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Research Being Done To Place Downtown McLean Buildings In National Registry

Mr. Phil Thomason of the National Register was in McLean last week to study the architecture of the downtown buildings.

Mr. Thomason gathered data, took pictures and talked to business owners regarding their buildings.

On Tuesday, January 31, Mr. Thomason spoke to a small crowd at the Lovett Memorial Library about the process of being placed in the National Registry.

During the meeting,

he spoke to citizens and business owners about the tax breaks one could receive with regards to

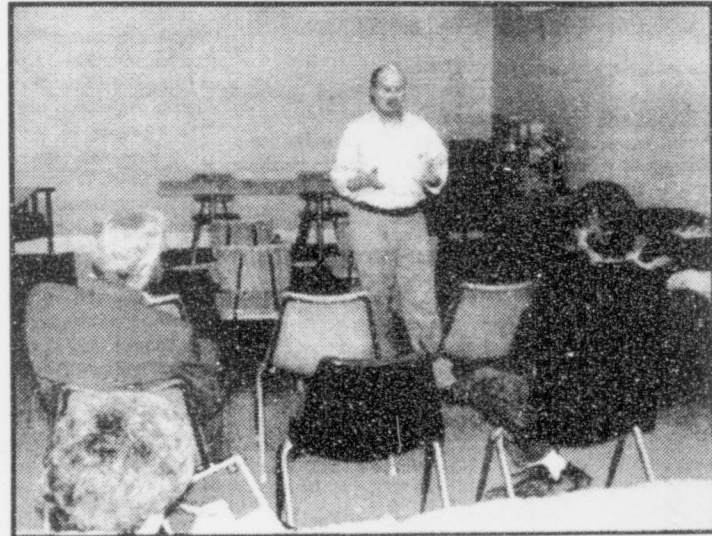
owning and updating a historical building. He also spoke about grant issues and some of the facts that makes McLean an interesting place along Route 66. One of the things that he mentioned was the brick Main Street and the good condition that the street was in.

As he spoke at the meeting, Mr. Thomason

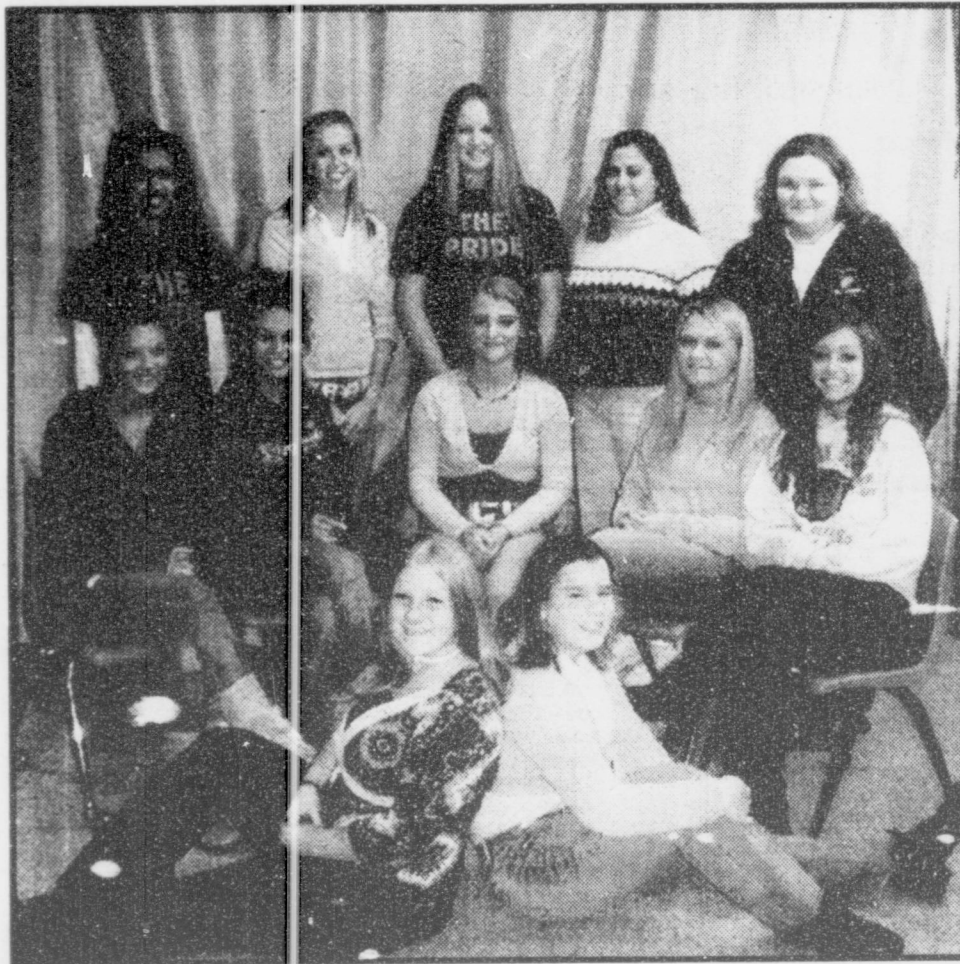
said that he was interested in over 40 buildings within the downtown area.

Mr. Thomason has requested that anyone with photographs of downtown or of gas stations from the 1940's through the 1960's contact him. His email address is thomason@bellsouth.net.

(Left) Phil Thomason explains the tax breaks one could receive with a historical building.



11 Contestants To Vie For Miss McLean Title



Eleven young ladies will vie for the title of Miss McLean on Saturday night, the 11th of February at the McLean High School auditorium.

Current Miss McLean Brooke Seymour will crown the new Miss McLean from one of the following girls:

Markisha Menefield, Erin Bailey, Lacey Wallis,

Lindsey Ruiz, Amanda Loya, Candace Billingsley, Arely Vega, Tamara Loya, Kelsey Tate, Tiffany Moon and Tammy Syfrett.

The winner of the Miss McLean pageant will go on to represent her town and her school at the Miss Irish Rose pageant in Shamrock in March.

Reminders

THE PIONEER
Study Club will meet on February 16th at Elizabeth's Tea Room.

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GOT NEWS? Call 779-2141.

REMEMBER that special someone on Valentine's Day - Shop McLean.

VALENTINE'S DAY - February 14.

PRESIDENT'S Day - February 20.

MCLEAN LITTLE
Dribblers Tournament - today through Saturday.

MISS MCLEAN
Pageant is February 11 in the High School Auditorium.

CITY COUNCIL
Meeting - February 13 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall.

TEXAS HEALTH
Services will hold a childhood immunization clinic at McLean School on Feb. 21, 2006 from 1:00 - 5:00.

SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting - February 20 at 7 p.m. in the Business Office.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 9 - Braxton Cooper.
 February 10 - Sandy Bowen, Peggy Adams, Gary Frost, Robert and Peggy Leeder (A).
 February 11 - Charlie Carter, Danna Hess, Jim Barker, Doyle Lee, Anna Jean Lamb, Teresa Cheatham, Zane Richardson
 February 13 - February 14 - John Glass, Josh Acuna, Shaley Steel, Andy Eck, JoAnn West.
 February 15 - Tony Polito, Donna Smith, Gerald and Kathy Reynolds (A).

McLean School Menus

for the week of Feb. 13 - 17

BREAKFAST

Monday: Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Tuesday: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Wednesday: Donuts, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Thursday: Pancake, Sausage, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Cookies, Milk
 Tuesday: Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onions, Tator Tots, Cheese Cake, Milk
 Wednesday: Spaghetti, Salad, Green Beans, Peaches, Texas Toast, Frozen Yogurt, Milk
 Thursday: Steak Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Potato Salad, Veggie Sticks, Milk
 Friday: Hot Dogs, French Fries, Pork n Beans, Fruit Cup, Milk

Study Club Learns the Significance of Groundhog Day

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, February 2 at Elizabeth's.

Hostess Pat Stubbs served fruit cake, mixed nuts and in honor of the day sugar cookies and gingerbread cookies cut in the shape of a groundhog. The napkins and the

glasses for the iced tea were decorated with a picture of Punxsatawney Phil, the official groundhog.

Babe Brown, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Janet Glass, Mickey Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Emma Pechtel, Lynn Reeves, Mindy

Reeves, Betty Taylor, Ticie Taylor, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Nama Webb, Wanda Lamb and Ruth Magee answered roll call by answering the question, "Does Groundhog Day have any significance for you?" Special guests Bob Stubbs and Bur! Stubbs were welcomed.

Pat Stubbs presented an

entertaining program on Groundhog Day, and after her presentation all members agreed that this day does have significance for them.

The next meeting will be February 16 at Elizabeth's with Nama Webb responsible for the refreshments and Angie Ware for the program.

Free Medicare Rx Plan Broadcast To Be Held

Edward Jones investment representative Duane Harp of Pampa will host a free satellite broadcast titled "The Medicare Rx Plan: What It Is and How It Works" at 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. on February 14, 2006 at 1921 N. Hobart in Pampa.

With the May 15 deadline approaching for choosing a Medicare prescription drug plan, Edward Jones will invite outside experts to discuss Medicare Part D, drug coverage options and

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Lady Cubs Undefeated For The Season

The Lady Cubs have gone undefeated in basketball action this year. In a close call game, the Lady Cubs were sent into overtime against Hedley winning 29-28.

Leading the board for the night was Ashley Byron with 14 points.

Sheri Haynes, added seven for the team. Nancy Castillo and Lexi Menfield each scored four.



Senior Parents escort their sons and daughters onto the court for their last home game at McLean High School.

Cubs Lose To 'Norwood Eagles

The Cubs played the Samnorwood Eagles on January 23rd in their last regular season game.

Scoring in the first quarter was Tanner Cadra with 8 points. In the second quarter, Jordan Herring added 2 more points, and Corey Graham helped out with 6 points, bringing the half time score for the Cubs to 16. The third quarter saw Corey Graham being the only one to add points to the board, with a 2 point bucket and one free throw.

In the fourth quarter, Tanner Cadra added 3

points. Corey Graham, Tyler Lamb, Clay Crockett, Robert Morrow and Jacob Azzazi each made 2 points. However, it was not

enough to beat the Eagles, and the McLean Cubs ended the game with a score of Samnorwood 42, McLean 32.

McLean Tigers Pluck The Hedley Owls In Overtime

The McLean Tigers won a tough game that went into overtime against the Hedley Owls on February 3 with a final score of 55-51.

Zack Richardson led the team to victory with 15 points on the board and an 83% free throw average. Ronnie Alexander added 12 points.

John Haynes put up 11 points. Jayme Welch added another seven points to the board.

Manden Conklin and Jacob Tolleson each scored four and Kutter Anderson added two more.

The Lady Tigers didn't fair as well, as they were defeat 35-51.

An injured Markeisha

Menefield still managed to lead the score board with 14 points.

DaShae Tolleson added 11 more to the score and had a 100% free throw average for the night making six out of six shots from the top of the key.

Lacee Wallis put five points up and Amanda Fricks had three.

The Junior Class would like to thank the community for all the wonderful support to our Steak Dinner.

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The Junior Class of MHS

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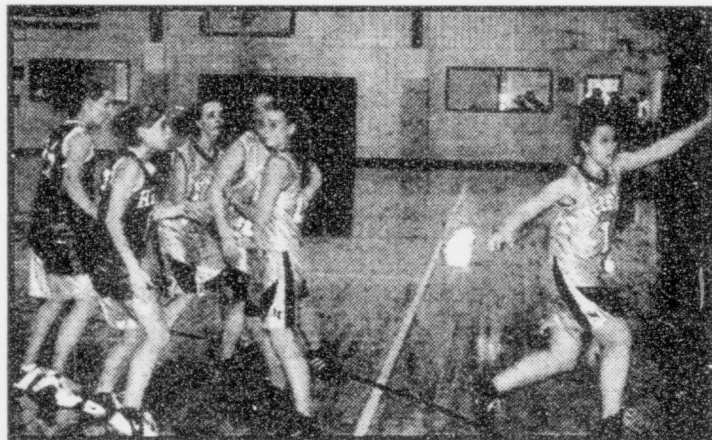
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McLean Little Dribbler Schedule

Lefors Tournament (K-4 Only)	Feb. 2 & 4.
McLean Tournament	Feb. 7 & 9 - 11
Shamrock Tournament	Feb. 14 & 16 - 18
Wheeler Tournament	Feb 23 - 25

The Lady Tigers prepare for the ball to be thrown in from the sidelines with the stack formation.

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Little Ladies Take First Place At The Lefors Little Dribbler Tournament

The K-2 Girls team (The Lady Tigers) participated in the Lefors Tournament on Saturday, February 4th. In their first match-up, they won against Wheeler. High scorer for the Lady Tigers was Lexus Brown, with 6 points. Kearston Tolleson scored 1 point. Final score versus Wheeler was 7-5.

In the second game of the day, the girls lost to Miami by 1 point. Kearston Tolleson contributed with 7 points, and Lexus Brown made 3 points. Final score versus Miami was 10-11.

In the final game, the Lady Tigers went up against Ft. Elliott and won by 2 points. Kearston Tolleson scored 3 points, Lexus Brown scored 2 points. Final score versus Miami was 5-3.



Also helping out in the three games were Bailey Herring, Brooke Alley, Maritza Retana, Chelsie

Jasper, Sara Richardson, Lauren Richardson, Ariel Michalenko, Jacey Steel and Whitney Hambricht.

The Lady Tigers walked away with first place in the tournament and were awarded T-shirts.



Senior, Manden Conklin goes up for two against his defensive opponent on home court last week.

McLean Jr. High Cubs Participate In Hedley Tournament

In their first game of the tournament, the McLean Cubs went against the Samnorwood Eagles for their final match-up of the year.

The first quarter for the Cubs was scoreless, but picked up slightly in the second quarter with free throw shots from Zachary Seymour (1 point) and Clay Crockett (2 points). In the third quarter, Clay Crockett

was the only Cub to put points on the board, adding 4. Tanner Cadra and Corey Graham each made 2 point buckets. Jace McLain added 1 point with a free throw, and Zachary Seymour added 4 points in the fourth quarter. The Cubs lost to the Eagles, 16-19.

The Cubs met Claude for their second game. In the

first quarter, Jordan Herring made a three point shot. Clay Crockett made a 2 point bucket and a free throw, and Corey Graham hit 2 free throws. Scoring in the second quarter were Corey Graham with 2 free throws, and Clay Crockett and Zachary Seymour each with a 2 point bucket. Half time score for the Cubs was 14.

In the third quarter, Jordan Herring and Clay Crockett each scored 2 points and Zachary Seymour helped out with a free throw shot. The Cubs fought hard, but were not able to beat Claude in the fourth quarter. Adding points were Jace McLain with 4 points and Jordan Herring with a three point shot and two free throws. Final score was McLean

28, Claude 38.

In their final game of the tournament, the Cubs met the Hedley Owls. In the first half, George Patterson made 2 free throws, Corey Graham made a 2 point shot and Jordan Herring hit a 3 point shot. Half time score for the Cubs was 7.

In the second half, Jordan Herring made 2 points, Corey Graham and Hogan Ketcherside each made 3 points, and Clay Crockett scored 5 points. The Cubs played hard, but were unable to beat the

Owls, with a final score of Hedley 46, McLean 20.

The other teammates that contributed on the floor were Dalton Richardson, Robert Morrow, Tyler Lamb and Tyler Britt.

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Groom Jr. High Teams End Season With 10-5 Record



2006 Groom Junior High Cubs

The Groom Cubs and the Ettes ended their season with a 10-5 record for both the boys and girls teams. Coaches Galyean and Roskens could not say enough about how proud they are about how far the teams have come.

Galyean credited team work as the secret of their success.

"When a team comes together to work for the success of the whole team then you have a group of kids that are willing to

learn what you have to offer them," he said. "This group of boys has learned to work to gather and have come a long way!"

Coach Roskens sees nothing but good things coming for this group of girls. "This is a relatively young team," he said. "I am very please with their progress. It has been a while since our Junior High Girls have had this kind of success. I am

See Cubs and Ettes, Pg. 4

High Speed Internet Now Available To Residents of Clarendon, Claude and Groom

Amarillo, TX - Today residents in Claude, Groom and Clarendon TX can now combine their voice and high speed Internet service and save money. According to Douglas Campbell, Vice President, AMA TechTel is now able to offer customers in Claude, Groom and Clarendon the most advanced communications services at competitive prices. If you are a high

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Community Calendar

MONDAY, FEB. 20 is President's Day. The federal holiday will find most federal offices, such as the Post Office, VA Outpatient Clinic and city offices closed.

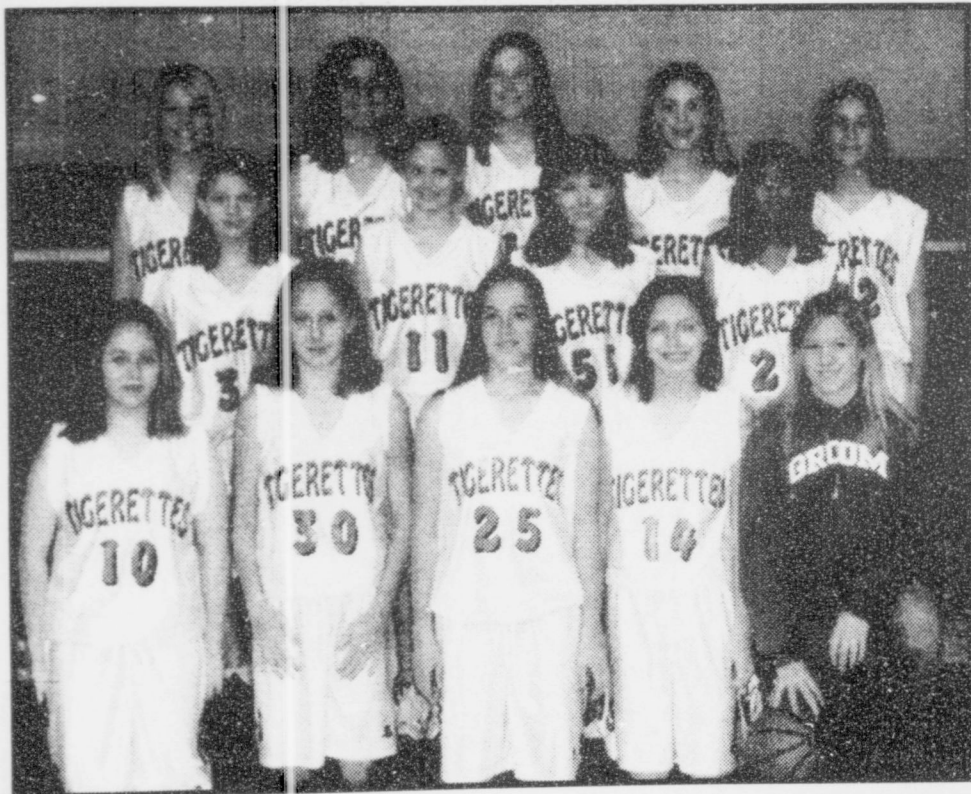
SPRING BREAK! Is March 13-17 at Groom ISD.

A MUSICAL Program will be held by Grades K-3 on February 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

AWANA's WILL meet on February 12 for "Ugly Tie Night"! Attend wearing the ugliest tie you can find!

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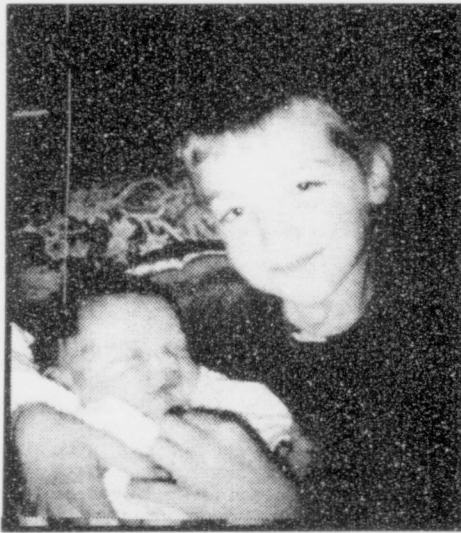
Local Happenings

TAKS TESTS will begin for Groom Students on Feb. 21.

NO SCHOOL will be held on Monday, Feb. 27, 2006.

ILL OR RECOVERING Ill or recovering this week include Bertha Knight, Buddy Weller, Father Jose, and Vonnie Barker.

Crumps Welcome New Baby Boy



Hunter Allen Crump welcomed home his new baby brother, Hayden Maloy, who was born January 17, 2006

weighing 7lbs. 4 oz and was 20 inches long. He is ready to show Hayden the ropes and teach him all kinds of new tricks! Their parents, Stoney and Tawyna Crump of Rockwell, Texas can hardly wait to see what this dynamic duo will cook up between them.

His grandparents are the late Richard Crump and Donna Crump of Groom. His great grandmother is Jean Morrow of Groom. He also has several proud aunts, uncles and cousins ready to help him along life's way!

Letter From The Editor

Dear Friends,
 Each day at work I listen to the scanner. Very few days go by when there is not some kind of crisis in or around our community. Someone is in need of emergency care or law enforcement almost every day. I listen. At least 50% of the time, help is at least 20 minutes away. 20 minutes is a very long way away if you are having a heart attack, or you fear that someone is breaking into your home. (These are just examples...they have not recently happened ... that I know of). There are those who think that this is just the price that we pay for living in a small town. I think it is time our elected officials and our citizens put their heads together and try to come up with some

Birthday & Anniversaries


- February 9 - Jolce Burger Moore, Connie McMahan.
- February 10 - February 11 - Jodi Homen Reid, Justin Homen, Troy Ritter, Nathan Ruthardt, Gary Frost.
- February 12 -
- February 13 - Karen and 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.

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Texas Cattle Women Hold January Meeting At Dixie Cafe

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met January 9, 2006 at the Dixie Cafe in Pampa. Amy Brainard reported on the TCW Board of Directors meeting held

in Austin. There will be a publicity contest this year, and they would like each local to gain two new

members. Texas Beef Council will have a beef program the week of June 26 in Amarillo, TX. The program is for Juniors and Seniors in Texas - high schools and limited to 20 participants. They will learn about beef from the start of production through retail. For more information contact Erin Worrell at TBC - 512-335-2333.

TCW Pate Grote state wide scholarship applications are due Feb. 18, 2006 to scholarship chairman Amy Brainard. Applicants must attend an Ag program at Texas College or University. For information contact Amy at 806-323-6397.

The 2007 National Beef Cook-Off will be held in Chicago, IL.

Texas Beef Ambassador Contest entry deadline is Feb. 24, 2006. The contest will be March 25, 2006 in San Antonio, TX. For information contact Amy Brainard 806-323-6397 or Nell Tucker at 940-888-3650.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen set September 9, 2006 for their annual Style Show & Brunch.

Our local will be hosting the Fall 2006 TCW state convention in Amarillo.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will be awarding two \$500.00 and two \$250.00 scholarships in the Spring 2006 to four deserving high school Seniors in our area. Applications will be available in your high school counselor's office after February 15, 2006.

Our next meeting will be February 13, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. in Canadian, TX at the Cattle Exchange Restaurant.

Members present were Mary Mitchell and guest Lula Buice from Wheeler, Sena Brainard and Lilith Brainard from Pampa, Amy Brainard from Canadian, Carla Norris from Alanreed, Christine and Harry Maret from Shamrock, and Berklee Clements from Skellytown.

Letter

way of having these most basic services in our community. I personally, think that this is what we pay taxes for. I do not think it is fair to ask for help from neighboring towns, unless it is absolutely necessary. After all, they have trouble of their own. If you have ideas on how to fix this problem, I would like to hear from you.

Donna Burton

Albuquerque Man's Cash Seized

Groom -- An Albuquerque man's cash was seized yesterday on I-40 near Groom. After being stopped for a traffic violation troopers found a large sum of cash hidden in his vehicle and in his jacket.

At 4:15 PM on the 2nd of February, troopers stopped a 1993 Jeep for a traffic violation on I-40 near Groom. Troopers became suspicious of the driver and received consent to search

from him. 26,770.00 dollars were found hidden in the engine compartment of the Jeep and in the driver's jacket.

Juan R Rojas, 30 years old of Albuquerque, NM was released after the cash was seized pending federal charges.

The cash was believed to have originated in Richmond, VA and was headed to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Precinct #	Polling Place
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102 White Deer	Antler Gym, 603 Duchette, White Deer
401 White Deer	Antler Gym, 603 Duchette, White Deer
302 Fritch	Panhandle High School, 106 W. 11 th Panhandle
301 Panhandle	Panhandle High School, 106 W. 11 th Panhandle
201 Panhandle	War Memorial, 500 Block of Main Street, Panhandle
103 Panhandle	Panhandle High School, 106 W. 11 th , Panhandle
202 Panhandle	War Memorial Building, 500 Block of Main Street, Panhandle
402 Skellytown	Skellytown Community Center, 308 2 nd St., Skellytown

Early voting for ALL VOTERS will be held at the Courthouse at 501 Main, Panhandle, Texas at the Clerk's Office. Early voting begins February 21, 2006 through March 3, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The first day the Clerk's Office may mail out an application to vote by mail is January 6, 2006. The last day the Clerk's Office may mail out an application to vote by mail is February 28, 2006. To request an application by mail, please call the Carson County and District Clerk's Office, at (806) 537-3873.

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Tigers And Ettes Split Wins As Season Comes To End

Groom School Menus

For the week of February 13-17

- Breakfast**
 Monday - Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk.
 Tuesday - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk.
 Wednesday - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk.
 Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, juice, and milk.
 Friday - Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, and milk.
- Lunch**
 Monday - Soft Tacos,

- corn, lettuce & tomatoes, milk and yogurt.
 Tuesday - Steak Fingers or Fish Strips, french fries, peaches, Texas toast and milk.
 Wednesday - Nachos with meat and cheese sauce, pinto beans, sopapillas, and milk.
 Thursday - Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, milk and cake.
 Friday - Sandwiches, lettuce tomatoes, Vegetable

Groom High School basketball teams will be ending the season as The News is going to press on Tuesday night. In their last full week of play the teams split wins.

The girls lost their last two games. The Ettes played Samnorwood on Tuesday Jan. 31. Kyra Stevens lead the scoring with 13 points. Kacie Galyean contributed 9. Sharri Britten added 5 and Michaela Roskens 3. Carey Carter scored 2.

The Tigers won their game against Samnorwood 48-34. T.J. Moraniec was high point with 15. Thane Barkley

added another 12. Javier Caro contributed 9 points. Blaine Britten put up 6.

Blake Galyean earned 4 and Chad Barkley 2.

Groom Girls faced Valley on Friday night. Kyra lead the scoring for the Ettes with 8. Kacie Galyean added another 6. Carey Carter added 2 and Sharri Britten 1. The final was Groom 17, Valley 64.

The boys lost a very close match with Valley, 51-55. T.J. Moraniec lead the scoring with and impressive 18 points. Thane Barkley and Javier Caro each contributed 10 points. Blake Galyean

added another 6, Chad Barkley 4, Brandon Jenkins 2, and Blaine Britten 1.

Watch next weeks

paper for the final game of the season and comments from the coaches on this years record.

Groom School District 2006 Track & Field Schedule

March 2	Lefors	JH & HS
March 7	Lefors	JH
March 8	Lefors	HS
March 31	Miami	JH
April 1	Miami	HS
April 4	District @ Lefors	JH
April 7	District @ Panhandle	HS
April 12	Area	HS

Groom School District 2006 Tennis Meets

March 1	Amarillo Tennis Center
March 27 & 29	Groom Tennis Meet
April 11	District Tennis Meet
April 13	District Tennis Meet

Cubs and Ettes

extremely hopeful for coming seasons with our Junior High Teams.

Both teams ended their seasons on a winning note at Lefors.

The Ettes won 23 to 16. Maddie Wieberg earned the high point honors with 8. Ashley Murray scored 5 and Korri Britten 4. Alanah King and Rachel Hopkins each scored 2

points. Neva Corley, Samantha Clendennen, Suhani Bhakta, Virginia Froese, Tiffani Kling and Hali Bohr all added to the win with good strong defense and a lot of support. In the boys match, the Cubs won 29-25. The white-knuckle match found Tyler Case and Eric Torres sharing high point

honors with 15 each. Shane King added another 4 points with Miles Friemel contributed 3 and Jacob Torres 1.

Teammates Taylor Fields, Chris Homen, Billy Corley, Tyler Babcock, and Michael Kelly provided a lot of defensive support to help with the win.

Congratulations to these hard-working cagers

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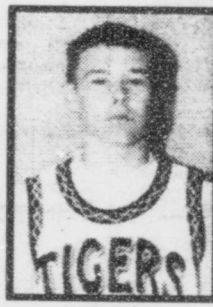
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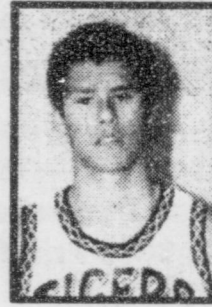
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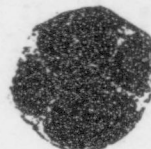
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Former Resident Passes Away



Pine Bluff, AR to John and Gladys Lee. She married William H. Dorsey Jr., on June 21, 1991 in Groom, Texas. They both lived most of their lives in Groom. She was homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in White Deer, Texas.

Retha Sue Dorsey, 58, of White Deer, Texas, died Saturday, February 4, 2006. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at Groom Cemetery with Reverend Alan Wilson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, White Deer, officiating.

Retha Sue Dorsey was born on April 27, 1947 in

of Amarillo. Dillon Hackbarth of Pittsburgh, PA. Kenneth Nunn and Beverly Nunn of Arkansas.

The family suggest memorial to be sent to Harrington Cancer Center 1500 Wallace Center, Amarillo, Texas 79105 or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Retha was preceded in death by her parents and a grandchild Bradley John Wayne Nunn.

She is survived by husband, Bill Dorsey; sons, Johnny Moss of Pampa, Leeland Hackbarth of Pittsburgh, PA; daughter, Susan Merrick of Brownwood; four sisters, Peggy, Margie, Louise and Pat and one brother Billy Rae Lee all of Pampa; adopted granddaughter, Michelle Dorsey; four grandchildren, Angie Moss

CUMMINGS DIES IN ACCIDENT NORTH OF GROOM

The Groom News has just learned at press time of the passing of James Cummings, after a vehicle accident. Services are pending.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation will host an Informational Meeting On March 7, 2006 concerning the planning on future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

The meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. It will be located at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Baird, in the M.K. Brown Room, Pampa, Texas.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than March 17, 2006.


All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luffner at 806.356.3249. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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If you are not registered to vote, and would like to make a difference in this election, contact Jackie Lewis at 537-3412 for an application. The last day you may register to vote for the March 7, 2006 Primary Election is February 6, 2006.

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IRS 51 Publication Discusses Non-resident Alien Worker Withholdings

CANYON * All U.S. employers are now required to collect and file withholding for non-resident alien workers, according to a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"That's the word from the Internal Revenue Service, effective Jan. 1, 2006," said Jay Yates, Extension risk management economist based at Lubbock, speaking to participants at the 2006 High Plains Vegetable Conference here.

"IRS Publication 51 details how this must be done and contains a chart

to help you figure withholding for these employees," he said. "The chart can help you figure withholding on weekly, monthly and other pay periods." Publication 51, Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide, is available online at: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p51_05.pdf

"I have been asked whether Quickbooks software is capable of handling this new requirement," Yates said. "At this point, I don't know." Yates also noted that non-resident alien employees are also required to file a W4 form. The IRS now has English and Spanish-language

versions of this form available online at: http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/lists/0_id=97817.00.html

An IRS withholding calculator is available online at: <http://www.irs.gov/individuals>

"There is also a new W9 form for contractors that also is available in Spanish," Yates said. "And there is a new I9 immigration form available from the Immigration and Naturalization Service." "President

Bush proposed a new temporary worker program

in early January, so we could see a change in the current program sometime this year or next."

The Social Security Administration has piloted a voluntary employee identification program for U.S. employers, he said. The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) program enables Federal, state, and local government agencies and licensing bureaus to obtain immigration status information they need in order to determine a non-citizen applicant's eligibility for many public benefits.

It also administers employment verification pilot programs that enable employers to verify the work authorization of their newly hired employees, according to the administration's program web site.

The SAVE program is available online at: <http://ucis.gov/graphics/services/SAVE.htm>

"President Bush has mentioned this program, so it could become mandatory rather than voluntary," Yates said. "The online program is much faster for employers to use than the old Audix telephone system."

Increased emphasis on national border security may bring temporary worker programs into the limelight, Yates said. "A temporary or guest worker program of some kind is essential for many businesses in this country, across all sectors agricultural and non-agricultural," he said.

Yates coordinates Extension's FARM Assistance program in and around Lubbock. FARM Assistance is part of Texas Cooperative Extension's Risk Management Education Program. It helps individuals generate sound, statistically-based strategic financial analyses to make

informed management decisions. Data from these analyses provide a significant amount of insight on the agricultural industry, as a whole, and enables FARM Assistance to conduct research to help industry groups, policymakers, and individuals identify trends and gauge impacts at the industry-level.

Information on FARM Assistance is available online at: <http://farmassistance.tamu.edu>

Ed Curry, of Curry Seed and Chile Company, Pearce, Ariz., encouraged conference participants to "talk to your Congressmen...let them know this (temporary worker program) is essential for agriculture and other businesses."

"It's a myth that we (agricultural employers) hire these workers because they are cheap labor," Curry said. "We need to pattern our guest or temporary worker program after those that already exist successfully in other nations."



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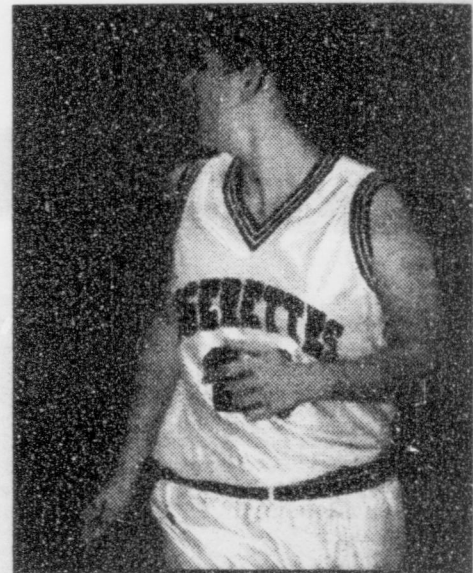
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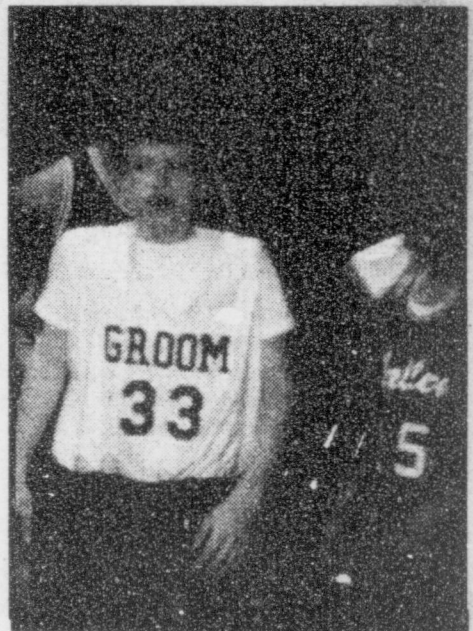
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