

# The McLean News



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## City Council Approves EDC Financial Statement

The City Council of McLean met for regular session on Monday, February 14, 2005 in the City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were council members George Shaw, Betty Taylor, Teresa Simmons, Mindy Reeves and Mayor Frank Warner. Others present were Toni Bohlar, Jim Adams, Sally Bohlar, Allen Mixon and Ted Simmons.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation given.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

A correction was made to the January minutes, stating that Council Member Teresa Simmons obtained from the appointing of new library board members.

The Council approved the library internet policy.

The policy is a policy that is recommended by TPLS and the McLean Library Board.

The Council approved a trial period of having locked dumpsters at the Ag Barn and the APex Station for people to use that live outside the three mile radius. Those that use the dumpsters will pay a fee and will receive a key. Contact City Hall for information.

The Council approved Ordinance #298 with new rates outside the city limits which will be amended to include a \$35.00 charge outside a three mile radius.

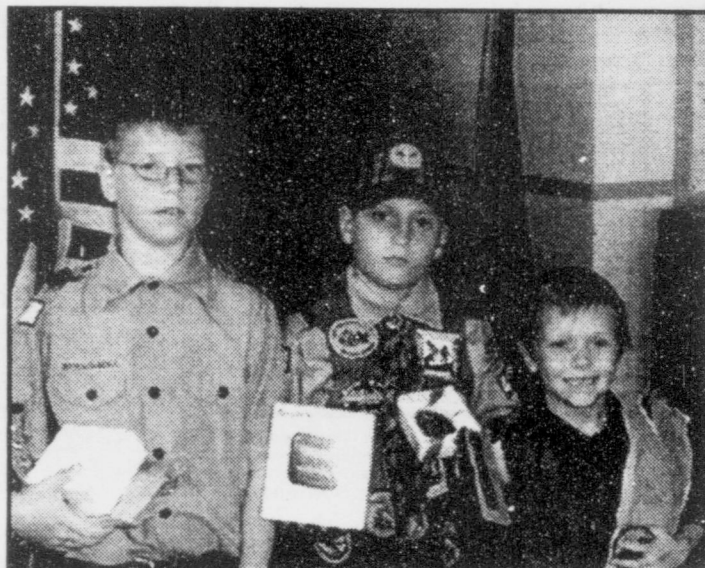
The Resolution Public Funds Investment Policy which states that Toni Bohlar is the investment officer and includes the investment policy for the City of McLean was

approved by the Council. The Resolution to Call Election was approved. Marjorie Fish was appointed as Election Judge.

The Economic Development Corporation presented their Financial Statement and it was approved. Betty Taylor obtained from voting.

The Financial Statement is as follows:

As of February 10, 2005		
Check #		
1032	\$3,000.00	
(Monument)		
1033	30.00	
(Leland Myers)		
1034	78.00	
(Pavilion)		
1035	15,000.00	
(Pavilion)		
1036	975.00	
(Audit)		
1037	6,650.00	
(Pavilion)		



Top popcorn salesmen for the McLean Cub Scout Pack were Justin West, Stormy Manns, and Daniel Wells. Each salesman received badges and prizes for their efforts.

1038	36.00	
(PO Box)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,769.00</b>	

Beginning Balance	
Oct. '04	\$42,876.62
Deposits	
	1150.84
	1372.87
	1777.04
	1023.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,323.79</b>
Ending Balance	\$22,431.41

will call to get more information on different types of health coverage plans. Beginning March 5, 2005, the first Saturday of each month will be free to City of McLean garbage customers. Customers must continue to abide by the rules and regulations of the landfill.

The Council tabled the Health Insurance item on the agenda. Toni Bohlar

In other business, the  
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## Lady Tigers End Season With Victory



Senior Markeisha Menefield drives past Groom players to help McLean end the season with a win. She was nominated for the All-District team.

The Lady Tigers wrapped up the 2004-2005 basketball season with a victory over the Groom

Tigerettes, 51-31. The Lady Tigers end the season with a district record of 2-8. The Ladies were led in

scoring by Markeisha Menefield who scored 13 points and Lindsey Ruiz who scored 12.

"This was a nice way to end what has been a very tough season of learning," said Coach Butler. "We played the season with seven players of limited experience and size in a very tough district. Our kids really hung in there tough through some pretty difficult situations and learned some important fundamentals that will certainly help them in the future."

"I believe kids learn more about life going through a season like this that they do when things are easy. I am very proud of these young ladies and the improvements they have made throughout the year. However, we still have a long way to go in order to be the sort of program in which we aspire. If we work hard in basketball off season and commit ourselves to work weights and run consistently then I feel confident about our potential for next year.

See Lady, pg. 10

## REMINDERS

**FILING FOR** School Board and City Council Candidacy is Feb. 7 to March 7, 2005.

**HOUSTON STOCK** Show is Feb 7-11. San Antonio Stock Show is Feb. 14-18.

**MCLEAN LITTLE** Dribblers tournament is today, Friday and Saturday.

**FEBRUARY 12** is Abe Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 22 is Washington's birthday. Banks and other government offices will be closed on Monday, Feb 21 for President's Day.

**LITTLE MISS** McLean Pageant will be Feb. 27 at 2:00 in the High School Auditorium.

**BREAST CANCER** Screening at the Lovett Memorial Library, Feb. 17. Must have an appointment.

**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 [jm@cratcomedia.net](mailto:jm@cratcomedia.net)

# McLean Lunch Menu

week of Feb. 21-25

## BREAKFAST

Monday: Breakfast Pizza, Toast & Jelly, Fruit or Trail Mix, Juice, Milk  
 Tuesday: Toast with Sausage Gravy, Toast & Jelly, Fruit or Trail Mix, Juice, Milk  
 Wednesday: Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Fruit or Trail Mix, Juice, Milk  
 Thursday: Breakfast Mini Pockets, Toast & Jelly, Fruit or Trail Mix, Juice, Milk  
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Fruit or Trail Mix, Juice, Milk

## LUNCH

Monday: Frito Pie with Chili and Cheese, Pinto Beans, Salad, Peach Cobbler, Milk  
 Tuesday: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Milk  
 Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk  
 Thursday: Hot Dogs with Chili and Cheese, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Milk  
 Friday: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Curley Fries, Cookies, Milk



Miss McLean, 2005, Brooke Seymour, poses with mom and dad, Sally and Doug Seymour.

## CORRECTION

I have been informed that the new addition to the park is called a pavilion and not a gazebo as printed in last weeks addition. My apologies. Terri

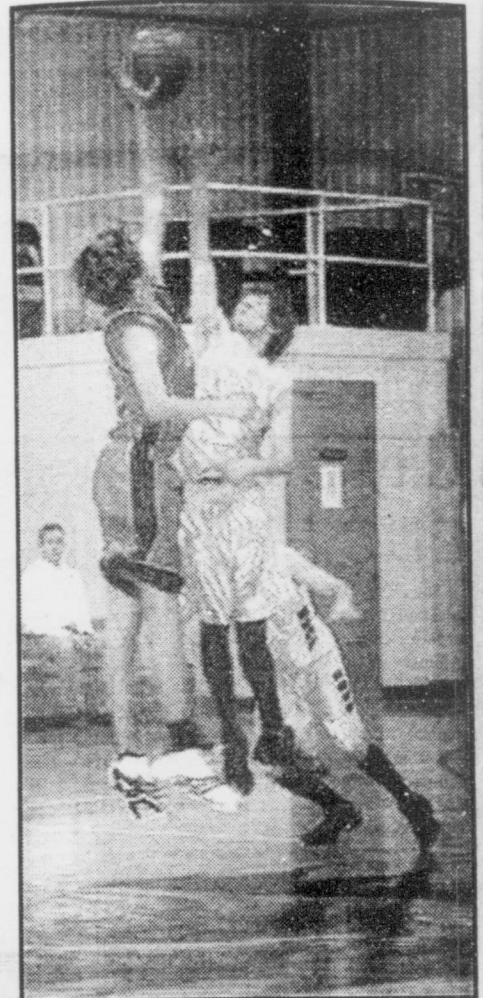
I keep the telephone of my mind open to peace, harmony, health, love and abundance. Then, whenever doubt, anxiety or fear try to call me, they keep getting a busy signal—and they'll soon forget my number.  
 —Edith Armstrong

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 17 - Dedra Watson, Fahoma Ladd Holder, Daniel Conners.  
 February 18 - Ruth Ware, Moriah McCracken, Mark Simmons, Juliana Burnett.  
 February 19 - Tonue Brown, Ann Long, Thelma McCarty.  
 February 20 - John M. Haynes, Travis Fish, Rovena Brewer.  
 February 21 - Jack Syfrett, Becky Simmons, Benny Watson, Bob and Claire McDowell (A).  
 February 22 - Donnie Smith, Jordon Herring.  
 February 23 - Heather Brooks.



PTO works hard on Valentine Day preparation for their flower sales.



Senior Zane Richardson tips off one last time as he ends his high school basketball career.

## Local Woman Passes Away

### OBITUARY

Ella Ann Hanes, 71, of McLean, Texas, died Sunday, February 13, 2005 in McLean. Services were held at 2:00, Tuesday, February 15, at the First Baptist Church in McLean. Burial was held at the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, Texas.

Mrs. Hanes was born August 18, 1933, to Charles Patrick and Annie Mae Herndon. Ella Ann was a member of the Trinity Church in McLean. She was a dedicated employee of C & H Supply, Inc., of McLean for 16 years. She loved her customers and co-workers as they did her. Nothing pleased her more than the accomplishments of her grandchildren. She was the best friend of her children, and will be missed by everyone.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Carla Kirkland (Butch) of McLean and Elaine Merz (Myron) of Mineral Wells; one son, Marshall Hanes and wife Tammy of McLean; two grandsons, Ike and Tyler Hanes of McLean; two granddaughters, Destiny Kirkland of Amarillo and Amanda Merz of Mineral Wells; her mother, Annie Herndon of McLean; five Sisters, Louise Avery of Amarillo, Charlene Miller of Amarillo, Patsye Henley of Dumas, Natalie Meathenia (Kenneth) of Bloomingfield, NM and Kathleen Reynolds (Gerald) of McLean; two Brothers; Durward Herndon and wife, Sue, of Dumas and Darryel Herndon and wife, Jane, of McLean.

The family suggests memorials be to Trinity Church Youth, McLean, Texas; or BSA Hospice, Amarillo, Texas



## Former Resident Dies

### OBITUARY

Lorene Guyton, 89, of Duncan Oklahoma, formerly of McLean Texas, died February 10, 2005 in Duncan, Oklahoma

Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, TX, Monday, February 14, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Rodney Tedford of Mary Ellen Church of Christ Pampa, Texas, officiated.

Lorene was born in Paducah, Texas, to Julia and John Tenison on February 1, 1914. She married Raymond Guyton

in 1943 in Shamrock, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1998.

Survivors include a son and daughter in law, Jerry and Betty Guyton; two granddaughters, Angie Kyle of Duncan, Oklahoma, Julie and husband Gordon Gripp of League City, Texas; four great-grandchildren, Lindsay, Tiffany and Ethan Kyle, and Gavin Gripp.

The family suggests memorials be to Chisholm Trail Hospice, 625 Chisholm Trail, Duncan, OK 73533

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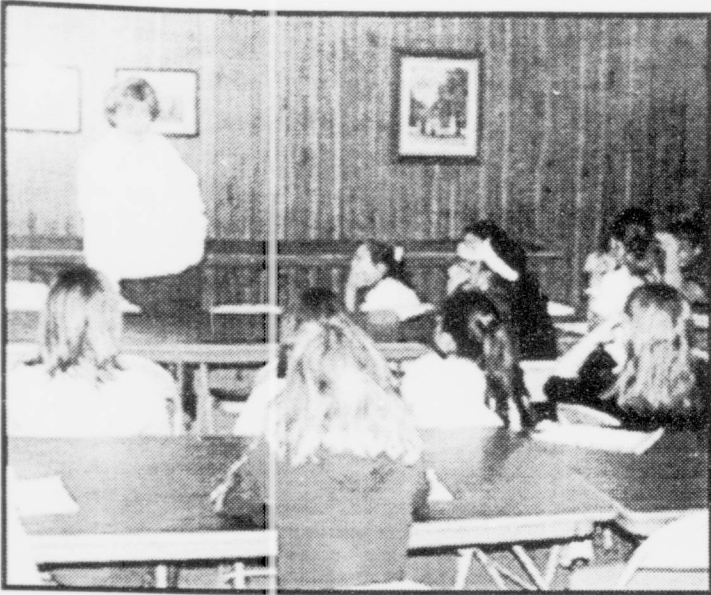
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## McLean Volunteer Fire Department

will be holding a Consignment Auction April 16

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## Girl Scouts Earn Career Badge

The local girls scouts have been working hard at earning their badges. One local troop invited three career women to speak at their meeting to help them to earn a career badge.

The local women, Angie Ware, Charlotte Hefley and Terri Adams each spoke about their careers.

Terri gave a brief talk

about what it takes to put a newspaper together, including ads, pictures and articles. She also let the girls take a picture with the digital camera so they could get an idea of how it works.

Angie spoke with the girls about being in business for herself as a licensed mortician. She

explained that the hardest part of her job is because she is so close to everyone. She also explained to the girls that they can be whatever they want to be.

Charlotte spoke with the girls about owning her own business. She encouraged the girls to seek their dreams.

See Badge, pg. 16



The little cheerleaders perform at halftime showing off the skills they learned this year.

## Final Statistics For Tiger Basketball

### Scoring

Manden Conklin 263  
James Alexander 257  
Zane Richardson 222  
Tyler Hanes 189  
Lucas Seymour 86  
Jacob Tolleson 58  
Kutter Anderson 22  
Jayme Welch 16  
Zach Richardson 14  
John Haynes 4

### Rebounding

Manden Conklin 165  
Zane Richardson 124  
James Alexander 75  
Jacob Tolleson 75  
Tyler Hanes 62  
Lucas Seymour 54

Kutter Anderson 27  
Jayme Welch 16  
Zach Richardson 12

### Field Goal Percentage

Manden Conklin 44.6% (83-186)  
James Alexander 37.2% (54-145)  
Zane Richardson 36.4% (75-195)  
Tyler Hanes 35.1% (20-56)  
Jacob Tolleson 33.3% (23-69)  
Jayme Welch 33.3% (6-18)  
Lucas Seymour 24.6% (18-73)

Kutter Anderson 23.5% (8-34)  
Zach Richardson 22.2% (2-9)

### Free Throw Percentage

Jayme Welch 75%  
Zach Richardson 71%  
Tyler Hanes 62.2%  
Kutter Anderson 58.8%  
Manden Conklin 55.5%  
James Alexander 54.5%  
Lucas Seymour 54.1%  
Zane Richardson 50.9%  
Jacob Tolleson 32.2%

### Three Point Percentage

Manden Conklin 10-27  
Tyler Hanes 39-110

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# McLean Tigers Basketball

The Bank of Commerce  
779-2461

C & H Supply  
779-2209

The McLean Care Center  
779-2469

Bailey Ware Funeral Home  
779-2424

Kirk's Auto Supply  
779-2654

The McLean Feedyard  
779-2405



Hayley Burnett brings the ball down the court as teammate Miranda McMordie tries to get open for a pass.

The McLean News  
779-2141

Puckett's Grocery  
779-2661

McLean Home Health  
779-2485

Country Corner  
779-2209

Red River Steak House  
779-8940

Trinity Church  
779-3207



The Teeny Tigers show off their third place ribbons from the Lefors Tournament last weekend.





McLean Students of the week for the week of February 7-11, 2005: Callie Crockett and Daniela Rodriguez, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-Andrew Byhee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-Mason Reynolds, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-Shelby Adams, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Stormy Manns, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Jasmine Campagna, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Tyler Lamb, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Alexis Menefield

## McLean Lil' Dribblers Earn Top Honors

The McLean Little Dribblers competed in the Samnorwood tournament this past weekend.

The K-2 Grade Teeny Tiger girls went up against Shamrock two times. In

game won the Teeny Tigers lost in overtime. In the second game, the final score was 5-9. Scoring for the team was Jordan Cox with 3 points, Dezeray Blaylock had 1 and

Summer Ferguson had 1.

In the 3-4 grade Flaming Hearts girls team came out in the first game to defeat Kelton 6-2. Miranda McMordie scored all six points for the Hearts. In game two, the Hearts lost to Wheeler 4-10. Hayley Burnett put all 4 points on the board.

In 5-6th grade girls action, McLean who's record stands at 5 - 0, defeated Wellington and Shamrock.

The 5 and 6th grade boys team defeated Samnorwood 25-3. Jace McLain led in scoring with 10 points. Jordan Herring earned 6 points for the team. Tyler Lamb put 4 points on the board. Clay Crockett added 3 and Tanner Cadra earned 2. In the second game, McLean lost with a score of 12-16. Jace McLain again top the board with 4 points. Jordan Herring followed close with 3. Tanner Cadra added 2 as well as did Tyler Lamb. Clay Crockett added 1.

### BADGE

The girls were very gracious and offered their guests refreshments. The girls were very polite and they represented themselves very well.

### STATISTICS

James Alexander 40-132  
Lucas Seymour 8-33  
Zane Richardson 17-75  
Zach Richardson 1-8

#### Assists

Zane Richardson 90  
James Alexander 57  
Tyler Hanes 31  
Lucas Seymour 27  
Manden Conklin 21  
Jacob Tolleson 6  
Zach Richardson 2  
Kutter Anderson 1  
Jayme Welch 1

#### Steals

Manden Conklin 78  
Zane Richardson 73  
Lucas Seymour 54  
James Alexander 53  
Tyler Hanes 33  
Zach Richardson 13  
Jacob Tolleson 10  
Kutter Anderson 4  
Jayme Welch 4

#### Final Record

15-10

"Congratulations guys on a fine season. Thank you for your hard work and 100% effort." - Coach Farmer.

### COUNCIL

Council discussed the stray dog issues.

Also, Linda Haynes has graciously declined to help write the personnel policy for the City of McLean due to family and work obligations.

Jim Adams gave the Council updates on the water tower progress and the hand held radio progress for the city.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

### LADY

Also, we have 3 to 5 freshman next year who can come in and contributed which could really help our team next year as well."

End of season stats are as follows with Markeisha Menefield being nominated for the All-District Team. Great Job Lady Tigers!

#### Points

Markeisha Menefield 308  
Lacey Wallis 121  
Lindsey Ruiz 111  
Amanda Fricks 93  
Brooke Seymour 86  
Tamara Loya 84  
Stephanie Henson 12

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**First Assembly of God                      4th & Main**  
Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00  
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church                      206 E. 1st**  
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

**Trinity Church                      603 Commerce**  
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207  
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# The Groom News

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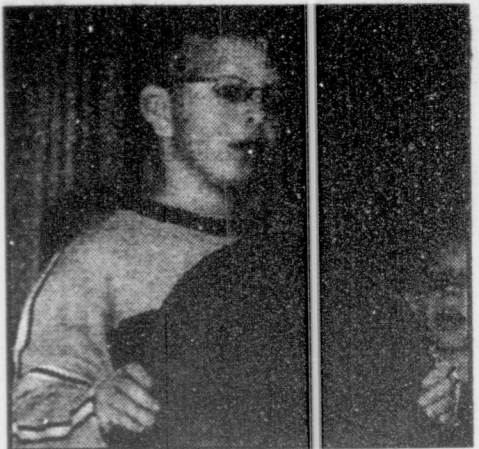
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Groom Elementary School students put on a program early this week in which they celebrated Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Chinese New Year. Musical Director, Melanie Britten conducted the musical salute to the "February" holidays. Pictured are (above) Sonny Siegall who is displaying a giant quarter to represent George Washington's contributions and (below) Cody Kling is holding a giant penny to illustrate some of Lincoln's achievements.



## Don't Forget To Sign Up For Place On City or School Ballot, Deadline Nears

Men and women who think they would make good representatives for the school or the city probably would. So now is the time to sign up for the Saturday, May 7, 2005 election for city council and school board places on the ballot. Openings for the school board are the seats now being held by Seth Ritter and Tim Case. On the City Council the seat of mayor

is now being held by Joe Homer. There are two city aldermen seats to be elected, which are currently held by Chris Welch and Kenneth Weller.

The only requirement for the any of the city or school offices are that one needs to be a registered voter, one must file before March 7, 2005, and a desire to express pride in your

## 100<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Annual Report ... Stuart Messer Explains How Confiscated Funds Are Used And Distributed

The 100<sup>th</sup> Judicial District released its annual report this last week. The accounting of year end numbers is the responsibility of District Attorney elected official Stuart Messer. City Police Officers, County Sheriff's Departments, and Department of Public Safety Troopers all contribute to the end results.

Messer reported that 350 felony cases involving 294 defendants went through the system of the district which includes not only Carson County, but Childress, Collingsworth, Donley and Hall Counties. This does not include cases which did not carry a felony charge. 68 criminals were sent to jail or prison for a total of 881 years. District Court Judge David McCoy assessed \$520,254 in fines and ordered \$101,291 in court costs to be paid by the convicted. \$483,044 in restitution was also ordered.

Locally in Carson County alone, 104 felony cases were resolved with the resulting incarceration of 17 criminals for a total

of 133 years. Fines and court costs assessed totaled in Carson County \$302,426 and 48,704 was ordered to be paid in restitution to several victims of crimes.

"This past year was a very busy and successful year for law enforcement in the district," stated DA Stuart Messer, "Without all the hard work very law enforcement official gives this district, we could not have successfully solved and prosecuted such large numbers of cases."

Out of the 104 cases prosecuted in Carson County, half of those were drug related. Most of those arrests occurred along Interstate Highway 40. Drug dealers are now short 2,628 pounds of marijuana, 134 kilograms of controlled substances including methamphetamine, cocaine, ecstasy, Psycybin mushrooms, and crack.

In addition to the jail time, fines and restitution, those who faced drug charges also have had cars, property and money

confiscated. This money and property goes into a fund in which the District Attorney is required to

oversee. The money is used for training, equipment for investigating crimes and many other uses. All District Attorney's are required by law to submit reports to the State of Texas Attorney General's office on the amount of monies held in the District's Forfeiture and Seizure account and how it is used. This year \$938,750 was seized along with 11 vehicles.

When and if the cases connected to the money are settled the money will be available for use in the DA and various law enforcement agencies including DPS, County Sheriff's Departments and City Police Departments.

Vehicles are either sold or used for undercover work or other official uses of the DA's office or law enforcement. The Discretionary Fund is

used for law enforcement officer training,

equipment for enforcing crime or solving crimes, travel, undercover work and witness expenses.

Sheriff's or heads of law enforcement agencies may request funds from the DA's offices for any of

these types of uses that are not in their regular budgets.

The Carson County Sheriff's Offices has always felt like they have received a fair share of the funds for special projects and training.

"We have had no complaints," stated Sheriff Tam Terry when asked if he felt the way the funds were distributed for fair. "If we have a special need, we request funds from the prosecutor. If it's available, he gives us every consideration."

The drugs are confiscated and destroyed in the DPS drug lab after they are analyzed by their chemists, and no longer needed as evidence.

## GROOM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**GROOM HIGH School** will host a blood drive on February 21, 2005. From 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Every Donor will receive a T-Shirt!

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

**FEE WEE Basketball** players need to come by the news office to have your picture taken any time.

**MONDAY, FEB. 21** is President's Day. Most banks and government offices will be closed.

**MARK YOUR** calendar! One Act Play will hold a Dinner Theatre with a meal and performance on Saturday, Feb. 26. Tickets are only \$10.00! Contact the school for more information at 248-7474.

**G R O O M STUDENTS** will be taking the TAKS Test next week. Grades 4, 7, 10 & 11 will test on Feb. 22. Grades 3, 5, 9, 10 & 11 will test on Feb. 23. Please make sure your student is at school on time with a good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast to insure their success!

**MARCH 14-18** is Groom ISD's Spring Break.



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## Local Happenings

### Ill or Recovering

The following are local residents who are ill or recovering from health concerns: Willie Barnett, Nellie Painter, Ray Morris, and Shirley Lamberson.

Al Alward, was among several Groom residents who attended the David Copperfield show last week in Amarillo. He sat right in front of a family with Groom origins... Mr. & Mrs. Duane Ollinger.

Mr. Alward's granddaughters, Melody and April joined their grandpa for a meal afterward.



### CASE PLACES THIRD IN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Tyler Case, son of Tim and Tammy Case, won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Carson County Spelling Bee. The meet was held in Panhandle recently. Tyler is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He misspelled the word "coincidence". He is the first Groom student to compete in the county contest in several years.

### GROOM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Week of February 21 through February 25.

**Breakfast:**

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.

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

Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

**Lunch:**

Monday: Chicken nuggets, corn, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, brownies & milk.

Tuesday: Chili cheese dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, pineapple & milk.

Wednesday: Frito pie, pinto beans, applesauce, graham crackers & milk.

Thursday: Char-broiled steak, scalloped potatoes, black-eye peas, hot rolls & milk.

Friday: Sandwiches-tuna, ham or bologna; vegetarian beans, fruit cocktail, pickle spears & milk.

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### WHO WAS THAT?!

The cute valentine picture that was in the paper last week was Sharlene (Whatley) Lewis and Roger Baggerman. The picture was taken in 1964. Boy, were kid's cute back then!

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February 18 - Martin E. Hermesmeier, D. Leon Schaffer, Sheridan Ward, Jess Baker, Jessica Bates.

February 19 - Suzy Pool, Michael Sustaire, Josh Crooks.

February 20 - Loretta Britten, Chance Barkley.

February 21 - Bronte Britten, Bart Britten, Dean Fields, Victoria Moranicc.

February 22 - Mrs. M. B. Bolden, Chy Jackson, Logan Siler.

February 23 - Samantha Amphay, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Pool (A).

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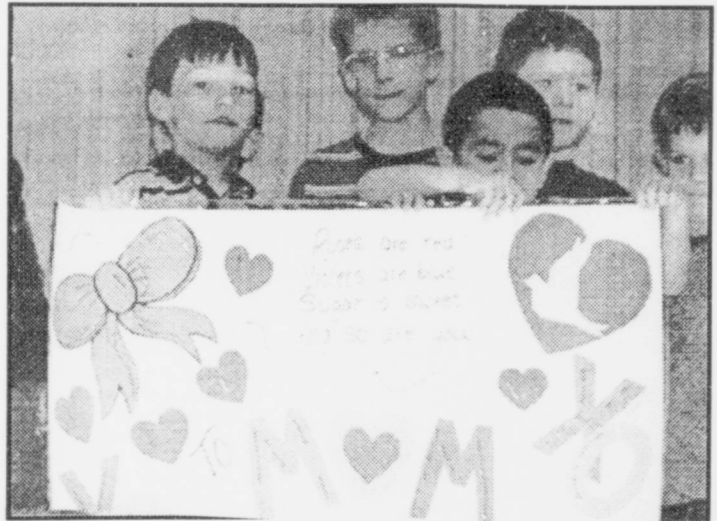
Megan Ruthardt and McKenna Britten sing about Valentine's Day.



Katelin Weller



Nick Bohr



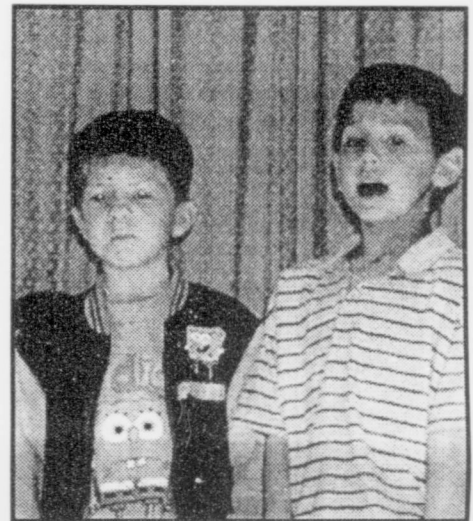
Carson Ritter, Blake Weinheimer, Garet Rocha, Mason Miller and Devin Kerlee make a great big valentine for the only women who really do deserve to be their valentine... their Moms!



Brooklyn Kerlee



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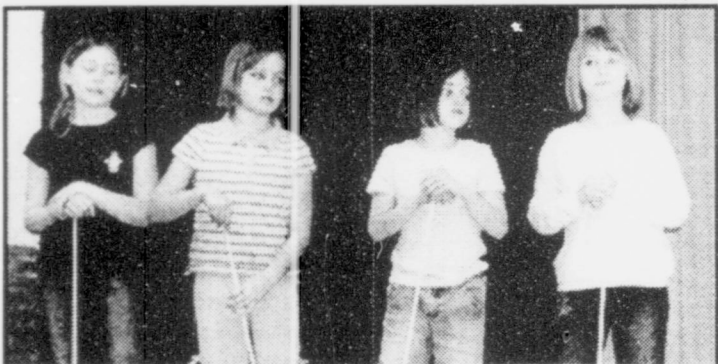


Mason Miller play his "chop sticks" as the group sings about Chinese New Year.



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# Tigers End Season Against Toughest Rival

The Groom Tigers and Tigerettes ended their 2005 basketball season last week against McLean.

"We are pleased with the process made by the Tigers," said boys coach, Doug Galyean. "We have

doubled the wins from last year and made improvements in our skill levels. We expect that the boys will continue to grow and mature and we will see even more improvement as time goes on."

The Tigers lost to McLean 36-41 in a "white knuckle" match up. Blaine Britten was the leading point getter with 10. T.J. Moraniec and Thane Barkley each added 8 points. Adam Britten added another 6 and Chance Barkley 4.

In the girls game, the Ettes played an exciting season finale losing 31 to 51. Kyra Stevens lead the scoring with 15 and Kacie Galyean added another 14 points. Sharri Britten contributed 2 more points to complete the scoring.

Coach Matt Johnson was very pleased with the girls in spite of what the record shows.

"We played 25 games this year and had seven

girls on the team. All seven girls only suited up for only 9 of these games. Players who had never played before were thrown into the fire with not much learning time. While we struggled most of the year in games, the girls improved fundamentally more than any group I have

ever coached. We just struggled to carry those skills over into game situations. Each game, however, those girls showed up and gave everything they had."

"As we traveled around to different school and hosted different schools here, I realized how lucky we are to have such a great group. They do not cause trouble, they show respect to other teams and facilities and they represent the community of Groom and the school in a way that should make you proud."

# The Groom Sparks Pee Wee Basketball Season Underway

The Groom Sparks, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls have kicked off their season on Feb. 12. In their battle against the Panhandle Gold team, they lost 15-33. Maddie Wieberg was high point with 15.

The Sparks played White Deer's A team next. Using a very impressive, full court press the girls caused many turn over. Hali Bohr was high point with 10. Rebekah Roskens

added another 6, Maddie Wieberg 5 and Neva Corley 4. Others who contributed with assists and defensively were Cassandra Brown, Cheyenne Kosechata, Sophie Leven, Susie Bhakta and Jacey Little. The Sparks beat White Deer, 25-14.

Their next game will be on Feb. 26, in Panhandle. Game time will be 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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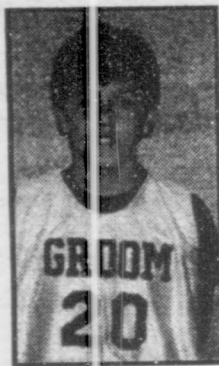
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# Cosper Sad To Leave County Post

I would like to thank the great people of Carson County for the opportunity you gave me to serve as your Tax Assessor Collector for the last 6 years. I loved my job and loved the opportunity to meet so many new friends.

I tried very hard to do a good job and to take care of the business I was elected to do. I fought for new legislative bills that would benefit the County and the people in it. In order to do that I had to be out of the office from time to time. For instance, the travel trailer bill. Although, I could not have gotten it done alone, it was a bad bill and with lots of dedication, time and people banning together the bill was passed and the travel trailer tax was gone.

I was very lucky to have a staff that could carry on the day to day procedures in the office in my absence. I know the work was done and if I had to work on a weekend to finish a report or catch up, I did it.

Monthly reports were always done and annual settlements turned in. The money was turned in to the County and problems always taken care of, I did my job.

I always tried to take care of someone in the County that had a particular problem and to get the problem solved

according to what the law would allow me to do.

I attended meetings for the cities or schools at night if they needed or asked me to attend. I worked the elections from 7 A.M. to whenever and had the employees go home at their regular times and unless I HAD to be gone I worked the Saturday elections from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. while my employees had the day off.

I did attend the A&M conference in November to keep abreast of the new law's legislation was trying to pass so I would know whether to contact my Senator or Congressman or House Representative for a plea to help us get it passed or thrown out.

I attended the annual Tax

Assessor conference in June to not only get CEU's in order to keep the certification you have to have to be a Tax Assessor but to listen to problems other offices might have had. This helped me learn how to handle that particular problem should it arise in Carson County.

As rumors fly at a time like this, I want you to know it was because of illness I resigned. I no longer feel I can perform the duties of Tax Assessor in the manner you elected me to do. My speech, writing/typing, vision and memory have all been effected. I was in the hospital in December with what they thought to be a heart attack that left me with stroke like symptoms.

It was not fair to my employees or to the people of the County for me to be out of the office as much as I was going to have to be in order to get well. I am receiving treatment and face a possible surgery so I ask you to keep me in your prayers. Although I should get back most of

what I've lost physically, emotionally I've lost a lot. Thank you for the love and support that most of you have given me.

I am sure that whoever the commissioners appoint to take my place, will carry out the duties of the office in the same professional manner I tried to do.

Thank you again for the opportunity you gave me to serve as Your Tax Assessor. Sincerely, Barbara Cosper

## TEXAS, ARE YOU READY? Time for the 2005 Conservation Security Program

The Conservation Security Program (CSP), authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill and administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), rewards farmers and ranchers who implement conservation on America's working lands. CSP, now in its second year, is a voluntary program based on conservation accomplishments that recognizes the contributions of the best land stewards and encourages them to do more.

The Upper Salt Fork of the Red River Watershed, located in portions of Donley, Gray, Carson, and Armstrong counties in Texas, is one of the 202 watersheds nationally selected to offer the CSP in 2005. Of the 202 watersheds, 17 watersheds were chosen for CSP in Texas. The Upper Salt Fork of the Red River Watershed

was selected because of a history of good land stewardship, excellent conservation partnership efforts, high-priority natural resource issues, and the availability of the necessary technical tools to implement the program.

According to Dr. Larry Butler, Texas State conservationist, "USDA intends to offer a signup for CSP in March of 2005." The NRCS in the Upper Salt Fork of the Red River Watershed will hold informational meetings for farmers in the watershed to review eligibility requirements and the self-assessment tool that farmers use to determine their eligibility prior to scheduling office visits with NRCS. The meetings will be held in March in Clarendon and Claude. For a meeting

schedule, visit the NRCS Texas website at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/csp](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/csp) or contact your local USDA Service Center for meeting dates, times and locations.

"Texas is fortunate to have the Upper Salt Fork of the Red River Watershed selected for participation in the CSP," says Butler. "Our producers, with the assistance of NRCS staff, will have an opportunity to get this program implemented within the watershed. Producers outside of the watershed have the opportunity to watch how the program progresses and prepare themselves for future CSP signups."

The CSP is a very competitive program. Producers will compete nationally for funding against the nation's best conservationists. Documentation of conservation activities such as conservation

plans and records or pest and nutrient management, will be required to support the application. Producers within the Upper Salt Fork of the Red River Watershed are encouraged to attend the watershed information meetings to learn if they meet the necessary eligibility requirements. The locations and times of these meetings will be made public in the near future.

Those producers outside of the watershed are encouraged to complete the self-assessment on-line when it becomes available. Completing the self-assessment now will provide a good idea of actions they may need to take to meet eligibility requirements in future years.

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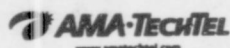
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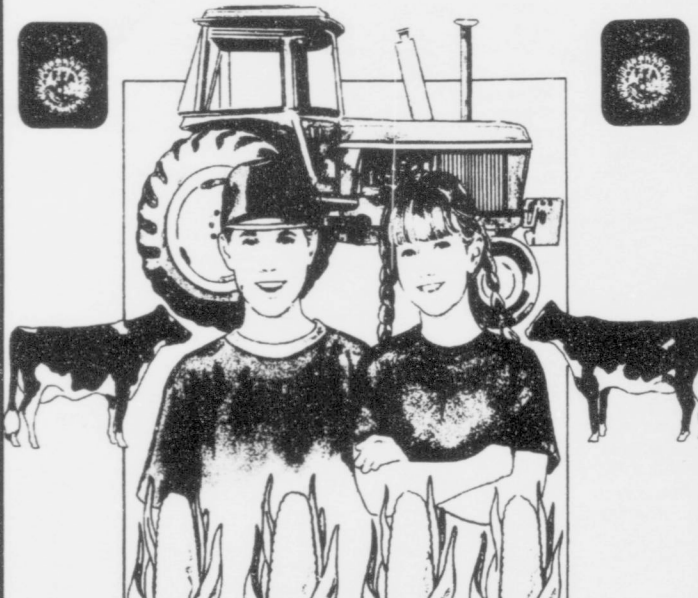
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