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Brooke Seymour Crowned Miss McLean

Saturday, February 5, 2005, was an evening filled with beauties with the annual Miss McLean pageant at the McLean High School Auditorium.

Thirteen young ladies vied for the title, and eleven handsome young men escorted them. Those participating in the pageant were seniors: Allison Hill, daughter of Gay Hill and Billy Hill; Ashley McClendon, the daughter of Deana and Charlie McClendon; LaShonda Parks, the daughter of Debbie and Robert McDonald and Rodney Parks; and Leann Rogers, the granddaughter of Wanda and Kenneth Fourier.

Juniors participating in the contest were: Markeisha Menefield, the daughter of Jackie Perez and Ocie Menefield; and Lindsey Ruiz, the daughter of Linda Ruiz. Sophomores participating were: Erin Bailey, the daughter of Elaine Bailey and Mark Bailey; Jessie Cox, the daughter of Carl and Christi Cox and Becky

Cox; Amanda Fricks, the daughter of Connie Fricks and the late David Fricks; Tamara Loya, the daughter of Bo Loya and Hidelio Loya; and Brooke Seymour, the daughter of Doug and Sally Seymour. Freshmen participating in the contest were Stephanie Henson, the daughter of Stacey and Gene Smart; and Lacey Wallis, the daughter of Brenda and Larry Wallis.

Escorting the young ladies were: seniors Tyler Hanes, the son of Marshall and Tammy Hanes; and Andy Ritchie, the son of Connie Fricks. The junior escort was Manden Conklin, the son of Donna and Gary Conklin.

Sophomore escorts were Kuter Anderson, the son of Bill and Ronia Anderson; Matt Applewhite, the son of Kathy and Kelly Raymond; Seth Childers, the son of Joann West and Hoyt West; Jesse Parks, the son of Debbie and Robert McDonald and Rodney Parks; Jacob Tolleson, the son of David and Shandee Tolleson;



1st Runner Up - Stephanie Henson, Miss McLean - Brooke Seymour, 2nd Runner Up - Ashley McClendon and Miss Congeniality - LaShonda Parks

Steven Vassey the son of Mike and Laura Campbell; and Jayme Welch, the son of Misti and Anselmo Vela. Trey Skipper, the

son of Pam and Billy Skipper served as freshman usher.

Named to the top six were LaShonda Parks,

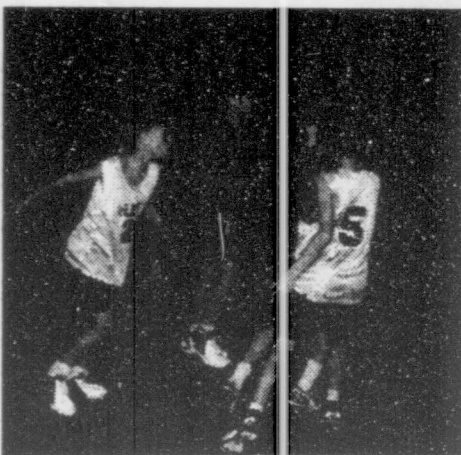
Ashley McClendon, Allison Hill, Brooke Seymour, Stephanie Henson, and Lacey Wallis. LaShonda Parks was

chosen as Miss Congeniality.

Second runner-up was Ashley McClendon. First

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Dribblers Earn 1st and 2nd Place Wins At Lefors



Kaleb Perkins and Trey Hannan go after the ball at the Lefors tournament on Saturday to help their team win second place.

Little Dribbler season has begun. They started off their season with a tournament in Lefors this past Thursday and Saturday.

Both 5th and 6th grade teams came home with first place victories. The 3rd and 4th grade teams game home with second

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Roach Resigns As DA Reaching A Plea Bargain That Could Net Him 10 years in Prison

In what comes as a shock to many residents of Gray County, indicted Rick Roach reached a plea bargain with federal prosecutors before resigning his elected position as 31st District Attorney. Roach was arrested by federal officers a few weeks ago for possession of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and possession cocaine with intent to distribute.

According to his attorney, the agreement was

for Roach to pled guilty to one charge of possessing a firearm while being a user of a controlled substance. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

The terms of his release remain the same until the sentencing. He is restricted to travel in Potter and Randall Counties only until the hearing to sentence him.

While he could not be reached for comment, questions still remain concerning what happened to certain funds that were confiscated from drug dealers.

REMINDERS

THE CITY Council will meet on February 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall for a regular meeting.

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.

Little Dribbler play at Samnorwood this weekend. Times to be announced.

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.

DON'T FORGET that Valentine's Day is Monday, Feb. 14. Remember those in your life who are important to you.

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 jtt@centramedia.net

Study Club Donates Book

The Pioneer Study Club met at the home of Jerry Corbin on February 3, 2005.

Members voted on having a Girl Scout Tea on March 6th, at 2 p.m. The Club is donating two books to the Library in McLean. One in honor of Pete and Zella Mae Brown and the other in honor of Roberta Ware.

Betty Taylor presented a program on "February". She incorporated George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Valentine Day, Groundhog Day, any many other pertinent facts.

Refreshments, with a Valentine theme, were served by Jerry Corbin.

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Lady Tigers Play Hedley

The Lady Tigers tipped off against the Hedley Cwls last week in what has been a tough season. The Lady ended the night with a final score of 34-68.

Amanda Fricks led the team in scoring with 11 points for the night. Lacey Wallis and Tamara Loya both added 6 points each to the board. Loya also helped

the team with her 6 rebounds.

Lindsay Ruiz put 5 points on the board and had top rebounds with 9.

Brooke Seymour earned 4 points for the team and had to assists and 3 steals. Keisha Menefield added another 2 points to the game.

Rachel Galley Graduates



Texas Tech University held Commencement

Exercises on December 18, 2004. Rachel Galley graduated with dual Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in Marketing and Management.

Rachel is the daughter of Gene and Brenda Galley of McLean. She is the granddaughter of Bobby Jack and Ella Mae Massey of McLean, Mary Jane Galley of Amarillo and the late Charles Galley.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 10 -
February 11 - Sandy Bowen, Peggy Adams, Gary Frost, Robert and Peggy Leeder (A).

February 12 - Charlie Carter, Danna Hess, Jim Barker, Doyle Lee, Anna Jean Lamb, Teresa Cheatham, Zane Richardson, Quenton Newton.

February 13 - Burl

Stubbs.

February 14 - John Glass, Josh Acuna, Shaley Steel, Andy Eck, JoAnn West.

February 15 - Tony Polito, Donna Smith, Gerald and Kathy Reynolds (A).

February 16 - Martha Van Huss, Joetta Bailey, Rose Steel, Sarah Dorsey.

Local National Guardsman Serves In Iraq

In a time in our world where battles are being waged, one fact remains true. People are still making sacrifices for other people.

That fact is proven even in the Super Bowl. The number one rated commercial in the game was the Budweiser commercial, which had men and women from the military walking through a train station and people stood up and clapped. Is it not ironic that both football teams' mascot stands for what is patriotic in our country?

Even in our small town, families are making sacrifices. SSG Anselmo

Vela and his family know about sacrifice. Vela, some of you know him as "Mo," is serving his country right now in Tallil, Iraq. "Mo" has lived in the McLean area for seven years. He worked as a mechanic at the Ford House in Pampa and now works for TX DOT out of Pampa. He, his wife Misty and her son Jayme live north of town.

SSG Vela has served in the Texas National Guard Army Reserves for 15 years. He, along with 11 other men from the Pampa Unit left for Ft. Hood on August 15, 2004 and then he was shipped to Kuwait on January 3, 2005. On January 22, he was shipped to Iraq where he will be for the next 12-14 months.

Vela is serving in a monitoring station. He works closely with Romanian soldiers. He is serving in the 2nd 142nd 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division.

Care packages are being made for Vela at the Elementary/Jr. High and at the high school.

If you would like to send a care package, below is a list of items and the address. Flat rate boxes can be purchased at the post office for \$7.50. **Items:** canned goods, wet wipes, snack crackers and snack cakes, foot powder, DVD's, beef jerky, sunscreen or any non-perishable item.

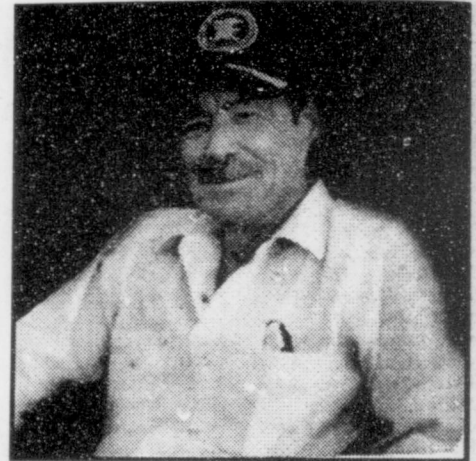
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If there are any local men and women serving in the military who need care packages, please notify the news office, 779-2141.

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5th and 6th grade little dribbler shows off 1st place ribbons, Left to right: Tyler Lamb, Clay Crockett, Zachary Seymour, Jace McLain, Jordan Herring and Coach Blaze Herring.



Journeys

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY
YOUR GRIP WAS VERY WEAK,
YOUR FACE HAD PAIN ETCHED ON IT
AND THERE WERE TEARS UPON YOUR CHECK

WE FOUGHT OFF WAVES OF SADNESS
DENIAL WAS SO STRONG
WE DIDN'T WANT TO LET YOU GO
BUT GOD WAS CALLING YOU HOME

THE JOURNEY WAS BEGINNING
BUT WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
WE WERE TORN BETWEEN THE GUILT OF
HOLDING BACK OR LETTING GO

WE PRAYED FOR STRENGTH AND WISDOM
PLEASE GUIDE US THROUGH THIS DAY
IF YOU CHOOSE TO BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY
WE WANT YOU TO KNOW IT'S OKAY

NOW HEAVEN HEARS YOUR LAUGHTER
AND JESUS HOLDS YOUR HAND
AND YOUR SMILE IS IN THE STARS
THAT SHINE ACROSS THE LAND

WE THINK OF YOU EACH DAY
OUR PRAYERS BLESS YOU EACH NIGHT
OUR TEARS ARE MORE RESERVED
BUT NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT

DADDY, CAN YOU HEAR ME???
CAN YOU HEAR THESE WORDS I SAY???
THANK YOU FOR THE THINGS YOU GAVE
AND HOW YOU MADE EVERYTHING OKAY

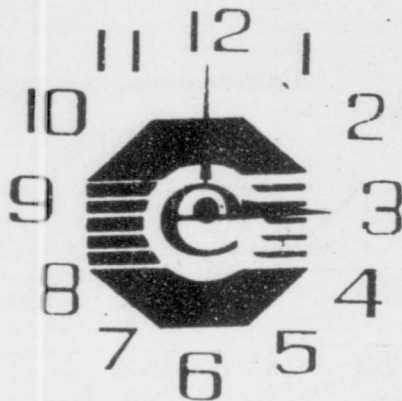
AN THANK YOU, GOD, FOR GIVING US
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Lady Cubs End Season

The Lady Cubs wrapped up a great basketball season with a 31-27 win over the Valley Patriots "A" team last Monday night. The Lady Cubs defense made some big plays at critical times of the game to help secure the win.

Leading the way in scoring was Ashley Byron with 7 points, while Summer Morris, Sheri Haynes and Nancy Castillo all contributed 6 points each.

The Lady Cubs ended the season with a team record of 15-2. "We are very proud of these young ladies this season," stated Coach Butler. "While many teams started five eighth graders, this team was very young and competed well. The sky is the limit and expectations are very high for this talented group of young ladies in the future." According to Coach Butler, the really neat thing about this group of kids is that most of them really enjoy practice and playing



Sophomore Jayme Welch heads down court against a Valley Patriot.

the game together. They like each other and it shows on the court. "They have been a pleasure to work with and I am confident that they will accomplish some special things in the future."

Coach Butler is very excited about next year and

the team that will return. The plans for the upcoming season are for the girls to have the added challenge of playing some of the elite programs in the area like Nazareth, Fort Elliott, Perryton, and even Canyon. "Playing the toughest teams in the area

will make us better and we are fortunate to be living in an area of Texas where there are several excellent girls basketball programs," stated Butler.

Coach Butler would like to thank the community for their support and



Trey Skipper goes up for 2 points at McLean when the Junior Varsity Tigers played the Silvertown Owls.

encouragement this year. "May God bless you and your family. Thanks," stated Butler.

Points scored for the year are as follows:

Lexi Menefield — 133
Ashley Byron — 131

DaShae Tolleson—107
Sheri Haynes — 97
Nancy Castillo — 88
Summer Morris — 53
Jamie Sanderson-11
Lyndsey Ellis — 6
Nicole McClendon-2
Casey Graham — 2

McLean Tigers Basketball

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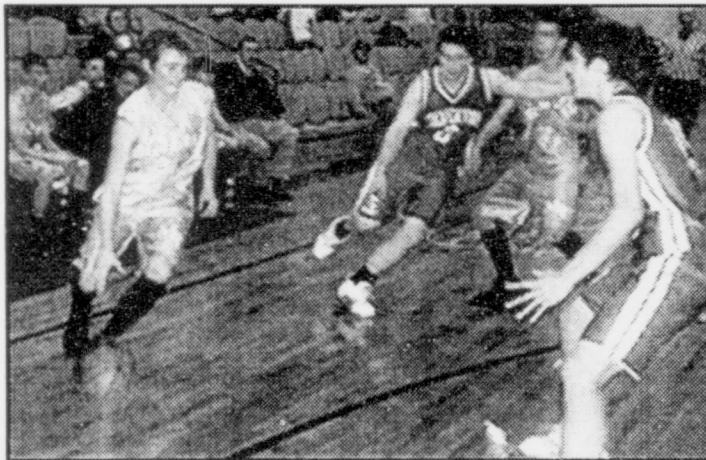
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Lucas Seymour takes the ball to the goal with the help of teammate Tyler Hanes as the Tigers go up against the Silvertown Owls.

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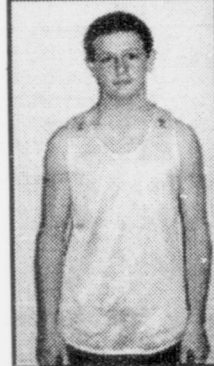
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Anthony Ruiz



Jacob Tolleson



Chase West



McLean City Park Has New Gazebo For Residents To Enjoy



The City Park in McLean has a new addition for the public to enjoy, a new gazebo.

The gazebo was purchased by the Economic Development

Dribblers place. The girls k-2nd grade team brought home a third place.

The 5th and 6th grade boys team, coached by Blaze Herring won 5 or their 6 games. In the first game, McLean defeated Wheeler 5th, 8-7. Jace McLain, Tanner Cadra, Clay Crockett and Jordan Herring each scored 2 points.

In the second game, McLean defeated Lefors, 12-10. Jace McLain earned 5 points, Jordan Herring scored 4 points, and Tyler Haynes made 2 points.

The boys lost the third game to Samnorwood 19-20. Jordan Herring scored 11 points. Jace

Corporation (EDC) of McLean.

The EDC has discussed in the past how residents of McLean will be able to reserve the gazebo for public

functions. At this time, no rules have been set in place.

For any questions concerning the new gazebo, please contact any member of the EDC.

McLain made 6 points and Zach Seymour made 2 points.

In game four, the boys team defeated Lefors 16-9. Jordan Herring scored 6 points, Jace McLain scored 4 points, Clay Crockett added 4 and Zach Seymour made 2 points.

Game five brought home another victory for McLean against Samnorwood, 21-11. Jordan Herring had 8 points, Clay Crockett scored 6, Jace McLain added 3 and Tyler Lamb and Zach Seymour both had 2.

Game six went into overtime and Jordan

Herring shot the winning 2 points. He had 9 points total. Zach Seymour added 2 points and Clay Crockett scored 2.

In the 5th and 6th grade girls division, McLean, coached by Brian and Kelly Byron won three games for first place.

The girls team defeated Miami in the first game, 17-10. Ashley Byron put 11 points on the board. Nicole McClendon and Casey Graham both added 3 points each.

In the second game, McLean worked over Higgins, 25-14. Ashley Byron scored 24 points and Nicole McClendon added 1.

The third game ended in over time with the McLean team winning 17-14. Ashley Byron put 16 points on the board and Jamie Hutchison added 1.

The 3rd and 4th grade girls, coached by Terri Adams girls played four games to come home with second place.

In the first game, Kendra Richardson put 10 points on the board. Hayley Burnett added 6 points, Miranda McMordie and Tristan Davis both scored 2 points each. The girls defeated Wheeler, 20-18.

In the second game, McLean played Follett and was defeated 6-18. Kendra Richardson scored 4 points and Hayley Burnett added 2.

In the third game, McLean once again took on the Wheeler team and won, 8-4. Miranda McMordie scored 4 points. Kendra Richardson and Hayley Burnett both scored 2



McLean Students of the week: Kindergarten- Kearston Tolleson and Morgan Reynolds, 1st grade -Lexus Brown, 2nd grade - Daniel Hutchison, 3rd grade - Ethan Smith, 4th grade - Kaleb Thompson, 5th grade - Chase West, 6th grade - Robert Morrow, and 7th grade - Caleb Crawford

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Wednesday 6:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Contest
runner-up was Stephanie Henson.

Miss McLean 2005 was awarded to Brooke Seymour. Brooke will go on to represent McLean in the Miss Irish Rose Pageant and parade in March.

Miss McLean 2004, Carrie Thompson, crowned the new Miss McLean and her court after giving her farewell speech to a full auditorium of supporters.

The Tumbleweed annual staff sponsored the event.

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THE CARSON County Commissioners will begin accepting applications to fill the position of Tax/Assessor Collector.

The application period will be from Feb. 3 thru Feb. 18. Applications and information on the job description may be picked up at the county judge's office in the court house from 8:00 thru 5:00 o'clock Monday thru Friday. Interviews will be scheduled during the week of February 21, 2005.

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McLean I.S.D. intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for the 2005-2006 school year. McLean I.S.D. intends to start the first day of instruction on August 15. McLean ISD will have a public hearing concerning the date of the first day of instruction March 24th at the regularly scheduled school board meeting.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS GRAY COUNTY AIRPORT

TxDOT CSJ 0304 MCLAN
 A "Notice to Bidders" is issued for the construction of airport improvement at the Gray County Airport to Rehabilitate and mark Runway 17/35; and rehabilitate taxiway and apron at the Gray county airport. Sealed proposals need to be addressed to Mr. Edie Stimach, Grant Manager, TxDOT Aviation Division, 150 E. Riverside Drive, South Tower, 5th Floor, Austin, Texas 78704. Proposals will be received until 2:30 P.M., March 10, 2005, then publicly opened and read. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened.

You may view and obtain plan sets, free of charge, at our website, www.d.t.state.tx.us/business/avncntractorinfo.htm. Or you may buy a plan sets from the Reproduction companies that are listed on the Aviation website.

Please call Edie Stimach at 512-416-4518 for questions concerning the bid document or further information. Technical questions concerning the specification and plans should be directed to Mr. Charles Graham, Aviation Division, by phone at (512) 416-4549 or by fax at (512)416-4510.

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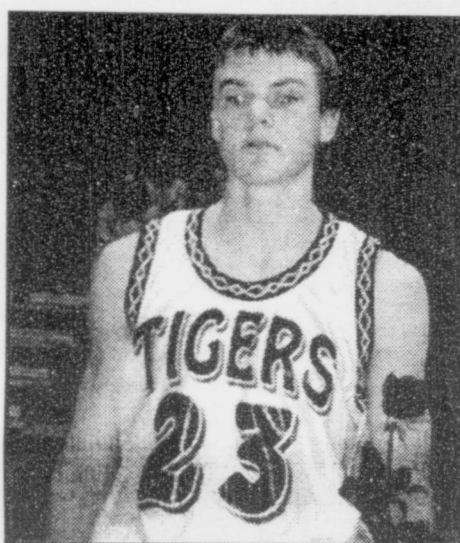
Senior Cagers Honored



With the buzzer at the last home game, the realization that for Groom Seniors their high school days will be ending before your know it. Senior

basketball players were honored in a special ceremony last Friday night.

Chance Barkley is the oldest son of Keith and Kathleen Barkley. He has



(Left) Freddie honors her American family, the Martin's for all their support. (Above) Adam Britten makes his way across the court, looking for his family as he ends his high school basketball career. (Right) Senior Chance Barkley gives his mom a hug and a rose.

been active in football, basketball, tennis and track in high school sports. He is leader in civic and church organizations.

Adam Britten is the

youngest son of Clifton and Susan Britten. He has been active in just about all areas of extracurricular activity in Groom High School. He is active in sports, honor

society and church activities.

Friedricke Roessner is Groom's foreign exchange student from Germany. This is the first time she has

ever played basketball. According to her teammates she has been a very valuable part of the team and has worked so

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GEDC To Light Park

The Groom Economic Development Corporation met on January 29, 2005. Present were Chris Welch, Cecil Gwyn, Lisa Roskens, Jo Rae Richardson, and Rick Prather. Absent were Mike Smith and Jamie Bowen.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 A.M. by president Joe Rae Richardson.

The EDC received an application for the Home Buyers Assistance Program. The motion was tabled with the request that the applicants attend the next meeting.

A motion was made by Chris Welch and seconded by Rick Prather to have

lights installed at the park. A public hearing on the matter will be held on March 3 to approve funding.

Accent West has contacted the EDC with a request that Groom advertise in their magazine. The motion was made and seconded with a unanimous decision not to advertise.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

Chris Welch made a motion to approve bills for payment. Half of the dues for the Higher Ground organization will be paid (\$250) by the EDC.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Local Car Tags Purchases Should Be Done During Month They Are Due

The new "Point of Sale" program for automobile registration was implemented by the State of Texas recently. This is the program that actually prints your window sticker on the spot.

The City of Groom, which acts as a subcontractor for the County, sells these renewals as a service to the residents of the area. The State of Texas has sent special laptop computer for this purpose to each subcontracting station like Groom. There is a small problem in the new system. While vehicle owners still have 5 working days into the next month to get their tags before they will be fined, the substation operators cannot sell the prior months tags because their program will not let

them sell for any the month except the one they are currently in.

In other words, if your car tags expire in May, you

have till June 5 to get your renewal. With the new system, you would need to go to Panhandle to get them if you wait until June

1st to buy them because the new program will not let the City of Groom print

See SALE, pg. 2

GROOM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Tuesday Prices at Aitebury Grain Co.	
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Soybeans	\$4.34/bu.

THE RED HATTERS will hold a white elephant bingo on February 15. See the ad inside on page 2.

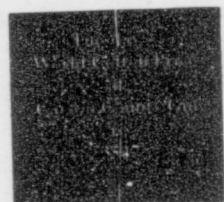
MARCH 14-18 is Groom ISD's Spring Break.

LENT BEGAN yesterday, Feb. 9.

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!

VALENTINE'S DAY is Monday, February 14.

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



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Local Happenings

The News was saddened to learn of the death of the mother of Lauren Sue Stevens, the wife of Groom's superintendent. No other information was available, but our sympathy to the family.

Northern Illinois Announces Fall 2004 Dean's List

DE KALB- Northern Illinois University announces its Fall 2004 dean's list students. The dean's list is compiled by NIU college according to varying criteria. The Colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, and Health and Human Sciences use a minimum semester grade point average of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale. The College of Business bases selection on class rank among the ten percent of their class.

Freshman and sophomores in the College of Engineering Technology must meet minimum semester grade point average of 3.5, while juniors, seniors, and post-graduate students are selected from the top ten percent of their classes.

Candance Dawn Bohr of Groom made the dean's list.



It's A Girl

Mark and Kristi Parrott of Plano, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby girl, Kaitlyn Grace. Kaitlyn was born on January 18th at 10:02 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Alice Wells of Salado Texas, Ken and Phillis Jackson of Groom and Nona Parrott of Oklahoma City. Great grandparents are Jack and Bettye West and Fern Anderwald all of Groom. Kaitlyn's proud great-great grandmother is Mrs. Maggie Johnston of McLean.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 10 - Homen Reid, Justin Homen, Troy Ritter, Nathan Ruthardt, Gary Frost.
 February 11 - Jodi Homen, Justin Homen, Karen Ritter, Scott Fields (A).
 February 12 - Karen Ritter, Scott Fields (A).
 February 13 - Karen Ritter, Scott Fields (A).
 February 14 - Lynn Y.

Britten, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Weinheimer (A).
 February 15 - Tom Reed, Sue Britten, Courtney Burgin, James S. Miller.
 February 16 - Rick Shuck, Kathryn Reed, Alex Kuhler, Michael Kelly.




Groom School Lunch Menu

Week of February 14 through February 18.

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: Burritos w/chili, bean dip, fruit cocktail, lettuce & milk.
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, vanilla pudding w/cookie & milk.
Wednesday: Soft tacos, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, yogurt & milk.
Thursday: Beef stew, pears, cornbread, crackers & milk.
Friday: Fish sticks or steak fingers, french fries, peaches, Texas toast & milk.

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MORROW'S GRANDSON COURTED BY BASKETBALL TEAMS COLLEGE

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The Bulldogs are on their way to what is looking very much like a bid for the state championships this year, thanks to the 20-30 points that Bryce has been averaging.

All of the attention has not gone to his head. "We have to get through the season..." he said, "...then I will worry about what these colleges have to say."

Congratulations to Bryce on a fine record and promising future! Congrats to Grandma Jean, too, on another good looking and talented grandson!



EASTER BREAK will be March 25-28 at Groom ISD.


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County Made A Big Mistake

Letter To The Editor...

On January 31, 2005, the Carson County Judge and the County Commissioners had a called meeting to accept the resignation of County Tax Collector, Barbara Cosper. At the same meeting they could have appointed Chief Deputy Jackie Lewis to become the new tax collector. This would have been possible because there is a rule in place that states if a person that is already "in the system, meaning already employed by the county, is hired they don't have to take applications for the job. You would assume that if the person next in line for the job, meaning Chief Deputy Jackie Lewis, fully certified and with 13 years experience, would be appointed. Especially since she had already been running the office for several months and doing a great job of it.

Mrs. Cosper had been gone two or three weeks of every month since last summer. This job is a full load for three people and sometimes more than they can keep up with. So when one of the three is gone for an extended length of time Mrs. Lewis and Deputy Diane Forbes had a heavy work load.

The tax office has many jobs such as collecting the revenue to finance all of the County activities and balancing and reporting every penny. Another responsibility of the tax office is vehicle registration. Ever wonder how many vehicles there are in Carson County? They all have to be registered, and they are constantly bought and sold, so registration, titles and sales tax require more balancing and reporting. Voter registration is a continual job worked on

weekly including adding new voters, changing voter names, changing voter addresses and updating the voter list.

Jackie and Diane are both professional, fast and accurate, and I have never seen either of them treat anyone in a disrespectful manner, and believe me, they have had many opportunities to do so. The Judge and Commissioners did invite Mrs Lewis to attend the meeting on January 31, and you would think they would have expressed some gratitude to her for keeping everything going in the tax office which has been shorthanded for several months, but instead they gave her a "slap on the face" by not appointing her.

Jackie is certified for the position, and a new person would have to work on the job and at the same time try to get in the certification hours required, and take several trips to Austin to take the test to become certified. I ask you, does this make any sense? And by doing this, taking applications, extends the time that Jackie and Diane have to "double time" at least two more months, maybe more.

I have worked for Carson County for 26 years, 13 full time and 13 part time, and I have seen lots of decisions go through the Carson county courtroom - some good, some bad but this decision that happened on January 31, 2005, is the all-time worse one.

Gentlemen, WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
Floris Reed Bichsel

Celebrate Love In Everyday Things!

By Donna Burton

Love is in the air as Valentine Day approaches. I wanted to write something cute about our most

romantic moments, without using any names, of course. I ran into some trouble because people are a little shy about telling those kind of things.

But in the course of my trying to pry information out of people I began to realize something. The "love" that we celebrate is not culminated with candy and flowers on one day each year. Just about anyone could be romantic for one day a year if they wanted to. It's in the little things and everyday living that show how much you care for someone.

I once asked my mom why she didn't do something a faster, cheaper way. She said, "When you are doing something for someone you love, you want to do it right, not fast or cheap."

Now that my children have left home I realize that the times I cherish the most are not the holidays or special events, but the everyday time and activities that we did together. The same could be said, if you think about it, about our spouses.

I wouldn't give up any of the love and support shown from day to day for a whole truck load of



Looking like they just stepped out of a Valentine's card are these two cuties take us back to simpler times here in Groom. Watch next week's paper for their identity unless you have already guessed!

flowers and candy. I'll bet most of you wouldn't either. Of course, to quote Cloris Lechman in "The Stepford Wives", it is nice at least once in a while to return to the days of "Taffeta and Tuxedos" So keep up the good work, fellas, maybe we will let you off the hook this year! But just in case you have

not been so good... it might not hurt to go ahead and buy that box of candy!



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Gun Collection: A very rare authentic antique "Colt" single action pistol in original working condition. A very rare authentic antique 1873 "Winchester" lever action rifle in original working condition. Western bronze statues by Fredric Remington such as "Wooly Chaps".

Misc: A beautiful antique cedar chest. Fabulous leaded glass windows, tapestry, beautiful heavy cut crystal lamp. A large coin collection includes an antique 1883-S Twenty dollar gold coin, a 1906-D Ten dollar gold coin, a 1882-S Five dollar gold coin, 20 antique silver dollars, a 1878 Carson City silver dollar, several mint and proof sets and many other coins. Many more must see items not listed. Plan now to attend!

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Groom Tigers Defeat The Eagles

The Groom Tigers won their game against Samnorwood last Tuesday evening 72 to 38.

Thane Barkley was high point with 21 points. T.J. Moraniec scored 12. Chance Barkley added 11. Blaine Britten contributed 8. Adam Britten scored 7. Javier Caro added another 6. Chad Barkley scored 5. Kendall Weller added 2.

The Ettes lost their game against Samnorwood 50 to 26.

High point was Kacie Galyean with 14 points. Kyra Stevens scored 8. Jan Rattarree and Kacie Thompson each added 2.

The Tigers lost their Friday game against Valley 65 to 24.

High point was Thane Barkley with 8 points. T.J. Moraniec scored 6. Chance Barkley added 4. Javier Caro and Kendall Weller each scored 2. Chad Barkley and Blaine Britten each added 1.

The Tigerettes also lost their game against Valley with a score of 88 to 8.

Sharri Britten and Kacie Galyean each scored 3 and Kyra Stevens added 2.

The Junior High girls won their game against Lefors Monday evening with a score of 27 to 18.

High point was Ashley Murray with 8 points. Maddie Wieberg scored 7. Korri Britten added 4. Stacy Schick added another 3. Rachael Hopkins and Alannah King each contributed 2. Kassandra Graves added 1.

The Cubs lost their game against Lefors 49 to 47.

High point was Blake Galyean with 17 points. Brett Friemel and Josh Kelly each scored 11. Eric Torres added 4. Tyler Babcock and Trevor Friemel each scored 2.



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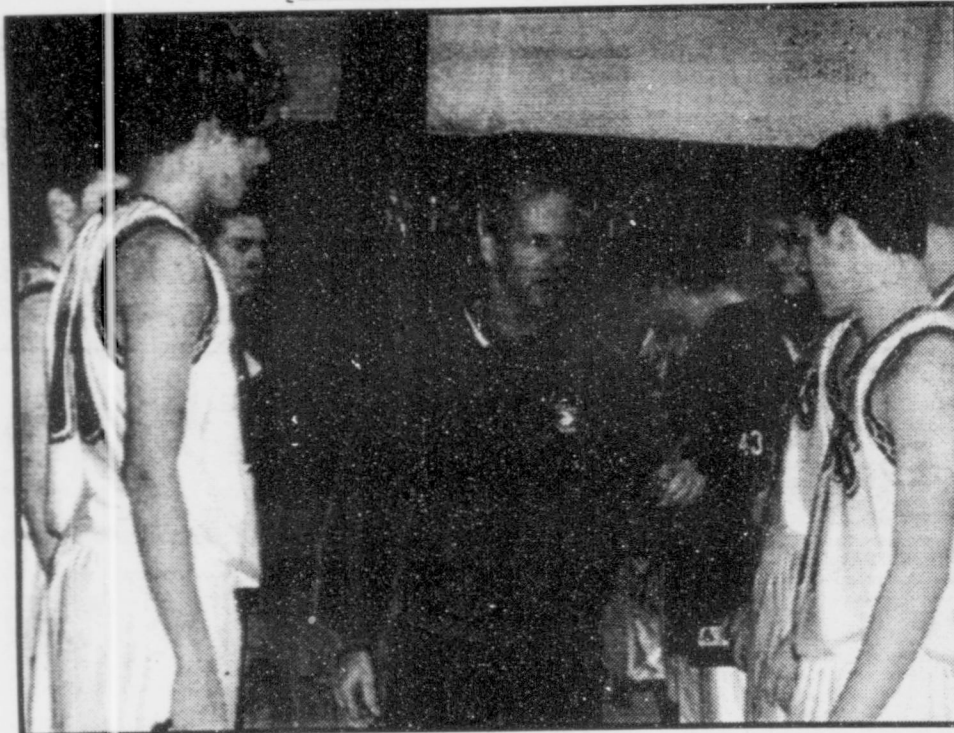
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PeeWee Season Kicks Off

Round ball may be nearly over for high school and junior high kids but the pee wee kids are just getting started! Groom Pee Wee Girls recently played White Deer and Claude.

The 3rd & 4th grade girls blasted past White Deer 20-6. Macee Rocha, Sara Kelly and McKenna Britten lead the scoring with 4 points each. Amber Adams, Shaunna Corley, Victoria Moranic, and Amy Weinheimer each added 2 points a piece. They were assisted by Brooklyn Kerlee, Megan Ruthardt, Katelin Weller, and Emily Trevino.

Groom lost to Claude, 54-6. Shaunna Corley was high point with 4. Sara Kelly added another 2. Macee Rocha, Amber Adams, Brooklyn Kerlee, Megan Ruthardt, Katelin Weller, Christy Painter, Victoria Moranic and McKenna Britten all played in the game.

On Sunday afternoon, the group adds in the second graders and breaks into two groups and play each other.

The score was 27-13

with the following group winning: high point was Shaunna Corley and Amy Weinheimer each scored 10 points. Macee Rocha scored 4 and Victoria Moranic scored 3. Also on this team were Brooklyn Kerlee, Christy Painter, and Emily Trevino. On the other team were high point Sara Kelly with 6, Megan Ruthardt 4, McKenna Britten 2, and Amber Adams 1. Also competing on this team were Raleigh Welch, Katelin Weller and Cari Weinheimer.

Coches or parents from the other Pee Wee Teams are invited to turn in their scores and or bring by pictures or email them at thegroomnews@arn.net.

EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

The ACT exam will be administered at Clarendon College on Saturday, February 12, beginning at 8 a.m. For more information call 806-874-9500.

Seniors

very hard at a sport that she had never played before. Her American parents are Kenneth and Melanie Martin. She was presented with the game ball, signed by her teammates in honor of her efforts.

The seniors presented a rose to their mothers in thanks for the love and support that their parents have given them through out their careers in sports and other areas of their lives.

Congratulations to all the seniors on the knowledge they have gained by competing in all their school activities including sports



Friedrike Roessner of Wismar, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany has been living here in Groom as part of the foreign exchange student program with Kenny and Melanie Martin. She is presented a signed basketball from her teammates, Kyra Stevens and Michaela Roskens.



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Carson Co. Museum Lists Upcoming Events

The Carson County Square House Museum is pleased to a number of exciting events scheduled at the Museum during February. Two wonderful exhibits currently fill the galleries. Pam Allison is featured in the Square House gallery, an in-house exhibit of Scenes of the Panhandle features art work from the permanent collection showing scenes of the region both past and present.

Sunday, February 13, 2005 will be a very special afternoon with the Arts. The Pizzazz show choir of the Amarillo youth choir will be performing in the Hazlewood Auditorium. The Girls Choir was organized in 2000 and has garnered awards since the first year.

The show choir is a very energetic group of talented young ladies. To compete this special even, a gourmet meal prepared by Will Frost of the Route 66 Steakhouse in Groom will be served. Call the Museum for reservations.

Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, hours from 1:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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County Sheriff's Report

Sheriff's Report 02/07/05

We started the week with 24 inmates in jail. There were 12 arrests made during the week.

On Monday 01/31 Deputy Rick Armstrong and Trooper Chris Ray arrested two men from the Borger area. One was booked in for public intoxication and one for DWI. During the investigation it was discovered that both were undocumented foreign nationals. Both were later released to the Border Patrol for deportation. Also on Monday 01/31 a 32 year old Panhandle man reported to the jail to serve a 30 day sentence for DWI.

There were three arrest made on Wednesday 02/02. Trooper Dennis Brassfield arrested a 23-year-old male and an 18-year-old female from Massachusetts for possession of marijuana. When the stop was made the male subject ran from the officer on foot. He was also charged with evading

apprehension. The male subject made bond and was released a few days later. The female remains in custody. Late on Wednesday Panhandle Police Officer Mike Broyles arrested a 32-year-old Panhandle man for stalking. The man was later released on bond.

On Thursday 02/03 Trooper Gary Bullard arrested a 48-year-old California man for possession of marijuana. The man made a \$10,000 bond and was released on Saturday.

Sgt. Heath Cates picked up a 24-year-old female at the Potter County jail and transported her to Armstrong County. They are holding her on our charges of Possession of Chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Trooper Bobby Shields placed a 37 year old Panhandle man in jail on an out of county theft warrant on Friday 02/04. The man later posted a \$5000 bond and was

released from custody. Trooper Mike Smith arrested a 25-year-old Pampa woman on an out of county warrant for theft. The lady was transferred to the Potter County Jail the next day.

District Court will be held in Panhandle on Monday 02/14. Sheriff Tam Terry

Sale
According to Carson County's Chief Deputy Tax Collector Jackie Lewis, "The State is aware of our concern for the situation. At this time, they have no plans for changing the system." She also stated that she was sorry for any inconvenience that this

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