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Reminder

IMMUNIZATION
Clinic will be held on
April 22, 2002 at
McLean School from
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

SPRING FORWARD!
Turn your clocks forward
one hour on Saturday
night. Daylight savings
time begins on Sunday,
April 7.

THE END OF the 5th
6 week period for school
will be April 12,
leaving one more 6 week
period before school is
out for the summer.

CENTENNIAL
Celebration activities
coming up:

Saturday, May 25-
City wide garage sale;
Monday, May 27-
Ceremony at Eldridge
Cemetery at 8:45 a.m.;
Ceremony Alanreed
Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.;
and Luncheon at Devil's
Rope Museum at 12:00
noon.

SATURDAY, May 25,
is the City wide garage
sale, so be gathering up
your items to be sold.

LITTLE Dribblers will
be traveling to Miami for
a tourney there on April
4, 5, and 6.

FAMILY Reading
Night is Monday at 7:00
at the School Library.

GO BY Lovett
Memorial Library and
look at the winners of
the Centennial Art
Contest.

IF YOU ARE running
for Alderman or the
School Board and you
would like an article
done on you, contact Ella
Mae at the News Office.

CONTRATULATIONS

Kalea Lee and Cindy
Lee won the drawing for
March at the family
reading night.

Caleb Crawford, Erin
Bailey, Derek and
Madison Jones, Zack
Seymour and Lauren
Smith found the "Gold
Eggs" at the Annual
Easter Egg Hunt last
Saturday.

Travis Fish won the
drawing for the Easter
basket at the County
Corner.

Mindy Reeves To Seek City Office

Mindy Reeves, a
candidate for City
Council would appreciate
your vote.

Mindy has been a
resident since 1999
having moved to McLean
from San Jose, California
where she actively
participated in civic
affairs. She is married
to Ben P. Reeves "Pat" a
native son of McLean.
Together, they own and
operate Bural USA, a
national and international
marketing company,
employing local residents.

Mindy has
demonstrated a devoted
interest in civic affairs;
attending almost all of
the council meetings,
listening and voicing
questions and concerns.
She describes herself as a
"team player," not
concerned with who gets
the credit for getting



things accomplished. "I'm
a good listener," she
says; believing that
listening is essential to
good management.

Closing she says, "if
elected, I will listen to
all voices of the
community and will work
diligently with the other
members for the
betterment of our town."

Reyna Runs For School Board



Ella Mae has been
involved in schools for
20 years and in five
different states and
believes that McLean is
the best by far. "The

Teachers here really care
about their students. It
isn't an accident that we
have a five star
exemplary school, it is
because of the hard work
of the teachers and staff.
Right now the school has
some hard financial times
ahead of it and there are
some changes that need
to be made, but we must
not short change the
students. I want to see
the school continue to be
exemplary and I know
we can, I want to help."

McLean Looks At The Past Through Old Newspapers

In preparation for Gray
County's Centennial
Celebration, I made a
pilgrimage to Texas Tech
in Lubbock to go through
their archives. When the
News Paper Office in
McLean burnt down in
the 80's, all the past
records were lost. Texas

Tech has the paper from
1909 to 1979 on Micro
film. There are 21
spools covering that time
period. I spent several
hours there and didn't
even make it through two
years. I started on 1909

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The chilly and windy weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of these easter egg hunters as they patiently wait for the fun to begin. A great time was had by these enthusiastic children.



Krueger Essay Wins 1st Prize

McLean, Texas

The founder of
McLean Texas is Alfred
Rowe. Alfred came to
America in 1878 and
died on the Titanic in
1912. I am going to tell
you about Alfred's roots
and origins.

In 1975, John V.
Rowe of Oxfordshire,
England sent information
that contained the origins
and a brief background
of the Rowe family to
the McLean museum.

Alfred Rowe came from
a middle-class, English
family, which had many
ministers, lawyers, and
educated members.
Alfred was the fourth
son born to John James
Rowe (1817-1875) and
Agnes Graham Rowe
(1845-1888). Alfred's



brothers and late business
partners, Vincent and
Bernard, were younger.
The early origin of the
Rowe family seems
unblemished by scandal
and demonstrates a talent
in conducting world
business and trade.
Experience gained in

such business, plus that
aquired while living,
working, and traveling
abroad, better prepared
family members for their
later life.

Alfred Rowe, when he
got to America, founded
the Ro Ranch. The Ro
Ranch was named after
its founder, Alfred Rowe.
The Ro Ranch is in 4
counties Gray, Wheeler,
Collingsworth, and
Donely. The
headquarters of the Ro
Ranch was a small two
room, adobe house.
Then 1885 Ro Ranch
built a seven-room frame
house just north of the
old adobe house that was
later used as a mess hall
and bunkhouse. Jasper
Stevens, the range boss

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and made it halfway through 1910. My husband Jim came with me and he started on 1921 and didn't make it through 1922. I wanted to share some of the wonderful things I found there.

As much as things have changed over the years, there is much that has stayed the same. The paper back then had the same format as it does today. The paper came out once a week on Friday rather than on Thursdays. It had a Local Happenings section, which included Reminders, Church Directory, Classified Ads, School News, and lots of business ads. A year's subscription cost \$1.00 and was money well spent as it served as an introduction to the community. Whenever anyone bought a subscription a welcome along with his or her name and address was printed. For instance, "J.H. Simmons has ordered his name placed on our subscription list for which has our thanks."

In the local happenings there was a great variety of things printed, for instance "J. O. Clark sold this week to M.D. Bentley, three turkeys, two of which were hatched in August for

\$8.05," and "Mrs. J.H. Chambers returned Monday from Shamrock where she was spending the week with her son." Moves included, "E.A. Erwin and family have removed to Chickasha, OK, where they expect to make their home in the future."

Many of the names are still here today. I found the first ad for John Mertel Sr.'s shoe and shoe repair store; M.D. Bentley ran a series of delightful ads advertising his new grocery store and C.A. Cash and Son's General Merchandising Store.

Sincerest Thanks

The Fish, The Swanson, and The Polito families thank everyone in the McLean, Alanreed, and all areas of the panhandle who did as much as possible to help us bear what is to us the loss of the foundation of our family for 52 years, Sanford Cletis (Bob) Fish on March 1, 2002.

All who knew Bob knew that he never saw a stranger, and he loved to sing and he was the toughest, hardest worker we ever knew. He was a good example to our family. Most people who knew Bob knew that he attended every funeral he could in several counties and he didn't miss many. He would have been so proud of his funeral and those who attended and also took part.

With all our hearts, Thank you,
 Jeanette & Joe Fish
 Lyn, Larry & Ryan Swanson
 Dan, Sasha, Taylor, Parker & Ashley Fish
 Tony & Amy Polito

Letter To The Editor

"No sir, it hasn't rained. I don't know why your britches leg is wet."

To read where schools are having a hard time of it financially is really disheartening. It is even more so to learn that the proximate causes lie in the actions/inactions of the Board of Trustees in certain instances.

The attitudes and causes of the McLean ISD problems continue unabated. As far as can be ascertained, the local board still has no appropriate accounting or inventory system or control over fixed assets (Capital Property). The former Superintendent was allowed to submit his resignation without being asked about the location/disposition of certain computers and computer related gear. He purchased these assets and as far as can be found was the only person to access it. The inability to locate computers and other gear purchased by the former superintendent was covered in the brief report of CPA Meers. The current board may not know what they have but have been successful in overcoming this glitch by not knowing where it is. In a recent meeting the board discussed some large cafeteria debts. The figure \$20,000.00 has been mentioned. The new Superintendent was of the opinion that it

might cost more to collect these debts than they were worth. The board president opined that "it might work a hardship" on these debtors if they were required to pay. Paying school taxes is no fun. Supporting those who won't pay their debt is even less entertaining. One board member showed some spine in suggesting efforts be made to collect this money!

The board after more than a year finally acknowledged that Pampa ISD does have our bond instruments. Before inquiries were made over a year ago, two board members including the current president denied any knowledge as what disposition had been made of the instruments. The instruments according to Pampa sources have been "on loan" from 5 to 3 years. At an average of 4 years even the rental of these assets would be considerable. They could have been moth balled and retained in better condition than middle school students could afford them. Pampa needed the instruments in a fine music program-McLean needed correlation. The band instruments were and are only the tip of the iceberg in identifying the sorry stewardship afforded district school property; but they, the computers and other "lost" property and the Alanreed of apathy and inattention by those board members longest on the

board and some of their predecessors.

Don't look for immediate improvement given that a recall is not possible under state law. In a recent meeting the new superintendent stated

he went to Alanreed to look at the buildings. He gets an A for taking the trip. That's more than anyone else has done. On arriving there he said he couldn't get in and didn't want to break a window. He gets an F for this effort. If he approached his maintenance staff and asked politely they might have been willing to share the use of their key-it has been done before. Those who have sat on their hands for years and let this gradual erosion of our school system occur must be exhilarated to know the only reason they served or are serving is because the state has no provision for recalling mistakes made at the polling place. We have five (5) candidates for two positions on the board for the May election. Analyze their motivations, abilities and their backbone and support and vote for those you favor. The integrity level of the board needs a boost. As a general rule, someone who offers a gift to which they did not have right or title and the gift is accepted, this is called receiving. Get behind your candidate and support them before and after the election. We may not have this opportunity much longer.

Bill Reeves

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MCLEAN/ALANREED AREA MUSEUM

By Dorthey McKee

For the month of March the McLean/Alanreed Area Museum had 84 visitors from 13 different states. Museum had 84 visitors from 13 different states. The most from Texas and a lot from Kansas, five from Germany, and two from Japan.

Had four girl scouts from McLean. They were: Tristan Davis, Shelby Adams, Jacie Ketcherside, Hayley Burnett and two scout leaders, Julianna Burnett and Shawn Bybee.

Had a couple from California traveling Rt. 66, very interesting and fun. they thought the McLean/Alanreed Museum was really very nice. Most of the visitors always say "this is awesome."

The McLean/Alanreed Museum has all the histories of the families of McLean on file. If you are interested in genealogy please stop by. If you don't think your family is listed please contact Dorthey at the museum.

McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon

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

First Assembly of God 4th & Main

Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15
 Sunday Evening 7:00
 Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
 Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study
 2 Home Bible Studies

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st

Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7 pm
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 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

Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse

Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins
 779-2456 or 779-2965
 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
 Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday activities began at the Care Center with Sunday school with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon the Assembly of God Church with Pastor Dean Williams and members came for the church services.

Besides all the regular activities we had several extra activities. P.J. Sells came Tuesday afternoon for Bible study.

Buddy Payne came to sing for the residents Wednesday afternoon. Friday morning the residents and volunteers gathered to color Easter eggs. Thank you Mary Dwyer, Margie Fish, Travis Fish, Betty Morgan, and Mary Graves for helping with the eggs. In the afternoon we hunted eggs inside due to the chilly windy weather and had

an egg feast afterwards. Saturday, March 30th was the Easter Parade. The Trinity Baptist ladies provided cupcakes and punch and served everyone. Betty Morgan played the piano while the children paraded for the resident. The Easter bunny was available to walk with them and handed out surprise eggs to all and Easter jars to the children that were made by the residents.

The children in the Easter parade were: Brandon Kingston, son of Amber Kingston; David and Daniel Syfrett, sons of Heidi Syfrett; Haley and Daniel Hutchison, children of Toby and Amanda Hutchison; Julia and Jacob Jones, children of Denise Cooper and Robert Jones; Daniela, Oscar, Rocco Rodriguez, children of Maria Rodriguez; Baily Ennis, daughter of Susan Weaver; Texie, Tate and Adam, children of Valorie and Jeremy Cook.

After the children's parade, Betty Morgan played the piano while Brenda Jasper, Shawn Bybee, Shatrel Richardson, and Mary Lou Glass sang several songs.

Mary Graves made



The second and third grade Wolf Cub Scouts are practicing their Cub Scout Promise. Pictured are (front) Bradley Howard, Jack Odom, Trent McAnear, Chase West, Jack McLain, Kelby McClellan, Jordan Herring, (back) Anthony Shackelford and Daniel Jeffries. Tyler Lamb has joined the group since the picture was taken.

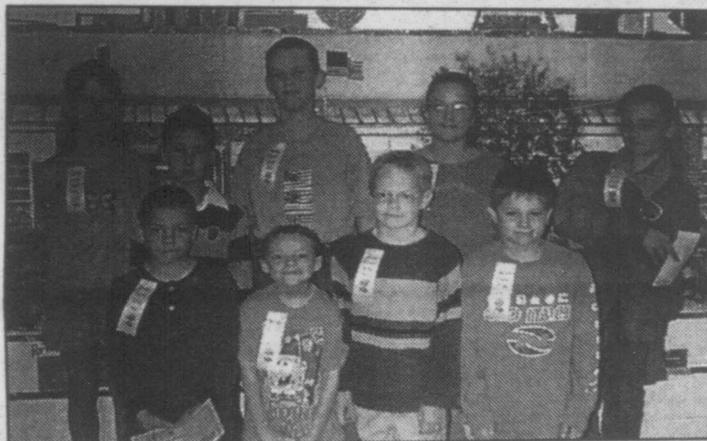
Easter basket cupcakes for each resident.

The party was a huge success thanks to the Trinity Baptist ladies, the

Easter bunny, and the parents who brought their children. God bless each of you. I appreciate it all very much.

Your future depends on many things, but mostly on you.

-Frank Tyger



Students of the Week for April 1 - April 5: Kindergarten-Braxton Cooper; 1st Grade-Zack Riveria; 2nd Grade-Jace McLain; 3rd Grade-Tyler Lamb; 4th Grade-Lisa Ellis; 5th Grade-Dashae Tolleson; 6th Grade-Lucas Webb; 7th Grade-Brooke Seymour.

- McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**
- April 4 - Connia Thompson, Donnia Walker.
 - April 5 - Brad Dickey.
 - April 6 - Christine Shipley.
 - April 7 - Margaret Milam, Pat Andrews, Cozy Parson, Kendra Richardson, Gene Steel, Shot Cole.
 - April 8 - Tina Thomas.

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LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the location on Saturday or Sunday or both at the location on Saturday or Sunday.
Polling places are open from 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
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Signature of the County Clerk

McLean

who hauled the lumber in by oxcart from Dodge City, and his bride were the first to occupy this house.

Now I would like to tell you about the history of McLean, Texas.

McLean is located 75 miles east of Amarillo, Texas in the Texas Panhandle. McLean is located on I-40 and Old Route 66. McLean was established as cattle loading pens on the Rock Island Railroad about the 1900's. An English rancher, Alfred Rowe, who later died on the Titanic, donated the rangeland site. The town of McLean was named after W.P. McLean, a Texas Railroad Commissioner at the time.

McLean began to grow when Congress commissioned Highway 66 in 1926. By 1984, the town sported 16 service stations, six motels, and numerous cafes. Oklahoma based Phillips Petroleum Company built its first service station in Texas in McLean in 1927. In 1942, a site northeast of McLean was chosen as the location of the McLean Prisoner of War Camp. German prisoners of war taken in North

Africa Campaign began arriving at the camp in early 1943, eventually housing over 3,000. The camp was closed in 1945.

Later the area boomed with the discovery of oil, and again each time the highways were rebuilt. Through the years, agriculture has remained the most stable source of area income. A downturn in the economy occurred in the 1980's when the Rock Island Railroad declared bankruptcy and the new I-40 alignment by-passed the downtown district. The population dropped to 850 where it held until 1990 when revival efforts of Route 66 began.

The Route 66 revival efforts brought on renovations of several vintage Route 66 sites as new business surged. Several new establishments were built along the service roads on I-40. An empty brassiere factory building is now the home of the Devil's Rope Museum, the largest historical barbed wire museum in the world. McLean became the permanent home of the Texas Old Route 66 Association, which established the first Route 66 Museum on the

Mother Road, with it's offices in the new museum complex.

A large retirement center was also built to serve the senior citizens of the area, and a new post office arose on the site of the old railroad depot. Extensive school renovations were carried out ending with a new gymnasium being built.

A new industry in the form of B&B Turbine Corporation, now known as Wood Group Turbine Components, purchased a large piece of land and built a huge office/warehouse/shop complex just south of the east bound side of Route 66. Several new families moved into McLean boosting the growing population.

Now I would like to tell you about the McLean Prisoner of War Camp. The POW Camp operated during September 9, 1942 and July 1, 1945. The camp was a standard 3,000-prisoner layout with facilities for American Offices and guard personnel. The first prisoners were German troops captured in North Africa, the second group were Germans captured in the Homeland. There were several attempts to

escape but on the bare plains of Texas there was nowhere to go. All were recaptured and seemed glad to return to the prison.

The camp affected the local community by providing many jobs. A work program using prisoners helped out the labor shortage caused by WWII. The war only cost McLean nineteen young men's lives on the battlefield and twelve young women who married camp guards and moved away.

In case you were wondering at the end of WWII there were 175 Branch Camps serving 511 Area camps containing over 425,000 prisoners of war. The camps were located all over the U.S. but the camps were mostly located in the South because of the cost of heating the barracks.

If you would like to learn more about the Prisoner of War Camp there are at least two sites dedicated to the camp.

Site 1-is located inside the McLean/Alanreed Area Museum. A display depicting a prison stockade shows many original photographs of the camp and a variety of souvenirs and artifacts. There is one large

notebook that contains stories and history written by Americans who worked at the camp. Another notebook contains stories and correspondence from former German prisoners.

Site 2-is located 2 miles east of McLean, then north one mile, which takes you to the corner of the old camp. A historical marker has been placed on a parking area telling the brief history of the camp. The historical marker reads as follows: World War II Prisoner of War Camp at McLean. A permanent alien internment camp (prisoner of war camp) in the 8th service command was established in September 1942 and American Military personnel and German prisoners began to arrive in July 1943. The site included 25-30 Buildings to accommodate the military and civilian personnel required to operate the camp. Three large compounds housed the prisoners of war. Other structures included warehouse, engineering, and fire departments, carpenter shops, and water plants. Facilities for the military were comprised of barracks, nurses and bachelor offices' quarters, officers' club, Post Exchange and

commissary, theater, laundry, and barber shop. The American military and the prisoners of war shared a small hospital. The first group of prisoners brought to McLean were members of the Famed Africa Corps commanded by General Erwin Rommel and were captured in North Africa by October 1944. The camp exceeded its official capacity of 1,000 prisoners. The community was closely

involved with the camp, and many local citizens formed lasting friendships with some of the German prisoners. The camp closed in July 1945.

This is my report on the history on McLean and the founder, Alfred Rowe. McLean is a very small, interesting town that is a fun place to live and work.

Birthdays

April 9 - Logan Taylor Tate, Ruby Jones.
April 10 - Becky M. Thomas, J.C. Skinner, Ashley McClendon, Dawson and Mickey Jackson (A).

Card of Thanks

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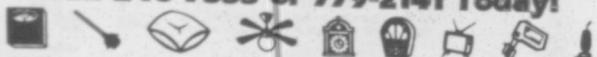
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Dale & Gracie Langehenig live in Panhandle, Texas have given their voices and musical abilities to the ministry of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are both actively involved in the worship ministries of Panhandle churches. They also feel called to strengthen and build up the body of Christ through intimate worship.

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The Groom-McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections for to be held on Nov. 5, 2002, a fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till they are eliminated by the Primary election or the final election in November.

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 Precinct 1
Bill Hinson

For Carson County
 Treasurer
Jeannie Cunningham

For Carson County Clerk
 & District Clerk
Celeste Bichsel

REPUBLICAN

For Carson County Judge
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For Gray County Clerk
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Community Calendar

TODAY is the last day to register to vote in the May 4th City and School Election.

SPRING FORWARD! Turn your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night. Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, April 7.

NO STORY HOUR until April 6. Kenny Shultz will be the guest.

IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be held on April 23, 2002 at Groom School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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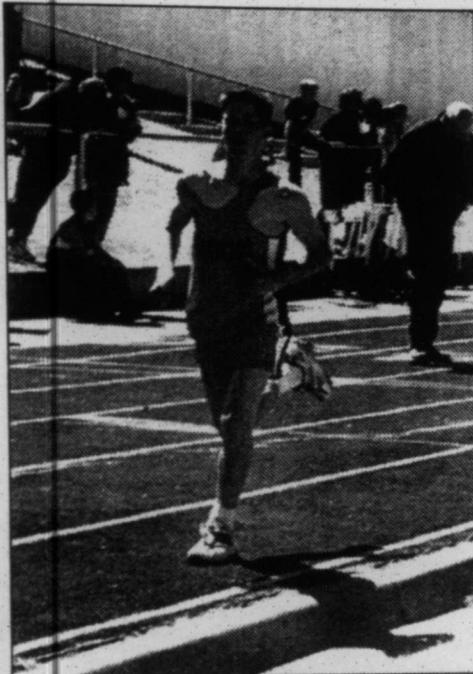
VOLUNTEERS needed to help with "Keep Groom Beautiful Texas Trash-off Clean Up Day." Meet at City Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Contact David or Lanna for more information 248-7926.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

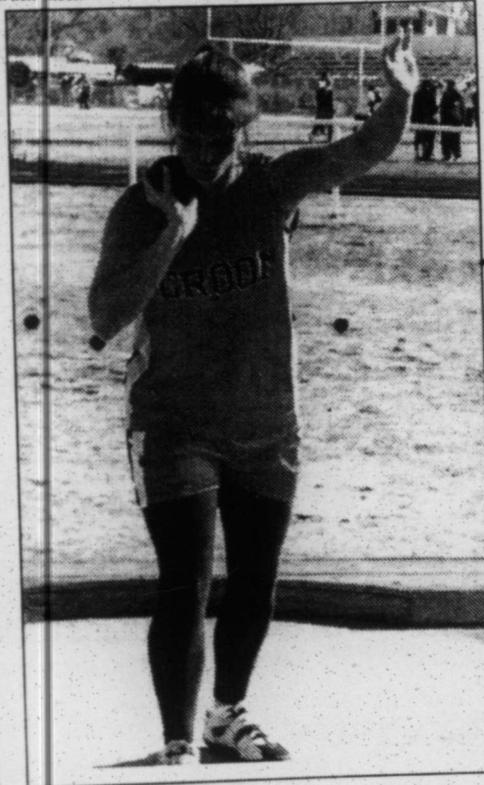
- April 4 - C.J. Whatley.
April 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leathers (A).
April 6 - Hannah Yelverton, Mrs. Ruben Baggerman, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Painter (A).
April 7 - Candace Bohr.
April 8 - Marcia Conrad, Angela Conrad Amphay, Maggie Zamudio, Belinda Britten.
April 9 - Charles Fields, Hugh Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brooks (A).
April 10 - Kreed Kotara.

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(Above)Chance Barkley sprints for the finish line at Miami's Invitational Track meet. (Below) Luarissa Noack is 100% concentration as she throws the shot put at a recent track meet.



Girls Win Miami Meet

The Groom girls high school track team won the Miami Warrior Invitational Track Meet last week before the Easter break. The girls scored 153 points. Miami was 2nd with 89 points, Hedlev 3rd with

See Track Meet, pg. 4

Eight UIL Competitors Qualify For Regional Meet

Sweeping poetry and almost sweeping editorial writing, eight students have advanced to the regional meet in 12 events. The meet took place at Clarendon College on Monday and

Tuesday, March 25-26. The regional meet will be at South Plains College in Levelland on Friday, April 19.

The poetry sweep consisted of junior Jessica Bastes, first; junior Lainie

Britten, second; and senior Wyatt Britten, third.

Editorial writing winners were senior Garrett Britten, first; junior Amanda Martin, second.

See UIL, pg. 5

Alvin Adams To Withdraw From School Board Race

Alvin Adams, a local resident, who signed up for a place on the Groom I.S.D. School Board ballot will withdraw his name from the ballot due to residency laws. Mr. Adams has lived in the District long enough (6 months) but before they moved to Groom they lived just across the state line in Oklahoma but had a Texas mailing address.

Law requires candidates to reside in the state for one year. Mr. Adams is very interested in the state of our school and plans to remain an active citizen, with the possibility of running at some future date.

Incumbents Kelvin Ollinger and Tim Case will be listed on the ballot as well as a place for one write in candidate. Sabrina Leven

has filled to be a write in candidate for the seat.

Early voting is scheduled to begin on April 17 and continue through April 30. Ballots by mail should be requested from Early Election Judge, Joyce Hutsell at Groom I.S.D., Box 598, Groom, Texas

79039. Ballots by mail must be received by Friday, April 26.

Groom EDC To Move Forward With Dairy Feasibility Study

Groom Economic Development Corporation voted last week after a public hearing to move forward with a feasibility study concerning getting a dairy to come to the Groom area.

According to EDC members, everyone who attended the meeting was in favor of the study which is expected to cost around \$5,000 - \$6,000. The study will include

environmental concerns along with many other issues.

The Economic Development Corporation is hoping to send a person to the Spring Dairy tour which will include meeting investors and seeing other dairies which are currently in operation.

In other business, the board unanimously voted to award a lot at the corner of Bivens and 2nd

Streets to Karen Brown and Carla Koetting. The pair intend to put a house on the property for speculation.

Attending the meeting were Board members, Kim Bates, Joyce Hutsell, Nathan Weiberg, and Joe Ray Richardson; visitors Karen Brown, Carla Koetting, Kelvin Ollinger, Tony Treadwell, and Ellis Stapp.

Local Personal Property Tax Issue Dies For Lack Of Support

After listening to the public's opinion concerning personal property tax, Superintendent Noack recommended to the Groom ISD school board not to go any further in seeking the tax that would bring in approximately \$60,000 to \$75,000.

The tax, had it passed, would have collected money on non-income producing vehicles, boats, motorcycles, personal

aircraft and trailers. Vehicles that are farm tagged would be eligible for the tax unless the owner signed a sworn affidavit that the main use of the vehicle was for farm use.

According to those present who spoke to the board concerning the tax, most felt it would place an unfair burden on many of the elderly on fixed incomes.

According to the County Tax Assessor Collector

Barbara Cosper the cost of implementing the tax would have been expensive.

"The Appraisal District is the one who would handle this work, but from what I was told, the list of the registered cars cost \$300 from the state of Texas. There would also be an expense similar for boats, trailers, and motorcycles," she said. "There is also a lot of delinquency on this

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Easter Visitors

Mary Margaret and Johnny Brooks hosted an Easter egg hunt and dinner for the following family members who visited over the Easter holidays: Audie, Susie, Dakota, Matt, Colby Ruthardt and friend Casey of Apache Oklahoma; Kevin, Jowannah, Lije, Brody, and Karson Powers of

Panhandle; Kirk, Marty, Whitney, Josh, and Micah Cline of Amarillo; Greg, Carla, and Jeremy Smith of Amarillo; Clive and Ann Cline of Amarillo; Steve, Debbie, Nicholas, Neal, and Natalie Anthony of Roscoe; Berkley Ruthardt; and Keith and Shirley Fields of Groom.

Local Happenings

The Donnie and Marcia Conrad home was filled with visitors this weekend. Visiting from Lewisville were Joey, Marie, and Jaden Reid; from Dalhart Toby, Rebecca, and Aaron Vincent; Angie and Samantha - Amphay and Karen Conrad of Amarillo; Russell Conrad of Canyon, Sandie Conrad and Corkey Hickey of Groom.

Melissa Anthony visited with her family over the weekend. She resides in Colorado Springs.

The Art and JoAnn Britten home enjoyed a large crowd over the Easter holiday. Visiting were Jay and Sharra Britten of Denver, CO; Ted, Robynn, and Joana Britten of Amarillo; Mark, Nancy, Christina and her friend Charlie, Jennifer, Lindsey, and Sammy Britten of Amarillo; Nila, Donald, Toby and Brin Burgin of Groom; Monica, Caren, Kecia, Karla, and Keeli Howard of Groom. The really amazing part is that JoAnn planned to feed 6 and ended up

feeding 24! She is still pretty amazing!

Visitors in the Jim and Donna Burton home over the Easter holidays were Lauren, Kaytlynn Britian and Melody Simpson of Amarillo. Allie and Norris Hoyt joined the Burton's and Simpson's at Al Alward's for dinner.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 9 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of March 18 through March 24, 2002. Currently there are 14 persons incarcerated in this jail and additional 13 prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Persons listed are charged with criminal activity, but are not necessarily convicted.

Those arrest made this week include:

Christopher Keese, age 31 of Amarillo, TX-Theft greater than 20,000, theft greater than 1,500 but less than 20,000.

Nathan Haynes, age 23 of Borger, TX-Driving while license suspended, driving while intoxicated-1st.

Chaiphativat Sysakayvong, age 19 of Dumas, TX-Illegal hunt of wildlife without landowner consent.

Jason Niven, age 24 of Fritch, TX-Illegal hunt of wildlife without landowner consent.

Demetrius Robinson, age 27 of Temple, AZ-

Unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

Robert Zazueta, age 31 of Tuscon, AZ-Money laundering.

Darryl White, age 32 of Detroit, MI-Possession of marijuana greater than 50 lb but less than 2000 lb.

Donald Johnson, age 37 of Detroit, MI-Possession of marijuana greater than 50 lb but less than 2000 lb.

Chadwick Betts, age 27 of Hereford, TX-Traffic warrants-DPS.

VA To Hold Patio Of Honor Ceremony

The Amarillo VA Health Care Center will hold a Flag Day and Brick-placing ceremony on Friday, June 14, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Medical Arts Building. Anyone wishing to

purchase a remembrance brick to be placed in the Patio of Honor may do so by April 12, 2002. Bricks may be purchased and inscribed with the name of a loved one, an

organization or business. This is a wonderful and timeless memorial to those whom we hold dear in our hearts. Proceeds from the remembrance bricks help support the Hospitality House, an eight-room facility for veterans and/or family members to stay during periods of hospitalization. For more information please call Christina Frohwein, Chief, Community Resource Service at 354-7811.

Former POW's Recognized

The Amarillo VA Health Care System invites all former prisoners of war and the public to a recognition ceremony on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the Nursing Home Care Unit-B, Dining Room on the second floor. April 9th is designated as "Former Prisoner of War Day,"

and the ceremony will be held to honor those former POW's and their families for the many sacrifices they endured. Refreshments will be served immediately following the program. For further information please call Christina Frohwein, Chief, Community Resource Service at 354-7811.

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Jack & Bettye West Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Jack West

Over one hundred people gathered in the Groom Legion Hall on March 23 to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Bettye and Jack West.

Family and friends from Texas and Oklahoma attended the afternoon reception hosted by their children, Alice

Wells, Shirley Culver, Margaret & Rodney Hardin and Jim & Carol West. Helping to greet and were guests were grandchildren Kristi Jackson & fiance, Mark Parrott, Russell & Michele Culver, LonAnne & Josh Magnuson, B. J.

& Kelly Hardin, Mandy Hardin, Austin West and Chloe West.

Providing background noise and an abundance of photo ops were great grandchildren, Mason, Madison, & Austin Culver and Thomas and William Magnuson.

Among out of town family members attending were Bettye's mother, Mrs. Maggie Ruth Johnston of McLean; her brother, Fred Johnston of McLean and her sister, Martha and Rodney Barker of Shamrock. Also attending were Jack's sister, Mattie & Blackie Adamson of Pampa and brothers, Walt



and Willie West of Pampa, Roland & Dixie West of Pampa and Robert & Carolyn West of Groom.

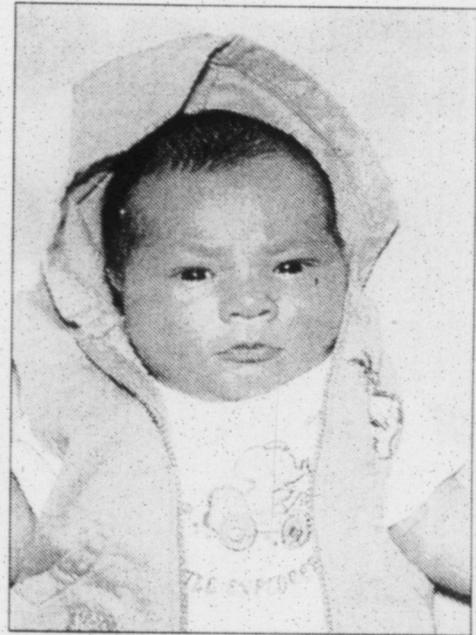
A dinner following the afternoon reception was catered by Red River Steakhouse with music provided by the Bret Graham Band from Gruene Hall in Gruene, Texas.

Bettye and Jack owned and operated the Groom Truck Terminal, retiring after twenty years in the business. To honor their many years of operating a business on Old Route 66, they were inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame. They are members of the Groom United Methodist Church. Betty spends most of their time running their

antique shop, Points West, while Jack divides his time between buying and selling old tractors and care and mowing all the tall grass he can find.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

Earl Wilson



Cade Welcomed to Linquest Home

Chris and Sara Linquest of Groom announce the birth of their son, Cade Matthew

Linquest. He was born March 18, 2002. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 and 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are

Hop and Jan Britten of Groom and Bubba and Cheryl Linquest of Howardwick. Great grandparents are Ray and Alice Britten of Groom. Cade was welcomed home by proud Uncles Brody and Travis and Aunt Katy Britten.

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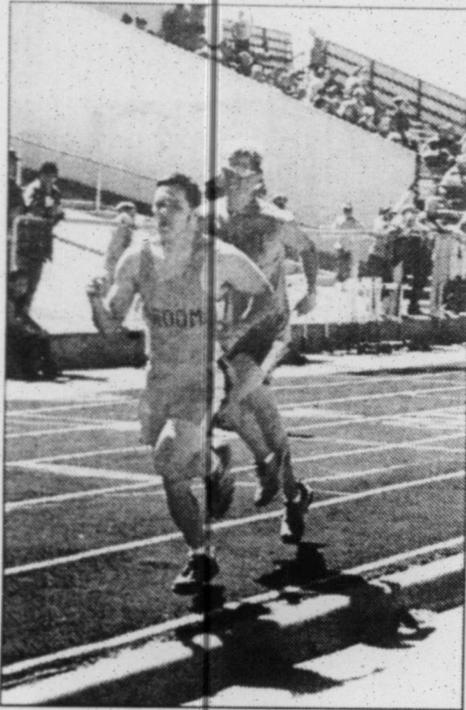
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Track Meet



Luke Pavlovsky places 3rd after a very fast 800 meter run.



Caren Howard shows good form as she sails over the 100 meter hurdles.

85, Happy 4th with 80, Follett 5th with 49, and Lefors 6th with 36.

Krisanne Davis won the long jump event with a jump of 16'7". Amanda Conrad placed 4th.

Krisanne also won the triple jump with a leap of 43-11/4.

Candace Bohr earned 2nd place in the high jump and Staci Britten placed 4th.

Larissa Noack earned gold in the Discus, throwing 90'8".

In the shot put, Larissa placed 2nd and Jennifer Jenkins placed 3rd.

Lauren Crowell won the 3200 meter run with a time of 15:04.25.

Groom's 400 meter relay team of Krisanne Davis, Candace Bohr, Staci Britten, and Amanda Conrad won first place with a time of 54.43.

Nichole Barnett placed 2nd in the 800 meter run.

Krisanne Davis brought home gold in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.01. Caren Howard placed 4th.

The team of Krisanne Davis, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr and Amanda Conrad won the 800 meter relay event with a time of 1:55.84.

Staci Britten placed 2nd in the 400 meter run. Britteny Martin

placed 5th.

The 1600 meter relay team, consisting of Amanda Conrad, Candace Bohr, Nichole Barnett and Staci Britten placed 1st, creating a clean sweep on all the relay competitions. Their time was 4:36.51.

In the boys meet, Groom placed 2nd with 93 points. Miami won the event with 119 points. 3rd place was Hedley with 87, 4th Happy with 73, 5th was Lefors with 59 and 6th place was Follett with 32.

Cody Bivens placed 2nd in the pole vault. He also placed 6th in the long jump.

Garrett Britten placed 6th in the triple jump.

Groom's 400 meter relay team of Cody Bivens, Clay Britten, Doug Fields, and Garrett Britten earned gold for Groom by winning with a time of 47.07.

The 1600 meter relay team of Bobby Ratteree, Doug Fields, Luke Pavlovsky, and Calvin Schaffer placed 4th.

Luke Pavlovsky gained a third place win in the 800 meter race.

In the 100 meter dash, Garrett Britten placed 2nd and Clay Britten placed 3rd.

Wyatt Britten placed 5th and Lance Ollinger placed 6th in the 300 meter hurdles.



Wyatt Britten placed 5th in the 110 meter hurdles.

These boys also competed in the 200 meter dash and placed the same, 2nd and 3rd. Cody Bivens also competed and placed 5th. Luke Pavlovsky placed 3rd in the 1600 meter race.

In the 3200 meter race, Adam Britten placed 4th.

The teams will compete in the District meet this weekend.

In the junior high meet, Malorie Homen placed 3rd in the girls high jump. She also placed 3rd in the long jump. Malorie competed in the 800 meter run and placed 3rd.

Kecia Howard placed 4th in the 100 meter hurdles. She also placed

5th in the 200 meter hurdles.

Karla Howard, Malorie Homen, Sharri Britten, and Kecia Howard placed 4th in the 400 meter relay event.

Thane Barkley placed 3rd in the pole vault.

Daniel Thompson placed 5th in the discus.

Kelby Noack earned 3rd place in the 2400 meter race.

Thane Barkley brought home for gold for Groom in the 200 meter hurdles.

The 400 meter relay team of Daniel Thompson, Kelby Noack, Blaine Britten, and Thane Barkley placed 5th.

Daniel Thompson, James Reid, Brandon Jenkins and Blaine

Britten competed and earned 5th place in the 1600 meter relay.

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Arrest made this week include:

Bryan Colber, age 40 of Amarillo, TX-Violation of protective order.

Aaron Warden, age 23 of Hereford, TX-Theft less than \$50.

Barry Bailey, age 24 of Fritch, TX-Theft greater than \$50 but less than \$500, and traffic warrants-Panhandle.

Brian Wellington, age 20 of Evanston, IL-Engaged in organized crime.

Herkiel Foreman, age 23 of Evanston, IL-Engaged in organized crime.

Lafunda Maiden, age 25 of Compton, CA-Engaged in organized crime.

Arnita Conner, age 24 of Hawthorne, CA-Engaged in organized crime.

Antoinette Thomas, age 23 of Los Angeles, CA-Engaged in organized crime.

William Adams, age 19 of Fritch, TX-Possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

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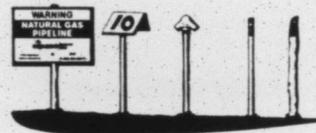
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Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.

Friday: No School

Lunch

Monday: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tuesday: Char-broiled chopped steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, rice krispie treats.

Wednesday: Mexican pile on, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, pears, milk.

Thursday: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, peaches, cheese zombies, milk.

Friday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, crackers, milk.

What is important is to keep learning, to enjoy challenge, and to tolerate ambiguity. In the end there are no certain answers.

-Martina Horner

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second; and senior Luke Pavlovsky, fourth.

All three of Groom's contestants also placed in ready writing. Those were Garrett Britten, m first; senior Karri Britten, fourth and junior Jill Britten sixth.

In addition to his wins in ready writing and editorial writing, Garrett Britten also placed second in newswriting and fourth in overall science, making him Groom's top winner.

Junior Lauren Crowell qualified for regional in two events: headline second and feature writing, third.

Besides this third in poetry, Wyatt Britten also placed third in persuasive speaking.

Senior Candace Bohr placed second in feature writing, and junior Stephany Fraser, third in informative speaking.

The top three places in literary events advance to the next level.

Freshman Chance Barkley placed third in 9th oral reading, but that event is considered a junior high event and therefore does not advance.

Freshman Adam Britten was first alternate (

fourth) in spelling.

The current events contest had two placings: junior Doug Fields, fifth; and junior Lance Ollinger, sixth.

Groom won the plague for overall journalism wins with 79 points.

Ambitious Cowgirls Wanted For Rodeos

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is now accepting entries for their Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen pageants. Young ladies from 13 to 23 years old are eligible to enter. Entry forms, rules and general information can be obtained by contacting the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard, Pampa, or by calling (806) 669-0434.

Winners will receive many outstanding prizes including saddles, buckles, tiaras and other beautiful items. Horse products, jewelry, clothing and other prizes totaling over \$2000 will be presented to the winners of the Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship and Ticket Sale categories. A scholarship will also be presented to Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas.

Past winners of the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top o' Texas Teen contests have gone on to participate and win on the state and national level. Hopefully, this years' winners will be working to achieve these prestigious titles.

Entry forms, fees and pictures are due in the rode office by Monday, April 29 so young ladies are encouraged to enter as soon as possible. For more information or to receive info packets, please contact the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard or call the rodeo office at (806) 669-0434.

The Luncheon and Style Show will once again be held at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard on Thursday, July 11. Due to limited space, reservations are recommended as early as possible.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen Pageant is under new leadership this year. Brandy Kemph-Adamson, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 1998, became pageant director this year upon the retirement of Sonja Daniel. During her reign, Brandy made many public appearances. She has remained active with the pageant and various other benefits since her tenure as Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas.

"Sonja Daniel did a terrific job in founding this pageant and I am very honored to be a part of the pageant's continued success. I look forward to the many

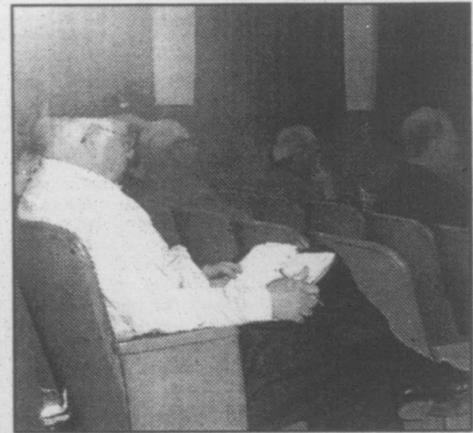
Curtis Downs was just one of the many interested area residents who attended the public hearing to decide if Groom ISD would impose a personal property tax.

great things that lie ahead," says Brandy. "I appreciate the Top O'

Texas Rodeo Association and the many sponsors that make this pageant possible."

Brandy and her husband, Ray, live in Amarillo, where Brandy works as a paralegal for the law firm f Hoffman, Sheffield, Sausdea and Hoffman. To contact Brandy or for more information regarding the queen pageant, please contact the rodeo office at (806) 669-0434.

A prudent man does not make the goat his gardner.
-Hungarian Proverb



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type of tax."

Representatives from the Appraisal District could not be in attendance to answer more direct questions.

The Board choose to go not further with this proposition and so no further action on the issue was required.

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Because of the many complaints we are receiving, we are going to **STRICTLY** enforce the following ordinances:

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Ordinance #20 - Weeds, filth and rubbish accumulated in yards and buildings that are a hazard

CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED AND FINES WILL BE LEVIED

Any citizen in the city can sign a complaint and a citation will be issued. Each of these ordinances contain a penalty clause which allows for a fine to levied for these offenses. If you need a copy of any of these ordinances, contact City Hall.

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Cielo Wind Power Hosts Earth Day

Cielo Wind Power, LLC, the development company affiliated with Texas Wind Power Company, will sponsor the First Annual Earth Day Celebration in White Deer on Monday, April 22, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Wind Power office at 300 South Main Street.

The Earth Day Celebration will feature food, entertainment, and fun activities for the entire family. Exhibitors-including Cielo Wind Power, Texas Wind Power, Xcel Energy, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Keep White Deer Beautiful, and Shee Renewables-will have information available for

the public. Student art work from the Cielo Wind Power Earth Day Art Competition will be on display. At 6:00 p.m., the winners of the Art and Essay Competitions will be announced. Keep White Deer Beautiful will be inducted as a member chapter of the national Keep America Beautiful organizations at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to enjoying the Earth Day activities downtown, the public is invited to participate in a site tour of the Llano Estacado Wind Ranch at White Deer. More than 430 students from

Skellytown Elementary, White Deer Elementary, White Deer Junior High

and White Deer High School will participate in tours during school hours. Public tours will take place every hour between 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please register in advance for the public tours by contacting Linda Kay Rapstine at the Texas Wind Power office at 883-2300.

"We're glad to be doing business in the White Deer area," said Walter Hornaday, president of Cielo Wind Power. "The site tours are a great opportunity to celebrate Earth Day and learn more about wind power and its potential in Texas."

Cielo Wind Power, LLC is a privately held company with offices in White Deer, McCamey, and Austin. Cielo began operations as a service provider for small wind turbine generators for farmers and ranchers primarily in the Panhandle. Cielo now has the largest utility-grade wind power development and professional staff in the Southwest. For additional information, go to www.cielowind.com.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch: Shriners International Headquarters at www.shrinershq.org. The National Association for the Self-Employed at www.nase.org. Consumer Healthcare Products Association at www.chpa-info.org. Pennsylvania Travel Planner, at www.experiencepa.com. Coca Cola at www.coca-cola.com. Olay at www.olay.com. ThermoCare® at www.thermacare.com. Briggs & Stratton lawn-mower tuneup tips at www.tuneupmonth.com. National Parks Service at www.nascc.org. Dunkin Donuts at www.dunkindonuts.com. Wireless Yahoo at www.yahoo.com. Amtrak at www.amtrak.com.

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