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Bill Reeves Gets Response From Pres. George Bush

Note from the Editor: Many letters have been written by area residents concerning school finance and the situation that our local school districts are facing. Few have received a response. Bill Reeves, as usual, went straight to the top. He received the following response.

Dear Mr. Reeves,
Thank you for your letter about our Nation's education system. I appreciate hearing your concerns and welcome your suggestions.

My administration is implementing education reforms that will significantly improve and strengthen our public schools. Our goal is excellence in public education. The quality of our public schools directly affects the future of American life. Today, too many children in America are limited by low expectations, illiteracy, and self-doubt. These limitations mean that children are being left behind. Our world is constantly changing and demands increasingly complex skills from its workforce.

On January 8, 2002, I was pleased to sign into law the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001,

which passed with the overwhelming support of both houses of Congress. This sweeping education reform bill begins an exciting new era of accountability, flexibility, local control, and more choices for parents in our Nation's school systems.

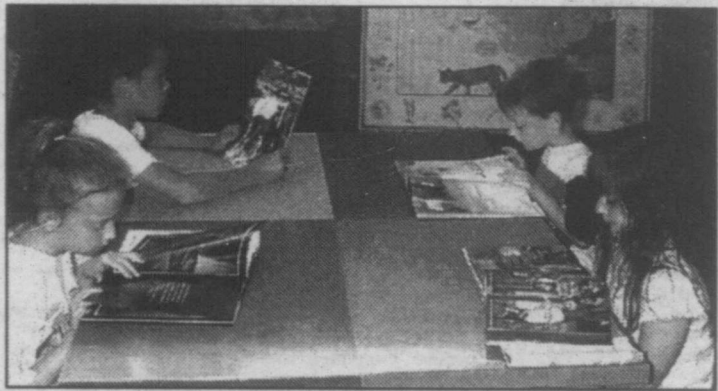
Accountability is a key part of this reform. The No Child Left Behind Act requires annual testing of students in grades three through eight. States must ensure that schools are helping all students make adequate progress. Schools struggling to meet high standards will get help, but they will be held accountable for persistent failure. And for the first time, historically high levels of Federal funding will be tied to performance.

States and local districts will have unprecedented flexibility with Federal education dollars. This will strengthen teacher quality, improve bilingual education, and promote more effective after-school programs. States will receive assistance in implementing proven programs that provide students with basic skills, particularly reading instruction in the early grades. And parents will have more options and

more control over their children's education. Parents and the public will be given detailed school-by-school reports on the performance of their local schools. For children in persistently failing public schools, parents will have the option of transferring their child to another public school or using Federal funds toward tutoring and after-school academic services.

Our task now is to ensure implementation of the Act's provisions by making significant new resources available for states, districts, and schools. My Fiscal Year 2003 budget proposal for education places a high priority on improving overall student performance and closing the achievement gap between rich and poor schools and students in America. I have asked Congress to help meet these goals by providing historic levels of funding for special education totaling \$8.5 billion, boosting funds for students in low-income communities by \$1 billion, and funding important reading initiatives to ensure that every child can read by the third grade. For

See Letter, pg. 8



Summer Reading Program Prepares Kids For Fall

Have you been trying to find a way to keep your child busy this summer and keep his learning skills honed at the same time? The 2002 Texas Reading Club? Every Summer. See Reading, pg. 10



Wanted: Baseball information. Please call Ella Mae Reyna at 779-2141.

McLean Reminder

ALANREED Cemetery Association will meet in the Alanreed Gym on July 1st at 7:00 p.m.

THE LIBRARY and City Hall will be closed on the 4th of July.

SENIOR CITIZENS will be having a lunch on Tuesday, July 2 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish and a friend.

ENTRY FORMS for the Bookmark Contest must be turned into the Library today, June 27 by 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER READING Program at the Library will begin July 15-Aug. 9.

School Board Approves Revised Audit For 2001-2002

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 20, 2002. Board members present were John Holland, Toni Bohlar, Mike Darsey, Joe Riley, Steve Bowlin and Ronnie Ferguson. Others present were Superintendent, Bob Downs, Dick Crockett, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Eric Smith, Ben & Mindy Reeves, and Gary Brown.

Absent from the meeting was Neal Odom.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Board President, John Holland called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Opening prayer was given

by Steve Bowlin.

Toni Bohlar made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2002, second by Mike Darsey. Motion carried.

David Woods was not able to be present at this meeting. He had requested to be on the agenda to address the Board regarding School Administration and Finances.

Gary Brown, auditor for Brown, Graham and Company of Pampa, was present to issue the revised audit report for year end August 31, 2001. Mr. Brown explained that the report did not necessarily have to be changed to reflect the \$100,000.00 short-term

loan which had been coded in error as long-term debt, but he assured that the correction would simplify the accounting for next year. He stated that in the long run the fund balance would remain the same, but for budgeting purposes the corrected audit would take away the complicated accounting. Paragraph 4-Page 3 of the Independent Auditor's Report reads, "As discussed in Note R to the general-purpose financial statements, certain errors resulting in overstatement of previously reported fund balances as of August 31, 2001, were discovered by management of the District during the current year.

Accordingly, the 2001 financial statements have been restated to correct the error." This change is noted on pages 28 and 29 of the audit report which reads, "This note payable had a maturity date of less than twelve months and had incorrectly been accounted for in the general long-term debt group of accounts. The correct accounting treatment for this short-term note payable is to account for it in the general fund. Accordingly, the August 31, 2001, general purpose financial statements have been reissued, resulting in a \$100,000 decrease in the general fund, fund balance account. In addition, the note

payable is now recorded in the general fund rather than the general long-term debt account group.

The following audit change was also requested by TEA. Management has also chosen to revise Note H to the general-purpose financial statements. In the previously issued Note H, management had included the \$23,431 Eckerd Health Services payment discussed in Note N as a reduction under part B of this footnote. The Texas Education Agency has requested the District not include this payment anywhere on this footnote, as it pertained to previous years' health. See School Board, pg. 9

GRAY COUNTY 4-
H Wonders of Washington Group will be having a car wash Sat. June 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Taylor Food Mart. Their trip departure time is July 29.

CARD OF THANKS
McLean Centennial Celebration, Devil Rope Museum and all others, thanks for the luncheon you provided for the past employees of Marie Foundation. I know it was a lot of work put into this celebration.

I worked at Marie Foundation Factory from the time it started, March 1957 until it closed. That was 22 1/2 years.

It was a honor to come help celebrate the day.

Thanks again for making it possible for us, Marie Foundation employees to get together.

May God Bless each of you that helped with the celebration.

I went to L.V.N. Nursing College after the factory closed. I have worked at Shamrock General Hospital now for 22 1/2 years.

Christian Love,
Zola Tate

CARD OF THANKS
I want to thank Robbie Sanderson, Sue Burrows, and Pam Skipper, the ambulance team who responded to the call on the evening of June 6. Your concern, professionalism, and care is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Methodist Church and the community of McLean for your concern and prayers, meals, and cards. Your care meant a lot.
Dorthey McKee



FERNE PATCHING
Ferne Eleanor Francy Patching, 95, died Friday, June 21, 2002.

Graveside services were held on Monday, June 24, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Happy Cemetery with Thacker Haynes, pastor of McLean United Methodist Church officiating.

Mrs. Patching was born May 26, 1907, in Bennett, Iowa, to Joseph and Electa Ann Francy. She moved with her family by rail train to Happy when she was 9 months old.

She attended school in Childress and Sunny Slope Country Schools before the school opened in Happy. She also attended Canyon Normal School. She married Edgar T. Patching on September 1, 1926.

A pioneer woman in Swisher County, she was a housewife and active in community activities. She was a founding member of the

Presbyterian Church in Happy.

She was a member of The Woman's Study Club, Happy Music Club, Eastern Star and Presbyterian Women. After her husband passed away in 1959, she worked at Warren's Department Store in Canyon and became a dorm director at West Texas State University and Northern Arizona University.

She moved to Tulia in 1983, where she was very active in Swisher County Senior Citizens. She led their exercise classes until she was 86 years old. She moved to McLean Care Center in 1999.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Bob, in 1984; four sisters, Nell Jordan, Gladys Francy, Faye Wheeler and Joyce Deal; and a brother, Robert Francy.

Survivors include a daughter, Joann Odom and husband, Pete, of Happy; a daughter-in-law, Joyce Patching of Happy; five grandchildren, Neal Odom and wife, Beverly of McLean, Kyle Odom and wife, Tricia of Decatur, Kevin Odom and wife, Tresa of Shallowater, Gary Barrett and wife, Brenda of Canyon and Teri Witten of Texarkana; and 13 great-grandchildren.

NOEL THOMPSON
Lubbock-Noel "Bud" Thompson, 84, died Saturday, June 15, 2002 in San Marcos.

Services were held Thursday, June 20 at the First Methodist Church in Lubbock, Bowman Chapel, with the Rev. Keith Wiseman officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Thompson was born December 1, 1917 in McLean. He married Eron Gafford in February 1943 in La Jolla, California.

Survivors include three children, Kay Thompson of Lincoln, Nebraska, Jay Thompson of Austin, and Jean Kastner of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a brother, Clay E. Thompson Jr. of Falls Church, Virginia; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

June 27 - Mary Bybee, Buddy Sutton.

June 28 - Teresa Kingston, Loyce Murray, Steven Pierce.

June 29 - Jenny Stubbs, Steve and Diane Roosa (A).

June 30 - Jeanette Kennedy, Tami Smith Story, Clarence Pierce, Marie Fennell, Marguerite Burr, Jay Wallis, Dale and Paula Wall (A).

July 1 - Mrs. R.A. Beverly, Rhonda Sparling, Lawrence Kurtz, Mary Jo Cordell, M.L. Rowan.

July 2 - Doug Purcell, Bill Reeves.

July 3 - Dixie Jo Crockett.



BASEBALL
Baseball season is coming to an end this week. The first and second grade coach pitch team, The Bulldozers had fun Saturday playing Clarendon. Thanks to all the coaches for all of the teams. If you would like your teams picture in the paper please give Ella Mae a call!

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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.
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2 Home Bible Studies

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm
(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
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Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

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SCHOOL BOARD
claims. As a result, the \$23,431 is no longer in this footnote. The Board voted to accept the new revision of the audit report, with a motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Joe Riley. Motion carried. The Board President and Secretary signed the audit and it will be sent to the Texas Education Agency.

The Board voted to accept the resignation of Blazie Herring as High School Principal/Teacher/Coach; motion by Steve Bowlin, second by Mike Darsey. Motion carried. Mr. Herring and family will be moving to Decatur, Texas, where he accepted a job as J.H. Athletic Director. They will be greatly missed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Return to open session came at 7:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Joe Riley questioned the

contract with W.D. Wesley, and after much discussion it was decided that Mr. Downs would give them a call in order to see if there would be any way to dissolve the contract, and what they had used to determine the base cost factor. Mr. Downs reported that he had received the estimated taxable value of \$98,917,815 from Gray County Appraisal District. Motion was made by Mike Darsey, second by Joe Riley to approve the Financial Reports A, B, and C. Motion carried.

The Board voted to approve to pay the May bills as presented and sign the corresponding checks, motion by Mike Darsey, second by Toni Bohlar. Motion carried.

Under other business Mr. Holland had contacted Ken Fields, Atty. about the possibility of school personnel being in violation of the repositism law. Mr.

Fields did further checking and MISD is not under any violations. The Board selected the date of August 9th at 7:00 p.m. to have a get-together and cookout before school starts as a token of their appreciation for the school employees.

Ronnie Ferguson had a question about the time line and ramifications if a rollback election was necessary. Mr. Downs explained how the rollback tax rate was established.

Mr. Bowlin reminded Mr. Downs that a shut-in gas pressure test would need to be conducted before school started, and they tentatively will perform this testing on July 8th, 9th, or 10th. An inspection had been done on the boilers, and the large hot water heater at the field house was sitting close to the wall and would have to be moved. Mr. Downs has contacted Doyle Lee to move the water heater away from the wall to meet the requirement of 2 ft.

The administration is working on job assignments for Principal, Dick Crockett, and Eric Smith. They have also been working on class schedules. Mr. Downs has roughly calculated the salaries for 2002-03 to be \$851,489 which will be about a \$200,000 cut from last year. The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Crockett had a breakdown report of how the students had scored on the TAAS tests, and briefly went over it. Mr. Crockett stated that they had done a really good job again, and he had to brag on the teachers and students K-12. The Board tipped their hat to the Exemplary recognition of our school for the past four years. They appreciate all the hard work by the students and teachers. Mr. Crockett also commended Mrs. Holland and the Accelerated Reading program, and the City Library will be working with the school this summer to keep the students excited about reading and to continue to sharpen their Reading skills. No other business was discussed at this time.

Toni Bohlar made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m., second by Steve Bowlin. Motion carried.

McLean/Alanreed Area Museum Entertains Visitors From 18 States and 1 Foreign Country

By Dorthey McKee

For the month of April the McLean/Alanreed Area Museum had 96 visitors from 18 different states, with the most from California, Illinois, and Pennsylvania besides Texas.

Had one from Treugrad, France that was bicycling across county. A couple from Ohio said

this museum had more artifacts than Cleveland and was a really nice museum.

Glad to have the Study Club meeting here. Hope to have other club meetings here in the future.

The last of the month had 11 McLean seniors. Enjoyed having them.

They were: Betha, Rogers, Jaci Grigsby, traci Grigsby, Sarah Holland, Laura Thomason, Vonda Averett, Amanda Hauck, Chase Barnes, Jennifer Greer, Nikki Hefley, Robert Sherwood. They were a pleasant fun bunch.

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READING

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will be awarded to him or her in the next school year's accelerated reading program. They just need to present the log to their teacher next school year.

Encourage your child to participate in the Texas Reading Club. By doing so, you will help your child retain hard-earned reading skills acquired during the school year. Your family can explore Texas from the coast to the piney woods with an inexpensive trip to the

library. Your library card is free! Why not make this a project the whole family can enjoy?

For more information, stop by and visit our librarian, Sally Bohlar, or call her at 779-2851.

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The McLean Brownie Troop 126 were awarded the badges they earned and two Brownies, Sami Staton and Erin Vassey, bridged into Girl Scouts on Wednesday, May 29. Pictured are (back) Mariah Woolridge, Sami Staton, Ashley Russell, Kendra Richardson, Erin Vassey, (middle) Chelsey Sims, Miranda McMordie, Cassandra Ingle, Rudy Rodriguez, Becca Reyna, (front) Emilee Sims, Britnie Cooper, and Tori Bybee.

DEVIL'S ROPE MUSEUM

By Davie Gipson

During the month of May, we had 629 visitors in the museum. That is 139 more than visited last year in May. Forty-one states were represented along with fourteen foreign countries. We had 122 international visitors.

We started the month with a tour group from Canada driving Old Route 66. They were senior citizens having a wonderful time.

Michael Mites and Mary Kay from Odyssey Studio were here May 2 photographing the museum.

Then on May 17, the Sports Banquet was held

in the Heritage Room honoring all the athletes of McLean High School. The sponsors decorated with black and gold naturally, and the room was festive.

Mrs. Watkins brought her 7th grade class on May 17 on their field trip.

Mrs. Stalls' 6th graders came in on their field trip on May 22. They were studying the POW camp and took their sack lunches out to the old POW camp to enjoy. I understand the lizards were plentiful out there.

The month was rounded out with a tour of 45 people from the United Kingdom touring America via Old Route 66.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

201 N. Main St.

I have a simple question-What can I do or we do to improve both the attractiveness and productiveness of the broad McLean community?

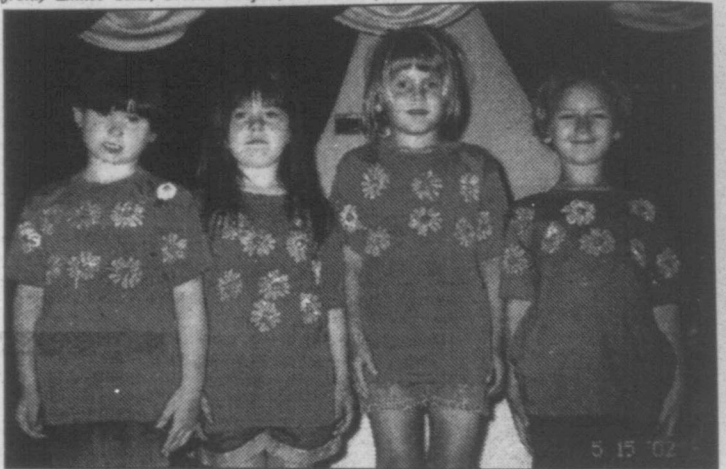
Improvements that will last 50 years or more-many more.

May I suggest a complete water system. Those of us over 50, have observed significant deterioration-deterioration that continues.

Another suggestion is: Go to Shamrock and observe the small park at Main and 2nd.

Or just plant trees like in the Shelter Belts Done in the 1930s.

Garth B. Thomas



Daisy Troop #524 held their bridging ceremony on May 15, 2002. Bridging to Brown Girl Scouts were Shelby Adams, Tristan Davis, Hayley Burnett, and Jacie Ketcherside.

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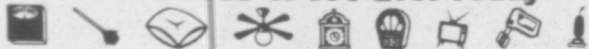


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NOTICE
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
RECORDS-Held by Eastern Panhandle Shared Services Arrangement, Shamrock, Texas.

Eastern Panhandle SSA is giving notice to destroy the Special Education records of students with disabilities (including speech) who graduated or were dismissed from Special Education between June 1994 and May 1995. These records involve students who attended the following schools: Allison ISD, Canadian ISD, Clarendon ISD, Fort Elliot ISD (Briscoe and Mobeetie), Hedley ISD, Higgins ISD, Kelton ISD, Lakeview ISD, McLean ISD, Miami ISD, Samnorwood ISD, Shamrock ISD, Wellington ISD, and Wheeler ISD.

Parents or students have the right to obtain these records rather than have them destroyed. These records may be needed to assist in obtaining Social Security benefits, exemptions for college tests or other purposes. We will not destroy these records until July 15, 2002.

If you wish to have these records, please contact: Joline Wilson, Director Eastern panhandle Shared Services Arrangement 517 South Wall Shamrock, Tx 79079 806-256-2592.

YOUNG AT HEART Senior Citizens Group will host an identity left seminar on Tuesday, July 23 at the Senior Citizens Center, 100 Main, McLean. Admission is free. A panel of experts including executive director of the Better Business Bureau, FBI agent, and the postmaster of the Amarillo Postal Service will attend. Mark your calendar.

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THEFT

There was a theft of 12 landscaping timbers and 36 10" spikes from the home of Mert and Jenny Collom at 502 Grove last week. The value of the merchandise taken was approximately \$75.00. The theft occurred sometime between Tuesday morning and Thursday morning. If you have any information please call the Sheriff's Office.

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We Saw...

Irma Rutherford "cheerfully" headed out to keep a doctor's appointment.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper making a stop in Groom. It's nice to know that some of our elected officials know where Groom is even when it's not an election year!

Larry Pool and his son Brandon hoping to cash in on the big jackpot in the Lottery drawing. Guess we all had to go to work Monday, huh, Larry!

A.J. Newsom having just one more cup of coffee.

Buddy Weller watering trees and bushes at the park last week, with a 55 gallon barrel in the back of his pick-up.

Community Calendar

CAR WASH benefiting the Children's Miracle Network will be hosted by the DQ employees and the Groom Fire Dept. on July 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

UNITED Methodist Church Vacation Bible School will be held June 30-July 2.

GIRLS Athletics will begin July 2 at 9:00 a.m., **Boys Athletics** will begin at 8:00 p.m.

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Local Women Tackle Housing Project

The entrepreneur spirit is alive and well in Groom. Two local women who believe in the future of Groom have taken on a task that many said couldn't be done by them.

Karen Brown and Carla Koetting are in the process of remodeling a house that they had moved in on EDC lots on Bivens Street. The house, a three bedroom, one bath, dining room, 1600 square foot perma-stone structure will be completely remodeled, with storm windows, a gas stone fireplace, a dishwasher, beautiful hardwood floors in some areas, new carpet in

others, new plumbing, concrete porches, with a handicapped accessible porch in front, backyard deck and a drive way. The house sits on 1 1/2 lots on the corner of 2nd and Bivens with a great view of the Cross.

The idea was born when Carla was looking for a house to move in on their ranch.

"I liked this house a lot, it has some really nice features," she said, "but Chief didn't think it was right for what we had been looking for. I happened to mention it to Karen and from there the project took on a life of

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Karen Brown and Carla Koetting congratulate each other on their success with their project thus far. They hope to have the house finished before school starts.



Pantex Volunteers Complete Projects

Local Pantex employees held their Annual Volunteer Day on Saturday, June 22. The group gathers once a year to work on projects for the community.

This year several tasks were accomplished. One of the group washed all the downtown store front windows. Another group put up a "Kid Stop" on the back of the bleachers

at the baseball field. The new chain link fencing is attached to the top of bleachers and will add safety to the area by preventing children or adults from falling or jumping off the back of the bleachers. The group also plans to do some much needed work on the rest rooms at the ball park when the season is over for the year.

This group also planted some new shrubs at the park, replacing some that had died.

Curtis Downs, one of the many volunteers, stated, "If the community has projects they would like us to consider doing, we would be glad to entertain their suggestions."

The community See Volunteers, pg. 2

City Asks Engineer To Take A Look At Work On Streets

The regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. with the following members and visitors present: Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Chris Welch, and visitors Dwight Brandt, Tony Treadwell, Rick Prather, and Mary Margaret Brooks.

The Council questioned Dwight Brandt, city engineer, about having someone here more during the process of getting the new well. Mr. Brandt said that they were here 17 times and that he talked to the contractors about three times a week. There are to be three samples of water taken and the contractor will be responsible for paying for the tests. Don Case asked why the contractor was able to repair the street cuts with materials that were of lesser quality and leave the street cut in worse shape than before the cut was made. Mr. Brandt was going to check the contract and see if street cuts were addressed. The City discussed the new grant process with Mr. Brandt. He said that

before an engineer can be chosen, an administrator will have to choose to handle the new grant for water line replacements. The City will have to take bids for an engineer before the grant application. Chris Welch volunteered to make the presentation for the new grant.

Concerning the discussion of putting a fire hall in the old hospital building, the Mayor presented an estimate of \$22,000 from Mike Koetting Construction for putting drive through doors in the old hospital for the Fire House. CMI Buildings gave a quote of \$21,000 for a 20 ft. X 8 ft. building. The council decided to let the Fire Department go ahead with their original plan. No action was taken.

The council discussed clarification of taps. Customers will be charged according to the old rates. The homeowner will be responsible for the line all the way to the tap. No other action was taken.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as

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Local Happenings

HARRELL REUNION

The fourth annual "Harrell Family Day" was observed this past Saturday with all children, grandchildren,

and great-grandchildren of Glynn D and Sybil Harrell present at the home of Matthew Mulkey near Weatherford, Texas.

Family members were Jim and Beverly Ingram of Amarillo, Glynn and Kim Ingram, Melyssa, Stephanie and Holly of Rowlett, Jim and Lauralee Ingram, Lauren and Christopher of Euless, Kemp Ingram, currently of Oula, Finland, Darron and Brandi Eschle, Madison, Bailey and Leighton of Flowermound, James and Erin Kate Wolf, Elysa Camden and Keston of Austin, Jason Eschle of Dallas, Glynda Eschle of Lubbock, Stephen and Sara-Allyson Hightower, Robert and Whitney, Jeremy and Tonya Mulkey, Rowdy, Emily, and Caitlin, Louise and Bob Mulkey, all of Panhandle. Also Weldon York and Wayne Richards of Austin, Anice Bruce and Charley of Fort Worth attended the event.

ILL OR RECOVERING

Gary Friemel, Ralph Hutsell, and Buddy Weller.

Johnny Eschle of Arlington had bypass surgery earlier this week at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

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appreciates their efforts and grateful for wonderful things they do for the Groom area all year long.

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presented. A motion was passed to approve paying the bills.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 27 - Melissa Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Crowell (A) Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anthony (A).

June 28 - Jack Bivens, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weller (A), Staci Dian Britten, Kenneth and Christina Weller (A).

June 29 - Ross Brooks, Kenneth Weller. June 30 - Don Smith, Alice Kuehler, Doris Kuehler, Mr. and Mrs. John Koetting (A).

July 1 - Clifton Britten, Kevin and Susan Noack (A).

July 2 - M.B. Bolden, Michael Anthony Lewis.

July 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMahan (A), Mr. and Mrs. Scott McLaughlin (A).

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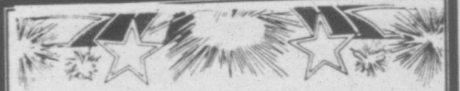
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The groom's parents are Mike and Rhonda Johnson, Pierre Part, LA. Grandparents are the late Wanda Davis of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Johnson of Fritch.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a strapless, satin gown accented with seed pearls and Austrian crystals that flowered to a chapel length train. In her hair she wore a jewel and pearl tiara. Her bouquet consisted of white roses and red sweetheart roses. In it she carried a handkerchief which belonged to Grandma Wanda. She also wore her Nanny Bell's pearls and a family bracelet. Wedding colors were platinum and black with white and red accents.

Matron of Honor was Peggy Crow. Bridesmaids were Shannon Reining and Lindsay Martin of Panhandle, Desirae Stafford of College Station, Amanda Freeman of Lubbock. Jr. bridesmaid was McKenna Britten, sister of the bride of Groom. Best Man was Byron Manley of Houston. Groomsmen were Joel Johnson of Roulette, Jeremy Johnson of Pierre Part, LA, Johnny Johnson of Lubbock, all brothers of the groom; and Jeremy Furstenfeld of San Marcos.

Flowergirls were Hunter Rene' Heck of Panhandle and Jaycie Johnson, niece of the groom, of Rowlette. Ring bearer was Ethan Hayes of Panhandle. Candlelighters were Trent and Tanner Britten, brothers of the Groom, of Groom. Ushers were Jeremy Britten, M.D., of Pearland, Ryan Britten of Lubbock, both brothers of the bride, and Matt Adams of Sugarland.

Honor attendants were Asia Hansen of Pearland and Jacey Leffew of Panhandle. Music was by the Vienna Conspiracy. Soloist was Jeremy Furstenfeld, singing "You".

A reception and dance were held at the Panhandle Country Club. Servers were Sarah Atchley of Austin, Codi Cunningham and Stacy Bennett of College Station, and Amanda Landers of Amarillo. The bride attends WTA&MU, pursuing a Bachelor of Art Degree in Art and Art Education. She is employed by Britten Enterprises.

The groom graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Art Degree in Sociology and WTA&MU with a certificate in teaching. He is employed by the Canyon School District. The couple honeymooned in Santa Fe, NM and will make their home in Amarillo.



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The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a strapless, satin gown accented with seed pearls and Austrian crystals that flowered to a chapel length train. In her hair she wore a jewel and pearl tiara. Her bouquet consisted of white roses and red sweetheart roses. In it she carried a handkerchief which belonged to Grandma Wanda. She also wore her Nanny Bell's pearls and a family bracelet. Wedding colors were platinum and black with white and red accents.

Matron of Honor was Peggy Crow. Bridesmaids were Shannon Reining and Lindsay Martin of Panhandle, Desirae Stafford of College Station, Amanda Freeman of Lubbock. Jr. bridesmaid was McKenna Britten, sister of the bride of Groom.

Best Man was Byron

Manley of Houston. Groomsmen were Joel Johnson of Roulette, Jeremy Johnson of Pierre Part, LA, Johnny Johnson of Lubbock, all brothers of the groom; and Jeremy Furstenfeld of San Marcos.

Flowergirls were Hunter Rene' Heck of Panhandle and Jaycie Johnson, niece of the groom, of Rowlette.

Ring bearer was Ethan Hayes of Panhandle.

Candlelighters were Trent and Tanner Britten, brothers of the Groom, of Groom.

Ushers were Jeremy Britten, M.D., of Pearland, Ryan Britten of Lubbock, both brothers of the bride, and Matt Adams of Sugarland.

Honor attendants were Asia Hansen of Pearland and Jacey Leffew of Panhandle.

Music was by the Vienna Conspiracy. Soloist was Jeremy Furstenfeld, singing "You".

A reception and dance were held at the Panhandle Country Club. Servers were Sarah Atchley of Austin, Codi Cunningham and Stacy Bennett of College Station, and Amanda Landers of Amarillo.

The bride attends WTA&MU, pursuing a Bachelor of Art Degree in Art and Art Education. She is employed by Britten Enterprises.

The groom graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Art Degree in Sociology and WTA&MU with a certificate in teaching. He is employed by the Canyon School District.

The couple honeymooned in Santa Fe, NM and will make their home in Amarillo.



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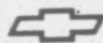
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More Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Delton McGuire and Helen Witt attended the meeting of the HI-Plains Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas in Amarillo on Saturday.

Helen read the winning

poems from the contest she sponsors each year in memory of Dr. John L. Witt. This is for high school classes 9-12 and she receives some wonderful poems from these students.

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ENTREPRENEURS

"We have learned a lot but for the most part we have done this ourselves," stated Karen Brown. "We will be hiring some stuff done, but we have had a lot of fun!"

The dynamic duo have been spending all their

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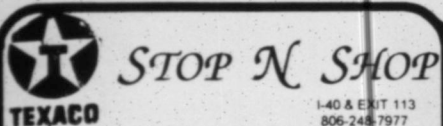
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The After Graduation Party was held on May 24, 2002 at 10:00 p.m. in the little gym. The kids enjoyed playing pool and ping pong along with board games, card games and a video game. The swimming pool was also open so the kids could swim. There were 38 CHS students in attendance. We would like to thank all the people who helped sponsor and organize this event-Cindy Babcock, Pam Ashford, Marcia Conrad, Wamyth Britten, Marla Britten, Sandra & Jigger Britten, Nila & Donald Burgin, Susan & Cliff Britten, Kathleen Barkley, Carole Fields, Toni Pavlovsky, Debbie O'linger, and Michele Bohr. Also a big thank you to the Rodney Bohr family, Kevin Noack family, and Troy Ritter family for letting us use your ping pong tables, to Coach Reid, Garrett Britten and Luke Pavlovsky for helping set up, to Skye Brown for being our lifeguard, and to Debbie for providing all the games. We would also like to thank everyone that supported us by purchasing raffle tickets. This is an important project every year and it would not be possible without the support of our community and surrounding towns. A special thanks goes to the businesses and individuals listed below for their donations of money or gifts for this party to help make it a success.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were five persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of June 17 through June 23, 2002. Currently there are 10 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.

Arrest made this week include:

Monica Shackelford, age 31 of McLean, TX-Traffic warrants-DPS.

Danny Young Jr., age 34 of Borger, TX-Criminal trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Katrina Jordan, age 22 of Wichita Falls, TX-Traffic warrants-DPS.

COUNTY

The Honorable Commissioners' Court of Carson County, Texas met on June 24, 2002 in pursuant to adjournment with the members and officers present as follows: Commissioners, Mike Britten, Pr. #1, Kenneth Ware, Pr. #2, Jerry Strawn, Pr. #3, and Kevin Howell, Pr. #4.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler asked the court to approve the hiring of Betty Watson at a level 18D salary, effective July 1, 2002 as secretary of that office. A motion was passed to allow the personnel change.

Sheriff Gary Robertson petitioned the commissioners to approve the hiring of Harlin Scott Sutton as deputy, starting July 1, 2002 at an entry level 28D salary. The motion was passed to approve the application.

The court considered several line item budget transfers in various departments. A request of moving \$6,000 from

equipment and lease and supplies to parts and repairs in Precinct #1 was approved by a motion passed.

A request to move \$12,000 from miscellaneous, equipment payments, and culverts to equipment rental/lease and tires and tubes in Precinct #3 was approved.

\$4,000 was moved from parts and repairs to culverts in Precinct #4. A motion passed to allow this move.

A motion was passed to transfer \$1983 from clerks salary to part-time help in the extension office.

\$2,450 was shifted from several line items to uniforms, boarding prisoners, and Machinery, and Warren Cat. All copies of bids, interest rates, and payment schedules are attached. A motion was passed to accept the bid from Scott Tractor for an 821C Case for a trade difference of \$101,000.

Discussion was held concerning roof repairs on county buildings.

Postage To Increase To 37 Cents June 30

Getting ready to mail off a big batch of bills or correspondence? You might want to get it done before June 30 as postage rates will be going up. First Class mail will increase to 37 cents up 3 cents from 34 cents, post card stamps will get a 2 cent increase from 21 cents to 23 cents.

The Postal Service stated that the cost of doing business has increased. Labor, fuel, transportation, utilities, and health care benefits all contribute to the price

increase. The U.S. Postal Service is not subsidized by the federal government. They rely on the sale of postal products to cover their operating expenses.

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miscellaneous in the sheriff's office. A motion passed to allow these transfers.

A motion was passed to move \$12,628 in the library and general fund to take care of maintenance and repairs, insurance and indigent attorney fees.

Bids were opened for a wheel loader for Precinct #3. Submitting proposals were Scott Tractor, Yellowhouse Machinery, Amarillo

One company was wanting to repair with a spray-on substance instead of a metal product. The court agreed to spend the money needed to fund the metal roof. Contracts will be addressed at a later court date.

July 2 was the date set for road hands to prepare the courthouse grounds for the July 4th celebration.

KEITHA DAVIS
PAMPA-Keitha Jo Davis, 31, died Monday, June 17, 2002.

Graveside services were held on Friday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery with Frank Davis of Channing officiating.

Ms. Davis was born March 26, 1971, in Pampa. She spent most of her childhood and early adult life living in Amarillo. She was a 1989 graduate of Amarillo High School, where she was on the swim team.

She attended Amarillo College, graduating with honors in 1994 and was named most outstanding art student. She later attended the University of North Texas at Denton and she was a competitive bicyclist.

In 1992, she moved back to Pampa where she worked as a property manager for Mack Enterprises for several years.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, L. Keith Davis in 1989.


Survivors include her mother, Kathy Davis of Pampa; her father and stepmother, Joe and Linda Davis of Amarillo; her grandparents, Jolynn Davis Cash and husband Bill, of Pampa, and Troy and Mattie Lou Maness of Amarillo; two step-sisters, Laurie Callen of Coppel and Janan Scott of Lubbock; her uncles and aunts, Lewis and Debbie Davis of Pampa, Frank and Melody Davis of Channing and Linda and Dave Autry of Amarillo; six cousins, Ryan Davis and Dave Davis, both of Pampa, Elizabeth Davis and Jonathan Davis, both of Channing, and Shane Walker and Cody Walker, both of Amarillo; and a special friend, Debi Mack of Pampa.

The family suggests memorials be to Keitha Davis Art Scholarship Fund, attn. Betty Howell,

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