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Jimmy Hannon To Be New Superintendent

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 24, 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, Jimmy Hannon, Carey Richardson and Leslie Darsey, Secretary.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Ronnie Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Marshall Hanes gave the opening prayer.

Motion by Bobby Richardson, second by David Fuller to approve the Regular meeting minutes of February 21, 2005 and the Special Meeting minutes of March 7 and March 14, 2005. Motion carried.

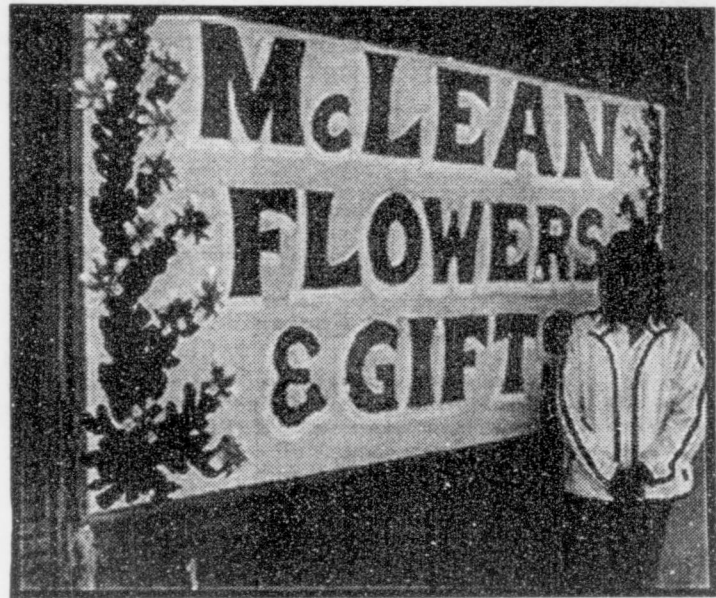
Mr. Smith read a letter to the Board from the Texas

Department of Agriculture acknowledging the school cafeteria had attained a perfect review during a recent audit performed on February 17, 2005. Tammy Hanes and the Cafeteria staff were clearly committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of their student diners, providing nutritionally adequate meals and teaching children the relationship between proper eating and good health. She and her staff exemplify the highest standards of caring and service according to Toni Breckner, Asst. Commissioner of the Food and Nutrition Division. The letter also stated that Child Nutrition personnel succeed in their work only through the support and cooperation of the School Board, Superintendent, Administration, Teachers and Support Staff. Mr. Smith and the Board commended the staff for another job well done.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss teacher contracts and the Superintendent salary. Mr. Hannon was asked to join the Executive Session at 7:55 at which time Mr. Smith left the closed session. Return to open session came at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Smith recommended to the contract renewals for Christy Cox and Jason Farmer until next month by which time they will have received verification of their certification; motion by Terri Adams, second by Bobby Richardson in favor of Mr. Smith's recommendation.

Mr. Smith recommended to rehire all Elementary and High School teachers on a one year contract, with the exception of Christy Cox and Jason Farmer, which was tabled until next month. All of the Board were in favor of Mr.

See BOARD, pg. 10



McLean Business Has New Owner

The McLean Flowers and Gifts Shop is now under the new ownership of JoAnna Stone from Pampa.

JoAnna will be carrying a new line of merchandise with her Anastacia Imports, Wrought Iron, Chimenas and pottery. She also plans to have a wider variety of gift selections.

She will continue with the traditional various

the opportunity to share with individuals the educational opportunity Clarendon College provides non-traditional students."

Clarendon College Community Ambassadors represent 10 communities

potted plants and flower arrangements for funerals, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day or any other occasion.

The hours for the shop will be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. She is continuing with her 50% off sale through the summer, excluding plants, flowers and imports, to make room for new

across the Texas Panhandle.

Clarendon Community College Ambassadors represent 10 communities across the Texas Panhandle.

The Ambassadors from McLean are Toni Bohlar, Mary Ann

merchandise.

JoAnna's husband Cory works for Celene and is the City of Pampa Golf Champion. They have three children, Sabrina, Cooper and Gracie. The Stone family have lived in Pampa for four years. JoAnna is originally from Snyder, Texas and Cory is originally from Pampa.

Carpenter, Dick Crockett, Valerie Fuller, Thacker Haynes, Molly McDowell, Casper Smith and Nona Turpin.

Clarendon College Community Ambassadors See College, pg. 10.

Community Ambassadors Serve College Students

CLARENDON, TEX. - Forty-six individuals have been selected as Community Ambassadors for Clarendon College's new Open Door program.

The Open Door is designed to open the doors

to higher education for more people across the Texas Panhandle. A pilot project, The Open Door allows non-traditional students to attend classes part time and graduate with an Associates degree while

working full time

"Community Ambassadors will play an important role in The Open Door Project," said Tex Buckhaults, dean of instruction. "They will have



Mary Ann Carpenter, Dick Crockett and Molly McDowell serve as Community Ambassadors for McLean.

MCLEAN REMINDERS

THE ALANREED Cemetery Association Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, April 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. This is a public meeting.

THE ALANREED Community Association will meet Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center for a Regular Monthly Meeting.

EARLY VOTING, April 20 to May 3.

THE RED HAT CLUB will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 4, at Red River Steakhouse.

JR. HIGH DISTRICT Track Meet - April 1 at Wheeler.

HIGH SCHOOL District Golf Tournament, April 5 at Wheeler.

PTO SCHOOL BOARD Forum - April 7 at 7:00 in the school cafeteria.

HIGH SCHOOL District Track in Wheeler, April 8.

COWBOY CHURCH And the Arena of Life meet every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Historical Alanreed Church.

SCHOOL WILL Dismiss at noon tomorrow.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 31 - Martha Parker.
April 1 - Dick Everett, Emma Jean McDonald.
April 2 - Diane Roosa, Wendi Ketcherside, Stephen McAnear, Mert Collom.
 Brown Crawford, Don and Cynthia Hauck (A).
April 3 - Charles Williams, Cecil Back.
April 4 - Connie Thompson, Donna Walker.
April 5 - Brad Dickey.



Former Resident Passes Away

James Allen Throckmorton, 53, died Tuesday, March 22, 2005 in Amarillo, Texas.

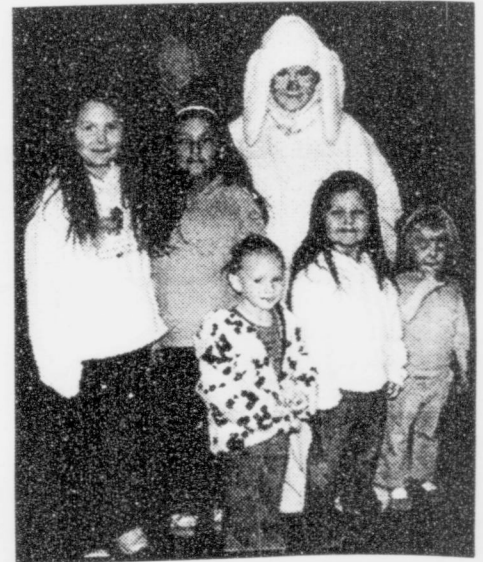
Services will be held Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Christian Fellowship in Shamrock with the Reverend Dean Driver, Pastor of Samnorwood Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be held in Dozier Cemetery, in Dozier, Texas. James Allen Throckmorton was born October 1, 1951 in McLean, Texas. His parents were James Throckmorton and Alvena Neece Throckmorton. He

married Betty McDonald, January 16, 1971 in McLean, Texas. James had lived in the Shamrock and McLean area all of his life and worked in the oilfield as a pumper.

Survivors include: his wife, Betty Throckmorton of Shamrock; one daughter, Susan Kirkland of Amarillo; one son, Michael Throckmorton of Amarillo; two granddaughters and one step-granddaughter.

The family has requested that memorials be to Samnorwood Baptist Church, the American Diabetes Association or the American Kidney Foundation.



Several Easter Egg Hunter gather around to talk to the Easter Bunny.

Gabrielle Wells fills her basket during Saturdays hunt.

Care Center Celebrates Easter

The Easter Parade and party held at the McLean care center on Saturday, March 26 was a huge success despite the weather.

The children participating were Joaquin Retana, Sulakea Suedo, Gabrielle Wells, Ariel

Lamb, Casandra Succedo, David Wells, Sammy Raynond, Maritza Retana, Sydney Henley, Daniel Wells, Summer Price, Shyan Price, Jose Keever, Jasmine Montoya, Nancy Castillo and James, Jasmine, Alex and Nanie Campagna.

The Easter bunny was there helping the children and greeting the residents. The First Baptist Church ladies brought and served the refreshments. Jane Herndon and Gaye Hill sang and played the piano accompanied by Betty Taylor and Ben Reeves.

The activity director was assisted by her ever ready volunteers for various details. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Sherrie Martindale Welcomes Great-Great Grandbaby

Proud parents Cody and Misti Watson, along with sisters Kristin and Tristin and brother Brady, are proud to announce that their family is now complete with the arrival of Aydan James Watson. Aydan was born Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 12:08 p.m. at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 6

lbs. 8 oz. and measured 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparent is Dan Sawyer of Clarendon. Great grandparents are Mary Ann Craft of Clarendon and Harold and Roxie Armstrong of Hurley, New Mexico. Great grandparents are Mac Osburn and Gladys Sawyer,

both of Clarendon. Paternal grandparents are Audie and Leitha Watson of Clarendon. Great grandparents are Bob and Dorothy Watson of Clarendon. Great grandmother is Sherrie Martindale of McLean.

Young At Heart Hold Easter Luncheon

There were 28 members and guests including Buna Gudel, Kayla Shortridge (Delores Bailey's great granddaughter) Dan Fish, Christina Carter and Laura Garrison as guests at our March 22 Easter potluck party. Laura Garrison with McLean Home Health

spoke about Diabetes and problems associated with it. President Marjorie Fish reminded members to thank Bob Martin for fixing the paneling on our center cabinet. We are still looking for someone to help us repair our back

door and wall that are currently unusable. Financial statements were available to members. Our next meeting will be April 5 with Billy Ray Johnson speaking about the McLean Care Center and Medicare rules.

EMS Recieves Stair Chair

The McLean Emergency Medical Service has received a Stair chair from a grant. The grant was

received from the Panhandle Regional Advisory Council.

A Stair chair is a device

the help EMS workers to transport patients in narrow hallways, door openings and stairs.

Bill and Ronia Anderson wrote and submitted the grant that was accepted. Usually a Stair chair is between \$500.00 and \$1000.00. McLean EMS is very fortunate to receive this grant. There were not many other services that received this money at this time.

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Special Prosecutor Named To Investigate Former District Attorney

31st District Judge Steven Emmert has appointed Perryton lawyer David Scott as a special prosecutor for the investigation with the Texas Rangers as the District investigates whether it will not file state criminal charges against former District Attorney Rick Roach.

Newly appointed Gray County District Attorney Lynn Switzer requested the special prosecutor. An audit of the financial records will be included in the investigation.

According to Scott, the

team, consisting of the special prosecutor and the Texas Ranger will look into the evidence and present it to a Grand Jury.

Roach resigned after he was arrested on federal drug charges. He will face up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the federal charge. He is currently residing with his other in Canyon and will be sentenced in April or May.

Tigers, Hanes Place 1st At Clarendon Invitational

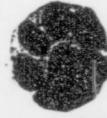
The McLean Tigers golf team brought home their second straight first place tournament victory by winning the Clarendon Invitational. The team score totaled 340. Three of the five boys finished in the top five.

Tyler Hanes captured first with a 73. Zane Richardson brought home second with an 84. Zach Richardson finished fourth with an 88.

John Haynes and Logan Spurling also played some

great golf by posting their best scores of the year. They shot 95 and 96 respectively.

"I am so proud of these guys and the effort they put in to making us a great golf program." Farmer.



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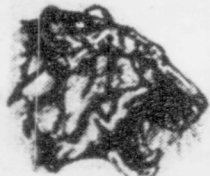
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Top - Lindsey Ellis goes the distance at the Motley County Track Meet. Right top - Trent Darsey flies through the air making the long jump look easy. Bottom - Coach Graves takes a few minutes from the busy track schedule to encourage his team.



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BOARD

Smith's recommendation and a motion was made by Marshall Hanes, seconded by Billy Bybee to renew the following contracts: Matt Butler, Kristie Crockett, Jana Gates, Janet Glass, Kristi Glass, Charles Graves, Shelly Henderson, Bill Layman, Shelli Long, Sandi McLain, Sharmin Perkins, Jacque Riley, Jessica Russell, Bobbi Stalls, Diana Watson, Nancy Woodard. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Richardson, second by Terri Adams to offer Jimmy Hannon a two year contract. Motion carried.

Motion by David Fuller, second by Billy Bybee to approve a student transfer from Pampa for Tyler Chad Britt in 6th grade. Motion carried.

The following Board member training hours were announced: Ronnie Ferguson - 0, Marshall Hanes - 10, David Fuller - 10, Bobby Richardson - 13, Billy Bybee - 16, Chet Bohlar - 10, Terri Adams - 10, and Eric Smith 11.5.

The Board will be scheduled to do their Team of Eight training within the next month.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by David Fuller to approve the Financial Reports A, B, and C. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Richardson, second by Billy Bybee to approve to pay the bills as presented and the sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.

Under other business, Mr. Smith announced the Staff Appreciation Dinner would be April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Devil's Rope Museum, with a speaker and awards to be given. Mr. Smith had received a bid from Bobby Richardson for a sound system at the football field, and the Board will make a decision on this at the April meeting, which is scheduled for April 18, 2005. TAKS results will be discussed at next month's meeting also.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

COLLEGE

attended a half-day training and information session at the college on Saturday, February 26, where they learned more about The Open Door, methods for approaching and sharing with individuals the importance of higher education and opportunities available and brainstormed ways to further engage members of their respective communities.

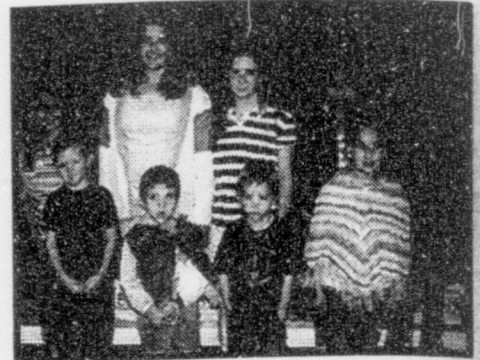
Jaylene Watkins, coordinator for The Open Door, said the key to the success is community involvement. "Our Clarendon College Community Ambassadors are dedicated individuals who want to see members of their community succeed," she said.

"The Open Door will provide opportunities to individuals who may want to further their education but are initially hesitant

about the higher education process," said Buckhaults. "With this new project we want non-traditional students to feel they have an open door to enhancing their education and earnings potential."

Buckhaults noted that Clarendon College understands the busy schedules of non-traditional students. "To meet these demands, students have the option of taking evening and online classes. Plus, Open Door classes won't be cancelled if only a few students are registered," he said. "One of the biggest concerns to non-traditional students is cost. We want students to know financial aid is available through The Open Door."

To learn more about The Open Door call any of the Clarendon College Community Ambassadors or Clarendon College at 1-800-687-9737.



Students of the week for March 21 - 25, 2005. Kindergarten - Rance Blaylock and Nolan McClellan, 1st - Danny Wells, 2nd - Summer Ferguson, 3rd - Shantea McDonald, 4th Lizet Cardenas, 5th - Jamie Hutchinson, 6th - Erin Vassey and 7th - Lisa Ellis.

Easter Egg Hunt Held

Although McLean did not receive any snow over the Easter holiday, temperatures were still in the 30's on the morning of the City Wide Easter Egg Hunt and the hunt had to be held in the old gym.

Children were divided into four groups. Each group was given three turns in the middle of the gym to retrieve eggs.

Kensy Cooper and Dillion Ellis found the prize eggs in the 0-3 year age group. David Wells in the 4-6 year olds, found the

egg. Braxton Cooper and Hayley Burnett found the prize eggs in the 7-9 year old group, and Lindsey Ellis and Cassandra Ingle found the prize egg in the 10-12 year olds.

In the prettiest egg contest, Caleb Crawford won first place. Shannon Acuna won second place and Andrew Ingle won third place.

In the ugliest egg contest, Mark Smith won first place. Braxton Cooper won second place and Gabrielle Wells won third place.



Aubrey Carr inspects each egg as she places them in her basket.

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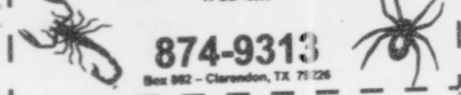
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Former Groom Woman Named Class 1-A Coach of the Year

Betsy Krizan Baughman is well on her way to becoming the stuff that legends are made of in the world of girls basketball coaching.

Born and raised in Groom, Betsy is the youngest sister in the Krizan clan. She graduated from Groom High School in 1980 and was a leader in many aspects of life at Groom High School including basketball. Betsy went on to play college ball at West Texas State College in Canyon for the legendary Bob Snyder.

Betsy coached at Horace Mann Junior High in Amarillo for a number of years turning down offer after offer in order to follow her daughter's high school career.

Last year she was free to accept a position as the high school girls basketball coach in Happy. She took the Happy team to the

Regional play-offs, losing to Ft. Elliott who eventually went on to State.

The autumn of 2004 found her relocating in Seagraves. The Lady Eagles had dropped from Class 2A to 1A. Baughman lead the team to a perfect 10-0 season in District 5 - 1A. The Lady's and Baughman were definitely on a roll and won their first 4 play-off games by a minimum of 14 points. Of course, the real star in their crown was winning the State Championship, Seagraves first ever!

Betsy Baughman, who also was the editor of The Groom News for a short time, was named All-South Plains Class 1A Girls Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to Betsy Krizan Baughman and

Groom will be watching your career with great interest and pride!



Students Inducted To Honor Society

Groom's National Honor Society welcomed new members in ceremonies last week. Pictured are Adam Britten, Chance Barkley, Sponsor Leslie Floyd, Kyra Stevens, and new members Freddy Roessner, and Sharri Britten.

White Deer Man Gets Seven Years For Failing To Register As Sex Offender

100th District Judge David M. McCoy held court last week in Panhandle. Ten cases were decided in which a cumulative 15 years in the penitentiary, 50 years probation and \$42,000 in fines were levied.

Michael Laroy Hogue was sentenced to seven years probation after he failed to register in Carson County as a Sex Offender. His original offense, "Indecency with a Child" occurred in White Deer in the mid 1990's. Hogue had completed his probation in 2000. However, he failed to register as a sex offender as is required by law. Judge McCoy imposed 7 years confinement in prison, a \$5,000 fine, and \$318.50 in court costs,

after Hogue pled guilty.

Oscar Herrera pled guilty to a 1st degree felony that he committed on April 16, 2004 for possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to 8 years in prison and ordered to pay \$318.50 court costs.

Tiffany Meister pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony for possession of marijuana, which she committed on October 20, 2003. She will be given deferred adjudication for 5 years and also ordered to pay a \$3,000. fine. She will also pay \$318.50 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

David Thomas Feltz pled guilty to a 2nd degree felony of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, which he

committed on May 28, 2004. He was sentenced to 7 years deferred adjudication and ordered to pay a \$3,000 fine, \$318.50 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

Gregory Steven Little pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony on possession of marijuana in which he committed on July 27, 2004. Little was sentenced to 8 years deferred adjudication, ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine, \$318.50 in court costs and \$140.00 in DPS restitution.

Ivan Jesus Nunez was sentenced to 6 years deferred adjudication on a guilty plea of possession marijuana which occurred on July 21, 2004. He will pay \$3,000. in fines,

See COURT, pg. 3

Britten & Stevens Qualify For Regional UIL Meet

Adam Britten and Kyra Stevens will be heading to the Regional UIL meet on April 22 and 23 in Levelland. After both qualified at the District

Competition that was recently held at Amarillo College.

Adam qualified in News Writing winning a gold medal for 1st place.

Kyra qualified in Prose with a silver medal.

Also competing, but not qualifying were the following students.

See UIL, pg. 4.

GROOM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VOLUNTEERS ARE needed for the clean up of the "Adopted Highway" Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 248-7926 for more information.

Tuesday Prices	
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SPRING PICTURES will be taken at school on April 15th. Individual, class, spring sports and cap and gown pictures will be taken

GROOM ARENA Association will hold elections at their next meeting. See page 3 for more information.

AWANA'S will hold their annual Grand Prix Night on April 24.

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

THE AWANAS will have their W.W.J.D.? night and Double Awana Buck Night Sunday, April 3rd.

LAST DAY to register to vote in the May election is April 7. You must re-register if you have moved into the county since the last time you voted.


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March 31 - Melissa Anthony, Ed England, Michael Thomas, Angela Reed.
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April 2 - Mrs. Albert Britten, Dustin Babcock.
April 3 - Troy Treadwell, Mrs. H.L. Mansel, Sharon Jones-Britten, Renee Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burgin (A).
April 4 - C.J. Whatley.
April 5 -
April 6 - Hannah Yelverton, Mrs. Ruben Baggerman, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Painter (A).



Ethan Don Welcomed To Thompson Home

Ethan Don was welcomed to the Thompson home on Feb. 23, 2005 by proud parents Darcee and Paul Thompson and his big brothers Therron and Grant. He weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces. His very pleased grandparents are Don and Mary Sue Lyles of Groom and Jay and Roxanne Thompson of Dumas. Great Grandparents are Dan and Pat Ashford of Groom.

PICTURES, NEWS or advertising? E-mail the newspaper at thegroomnews@garn.net but be sure to let us know what is coming!

A JUNIOR High practice track meet will be held in Miami on Thursday after school.

Local Happenings

Tim, Tammy, Tyler and Tanner Case spent Easter Sunday in Amarillo with Tim's sister, Karla Neusch and her family. Also in attendance were Don and Karen Case and Kay Case of Greensboro N.C.

Louis Ruthardt spent Easter weekend in Bogata Texas visiting with his mother, Bess Ruthardt, and other family members at the annual House Family Reunion.

Groom School Lunch Menu

Monday: Chicken fajitas, lettuce tomatoes, fruit cocktail & milk.
Tuesday: Soft tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, corn, yogurt & milk.
Wednesday: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, tator tots, pickle spears, pears & milk.
Thursday: Frito pie, pinto beans, peaches, graham crackers & milk.
Friday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, crackers & milk.

THE GROOM High School Prom will be held on April 23rd.

THE BOOK Fair at Groom ISD has been scheduled for May 2-6th.

The High School district track meet will be held at Wheeler, Friday, April 8th.

The Junior High district track meet will be held at Lefors, Tuesday, April 5th.

Breakfast:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.
Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.
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Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.
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\$318.50 in court costs and \$140.00 in restitution.

Eduardo Antonio Gonzalez pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony of possession of marijuana on July 21, 2004. His sentence will include 4 years deferred adjudication, \$3,000 in fines, \$318.50 in court costs and \$140.00 in DPS restitution. The fine had to be paid in full on the date of the sentencing.

Jose Lemus Lopez pled guilty to a 1st degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance which occurred on October 18, 2004. He was sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication and ordered to pay a \$15,000 fine, which had to be paid in full the

date of the sentencing. In addition he was ordered to pay the usual court and restitution fees.

Daniel Ramirez Mata pled guilty to a 3rd degree felony charge of possession of marijuana on September 13, 2004. He received 5 years deferred adjudication and was fined \$3,000, \$318.50 in court costs and ordered to pay \$140.00 in DPS restitution.

Gilbert Lopez, III will be on deferred adjudication for 5 years after pleading guilty to a possession of marijuana charge. He was also ordered to give up the rights to a seized Smith & Wesson semi-automatic pistol and pay a \$3,000 fine along with court costs and DPS restitution.

Progress Reported On Groom Arena

The Route 66 Arena Association has been offered the welding experience of local man, Dave Lane, in an attempt to complete a large part of the Arena. Dave will be at the Arena working each and every day, but many volunteers are needed also!

So, if anyone has a few minutes, but you don't weld, here's your chance to help with the smaller things that need to be done. Dave will gladly point the way. Let's show Dave that

Groom knows how to support its community.

Carson County 4-H Major Show Results

Carson County 4-H'ers have completed the 2005 livestock show season. All 4-H'ers have worked hard to produce quality projects to exhibit in Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, and Houston. Entries and results are as follows:

Fort Worth Stock Show, Blake Howell-White Deer 4-H and Nathan Abbe-Panhandle 4-H exhibited swine projects and Ryan Vance and Braden Dudenhoefler participated in the steer show. Braden placed 8th with his Lt. Weight Angus steer.

San Angelo: Nathan Abbe-Panhandle 4-H.

San Antonio Livestock Show exhibitors were: Josie Dudenhoefler, Ryan Vance, Cory Throgmorton, Kori Smith, Matt Smith, Austin Sherwood, Chandler Sherwood, Jade Bradford, Jacy Bradford, Nathan Abbe and Mikah Tice from Panhandle 4-H. Nathan Abbe placed 1st with his Heavy Weight Cross pig. Jade Bradford-1st AOB steer, and 10th place Heavy Wt. Cross pig.

Mikah Tice placed 3rd with his Lt. Weight Cross. Blake Howell-White Deer 4-H placed 4th with his Heavy Wt. Berkshire pig. Javier Caro, Blaine Britten, Chance Barkley, and Thane Barkley represented Groom 4-H. Chance Barkley placed 5th with his Lt. Weight Cross.

Houston Livestock show exhibitors: Panhandle 4-H-Nathan Abbe, Amber Bellah, Shayla Bellah, Jacy Bradford, Jade Bradford, Braden Dudenhoefler, Josie

Dudenhoefler, Addisen Ewing, Chad Ewing, Matt Ewing, Calye Hicks, Austin Sherwood, Chandler Sherwood, Jason Sinclair, Kori Smith, Matt Smith, Ryan Vance. White Deer 4-H- Jessica Martinez and Matthew Martinez. Placing at Houston were: Nathan Abbe-27th Heavy Weight Cross. Lt. Weight Berkshire-Austin Sherwood 4th, Braden Dudenhoefler 8th, and Josie Dudenhoefler 9th. Heavy Weight Hampshire-Jade Bradford 7th. Heavy Weight Poland China-Chandler Sherwood 9th, and Jacy Bradford 4th place-ABC American Steer.

House Approves Budget Resolution For Fiscal Year 2006

"Washington D.C. - A \$2.553 trillion budget for Fiscal Year 2006 was approved today by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The document represents the House-approved framework for the next fiscal year's budget. A conference committee will reconcile the differences between the House and Senate resolutions.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) voted with the majority as the House budget resolution passed by a margin of 218-214.

"We are faced with significant challenges as we work on the budget this year. While it is critical that we rein in spending, we

must make sure we provide sufficient funding for our men and women fighting the War on Terrorism," said Thornberry.

Thornberry noted that while the budget does provide an increase of 4.8 % for defense spending, discretionary spending in non-security areas receives an overall reduction of 0.8 %.

"I am especially pleased that we have made more progress in reducing the burden taxes impose on American citizens," said Thornberry. The House budget resolution not only avoids tax increases, it also lays out \$106 billion in tax relief over the next five years.

Of particular interest to the 13th District is the success the House achieved in restoring money to agriculture above the President's budget request. While the White House had sought to trim mandatory agriculture spending by \$7.5 billion, the House resolution calls for a cut of \$5.3 billion. Negotiations between the House and Senate will be an opportunity for further adjustments.

"I believe it is important for the government to follow through on the commitments it has made to agriculture. The Farm Bill is not only working, it is costing less than expected," said Thornberry.

ROUTE 66 ARENA ASSOCIATION

Due to lack of people at our Special Meeting for MEMBERS, Directors & Officers, We are trying again!!!

A special Meeting of the Route 66 Arena Association has been set for this coming Monday, April 4th at 7:00 at the Community Center.

This Corporation sole purpose to promote, encourage and foster suitable events for attracting citizens from around the area to come HERE, in an effort to boost the economics of Groom.

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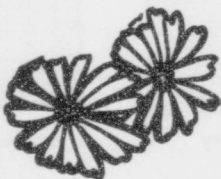
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White Deer Daughter's of the Pioneer Visits Cross Of The Plains In Groom

Daughters of the Pioneer Club of White Deer traveled to Groom Tuesday,

March 29, 2005 for their quarterly meeting. On the visit was a tour of the Cross of the Plains and eating lunch in Groom.

The woman's group was organized in White Deer with their first organized meeting on February 1, 1963. They were formed to study and to do research on pioneers and the history of the community.

The first president was

Laverne Collis. Other officers elected at that meeting in 1963 were Mildred Shuman, vice-president; Aileen McConnell, Opal Howard, and Lorene Williams.

The initial meeting of the club was a luncheon held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church.

Membership in the club is limited to women who have resided in Carson County

for at least 25 years.

Original charter members of the club were Laverne Collis, Mildred Shuman, Aileen McConnell, Mary Ellen Powers, Lorene Williams, Ola Doss, Mrs. Ray Roles, Mamie Seitz, Gladys O'Neal, Opal Howard, Lennie Mae Powers, Viola Coffee, Ethel Bentley, Mrs. Bernard Weaks, Mollie Kuns, Mrs. John Simmons, Mrs. Mitchell Powers, Laura Jo Skaggs, Mrs. Frank Evans, and Mrs. Hershell Kelley.

Hostesses for this meeting were Joy Grange, Betty Timmons, Nita Ramming, Joyce Slagle and Nell Mynear. Attending the trip along with the hostesses were Peggy Dennis of Canyon, Audrey Alexander of Amarillo, Jean Miller, Pat Urbanczyk, Rosa Bilderback, all of White Deer. Other members of the club not making the trip are Nadine Lee, Dorothy Conrad, Nancy O'Neal, Lois Hughes, Linda Germany, Joan Gortmaker, Shirley Greene, and Audrey Alexander of Amarillo.

UIL Contestant Results -Continued

In the Spelling and Vocabulary contest, Chad Barkley placed 6th.

Freddy Roessner placed 14th and Sharrl Britten placed 18th in the Literary Criticism Contest.

Brandi Bates placed 6th in Persuasive Speaking.

Several Groom students competed in Number Sense. Blaine Britten placed 14th, Thane Barkley placed 17th and Kacie Galvyan placed 25th.

In the Current Issues contest, Javier Caro placed 5th, Brandon Jenkins placed 6th and Chance Barkley placed 15th. As a team, the trio placed 2nd in the competition.

Jeff Rios placed 22nd, Blaine Britten placed 29th, and Chance Barkley placed 35th in the Science competition. The group placed 6th as a team.

Freddy Roessner

placed 4th in the Ready Writing competition.

Michaela Roskens placed 4th in the Prose competition.

In the Editorial Writing contest, Adam Britten placed 4th.

Kyra Stevens placed 4th, Blaine Britten 12th and Thane Barkley 14th in the Social Studies contest. The group placed 4th as a team.

In Mathematics, Freddy Roessner placed 8th, Blaine Britten placed 10th and Thane Barkley placed 17th. As a team the group earned 4th place.

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Carson County Sheriff's Report

I was unable to write a report last week because we were busy with District Court, so this report will cover the activities of the last 2 weeks. We were housing 21 inmates in the county jail on Monday morning. Four of these inmates will be transported to prison this week. Another inmate is also scheduled for an administrative deportation to Mexico this week. There were 14 persons arrested during the last 2 weeks. These arrests are listed below:

03/15 @ 11:00 PM - Deputy Rick Armstrong and I responded to the report of an Assault in Groom. A couple from Gallup, New Mexico had gotten into an argument and the male ended up beating his girlfriend up. The assault occurred near the interstate. Later the female made her way to the Route 66 Steakhouse where she asked the staff to summon help. Her boyfriend thought that she was ordering some food and waited in the parking lot. The restaurant staff sheltered the lady until we got there. The male was booked into jail where he remains under a \$2000 bond.

03/15 @ 10:00 AM - Trooper Mike Smith placed a 20 year old Illinois man in custody for traffic charges. The man was

booked into jail and was released the next day after he paid his fines.

03/17 @ 11:00 AM - A 51 year old Arizona man was arrested at the 104 mile marker on I-40 by Trooper Mile Smith. The man was charged with possession of between 4 oz and 5 pounds of marijuana. The man was released on a \$10,000 bond the next day.

03/19 @ 2:00 AM - Deputy Drew Brassfield arrested a 21 year old Amarillo man for possession of less than 2 oz of marijuana. The man was released the next day on a \$3000 bond.

03/19 @ 10:30 AM - Deputy Trevor McGill and Trooper Mike Smith responded to the call of a reckless driver in the Groom area. They located the vehicle and arrested a 24-year-old Groom man for DWI and possession of less than 2 oz. of marijuana. The man was booked into jail and was released later that day on a \$4000 bond.

03/21 @ 11:30 AM - Deputy Drew Brassfield arrested a 23 year old New Mexico man for failure to appear. The man showed up for District Court after missing an earlier court obligation. He was later released on a \$40,000 bond.

03/21 @ 11:45 AM - Deputy Drew Brassfield arrested a 45 year old

Amarillo man on a warrant for possession of marijuana, between 4 Oz and 5 pounds. The man remains in jail.

03/21 @ 12:30 PM - Sgt Heath Cates arrested a 24 year old New Mexico man for possession of more than 400 grams of a controlled substance. The man is still in custody.

03/21 @ 2:30 PM - Two men were arrested at the 112 mile marker on I-40 by Troopers Gary Bullard and Bobby Shields for possession of between 50 lbs and 2000 lbs of marijuana. Both men were released later in the week on \$20,000 bond each.

03/22 @ 6:00 PM - Deputy Rick Armstrong booked a 55 year old Arizona man into jail. Deputy Armstrong picked the man up in Arizona where authorities had arrested him on our warrants for possession of between 50 lbs and 2000 lbs of Marijuana. The man remains in custody.

03/23 @ 1:30 PM - Trooper Darrin Bridges stopped a 46 year old Arkansas man for a traffic violation at the 105 mile marker on I-40. Trooper Bridges searched the car and discovered a controlled substance, over 400 grams. The man was booked into jail. He was released on a \$40,000 bond on 03/24.

03/25 @ 5:30 PM - Trooper Gary Davis arrested a 28 year old Arizona female for possession of stolen credit cards. The woman remains in jail on a \$5000 bond.

03/25 @ 3:30 PM - Panhandle Police Officer Mike Broyles placed a 19 year old Panhandle man under arrest on a felony warrant out of our county. The man was released on a \$20,000 bond the next day.

We have been called to several incidents of trash dumping on county roads as well as private property lately. Please remember that it is illegal to dump trash in the county bar ditches. Local landowners also frown on having trash dumped on their property. You should always get a landowners permission to enter their property before doing so.

Sheriff Tam Terry



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—James Lane Allen

Obituary



FRANKIE COX

CACTUS - Frankie Cox, 68, died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, in Dumas.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Temple Baptist Church in Dumas with the Rev. Jay McGaughy, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cox was born March 6, 1937, in McLean. She was a homemaker. She married Jim Cox on April 3, 1956, in Clayton, N.M. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Dumas. She was a Moore County resident since 1968.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Jimmy Dale Cox and wife, Sheryl, and Ray Cox and wife, Lynda, all of Dumas, and Larry Cox and wife, Lisa, of Amarillo; two sisters, Barbara Leven and Bonnie Goheen, both of Groom; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd, Dumas, TX 79029.



Kelton Weller concentrates as he prepares to throw the discus in the Lefors track meet.

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Letter To The Editor... Kids Are Not Hurting Anything

To Whom It May Concern:

I wonder why Groom Residents don't like for our children to have things to ride like scooters, mopeds, motorcycles and four wheelers. I never knew Groom residents were so narrow minded about these things. But since my husband and I have bought our grandchildren's four wheelers I have heard nothing but complaints. What's your problem? Is it because some of your folks can't afford to do such a nice thing for your grandchildren or children? Or is it because they are kids and not farmers riding their's into town to get gas or sprayers spraying their yards. Do you think they don't get on the roads or on the side of the roads. Guess what they do. There is also some golf carts in our town that older people ride on. They cross the streets also. I don't hear any complaining about all this. Why not?

If people keep

complaining, I think I might open up a track for mopeds, motorcycles, four wheelers, and such, so children can have some sore of fun; in our Little Narrow Minded Town.

Since we do own some commercial property and can do it if we want. I don't mind doing things to help kids have good clean fun. What about you Groom residents? Would you do the same? So lay off these kids. They are not hurting anyone. If you call the cops complaining on kids on their riding toys. I guess we need to start complaining about the other people on their spray rigs on roads, and golf carts on the roads, etc.

So if you have any complaints about these things call me (248-7075). I don't mind talking to you about this at all. I'm tired of the complaints.

Nickey Evans

World Trade Organization May Influence Cotton Export Prices

AMARILLO -- Uncertainty beyond the normal planting questions makes management strategies for cotton farmers more important this year. The World Trade Organization has challenged key provisions of the farm program as not being in compliance with the agency's guidelines for international trade. Currently, two out of three bales of U.S. cotton are exported and are subject to these guidelines. President Bush has proposed cuts in the budget deficit and reductions to the U.S. farm program safety net.

"Each could knock several cents off the price of cotton," said Dr. Carl Anderson, a recently retired Regents Fellow, professor and Texas Cooperative Extension cotton marketing economist in College Station.

Anderson advises producers to get a marketing plan in place now.

"We're using all of the policy and supply/demand uncertainties to substantiate and point out that future crop producers need to use marketing strategies to enhance their income, because we see the farm program payments being more limited than they are today," Anderson said. Anderson spoke here at a

one-day Advanced Topic Series course on "Developing This Year's Marketing Plan-Cotton," sponsored by Extension. "What we talk about is maximizing income under the farm program," he said. "We emphasize the importance of understanding the markets, keeping up with them and knowing when there are opportunities to pick up some extra income."

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo, said that's particularly important in the northern Panhandle, where cotton has started growing in acreage, but the producers are at square one on the learning curve.

"We're starting to get a lot of requests for basic outlook and marketing information on cotton," Amosson said. "Most of these producers are new, and until you understand cotton, it's difficult to develop a marketing plan." Time is growing short for making those plans. Like most crops, the best prices for cotton are before planting or soon after, Amosson said. That means decisions need to be made in the next 45 days or so, he said. Anderson said last year some producers reaped the benefits of advanced planning. They were able to

set a price floor at 60 cents on the December 2004 futures last March. Those futures dropped to 44 cents by August, but those who had locked in the floor price of 60 cents, using a put option, had price insurance. In 2003, the situation was the opposite.

The price was low, Anderson said when the price gets around 40 cents, producers should buy calls to "hedge" the counter-cyclical payment. "We no longer just hedge against lower prices. We hedge against lower government payments, because the price goes up and the payment goes down," he said. With December futures typically ranging from 39 cents a pound to 70 cents a pound, buying price insurance makes sense, Anderson said. It provides an opportunity for income in addition to the farm program payment. This year, prices are in the middle — in the 50- to 60-

cent range — for December futures, but they could easily drop into the 40-cent range, Anderson said. Producers should work on putting on some price floors at 52 cents or higher, which could very possibly yield 6 to 10 cents net gain given the expected price at harvest, he said. "It's standard procedure when you buy a nice new car, you take out insurance and hope you'll never need it. It's quite comfortable to have it," he said. "With cotton, you spend 2 cents and get back about 8 cents net. Anyone who can get 5 cents out of this market will have been successful." While many producers use a pool to market their cotton, the economists said the producers of the future are aware of the opportunity to use the futures market, and are learning when to implement the pricing strategies. "The key is not to wait until you see the top

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