon. Aldermen, Ray Kirkland, Kendra Burchfield and Gordon Sheplor.

Places on the school board ballot will be as follows: Toni Bohlar, Jenny Everett, Cathy Hembree, Don Dorsey, and Billie Ward.

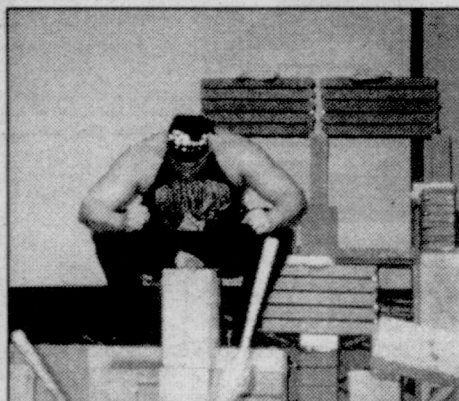
Elections will take place on May 1, 1999 at the Lovett Memorial Library. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Jessi Fish



Tim Spigner has no trouble breaking two baseball bats across his knee.



Guy Earl crushes two stacks of concrete blocks with his massive forearms.

McLean Reminders...

CITY HALL and the Library will be closed Friday, April 2nd.

KINDERGARTEN Pre-registration will be April 8 & 9, at 2:30 - 3:30.

CHILDREN'S Easter Parade, Saturday, April 3rd at 2:30 pm at the McLean Care Center.

MCLEAN'S Annual Easter Egg hunt, April 3rd, 10 am at McLean City Park. Ages: 0-4, 5-7, 8-9, 10-11 years. Two Golden eggs!

THERE WILL BE no school on Friday, April 2 or Monday, April 5.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet on April 1 at 2:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST Church will feature their Easter musical on Easter Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m.

REMEMBER TO Change your clocks, Sunday, April 4. Daylight Savings Time begins!

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 1 - Dick Thompson.
 Everett, Emma Jean April 5 - Brad
 McDonald. Dickey.
 April 2 - Wendi April 6 - Clyde
 Stump, Stephen McAnear, Brown.
 Rita Brown Crawford. April 7 - Margaret
 April 3 - Charles Milam, Pat Andrews,
 Williams, Cecil Back. Cozy Parson, Kendra
 April 4 - Connie Richardson.

Card Of Thanks

On behalf Of Ted & Sue Simmons,
 their children and grandchildren,
 we wish to extend a heartfelt
 "Thank You" for making our 50th
 Anniversary a
 beautiful memory.

Thank You

I would like to take this time to Thank everyone for their heart felt support and prayers after my recent accident. It has meant so much to me and my family. It's so comforting to me to know that we have so many dear friends that care, and I am so very grateful to you all. Again, Thank You and God Bless You All.

Larry, Brenda, Jay
 & Lacey Wallis



The McLean Feedyard Women's Basketball Team is pictured left to right: Carla Russell, Deanna Burkes, Leslie Darsey, Sheila McFaridge, Rose Steel, Julie Reynolds, Kim Cadra, Sally Seymour, Lacey Steel, Joetta Kirkland, and Cindy Bichsel. Not pictured were players Alicia Reynolds, Angie Billingsley, Sally Bohlar, Paula Waters, Karen Brass and Connie Nicklas.

Feedyard Women End Great Season

McLean Feedyard Women's basketball league had to end the season with a hard-to-swallow loss to Subway of Lefors. The team had a little trouble getting started and the score at the half was Subway 21, McLean 13. The defense held them to only one basket, as they began to look alive. With about 11 minutes left of play they had scored 21 points to 23, but the Subway team

became very physical. Lacey Steel made 2 points from a technical foul called. From there on out McLean kept getting called for fouls and they probably shot 90% on their free throws, which ended up beating the women from McLean Feedyard.

Everyone playing on the team hustled and put forth so much effort, but there were just too many turnovers.

After the game, the McLean women were

presented with a very nice plaque for finishing in 3rd place. The team was very proud of this accomplishment and truly

enjoyed the playing time together. Hopefully everyone will be back to play again and work toward becoming the new champions.

We would like to thank all the loyal fans and Neal Odom of McLean Feedyard, Inc. for sponsoring the team for the past two years.

Services Held For Beulah Hommel

Beulah E. Hommel, 98, of Amarillo, died Saturday, March 27, 1999.

Services were in McLean United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, and the Rev. Norman Grigsby, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Alanreed Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hommel was born in Charlotte, N.C. and moved to the Kelton and McLean community when she was young. She was a homemaker, a member of McLean United Methodist Church, and a rancher for over 50 years in Alanreed. She moved to Amarillo eighteen months ago.

Her husband, Ollie Hommel, died in 1984. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Miller, in 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, VonDell Grigsby of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Building Fund at McLean United Methodist Church.

Happy Easter



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 &
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Carol Carroll, L.V.N.
 Mon.-Fri.
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Judging Contest Held In Canyon For FFA

The members of FFA and Ag teacher Bill Layman traveled to West Texas A&M University in Canyon on Friday, March 26 to participate in Judging Contest.

Terrell Hembree, Nathaniel Roberts and Randy Floyd placed 4th in the Land team competition.

McLean Care Center

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon church services were attended by M.L. Turner, Jessie Watson, Florence Drake, Helen Simmons, Truman Goodlett, Sue Cubine, Vernee Bowling, Essie Knowles, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Phyllis Bailey, Polly Burnett, Thelma Finson, Dovie Simmons, Beryl Halbert, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Alexander Watkins, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Ora Billingsley, Johnnie Mertel, Boots Phillips, Pat Seymour, Gladys Andrews, Lillie Billingsley, Sylvia McClellan, Christine Shipley, Eula Morrow and Mable Dickey.

Monday morning was nail care for the residents. In the afternoon bingo was played followed by exercise. The residents enjoyed the bananas furnished by the Lions Club. Helpers were Betty Lowe and Betty Lopez.

Tuesday morning the residents attended the Church of Christ social. Refreshments were served to all. The ladies were much appreciated for their time and effort in preparing the social.

Wednesday morning was Wednesday Morning Circle. Residents played Charades and enjoyed banana pudding. In the afternoon was craft time.

Thursday residents played bingo in the afternoon. Betty Lowe came to volunteer her help.

Friday was care plan meetings, and nail care time. In the afternoon some watched a movie and had popcorn while others played dominos.

Saturday another movie was shown and enjoyed.

On Friday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. there will be an egg coloring session for the easter egg hunt later on in the afternoon. If anyone wishes to help, please contact Billie Kingston at 779-2469.

On Saturday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m. there will be a children's Easter Parade at the Care Center. Dress up your darlings and show them off to everyone at the Care Center.

Devil's Rope Museum Quilt Show Ends Sunday

The month-long quilt show at the Community room of the Devil's Rope Museum will conclude Sunday afternoon, April 4 from 1pm-4pm. A reception along with refreshments, will be held

all afternoon with prizes given for the three quilts that received the most votes from viewers. Also a raffle will be held before the quilts all come down to make the room available for the

upcoming barbed wire show to be held in the Community room April 15-17.

If you haven't yet viewed the quilts you are missing a real treat. Come cast your vote for

your favorite, buy your chance to win several quilt-related items, and enjoy refreshments and fellowship on Sunday afternoon. See you there!

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday April 4 Set Your Clocks!

17-4140 Notice of Election (2/92)
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, V.T.C.A., Election Code

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION _____)**

To the Registered Voters of MCLEAN, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del _____ Texas;)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on MAY 1

19 99, for voting in a TRUSTEE election, to elect (2) two full term trustees.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el _____ de _____

de 19 _____ para votar en la Elección para _____.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, McLEAN, TEXAS

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

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(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on APRIL 14, 1999

(date)

(entre las _____ de la mañana y las _____ de la tarde empezando el _____)

(fecha)

and ending on APRIL 27, 1999

(date)

(y terminando el _____)

(fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: *
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)

Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

MARGARET MILAM

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

P.O. BOX 90

(Address) (Dirección)

McLEAN, TX 79057

(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

APRIL 23, 1999

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 1st day of APRIL, 19 99

(Emitada este día _____ de _____, 19 _____.)

John W. Dupin
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

Obituary

W.A. Davis

W.A. "Ott" Davis, 90, died Saturday, March 27, 1999.

Services were in Heald United Methodist Church with Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis was born in Glen Rose. He was a farmer, rancher, carpenter and welder in the McLean area for the past 58 years and was a member of Heald United Methodist Church.

He married Opal Ernestine Sparlin in 1937 at Elk City, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Jacquelyn Younger of Amarillo, Jana Gay Davis of Canyon, and Rhonda Graham of McLean; a brother Bill Davis of Hereford; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be to Heald United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, c/o Mickey Jackson, McLean, TX 79057.

Golf Teams Travel To Memphis

In golf action, the high school teams traveled to Memphis on March 29.

The first team for the Lady Tigers consisted of Valerie Joiner, Cesity Cadra, Amanda Cline, Randi Riley and Teddra Simmons. They placed 1st in team competition.

Valerie Joiner placed 1st in individual play and



Amanda Cline & Rachel Galley

Coach Paul Waters reported that Vanessa Glass and Rachel Galley were named on the 1st Team in All-District for basketball. Amanda Cline was named to the second team. Rachel was also chosen to play in the Coaches 6-man North-South All-Star game. Vanessa was chosen as an alternate for this team.

Students Receive Trees To Plant

Shonda Meadows from Gray County Soil and Water Conservation was in McLean at the school on March 24 to talk to the first, second, and

fifth grade classes. Each student was presented with a Red Cedar tree to plant.

The fifth graders also participated in the Soil & Water Conservation poster contest. Talitha Newton placed first, Nicholas Odom placed second and Troy Jeffries placed third. Russell Anglin and Lindsey Ruiz both received Honorable Mention.

Talitha Newton also placed second in the Gray County competition. She was competing with over 500 other fifth graders.

Amanda Cline placed 3rd.

The first team for the Tigers consisted of Brett Montgomery, Josh Swafford, Brian Fuller, Aaron Rice, and Frankie Sparling. They placed 1st in team competition.

Brian Fuller placed 3rd in individual play.

Track-sters Compete At Miami Warrior Relays

The junior high and high school Tiger and Lady Tigers traveled to Miami on March 26 and 27 to compete in a track meet.

In Junior High competition, cubette Jamie Seitz placed 1st in the 400 meter hurdles.

In High School, Teddra Simmons placed 4th in the long jump and Annie Weaver placed 5th.

Austin Williams placed 3rd in the 100 meter dash.

Teddra Simmons, Austin Williams, Shannon Graybeal and Annie Weaver placed 3rd in the sprint relay.

Nikki Hefley, Sara Hall, Annie Weaver and Austin Williams placed 4th in the 800 meter

relay. Cub Drew Barker placed 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles, 3rd in the 100 meter dash and 4th in the long jump.

Reo Dennis, Dusty Moody, Josh Seymour and Drew Barker placed 3rd in the 400 meter relay.

In High School, Ike Hanes placed 3rd in the 100 meter dash and Gabriel Vega placed 5th.

Aaron Rice placed 3rd in discus and 3rd in the 200 meter dash.

Brett Montgomery placed 2nd in high jump.

Gabriel Vega, Ike Hanes, Brett Montgomery and Aaron Rice placed 1st in the 400 meter relay.

Lefors Gets New Superintendent

Allen Law, 38, has been hired as the new superintendent. He will start work on June 7.

"I'm excited to get there," Law said. "It's a real nice rural community. We think it will be a nice place to raise our kids."

Law is the secondary principal at Anton, located between Lubbock and Littlefield. Anton is a Class 1A school with 162 students in seventh through 12th grades, he said. He was at Lake Travis near Austin before moving to Anton two years ago, he said.

Lefors will be his first superintendent job, he

said. Law and his wife, Suzanne, have two children - Dani, who is 7 years old, and Morgan, who is 11 months old.

He will succeed Tom Alvis, who said he is moving to Lubbock to be near his grandchildren.

"I really don't know what I'm going to do," Alvis said. "I'm not the sit-down type. I have several hobbies and I may get a real estate license or something of that nature."

Alvis' wife, Geneva, a counselor at Lefors, also is retiring, Alvis said.

The LISD is planning to build new superintendent's house, Law said.

Good Neighbor Pharmacy Topics
By Don Biggers, RPh



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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Night & Youth Services 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Adult Bible Study & Wonderful wed. Night for Kids 7:00 p.m.

Church Of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 779-2337
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sun Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
James Mantooth 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor James Martindale 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Youth Bible Study 5:00 p.m.



McLean Elementary Students of the Week March 29-April 2nd: Kindergarten Sarah Shackelford, 1st Grade Zachary Odom, 2nd Grade Ben Thompson, 3rd Grade Trey Skipper, 4th Grade Brooke Seymour, 5th Grade Cory McMinn, 6th Grade Lee Ann Rogers, 7th Grade Sarai Sawyer, 8th Grade Jennifer Smith.

Thought For The Day

Start a new diet - no more eating your own words, swallowing your pride or putting your foot in your mouth. Tact is the art of making guests feel at home when that's where you wish they were.

Weekly Bible Question

Sponsored By The McLean Church Of Christ

Q. Is the church of Christ the only ones going to heaven? (Conclusion)

A. Some sources claim that there are over 1500 different religions in the U.S. each having different names, doctrines, and different practices. We must conclude: (1) We may all be wrong, but we can't all be right. (2) Do not base your faith on me, John Wesley, Alexander Campbell, Oral Roberts, Billy Graham, the Pope, Martin Luther or anyone else. (3) Read, study, meditate and pray on the message of the Bible. Only the Bible has the teachings which lead to salvation.

In Ephesians 4:4-6, the Bible teaches that there is only one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father. Studying the Bible reveals that there is only one God who has the power to save us, only one Lord that saves and only one Holy Spirit who saves. It follows that there is only one body of teaching ("one faith") that saves, one body (church) that saves and one baptism that saves. Yes, the Bible teaches that there is salvation in only one church, the one that Jesus died for, the church that He bought with His blood (1 Peter 1:18,19; Hebrew 9:12). That church is the pillar and support of truth (1 Timothy, 3:15). That church is the habitation of God (Ephesians 2:22). That church has the prophets and apostles as the foundation and Jesus as the cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). Note, that the church itself cannot save you but Jesus Christ is the Savior of the one and only body (church) and only those in His church will be saved (Ephesians 5:23; Acts 4:12).

Many people considered themselves to followers of Jesus by saying "Lord, Lord," prophesying, casting out demons, and performing many miracles. However, Jesus will deny them on the Day of Judgment because they were not doing the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21-23). Matthew 13:24-30 reveals that appearances can be deceiving. Some may appear to be Christians but actually are not.

The denominational world would have one believe that most people will be saved. Jesus says that only a few will be saved, (Matthew 7:13,14). Thus, arguments arise about Baptist doctrine, Methodist doctrine, Catholic doctrine, church of Christ doctrine and so on. But realize that there is only false doctrine or Biblical doctrine. Biblical doctrine is the one body of teaching (one faith) in Ephesians 4:5, sound teaching (1 Timothy 1:10), the standard of sounds words (2 Timothy 1:13), and the faithful word (Titus 1:9).

Remember that saving doctrine is found only in the words of Jesus. This doctrine was given by the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent to His Apostles who then wrote the Holy Scriptures by inspiration (2 Peter 1:20,21; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; John 14:15-18,26; 15:26,27; 16:7-14).

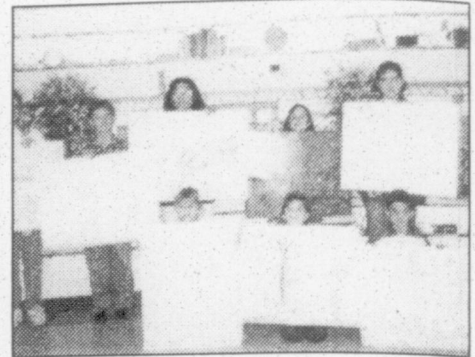
The words of Jesus are truth (John 17:17). Truth, by its very nature is self-evident and exclusive. In other words, believing the truth of Jesus excludes believing the "truth" of Buddha or Mohammed. In many religious circles "exclusive truth" is not acceptable. They want to believe that all religions are equal in God's sight. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14:6). So, Jesus excludes any other so-called saviors. Therefore, anyone who is willing to study the truth, pray about the truth, meditate upon the truth and then obeys the truth may become a member of an exclusive group (the body, the church). Having one's sins washed away in the one baptism (Acts 2:38, 41; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21), the Holy Spirit helps them remain clean (Romans 8). It is through the one baptism based on faith in Jesus that one is added by the one Spirit to the one body (1 Corinthians 12:13).

Many passages of Scripture have been presented for your consideration. Please take the time to carefully read each one. Take heed to neither add nor subtract from God's Holy Word, 2 John 9.

Please feel free to present any questions you may have about Bible topics to: The McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 155, McLean, TX 79057. The Lord will surely bless you in the prayerful study of His Word.

Power Team

performed all over the nation as well as 40 countries around the world. They have been featured in People Magazine, the Saturday Evening Post and on the television program "Walker, Texas Ranger." They have been on ABC, NBC, CBS, and CNN. The Power Team can be seen weekly on their worldwide television program "The Power Connection."



Houston

auction and premium money is paid each contestant based on their total score. The winner of the commercial steer show wins a Dodge pickup and \$1,000 cash. Second place wins a gooseneck stock trailer and \$500 cash.

Jessi this year was named to the top 12 finalists list and was called back for a final interview which determines the top winners. This is quite an accomplishment that required hours of feeding, studying, and record book work.

PTA Poster Contest Winners Announced

The McLean PTA chose the winners for the yearly poster contest on Friday. The theme for this year was "Nurture/Nature." The children were each given a standard size posterboard and told to use their imaginations. Forty-five participants entered the contest and the winner was chosen from each class that participated.



It's A Boy

The winners are as follows: Kindergarten, Nicole McClendon; 1st grade, Sheri Haynes; 2nd grade, Ben Thompson; 3rd grade, Kristen Odom; 4th grade, John Haynes; 5th grade, Lindsey Ruiz; 6th grade, Asheley McClendon and 7th grade, Jennifer Greer. The winners posters will now be judged in

Mark and Diana Watson of Pampa are the parents of a son, Joshua Mark, born March 14. Joshua is also welcomed by grandparents, Jim and Cynthia Watson of Houston, Maritva Diaz of Houston; great-grandparents, Hobart and Glendora Moore of Glendora, and Oma Watson of McLean.



Easter Sunday Is April 4

Easter Specials at **Johnny's Hometown Food Store** Claude, Texas

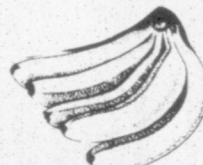


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Sheriff Investigates Theft & Burglary In City of Groom Area

By Loren Brand, Sheriff
There are currently eight persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail. Persons booked during the past week include:

Allen Roy McKinney, age 32, DWI 2nd Offense; John Weidling, age 54, Forgery/TBC Potter County Warrant; Dick Bradbury, age 47, No.D.L./DWI 1st Offense; Brandon Golihugh, age 20, DWI 1st Offense.

Our officers have been investigating the burglary of a residence in Groom and the theft of a pickup, also from Groom. The stolen pickup was taken from the front of the owner's residence. The vehicle was locked and no keys were available to the thief. Some of the owner's personal belongings were found along Interstate 40 near Alanreed.

Two of our officers, Deputy Gary Robertson and Deputy Jason Ginson were involved in a training exercise at Pantex last week. The exercise used a terrorist and hostage taking scenario to test the response and capabilities of the various Pantex

departments and area emergency response agencies. Deputy Robertson acted as the command officer for our department and Deputy Ginson was on the scene on the west side of the Pantex facility to assist with the persons assigned as hostages in the exercise.

Drug Abuse

This week's information on drug abuse comes from material available from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Marijuana, like alcohol, is often considered to be of limited danger when compared to cocaine, heroin and other illegal substances. I guess it comes down to what you feel is dangerous in your particular situation. Studies show that heavy or daily use of marijuana affects the parts of the brain that control memory, attention and learning. Smoking marijuana causes some changes in the brain that are like those caused by cocaine, heroin and alcohol.

For students, marijuana affects your memory, judgment and perception. At the time in your life
See Sheriff, pg. 6



Dean Fields gives his all for the relay team at the recent Miami Relays track competition.

Groom Track Team Earns "Silver" At Miami Relay Meet

Groom High School placed 2nd in the Miami Warriors track meet last weekend.

In the boys meet, Groom earned 84 points. Miami won the meet with 123 points. Third was Hedley, scoring 52, 4th Follett 48, 5th was McLean with 48, and 6th place was Channing with 43 points.

Dusty Crump won 1st place in both the shot and discus events. In shot he threw 41'11.25". In discus his distance was 135'0.5".

Chris Ollinger placed 3rd in the Long Jump.

In Triple Jump, Clay Ritter placed 4th with Dustin Babcock coming in 6th.

Luke Pavlovsky placed 6th in the 3200 meter

run. Josiah Scott placed 1st in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:18.31.

Josiah Scott also won the 1600 meter run. He had a time of 5:10.36. Russell Conrad placed 4th in the event.

In the 400 meter run, Clay Ritter placed 5th.

Groom's 400 meter relay team placed 4th. Members of the team are Dean Fields, Josh Evenson, Garrett Britten and Chris Ollinger.

The 1600 meter relay team placed 2nd. Those tracksters are Dean Fields, Clay Ritter, Josh Evenson, and Josiah Scott.

The Groom girls team earned 98 points for 2nd

See Track, pg. 6

Groom School Board Selects New Principal, Kevin Noack of Grand Falls-Royalty For 1999-2000, May 1 Election Canceled

The Groom School Board met in special session on Monday evening to take care of some pressing issues. Brad Rogers was the only board member not in attendance.

The Board approved the hiring of Kevin Noack as Groom School Principal at a salary of \$45,500 plus housing.

Noack comes to Groom from Grand Falls Royalty where he is currently the K-12th Grade Principal. Noack was raised in Olton and received his Associates

Degree from Wayland Baptist College and his Masters from Eastern New Mexico University at Portales.

He taught science at Muleshoe and served as Assistant Principal at Brownfield.

"We are very pleased and looking forward to working with Mr. Noack," stated Superintendent John Wilson. "We are certain that he will be a fine leader and a welcome addition to our staff. He has an excellent reputation for dealing

with students, staff and parents," he continued.

Noack is married. He and his wife, Susan, have two children; a daughter Laurissa and a son Kelly.

In other business, the board approved a resolution not to hold an election this year since only enough candidates filed to fill the vacancies on the board and no write in candidates had filed.

The next regular board meeting is tentatively set for April 13.

Council Approves GEDC Recommendation To Help Re-Open Lewis' Groom Grocery

The Groom City Council met for a called business session with the following members and visitors present; Mayor

Joe Homer; Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, Pete Ham, Jimmy Britten, and Mary Margaret Brooks. Alderman Don Case was absent. Visitors to the meeting were Clifton Britten and Mary Sue Lyles.

All motions were voted unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Pete Ham moved and Ellis Stapp seconded the motion presented by Clifton Britten to grant the GEDC the authority to allow their president to sign a contract with Sharlene Lewis, if she is able to go ahead with her plans to re-open the Groom Grocery Store. The city attorney will draw up the contract.

Jimmy Britten moved and Pete Ham seconded the motion to cancel the City Election slated for May 1, 1999. A city is allowed to cancel an election if there are only as many candidates running for office as there are open positions.

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Community Calendar

THE ELEMENTARY and Junior High UIL meet will be held on April 6th at Groom School.

SCHOOL WILL dismiss at 12:00 on April 6th, for the high school and junior high UIL meet. Lunch will be served to all students as usual.

THE GROOM Track Meet will be held on Friday, April 2nd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 is Daylight Savings Time! Remember to change your clocks!!!

JUNIOR/SENIOR Prom will be Saturday, April 17.

MAY 21ST is graduation for Groom High School.

NO ELECTION will be necessary for the City of Groom or the Groom School Board.

CHEERLEADER try-outs will be held on April 19th at 8:00 a.m.

THE DISTRICT Tennis Tournament will be held on April 7th.

TOM GRANTHAM, CPA will be at The Groom News office on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 till 3:00 through April 15. Call his office in Pampa for an appointment.

APRIL 8TH & 9TH is the district track meet for High School and Junior High. It will be held in Miami.

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Groom School Menu April 4-9

Monday
 Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, Rice Krispie treats, milk.

Tuesday
 Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Cheeseburgers, French fries, pork & beans, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Wednesday
 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Tacos, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, frozen yogurt, chocolate or vanilla, milk.

Thursday
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Turkey & noodles, mixed vegetables, cheese zombies, fruit cocktail, milk.

Friday
 Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry short cake, milk.

Time To Sign Up For Baseball

It's time to sign up for Baseball, T-Ball & Softball. Students from Pre-Kindergarten through 16 years old are eligible.

Call Kathleen Barkley 248-7070 or James Miller 248-7367 as soon as possible.

There is a need for umpires. Come out and enjoy the kids and help out the hometown teams.

There will be a clinic to teach volunteers the ropes.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

April 1 - Linda Fields, Mrs. E.C. Goodlett, Allie Hoyt, Charles Bowers, Sarah Hutsell, Cody Babcock.

April 2 - Mrs. Albert Britten, Dustin Babcock.

April 3 - Troy Treadwell, Mrs. H.L. Mansel, Sharon Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burgin (A).

April 4 - C.J. Whatley.

April 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leathers (A).

April 6 - Mrs. Ruben Baggerman, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Painter (A).

April 7 - Candace D. Bohr.

Rip and Joy Snyder and Gloria Ledwig were shopping in Pampa on Friday.

Rip and Joy Snyder attended graveside services in Pampa Tuesday evening for Mrs.

Thelma Flinchum, a mother-in-law to Betty Flinchum of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Easter Bunny Visits Egg Hunters

"The 1999 Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success," said the beautiful Easter bunny.

"My basket of special candy was completely empty, and my lap was sore, because so many happy children visited with me."

Despite cloudy skies and a stiff breeze, approximately 30 families, young and old alike, enjoyed the annual hunt. The colorful eggs contain candy and money,

and it's always hard to tell who is more excited about the treats, the kids or the parents.

Tanner Case, Brady Painter, Cady Wilson and Tommy Head were the lucky 'prize bunny' winners this year.

With a wiggle of his pink tail, the Easter Bunny exclaimed as he hopped out of sight, "Happy Easter to all - the hunt was just right!"

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Obituaries

Ben M. Rapstine
 WHITE DEER - Ben M. Rapstine, 89, died Saturday, March 27, 1999.

Vigil services were Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel. Mass was celebrated Wednesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin Hand, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Rapstine was born in Lancaster, California, and had lived in White Deer for most of his life. He was a retired farmer, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and of White Deer

Senior Citizens.

He married Mable Alta Mackey in 1933 at Amarillo. He was preceded in death by a grandson.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Doug Rapstine and Greg Rapstine, both of White Deer, and Phil Rapstine of Austin; a daughter, Kathy Rose of Pampa; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, c/o Clint Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065, or to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, P.O. Box 2234, Pampa, TX 79066-2234.

Jackie Bichsel Services Held

Jackie Bichsel, 69, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, in Liberal, Kansas.

Services were Saturday in the First Baptist Church at Groom with the Rev. Byron Williamson officiating. Burial was in the Groom Cemetery by Kitch Funeral Home of Liberal, Kansas.

Mrs. Bichsel was born in Groom where she lived most of her life except for 20 years when she lived in Amarillo. She was a co-manager of the Dairy Queen at Groom and a member of the Groom First Baptist Church.

Jackie Gibbins married Leonard Nepper July 20, 1946. He died February 17, 1968. She married Wallace Bichsel in 1969 in Groom.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Dr. Gaylon Nepper of

Liberal, and Terry Nepper of Canyon; a daughter Cindy Babcock of Groom; two stepdaughters, Adela Kotara of Groom and Theresa Abernathy of Austin; four brothers, Kenneth Black of Groom, Doug Black of Amarillo, and Herschel Black and Chubby Black, both of Hereford; two sisters, Maxine Quick of Amarillo and Sybil Brown of Groom; 12 grandchildren, John and Kristi Nepper; Ashley and Terrell Nepper; Marci, Cody and Tyler Babcock; Frankie Abernathy; Lindy Craft, Staci Kotara, Halee Kotara, Kim Guinn; and a great-grandchild, Carson Guinn.

The family requests memorials be to the Jackie Bichsel Scholarship Fund at the State National Bank of Groom.



Jackie Bichsel

Card Of Thanks

The family of Jackie Bichsel wish to thank everyone for their phone calls, visits, food, flowers, memorials, thoughtfulness and prayers during our time of loss.

A special thank you to our Dairy Queen "family" for providing breakfast to all our friends and families.

Sincerely,

Wallace Bichsel

Gaylon & Lenora Nepper & family

Terry & Jo Beth Nepper & family

Cindy & Gary Babcock & family

Adela & Wayne Kotara & family

Theresa & Joe Abernathy & family

Services Held For Brother Of Local Woman

SUBLETTE, Kan. - J. Vance Robinson, 78, died Sunday, March 28, 1999, at Satanta, Kansas.

Services were in Southern Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry

Smith officiating. Graveside services were in Memorial Park Cemetery at Vega, Texas, with the Rev. James Peach officiating. Arrangements were by

Haskell County Funeral Home of Sublette.

Mr. Robinson was born in Claude, Texas. He married Kathryn M. Linger in 1941 at Tucumcari, N.M. They moved to Sublette in 1970 from Sunray, Texas. He was a retired farmer, and a member of Southern Baptist Church, where he and his wife watched the nursery on Sunday nights.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Frank Robinson of Panhandle; and a sister, Flora Glenn Hammers of Groom, Texas.

The family requests memorials be to the Southern Baptist Church at Sublette or a favorite charity c/o the funeral home.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, April 4

Carson County Gross Sales Down

A report issued by the Texas Office of the Comptroller shows a decline in Gross Sales for Carson County during the 1998 third quarter reporting period, compared to the 1997 3rd quarter.

In the data for all industries, Carson County saw an increase in reporting outlets (the number of individual business locations with a sales and use tax permit) from 119 in 1997 to 136 in 1998. However, the gross sales fell from \$9,961,515 to \$9,790,515, a decline of 1.7%.

The data for retail trade outlets shows a bigger decline. The number of retail outlets rose from 62 to 80, but the gross sales in the county fell 10.0%, from \$5,672,947 to \$5,107,290.

Thanks

The Crew from The Groom Dairy Queen would like to say thanks for all the phone calls, special thoughts and words of comfort during the loss of our great friend and co-worker Jackie Bichsel. She will be missed by all.

Special thanks for all the help in preparing for the breakfast, Saturday morning. All the people from our small community are so good in helping and coping in these times of sorrow.

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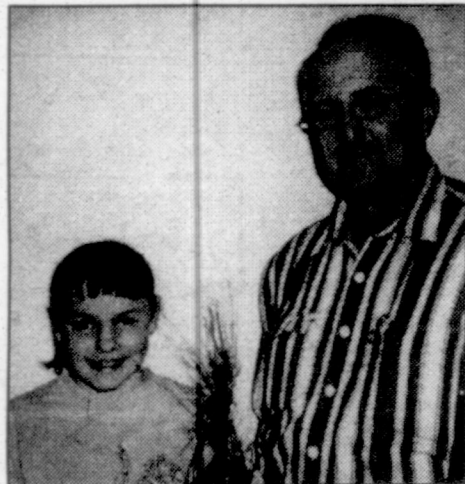
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Stapp Named To All Region Basketball Team. Jessica Stapp in addition to the honor of the All Region Team was also an All-District pick and was chosen for the 6-man All Star game to be played in Lubbock in July. She was also chosen on the Academic All-Region and All-District teams.



Katy Britten Wins Poster Contest

The fifth grade class at Groom Elementary School participated in the conservation poster contest sponsored by the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District, in January. On Tuesday, March 23, the fifth grade students were

presented Austrian Pine tree seedlings by the SWCD.

The local winner, Katy Britten, is shown as she received her own seedling from SWCD Director Bobby Euil Pool.

Her parents are Jan and Hop Britten.

CattleWomen's Style Show & Brunch

Top O' Texas CattleWomen's Style Show and Brunch will be April 17 at the Pampa Country Club at 10:30. Twelve area businesses will present their latest spring and summer fashions for 1999. These fashions will consist of a variety of fashions for every age group from children to the mature. Some men's clothing will also be shown. They styles include dressy, business, and casual clothing as well as some formal. There will be new accessories to coordinate with the new fashions or update some of your wardrobe.

Treat your family and friends to an enjoyable Saturday morning out. There will be numerous door prizes given away. For reservations call 256-3887.

Clarendon College Hosts Judging Contest

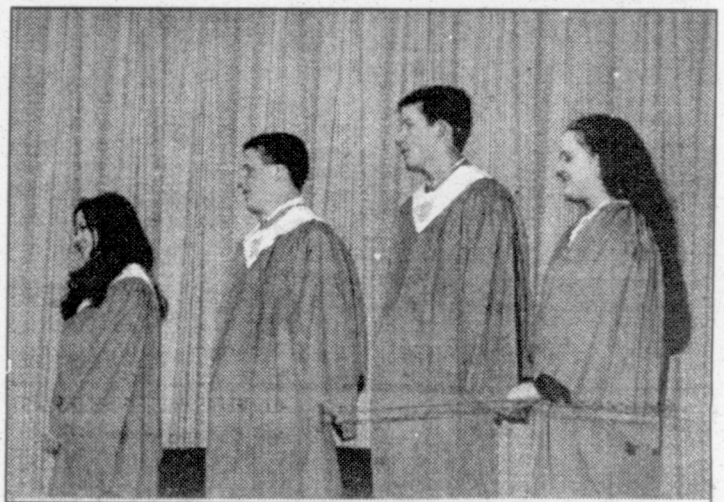
More than 1600 students are expected to gather at Clarendon College on Saturday, March 27, for the annual Clarendon College Judging Contest. According to Jerry Hawkins, CC Agriculture Department Chairperson, 4-H and FFA judging teams are expected from all over the state as well as from Colorado.

The contest is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Contest categories include livestock, horse, poultry, dairy, crops, range and pasture, entomology, land, farm management, ag mechanics, cotton, meats, wool and wildlife.

For more information about the annual Clarendon College Judging Contest please contact Jerry Hawkins at 874-3571.



Irma Blackwell and Janetta Lamb spring into Spring by taking a brisk walk around the neighborhood every afternoon, setting an example for the rest of us.



New National Honor Society members are Allison Eatmon, Evan Crowell, Dustin Babcock and Sarah Hutsell. They were installed in ceremonies held last Thursday evening.

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Groom Receives School Award



National Honor Society had an induction ceremony for four new members, a reminder that academic excellence and leadership are rewarded. Our students continue to excel in athletics and FFA as well, and we would like to thank the Groom News for reporting all these achievements.

In addition, Groom ISD is the recipient of the Texas Successful School Award for achieving Exemplary Status in 1998. This is truly an accomplishment for the entire community.

By John Wilson
Spring is an exciting time in schools. Students and staff are involved in so many activities that we often are supposed to be in two places at once, a skill we haven't quite mastered yet. In spite of the hustle and bustle, we are confident that, ultimately, the students benefit from all these events.

First, a little bragging is in order. Our JETS (Junior Engineering) team easily won their contest in Canyon and are favorites to win in the state competition. The

Believe it or not, we are in full swing planning for next year. This is the time for budgeting, hiring, setting calendars, scheduling, and board elections. Even though this school year is far from over, we are already excited about next year's possibilities.

Please come by and visit us at the school any time. My door is always open and I would be happy to hear your ideas. We welcome your support!

All Board Members Need Training Hours

The Groom ISD Board of Trustees will be holding a board training session on May 4, 1998. The topic of training is team building skills. This session will satisfy all Tier Two training requirements.
Summary of School Board Training Hours

1998-99:
2 hours Tier One still required: All board members.
3 hours Tier Two still required: All board members.
5 hours Tier Three still required: All board members.

Suzie Pool To Attend Pro-Am Day 1999

Hardin-Simmons University will be sending twelve students from the communication department to Fort Worth on April 9, 1999. Participating students will be a part of Pro-Am Day '99, an event that allows students to experience the real world of public relations.

Greater Fort Worth and the Public Relations Society of America are sponsoring this opportunity for communication majors. Students will be paired up with a PRSA member and firm located in Fort Worth and will spend an afternoon or all day discovering the profession

at their sponsor's workplace.
Suzy Pool of Groom is a member of PRSA at HSU and is one of the twelve students who will be attending the luncheon and the PRSA observations of Pro-Am Day '99.
HSU is in the approval stage with PRSA for a student chapter headed by Dr. Randy Armstrong, associate professor of the communication department.

Ill Or Recovering
Billie Bivens, Betty Hermesmeier, Dewey Cave, Mildred Miller, Virginia Alward, Tom Britten, Dean Burger.

Junior High Girls Win Miami Track Meet

Junior High athletes traveled to Miami to compete in the Miami Relays. The Junior High boys team accumulated 26 points at the meet.

Clay Britten garnered a 1st and 2nd place for Groom's team total. He placed 1st in the triple jump and 2nd in the 400 meter run.

Doug Fields placed 4th in the triple jump event. The 1600 meter relay team placed 5th with runners Lance Ollinger, Calvin Schaffer, Doug Fields and Clay Britten.

In the girls meet, Groom Junior High placed 1st overall by gaining 198 points.

Amanda Conrad placed 1st in the 400 meter run.

The 1600 meter relay team of Amanda Conrad, Amanda Martin, Staci Britten and Lauren Crowell placed 1st.

Amanda Conrad also earned a 2nd place for

Groom in the triple jump event.

Carol Wilson placed 2nd in the high jump. Amanda added points for her 3rd place finish and placing 6th was Staci Britten.

In the 400 meter relay, Brin Burgin, Jill Britten, Brittney Martin and Carol Wilson placed 4th.

Penny McMahan placed 5th in the 1200 meter run.

Amanda Martin placed 4th and Carol Wilson 5th in the 200 meter dash.

In the 200 meter hurdle event Carol Wilson came in 5th.

Stephany Fraser placed 4th and Lainie Britten placed 5th in the discus.

Brin Burgin earned 6th place in the 100 meter hurdles.

In the 800 meter relays, Amanda Martin, Amanda Conrad, Staci Britten and Lauren Crowell placed 1st.

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Sheriff Loren Brand Addresses Marijuana Use

when you are most concerned about not looking stupid, why rely on a substance that gives you symptoms of what you're trying to avoid? Indicators of a marijuana high are:

Dizziness and trouble with walking;

Red bloodshot eyes; Difficulty remembering things that just happened; and

Acting silly, giggling for no apparent reason.

Athletes who use marijuana find their performance off; timing, movements and coordination are all affected by marijuana.

The short-term effects of marijuana include:

Problems with memory and learning;

Distorted perception (sights, sounds, time, touch);

Trouble with thinking and problem solving;

Loss of coordination; and

Increased heart rate, anxiety.

The effects are even more pronounced and varied when other drugs or alcohol are used in conjunction with marijuana.

Some long-term effects of marijuana use may include the following:

Cancer
Studies show that someone who smokes five joints per week may be taking in as many cancer-causing chemicals as someone who smokes a full pack of cigarettes every day.

Lungs and Airways
Users tend to have

more chest colds than nonusers and are at greater risk of lung infections and pneumonia.

Immune Systems
The THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol - main active chemical found in marijuana) can damage the cells and tissues in the body. When the immune cells are weakened, you are more likely to get sick.

THC in marijuana is strongly absorbed by fatty tissues in various organs. Traces of THC can be detected in standard urine tests several days after the last use. In heavy or chronic users, traces can sometimes be detected for weeks after the last use.

As with all other forms of chemical or substance abuse, marijuana use doesn't make you any smarter, prettier or more popular. When the THC induced stupidity wears off you're still facing the same reality that you were before - if you can remember it. If you believe that using marijuana is okay for you, how do you feel about dope smoking firefighters and law officers trying to rescue you from a car accident or a THC intoxicated surgeon trying to decide what has to be done to save your life? Do you want a pothead trying to teach your children to read or a burnout in any judicial position who has the power to take away from your freedom? Maybe it's not so harmless after all.

The Carson County Sheriff's Department is working with area law enforcement agencies to practice Zero Tolerance drug enforcement, but it's not just a law enforcement issue. When it comes to drug abuse you're either part of the solution or you're part of the problem. What have you done lately to protect your community or family from drug abuse?

Track

place. Silverton took home the gold with 110 points. The rest of the entrants were as follows: 3rd Channing, 91 points; 4th Miami, 50; 5th Samnorwood 43 points; and 6th Follett 33 points.

Carrie Davis had an awesome day garnering several first place wins for Groom.

Carrie won the high jump with a jump of 5'3". She also won the triple jump, leaping 33'5.25" and the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.52.

Krisanne Davis placed 2nd in the long jump. Karen Conrad placed 3rd.

Krisanne and Karen also placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the triple jump.

Krisanne placed 3rd in the 100 meter hurdles, but then turned around and won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 55.14.

Nichole Barnett placed 4th in the 800 meter hurdles.

Groom won the 800 meter hurdles. The team was made up of Krisanne Davis, Carrie Davis, Karen Conrad, and Nichole Barnett.

Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder were Clarendon visitors on Thursday.

City

Mary Margaret Brooks and Kenneth Weller signed up for the two aldermen positions that were open and Joe Homer signed up for the mayor position.

Jimmy Britten moved and Mary Margaret Brooks seconded the motion to declare the three candidates running for city office elected. The new city officers will take the oath of office and be sworn in during the May meeting.

Mary Margaret Brooks moved and Ellis Stapp seconded the motion to sign the lease agreement with Columbia Health Care allowing them to continue to rent office space in the Groom Community Center for a clinic at a rate of \$600 per month.

The meeting adjourned.

Services Planned For Cross

An afternoon of worship will be observed at The Cross Of Our Lord, Jesus Christ on Good Friday, April 2 in anticipation of Easter.

The following is a schedule of events for the afternoon:
2:00-4:00 p.m. Hali Hart of Amarillo will have a special Easter message

4:00-4:30 p.m. Home Grown Kids of Erick Oklahoma will perform a musical program and perform an Easter message in sign language.

4:30-5:00 p.m. The Messenger 66 Band of Chickasha, Oklahoma will perform gospel music.

5:00-5:30 p.m. The Cross Ministry volunteers will give testimony and sing.

5:30-6:00 p.m. Vernell Houska will do scripture reading. She is from Amarillo, Texas

6:00-6:30 p.m. Dolly Cowan of Amarillo will also sing and give testimony

6:30-7:00 p.m. Jane Herndon and Gaye Hondrick of McLean will sing. They are from the First Baptist Church in McLean.

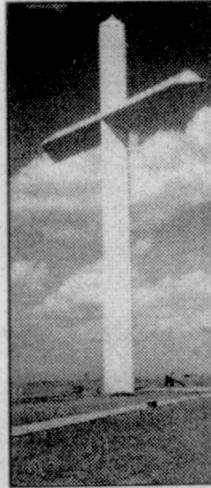
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelly of the United Methodist Church in White Deer will have music as well as a special Easter message.

8:00-8:30 p.m. Gene Harris of the Church of God in Pampa will have an Easter sermon.

Vonnie Bible, a volunteer for the Cross Ministries stated that everyone is invited to this non-denominational service.

"Everyone is welcome, come when you wish and stay as long as you wish," she said.

Sunrise services will also take place on Easter Sunday at 7:00 a.m.




The Cross Of Our Lord Jesus Christ At Groom, Texas




SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER "SPRING FLING" DANCE

Date: Saturday, April 10, 1999
Time: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Place: Parish Hall, White Deer, TX
Advance Tickets: \$7.00 Individual, \$10.00 Couple
Contact: Kay Halduk, 883-5054/Shane Grange, 883-4514
Rodney Miller, 883-6603/Betty Rae Kotara, 883-7651
Randy Barrett, 883-4691/Lynda Paul, 883-4551
Doug Warminski, 883-4941
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