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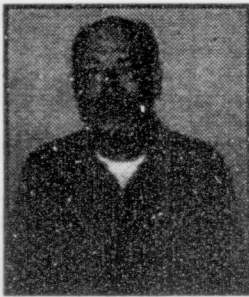
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Campaign Time For City Council and School Board Candidates



Frank Warner



Bob Martin



George Shaw



Janet Glass



Molly McDowell

On May 7, 2005 elections will be held for the open positions on the McLean Independent School District Board of Trustees and the McLean City Council.

The City of McLean's mayor position and two alderman position are up for election. Candidates who signed up to run for mayor are Frank Warner, Incumbent and Bob Martin, former mayor.

Three people are vying for the two alderman positions. Opponents for

these positions are Janet Glass, Molly McDowell and George Shaw.

The candidates will appear on the ballot as follows: Mayor position - Bob Martin. Butch Warner.

Alderman positions: George Shaw. Molly McDowell. Janet Glass.

Each of the position on the City Council are two year positions.

Five people are vying for the two positions on the McLean School Board. Opponents for the

positions are Joe Riley, Toni Bohlar, Jason Henderson, Bobby Richardson and Carey Richardson. The candidates will appear on the ballot as listed above.

Each of the positions on the School Board are three year positions.

The last day to withdraw for candidacy is March 15. The last day to file as a write-in candidate is March 14.

Early voting begins on April 20 and ends on May 3.



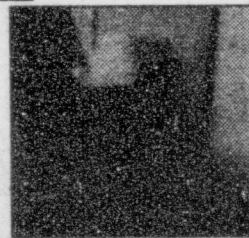
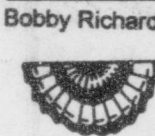
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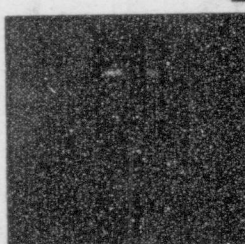
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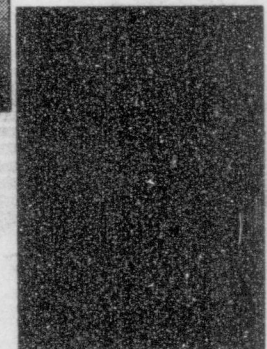
Toni Bohlar



Jason Henderson



Carey Richardson



Joe Riley

McLean School Board Interviews Superintendent Candidates

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 7, 2005. Board members present were Billy Bybee, Ronnie Ferguson, Chet Bohlar, Terri Adams, Bobby Richardson, David Fuller and Marshall Hanes. Others present were Superintendent, Eric Smith, Blaze Herring, Dick Crockett, Jacque Riley, Janet Glass, Bobbie Stalls, Charlotte Hefley, and Mary Dwyer of the Site-Based Committee, and Superintendent applicants, Sandi Belcher, Jimmy

Hannon, and Steve Jefferson.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Ronnie Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and Terri Adams gave the opening prayer.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. with the Site-Based Committee and started interviewing each candidate that was applying for the Superintendent position. The three applicants were interviewed separately. The Site-Based Committee left Executive Session at approximately 8:45.

Superintendent Eric Smith and Principals, Dick Crockett exited the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:55 p.m.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Bobby Richardson to table the decision of hiring a Superintendent until Monday, March 14th, during a Special meeting set for 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Richardson, second by Marshall Hanes to adjourn at 9:57 p.m.

Motion carried.

MCLEAN REMINDERS

LITTLE DRIBBLERS
Tournament in Shamrock, March 10-12.

THE SCHOOL Board will meet for a special executive session on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Business Office.

THE JR. HIGH and High School Track Teams will travel to Lefors today and tomorrow.

CITY COUNCIL will meet on March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

SPRING BREAK - March 14 - 18.

THE DEVIL'S Rope Museum will open for a new season on March 1, 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday.

THE FIRE Department is looking for volunteers, if you are interested you may talk to any fireman for more details.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to e-mail your news, you may do so to jts@centramedia.net

Trew Presents Route 66 Paper To The Texas Historical Association Convention

Ruth and Delbert Trew journeyed to Ft. Worth where he presented a paper to the Texas State Historical Association annual convention. He joined T. Lindsay Baker, noted author and museum curator, and Greg Smith of the Texas Historical Commission in introducing the historical association to Route 66 history, lore and legend.

Trew's paper is titled, "Grassroots Restoration Along Texas Route 66," describing the efforts of the Texas Route 66 Association and others along the Route 66/140 corridor from Texola to Glen Rio.

The Trews visited relatives in the area and attend The Warm Country Heart Theater in Glen Rose where old musician friends are performing.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 10 - Jason Ketcherside, Elizabeth Martin.

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

March 12 -

March 13 - Maudine Rutherford, Cheyenne Collins, Missie

Richardson.

March 14 - Rita Jo Crockett, Lynn Swanson, Brent Green, Lori Hefley, Danny Lee, Joshua Watson.

March 15 - Grace Glenn, Gaylia Long, Brad Dalton.

March 16 - Kristen Odom.

Pioneer Study Club Learns of Ireland

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, March 3, 2005, at Elizabeth's, in McLean. Hostess Zelda McClellan served delicious refreshments to the following members: Barbara Bode, Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Mickey Jackson, Ruth Magee, Betty Morgan, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Rosa Troy, Angie Ware, Nama Webb, and Mary Emma Woods.

An entertaining program

relating the highlights of the life of St. Patrick of Ireland was given by Mindy Reeves. She also gave details of the Pillsbury Bakeoff, encouraging all to enter as the winner of the grand prize recipe receives one million dollars and there are five \$10,000 prizes for runner-up recipes.

The next meeting will be held at Elizabeth's, with Emma Pechtel hostess and Ticie Taylor presenting the program.



Young At Heart Has St. Patty's Party

There were 32 members and guests at the Young At Heart St. Patrick's Day party. Shelly Overturff with Accolade provided free blood pressure checks. Guests included Bonnie Sutton, Bonnie Bidwell, Gayla Long, Joanne Stone (the new owner of the McLean flower shop),

Victor Jones, and Anita Seaney. Gay Hill, Jane Herndon and Ben Reeves provided Irish music and a lot of humor. President Marjorie Fish wished Billie Kingston and F.J. Hess "happy birthday." Our next potluck luncheon meeting will be an Easter Party of March 15.

Obituary

OLIVE WOMMACK, 75, a retired bookkeeper, died February 23, 2005, in McLean, Texas. Memorial services were held Saturday, February 26, at 11 a.m. at Holly Hills Memorial Park Mausoleum in Granbury, Texas.

Olive Wommack was born July 4, 1929, in Clarksville, Texas, and spent most of her life in

Granbury, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Newcomers Bridge Club, Opera Guild, and Lake Granbury Medical Center Auxiliary. She enjoyed Bible study and was an avid bridge player.

Survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Joe Morgan, of McLean.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice.

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McLean Students of the Week of Feb. 28 - March 4: Kindergarten - Joshua Watson and Hunter Barnett, 1st - Shalynn McDonald, 2nd - Cody Crockett, 3rd - Hayley Burnett, 4th - Miranda McMordie, 5th - Britnie Cooper, 6th - Clay Crockett, 7th - Nancy Castillo

Tyler Hanes Wins First Place At Golf Tournament

Tyler Hanes won the Wellington golf tournament last week. The Tigers and Lady Tigers traveled to Wellington last Monday and Tuesday. The Tiger team finished in second

place overall. Tyler Hanes shot an 80. Zach Richardson shot an 89. Kutter Anderson shot a 105. John Haynes shot a 103 and Logan Sparling shot a 112.

The Lady Tigers finished the day in fifth place. Carrie Thompson shot a 97. Erin Bailey shot a 116. Brooke Seymour shot a 123 and Tamara Loya shot a 130.

Women Nominations Sought For Annual Distinguished Service Award

The Women's Forum, Amarillo Area is seeking nominations for the 2005 Distinguished Service Awards. Nominations are due by March 25, 2005 and should be sent to: Pat Chandler, #3 Player Place, Amarillo, Texas 79124. Nomination packets may be obtained at the McLean News or by calling Rita Bryant at 806-352-7425.

Previous winners from the McLean/Alanreed area

The nominee must be a resident of the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and must not have received the award before.

The Women's Forum is the local branch of the Governor's Commission on Women. The group works to coordinate local and state efforts to identify and respond to women's needs, including encouragement of qualified women to serve on appointed or elected local and state boards and commissioners.

are Ruth Magee, Vera Back and Ruth Trew.

The Organization seeks to recognize contributions of women and encourage the development of the potential of women. Nominees should be women who have had a significant impact on their community in the areas of arts, education, public policy, health care and medicine, and community volunteerism and should extend beyond professional accomplishments.

Webelo Pack 425 Visits Local Ranch by Gaylynn Manns

After a lot of hard work working on activities that are required, we decided to have a meeting that is not a requirement.

The Webelo Scouts in Pack 425 went to a nearby ranch for their March 1 meeting. We went on a hike with our snacks in tow. Sat by the pond and ate as we visited.

The boys got restless

and decided to climb a bluff. Boy were they dirty after that. After checking on the cows with their calves, we went to do regular ranch chores including, feeding a dobe calf, feeding the rabbits and feeding and getting eggs from the chickens (not to mention chasing the chickens).

Even though this outing

was not a requirement, I'm sure I can find something in the books to get them a badge for this all time fun meeting.

Webelo Scouts are: Stormy Manns, Shiloh Brown, Justin West and new recruitment James Campagna.



McLean Tigers And Cubs

McLean Tigers & Cubs Excel At Wellington Meet

MCLEAN TRACK SCHEDULE 2005

Date	Location	Team
Mar. 4-5	Wellington	JH/HS Boys
Mar. 10	Lefors	JH
Mar. 11	Lefors	HS
Mar. 22	Motley County	JH
Mar. 24	Motley County	HS
Apr. 1	District Wheeler	JH
Apr. 2	Wheeler	HS
Apr. 8	District Wheeler	HS
Apr. 15	Area Panhandle	HS
Apr. 29-30	Regional Levelland	HS
May 13-14	State Austin	HS

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The McLean Tigers and Cubs track teams travelled to Wellington to compete against several other schools last Friday.

Tiger results:

400 meter relay team: 3rd
100 meter dash: James Alexander - 1st
400 meter dash: Jayme Welch - 5th
1600 meter relay team: 3rd
shot put: Nick Jones - 4th
discuss: Nick Jones - 6th
long jump: Jayme Welch - 5th - 19.1'
pole vault: Daniel Lee - 2nd - 9', Zach Richardson - 3rd - 8.6'

J.V. Tiger results:

3200 meter run: Mark Smith - 3rd

100 meter dash: Stephen Ingle - 2nd

200 meter dash: Stephen Ingle - 4th

1600 meter relay team: 3rd

Cub results:

2400 meter run: Caleb Crawford - 5th

800 meter run: Caleb Crawford - 6th

100 meter dash: Chase Bohlar - 2nd

200 meter dash: Chase Bohlar - 4th

1600 meter relay team: 5th
shot put: Nick Creed - 2nd

discuss: Julia Henson - 6th

long jump: Chase Bohlar - 2nd - 17'



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Economic Development Corporation Meets

The McLean Economic Development Corporation met February 24, 2005.

In attendance were: Betty Taylor, Lynn Reeves, Katie Warner, Butch Warner, Monty McLain & Peggy Baer. Visitors attending were Mr. & Mrs. Randy Stalls.

Betty Taylor opened with a prayer then she called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved. The Treasurer's Report was read & approved.

Butch Warner explained what the current EDC can and cannot do. The primary focus of a 4B EDC is community improvement rather than to fund individuals or businesses.

A Report of Welcome Monument was given. There have been a few complaints about the brightness of the lighting, which will be resolved once the landscaping is completed. We are still waiting on a shipment of plants.

There was a discussion regarding the Pavilion. Overall consensus was positive. There was a discussion on the need for seating/tables, garbage

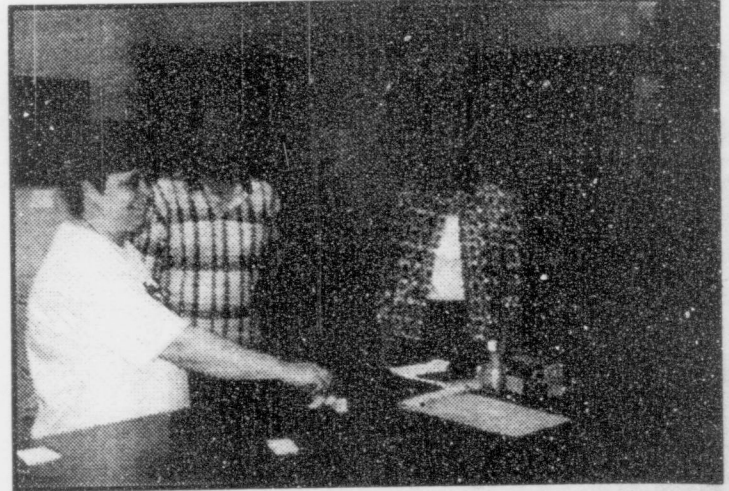
containers, electricity/lights, and a water source. Guidelines for use of the pavilion were discussed. There will be a calendar in city hall for reservations. A \$50 fee will be charged, which is

refundable when it is seen that the pavilion has been left clean and undamaged. Other guidelines may be added if we see the need.

Funding is limited, and the EDC will seek projects to benefit the community as a whole.

A motion was made by Lynn Reeves to name the pavilion: Pioneer Pavilion. Monty McLain seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

There was a discussion regarding town fix-ups/repairs. The landmark Phillips 66 Station needs some repairs and paint. There was discussion on other areas we might be able to improve, and we are



School Board Candidate, Carey Richardson waits for his turn to draw for his place on the School Board Election Ballot.

Lovett Library Board Discusses Computer Ports

The Library Board met for regular monthly meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Lovett Library on March 2, 2005.

Those present were Joe Morgan, Sam Haynes, Tammy Morrow, Teresa Simmons and Sally Bohlar, Librarian. Absent from the meeting was Jim Reyna, Amy Herring, Deanna McClendon.

Joe Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. The motion was made to approve the Minutes of the February meeting and to accept bills. Both motions passed unanimously.

The Library Board voted

to accept the resignation of Jim Reyna. The Board recommended that Sally ask Peggy Baer to replace him.

Centramedia gave the library a verbal quote of \$300.00 to install three ports. The Board disregarded the quote because of the unwillingness to provide a written quote and to communicate with the library on a timely basis. The Library received a second quote from Complete Computer Services for the installation of three ports in the amount of \$266.40. Sally commented on the

thorough job they did of checking everything out.

Comments were made about if this bill included travel and that the quote was probably only valid for 30 days. Sally said that she assumed the quote was with travel and that she thought the quote would be good for only 30 days also. The decision was made to present this quote to the City Council at the next meeting to see if they would be willing to pay for the installation as the Library has the money to purchase one computer. The money comes from the Lone Star Grant that the library receives every year due to membership with the Texas Library System.

Teresa brought up a concern that the replacement rotation of one computer at a time left the library with older computers that might not

to think about this and bring ideas to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

last until their turn to be replaced. She would like the library to consider having a fund raiser, ask for donations from people.

Amy Herring who was absent from the meeting, called the Library at an earlier time and had a suggestion on how to access more money for the library. She suggested that the library board check into putting a voluntary fee on the City bill.

The Library will be closed or open with aid of a volunteer on the following dates: March 15- Long Range Plan for Small Libraries Workshop; March 17 -18 - Vacation; March 22 - TPLS System Meeting; March 25 - Good Friday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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Barkley, Downs, Case & Ritter To Vie For School Board Seats In May Election



Kathleen Barkley



Curtis Downs



Seth Ritter

Groom School District voters will have some decisions to make at the polls in May. The Groom ISD had 2 incumbents and 2 new challengers sign up for the two seats up for grabs on the Board of Trustees.

Seth Ritter, incumbent, signed up late last week. He has served one term and will ask voters to consider him for another. He and his wife, Melissa, are both life long residents of Groom. Seth is a Groom ISD graduate and works for Pantex. They have four children.

Kathleen Barkley signed up for a place on the

School Board ballot. She also is a life time resident and former student. She has four sons in school and one daughter who will be attending in a couple of years. She and her husband, Keith, own businesses in Groom.

Curtis Downs will ask voters to consider him for one of the seats on the Groom School Board. Downs has been an interested observer at Board meetings for many years. He is retired from the military and married to the former Dondra Burgin. He works at Pantex.

Incumbent Tim Case,

who announced his intent to seek another term in an earlier issue, will round off the field of candidates for school board.

The City of Groom will be cancelling their election unless someone files as a write in candidate by next Monday.

Joe Homer will automatically begin a new term as Mayor, with Chris Welch and Kenny Weller continuing as aldermen. No election will be held.

If you are not registered to vote in the Groom School District, you have until the first

See VOTING, pg. 2

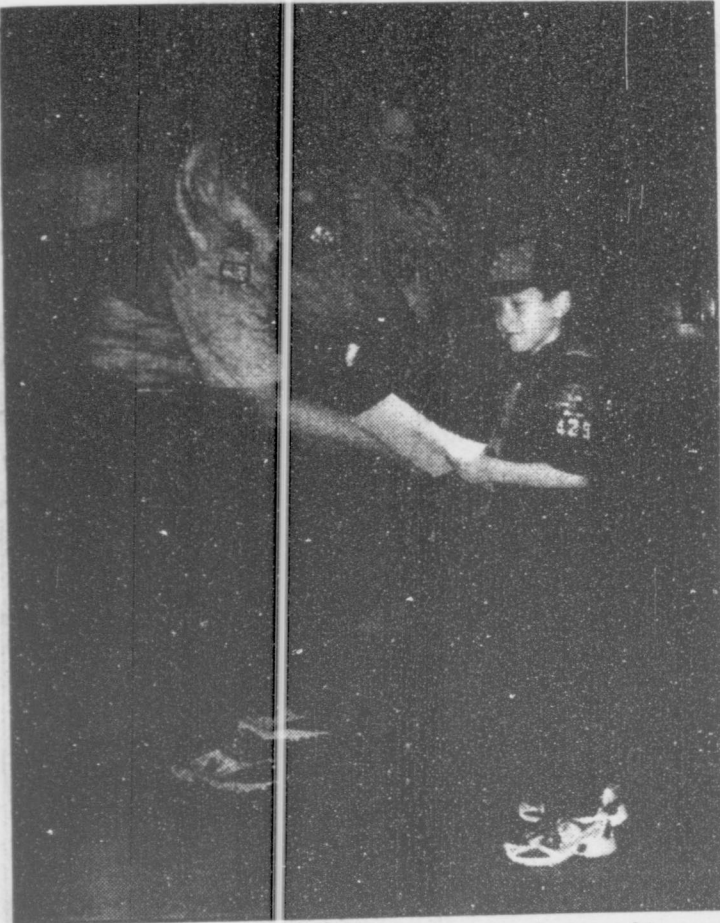
Tell Legislators What You Think Of HB 2 & HB 3

An important discussion is being held in Austin in connection with House Bill 2 and House Bill 3. HB 2 is mainly concerned with Education and Funding while House Bill 3 deals with property taxes and ending the "Robin Hood" plan.

These two bills are going to be important to the future of our school and community. Everyone is encouraged to find out as much as they can about these important bills. Groom Superintendent Terry Stevens has quite a bit of information available

in his office for any one to read. There are also many web sites that will give you information. "Texas For Texans" is a very good one giving pros and cons on some of these complex issues.

You can email your See HOUSE BILL, pg. 2



Cub Scout Nate Roskens is awarded a patch that he earned in almost record time.

Join Cub Scouts... Earn Badges And Have Fun

Groom Cub Scout are having lots of fun and going good deeds around

Groom. Members of Pack 429 include Nate Roskens, Tanner Case, Caleb Reyna,

Jonah Hart, Bailey Cooper, Brady Painter, and Brody

See CUB SCOUTS, pg 4

GROOM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

GROOM LIONS
Club will hold its annual Buffet Luncheon on Sunday March 20th to benefit the Groom Summer Program. Donations will be accepted for the meal which will be served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

SPRING BREAK for Groom ISD will be held from March 14-18

THE GROOM Junior High have their first track meet at Lefors March 10th.

A TRACK MEET will be held at Wheeler on April 1 & 2.

THE TIGERS and Tigerettes have their first track meet at Lefors on March 11.

THE RED Hat Society will meet March 15th at the school at 6:00 p.m. to go to the Opera at the Big Texan.

DISTRICT UIL will be on March 22 & 23.

ALPHA MU XI will hold it's annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 20th, 2:30 p.m., at Groom Memorial Park. Children pre-school through 3rd grade are invited to participate. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras. The Easter Bunny has been scheduled to make an appearance.

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Local Happenings

Garrett Britten, son of Clifton and Susan Britten of Groom, TX has been named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring semester.

The dean's list is comprised of the top thirty percent of students who have succeeded in maintaining a scholastic average of 3.600 and above during the past semester.

Britten, a 2002 graduate of Groom High School, is a junior in the University's College of Engineering, majoring in Computer Science.

THE NATIONAL Honor Society will install new members on March 21. More details will be available in a later issue.

ILL OR RECOVERING

The following people are ill or recovering: Chance Barkley, Willie Barnett, Shirley Fields, Bertha Knight and Ray Morris.

House Bill

legislative representatives by visiting their web sites. You can start with www.house.state.tx.us and go from there. Another good way is to contact Speaker Tom Craddick's office by faxing him at 512-463-1000.

Get Informed... and then GET LOUD! The future of our community and our school may depend on it.

Quilts On Display

Quilts, quilts, quilts, and more!!! Teresa Looten Sarzynski, a hometown girl from Panhandle now residing in Amarillo, tells her story through her quilts. An anniversary quilt recognizes her mother, father and six siblings. A tribute to Texas and another to Texas A & M use symbols to express loyalty to these institutions. A friendship quilts list the names of Teresa's classmates in their own handwriting. She has also provided kit quilts as a contemporary reflection of the quilter's art. Each quilt is an expression of love from Teresa, for family, community, and life. She credits her grandmothers for creating and nourishing the interest from the completion of a simple nine patch for a doll as a youngster. Many of her quilts have been gifts to favorite charities for raffles, but move have been given to friends and family. Her family is hosting a reception to the public meet this talented lady, Sunday afternoon, March 20, 2005 from 2:30 to 4:30 in the Square House Gallery.


As a complement to this excellent exhibit, art from the Museum's permanent collection is in the Hazelwood Gallery under the title, "Scenes from the Panhandle". This collection shows places events and people from the Panhandle's past and present. Works by Marlin Adams, Harold Bugbee, Pam Eimon, Amy Winton, and other area talents are displayed. Both these exhibits will be up until the end of April. For further information, call 806-537-3524.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 10 - Karla Koetting.
 March 11 - Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Weller (A).
 March 12 - Janetta Hudson, Karen Brown, Toby Burgin, Krisanne Davis, Amy Weinheimer, Rachael Hopkins.
 March 13 - Julia McGee.
 March 14 - Leo Britten, Blake Barnett, W.E. (Bill) Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Britten (A).
 March 15 - Tanis Terbush, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Fink (A), Sandie Conrad and Corky Hickey (A).
 March 16 - Lonny Brown.

Voting

week in April to do so. Early voting begins April 20th. The election will be held on May 7th.

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 Country Store - Drawing
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Sign Up Period for 2005 EQIP Funding Ends March 18

The USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005. If you were an unsuccessful applicant in 2004 and wish

to apply for 2005 program, be sure to contact the NRCS office and make an appointment to re-apply. Practices eligible for cost-share assistance through this program include construction of diversions, terraces and waterways, planting crop land to grass, cross-fencing on rangeland and livestock water development with new wells, pipeline, and

tubs. Practice eligible for cost-share on irrigated cropland (must have a 2 out of 5 year irrigated history), include new pivots to replace row-watering, coving existing pivots, replacing leaky irrigation pipeline, for the first time, drip irrigation is also included. Cost-share rates for these practice range from 30-50%.

For 2005, Carson County has received over \$100,000 for the Ground and Surface Water fund, which addresses conversion of row-watered cropland to center pivot irrigation. Over \$100,000 have also been allocated to the county for the County Base fund, which addresses all other conservation cost

share practices on cropland, rangeland, and pasture land. In 2004 through the EQIP program in Carson county, over \$248,000 was awarded to landowners and operators. Applications can be made at the USDA-NRCS offices in Panhandle at 221 Euclid Street. Call the NRCS at 537-3533, ext. 3 for more information or to make an appointment to come in and sign up for the program.

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/



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Christian Mothers Plan Deanery Meeting

The Christian Mother's meeting was held in the home of Marsha Conrad and was hosted by Marla Britten and Karen Brown.

Minutes were read from the previous meeting.

There was a discussion about the success of the Annual Spring Fling.

A suggestion about giving Father Abraham a gift for his help during Father Jose's illness was also discussed.

Plans were made for the Deanery Meeting which will be held on April 5th. The meal will be Mexican pile-on. Delegates volunteered to be present at the meeting for voting.

Since there are just four Seniors, it was decided to take them out

to eat instead of having a supper for them.


It was decided to send the letters out regarding the Easter No-Bake Sale.

It was decided to donate funds to the TYM group for their Dallas trip during

spring break.

A reminder was given in regards to the Respect for Life Banquet. Christian Mothers donated funds to the event.

The meeting was closed and refreshments were served.



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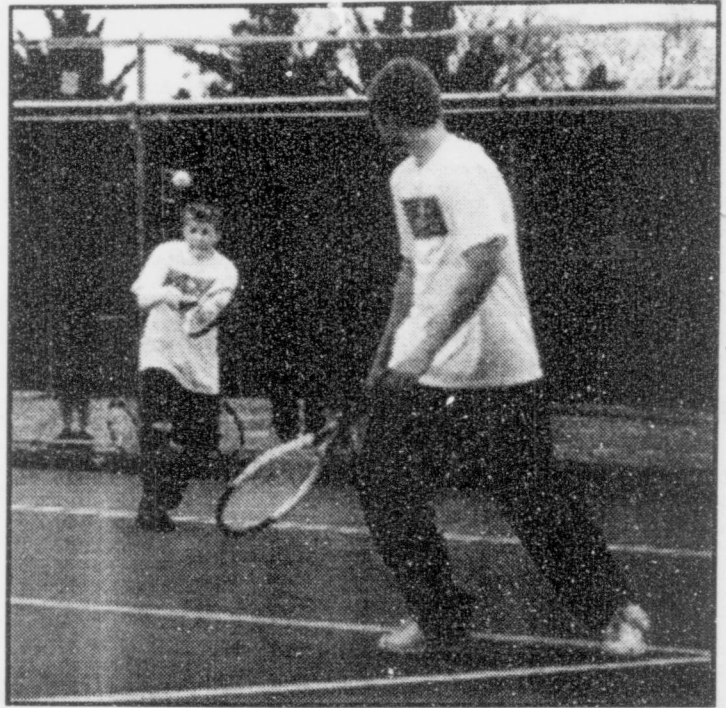
Britten. Tim Case is their Cubmaster. Nate Roskens recently earned his Tiger Cub Patch from Cubmaster Tim Hart.

Hart stated that Nate is an inspiration for the community. He has earned this patch in about three months. Normally a boy takes about five to six months to earn this rank.

Hart thanked Nate's parents, Larry and Lisa Roskens for their help in getting the Cub Scouts

rechartered.

Mr. Hart also encouraged the parents of 1st through 5th grade boys to visit with the leaders or attend a Cub Scout Meeting. There are day camps coming up this summer that may interest the boys. There is also a recruitment event coming up this spring for Kindergarten students. If anybody would like to inquire about the Cub Scouts, please contact Tim Hart at 248-0200 or Kelly Zuber at the Cub Scout office in Amarillo. Volunteers are needed for all kinds of activities and events.



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WILLIAM EARL BARKER

William Earl Barker, 82, died Friday, March 4, 2005, in Groom.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First United Methodist Church in Groom with the Rev. Weldon Rives, pastor, and the Rev. David Kelley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Groom, officiating. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mr. Barker was born April 23, 1922, in Goodnight in Armstrong

County and was a resident of Clarendon for several years before moving to Groom in 1960. He married Yvonne Howerton on Oct. 17, 1942, at Clarendon. He had been a farmer and was employed at the Groom Grain Elevator prior to his retirement. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Groom. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 62 years; a son, Earl Lynn Barker and wife, Wanda, of Groom; two daughters, Schellon Meek and husband, Gerry, of Big Sandy and Carla Reed and husband, Jeff, of Round Rock; four sisters, Viola Graham and Nova Mooring, both of Clarendon, Mary Murff of Brice and Mildred Tomlinson of Bartlesville, Okla.; a brother, Don Barker of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First

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News From Clarendon College

Clarendon College offices will closed for Spring Break beginning Monday, March 7, through Friday, March 11. College offices, including the Vera Dial Dickey Library, will be closed during this time. Offices will reopen, and classes will resume at 8 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2005.

The Clarendon College Chorale presents Spring Tour 2005. Under the direction of Brian Kuhnert, the chorale recently traveled to Palo Duro, Caprock and River Road

High Schools. An appearance at Pampa High School is scheduled for April. The chorale performs 10 musical selections as diverse as "Nocturne, Op. 72, No.1" by Frederich Chopin, "Der Tanz" by Franz Schubert, "On My Own" from the musical Les Miserables and the contemporary hit song "I Can Only Imagine." Traveling to and performing for area high schools is an annual springtime tradition for the Clarendon College Chorale.

"It is an opportunity for the students to showcase their musical talents and recruit future choir members who, regardless

of their college major, have an enjoyment of music and singing," said Kuhnert.

Members of the chorale include Quasedra Watkins of Amarillo, Allison Schatte of Chillocothe, Tex., Gary Utsey of Clarendon, Tex., Angela Rogers of Enid, Okla., Tricia Wall of Ft. Worth, Michelle Cox of Pampa,

Tex., Julian George of Pampa, Tex., Josh Gibson of Pampa, Tex., Shelby McGahen of Pampa, Tex., Atlanta Son of Pampa, Tex., Jenny Tollison of Pampa, Tex., and Scarlett Sperry of Quitaque, Tex.

"Scholarship money is available for anyone interested in joining," said Kuhnert.

For more information about Clarendon College and the Clarendon College Music Department, call 806-874-4836.

Clarendon College will host the second spring session of gymnastics beginning Saturdays, March 12 through March 26, and April 9. Sessions will be held at the Bairfield Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for children ages four and five, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for children ages six and seven and 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for children ages eight through 11. Cost is \$40. To sign up, call Leslie's Creative Dance Instructor Leslie Webb at 806-356-6759.



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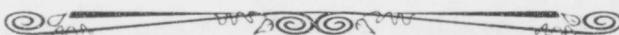
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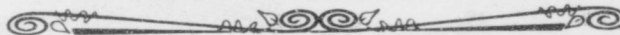
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Important For Cotton Farmers

Growing cotton is only half the battle. In order to be successful in their operations, producers also need to learn how to market the crop.

New and experienced growers should plan to attend a one-day Advanced Topic Series course entitled Developing This Year's Marketing Plan-Cotton, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

The course will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 15 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Participants will learn about breakevens, fundamentals, technical signals and seasonal trends in cash, basis and forward contracts for cotton. In addition, different marketing strategies for both pre- and post-harvest

marketing will be discussed.

The objective is for participants to leave the course with a written marketing plan for their operation for the upcoming year, said Dr. Steve Amosson, area Extension economist. The course will utilize a combination of lecture, small group work and simulation exercises to maximize the learning experience similar to the Master Marketer training.

Instructors will be Dr. Carl Anderson, a recently retired Regents Fellow, professor and Extension cotton marketing economist in College Station; and Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and Extension economist-

management in Lubbock.

"If we are going to grow cotton, we better learn how to market it," Amosson said. "Carl and Jackie have a combined 50 years experience in marketing cotton. I can't think of two individuals better qualified to serve as instructors for this course."

Registration is \$75 per participant, which includes the cost of materials, breaks and lunches. Spouses can attend for the same registration fee as long as they share materials. Pre-registration is required; deadline is March 11.

Registration forms are available through any Extension office, through Amosson or Margaret Freeman at (806) 677-5600.

Carson County Sheriff's Report

SHERIFF'S REPORT 03/07/05

As of Monday morning we were housing 21 inmates in the county jail. We have 3 prisoners scheduled to go to prison this week. Michael Palmer who is a 38 and resides in Pampa will be leaving to serve a 72-day ISF sentence in Brownfield. He was arrested in Carson County on a charge of public intoxication. His parole on an original charge of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity was revoked which resulted in the sentence.

Emmit Hendrix, 36, of Bakersfield California will be transported to the Texas Dept. of Corrections to serve a 15-year sentence for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Abinal Lopez-Caberra, 27, of Phoenix Arizona will also be headed to the Texas Dept. of Corrections on an 8 year

sentence for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

There are 5 more inmates in our jail who have been sentenced and will be sent to prison in the near future.

There were 5 persons arrested in the county last week. On Sunday Trooper Mike Smith stopped a vehicle at the 97-mile marker on I-40 and arrested an 18-year-old Midwest City, Oklahoma on warrants for Burglary of a Habitation. On Wednesday Trooper Dennis Brassfield arrested a 30-year-old Nashville Tenn. man for Trafficking in Persons. The man was transporting 11 Mexican Nationals who were not documented. He reportedly was being paid \$1500.00 each for the trip. The 11 Mexican Nationals

were released into the custody of the Border Patrol. The Nashville man remains in jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.

Trooper Darin Bridges arrested a 47-year-old Torrance California man for Possession of a controlled substance on Thursday evening.

On Friday Panhandle Police Officer Mike Broyles arrested a 45-year-old Amarillo man for DWI inside the city limits of Panhandle.

Also on Friday Trooper Bobby Shields stopped a 31-year-old woman from Durant Oklahoma at the 103-mile marker on I-40. The woman was placed in custody on 2 warrants from Paris, Texas.

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