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McLean Says Farewell To 2005, Hello 2006

Can you believe that 2005 is over and a new year has begun? While the world has had many events such as the Tsunami, the major earthquakes and hurricanes, the marriages, the scandals, and the wars, the tiny town of McLean has had many interesting events of it's own.

The McLean EMS delivered the first baby in McLean and Gray County in 2005 at 12:05 a.m. on January 1. Noah Fite Reyna was delivered after the EMS responded to a 911 call. The McLean EMS was also honored with the Volunteer Service of the Year award by the Panhandle Emergency Medical Service System Banquet in 2004. The service also donated an Automated Exterior Defibrillator

machine to the school and responded to hundreds of calls in 2004.

In February, much to some peoples surprise and not to surprised by others, District Attorney Rick Roach was arrested on Federal drug charges at the Gray County Courthouse. Assistant District Attorney Lynn Switzer was put in office to replace Roach.

There was much news with the city of McLean in 2004. There was a hot race for mayor when incumbent Frank "Butch" Warner and Bob Martin, who also had been mayor previously opposed one another at election time. Bob Martin won the election 2-1 in votes. Also newly elected on the city council for 2004 were Janet Glass and Molly McDowell. Gas prices were and still are a

hot topic for the community and the city of McLean.

New businesses popped up in McLean. Texas Suntanz and a Touch of Texas opened their doors in April. McLean Flowers and Gifts sold to new owners and is now called the Flower Box. Another flower shop called the Flower Cottage, located across from the Taylor Mart opened it's doors in November. Hambright Construction opened in McLean.

The Wagon Wheel café closed it's doors early in the year.

McLean I.S.D. hired a new superintendent in 2005 after several months of interviews conducted by the Board of Trustees. Jimmy Hannon was hired to take the place of Eric Smith who moved on to

Texhoma. A new principal was hired at the high school after principal, Blaze Herring expressed his desire to go back to coaching. Rhonda Patterson took his place at the helm at the beginning of the school year. Two former board members were elected to the board. They were Toni Bohlar and Joe Riley. The board held public hearings on the tax rate and the Chapter 41 status. The tax rate was voted in at a \$1.50 and the voters spoke loud and clear with approval for Options 3 and 4 in the Chapter 41 Wealth Equalization election.

In civic service, the McLean Circle of Friends raised over \$6000.00 for the breast cancer event. Ben and Mindy Reeves were honored for their work with the Young at Heart. Mary Ann Carpenter, Dick Crockett and Janet Glass served as Community Ambassadors for Clarendon College. The McLean High School Student Council served their community by doing volunteer work at the devil's Rope Museum on Saturday mornings. The Angel Program showed the Christmas spirit by

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McLean City Council Holds Special Meeting To Accept Construction Bid By Moron Irrigation

The City Council of McLean met in special session on Thursday, December 29, 2005 in the City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor and opened with an invocation by Teresa Simmons at 5 p.m. with the following members

present: Bob Martin, Betty Taylor, Teresa Simmons, Molly McDowell and Mindy Reeves. Janet Glass was absent. Others present were Jim Adams and Toni Bohlar.

A motion was made by Betty Taylor, second by Mindy Reeves with all voting in favor to accept the bid of Moron Irrigation in the amount of \$316,750.00 by the following resolution: *Resolution of the City Council of McLean.*

Texas, Accepting the bid of Morton Irrigation, Inc. for \$316,750.00, under the city's Texas Community Development Program Contract No 724519 and authorizing award of the contract to the contractor.

Motion by Teresa Simmons, second by Molly McDowell to hire attorney, Jeff Shrader to prepare the proper paper work and contracts concerning the McLean #1 gas well. All voting in favor.

Motion by Molly McDowell, second by Betty Taylor not to move the CD's from the Bank of Commerce at this time. All voting in favor.

Motion by Molly McDowell, second by Betty Taylor to cease the \$1000.00 monthly deposit for the landfill financial assurance. All voting in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

McLean ISD Board Discusses Attendance For Extra-Curricular Activities

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 19, 2005. Board members present were Marshall Hanes, Chet Bohlar, Toni Bohlar, Terri Adams, Billy Bybee, Joe Riley, and David Fuller. Others present were Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon, Rhonda Patterson, Bill Layman, and Leslie Darscy.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Terri Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Toni Bohlar gave the opening prayer.

Motion was made by David Fuller, second by Toni Bohlar to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of

November 22, 2005. Motion carried.

There were no visitors present for comments.

Mr. Hannon proposed to

remove the first row of seating in the new gym and install handrails for the fans to walk behind the teams. This could be done for minimal cost with 1" square tubing for the handrails and the work being done by the maintenance staff. The seats that will be removed can be set up in the back of the auditorium. While on the discussion of the new gym it was brought up to have HOME and VISITOR signs put up.

Mr. Hannon made the recommendation for policies regarding Ag stock shows to remain the same. The school will not sponsor trips to jackpot shows, nor furnish a trailer for individual use to these shows.

Motion by Billy Bybee, second by Toni Bohlar upon the recommendation of Mr. Hannon to revise the student exam grading policy in the employee handbook stating that a

student may not receive a grade lower than a 50 for their six weeks average, a semester exam, or final exam; but they would receive whatever grade they made on a six weeks test. Motion passed with six voting FOR and Joe Riley abstaining.

The school administration held an attendance committee meeting and the question came up as to how many days a student may miss for either personal or Extra-Curricular activities. It was discovered that the Student Handbook did not match local policy and should be modified to read as follows: A student shall be allowed ten extracurricular absences not related to post-district competition, five absences for post-district competition prior to state, and two absences for state competition. In addition,

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LOCAL REMINDERS

TIGERS TIP OFF against Valley, there on Jan. 6.

ALAN REED Community Association Board of Directors will have a meeting on Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the community center.

ALAN REED Community Association will have their regular monthly meeting on Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the community center. Pot luck meal and business meeting.

MCLEAN JR HIGH tournament today and Jan. 7.

SCHOOL BOARD meeting, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Business Office.

CUBS FACE GROOM, there, Jan. 9

ALAN REED Cemetery Board of Trustees will have a quarterly meeting on Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in the community center.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS Meeting today at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

TOP O TEXAS Stock show, Saturday, Jan. 7 - 8.

MCLEAN Stock show, Jan. 14 beginning at 2 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL Meeting, Jan 9 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 5 - Chelsie Ridgway, Monica Shipman, Jasper.
 January 6 - Wayne Morris, W.C. Simpson, Zack Seymour, Jaylene Watkins.
 January 7 - Christopher Myers, Futh Boles, Deanna McClendon, Charlie Irene Webb.
 January 8 - Jim Brown, Clay Reynolds.
 January 9 - Randy Kennedy, Venice Wright, Lacey Steel, Evan McMordie, Cody Scott Crockett.
 January 10 - Betty Husted, Bailey Weaver, Carroll Tolleson.
 January 11 - Sy

McLean School Menus

for the week of Jan. 9 - 13.
BREAKFAST
 Monday: Hot or cold cereal, Toast & jelly, Milk, Juice.
 Tuesday: Muffins, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Wednesday: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Thursday: Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice,
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
LUNCH
 Monday: Soft Tacos with

New Arrivals in 2005
 Paisley Grace Armbrister
 Savvy Lane Fuller
 Luke Jacob Braden
 Charlie Andrew Glas
 Noah Benson Fite Reyna
 Aydan James Watson
 Brynleigh Blayke Crockett
 Lauren Renee Bichsel
 Anson Law Jones



*Trew & Dear Exchange
 Wedding Vows*

Steve Trew and Janice Dear exchanged marriage vows on December 23, 2005 with the Reverend Don McDonald of the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon officiating. Steve is the son of Delbert and Ruth Trew of Alanreed. Janice is the daughter of Ben and Lanelle Street of Wimberly. Attending were the

couples four sons, Clayton Trew of Austin; J.T. Trew of Madrid, Spain; Seth Dear of Amarillo; and Jason Dear of Lubbock. In addition to both sets of parents, others attending were Shay Buchanan and Channing of Ft. Worth; Keith and Margie Burlow of Midland; Donna Barlow of Amarillo; Dale and Trish Street of Austin, their daughter

Kristen and grandson Caden. The couple will be at home in Amarillo where Janice is employed by Bank of Southwest and Steve is employed by Walco International.

Care Center Holds Christmas Party



The Christmas party at the Care Center was a great success, according to activity director, Billie Kingston.

The refreshments were made and served by the Church of Christ ladies. "We appreciate them so much for doing this," stated Kingston.

Santa was very busy during this time, so he sent a stand-in Santa, Hunter Kirkland. He also sent two of his elves, Shiloh Brown and Lexis Brown to help. They

greeted all and had pictures made and then headed back to the north pole.

All the residents received gifts. Family and volunteers were gathered around to help open gifts and mark names on the presents.

"Thank you to all who have showed love and kindness to our residents this past year," said Billie. "Everyone from the Care Center wishes you all a safe and happy new year."

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BOARD

the State requires that a student be in attendance 90% of the school days in each semester. Absences related to the state requirement might include illness, death in students' family, or other personal emergencies.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Joe Riley to approve the student transfers of Nathan Macina and Candace Billingsley, as recommended being accepted by Mr. Hannon. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannon informed the Board of the 95 Diesel GMC route bus being out of service due to a loss of coolant which damaged the engine. Mr. Hannon had checked around and a new diesel engine would cost approximately \$6000-6500.00 according to Scoggin-Dickey of Lubbock. The consensus of the Board was to purchase a new engine and take the bus somewhere and have it put in with a warranty included. A motion was made by Marshall Hanes, second by Joe Riley for Mr. Hannon to check with some dealerships and get the lowest bid for this job and move on it as quickly

as possible. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Riley, second by Billy Bybee for Mr. Hannon to start the process of purchasing a suburban. The motion passed with five voting FOR, and Chet Bohlar and Toni Bohlar were opposed. There had been discussion on this subject for several months prior, due to the state declaring that schools should no longer continue to use vans with an extended wheel base. Therefore the purchase of a multipurpose vehicle was necessary to replace the van for transporting students to activities, teachers to workshops, and substitute on daily routes when necessary.

Mr. Hannon reported that the status of the school technology was in need of some new computers. Motion was made by Toni Bohlar, second by Marshall Hanes to purchase 10 new Dell computers. Motion carried. Mr. Hannon suggested in the future that there would be a computer lab in each building with approximately 15 computers for necessary

classroom lab research work.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Chet Bohlar to approve the Financial Reports A, B, & C. Motion carried.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Marshall Hanes to approve to pay the bills as presented and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.

Under other business Terri Adams congratulated Mr. Hannon on his recent graduation in which he received his Master's Degree. Mrs. Adams informed the Board of some of the recent new laws that were discussed during the Board training at Shamrock. The Board stressed that the High School boys need to shave and not be allowed to have facial hair as stated in the Student Handbook. Ms. Bohlar mentioned an IS

700 training related to the school emergency hazard plan. January 26, 2006, the PAASB will have a Grassroots Legislative training at Region 16.

The Board will meet on January 12, 2006, in the business office to have a team of eight session to discuss goals, and survey areas that are lacking. Rachel Burrow from TASB Policy Services will meet with the Board and administration on January 31st and February 1st to do a policy review seminar. The regular Board meeting will be held January 16th and the members will be served a meal at 6:00 for Board Recognition Month.

Motion was made by David Fuller, second by Toni Bohlar to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Be Patient With Life

by Tootsigh O'Carolan

*Be patient with life, despite its cruelty,
Often it seems careless of our pain,
But just as often brings us hope again.*

*Remember, I wanted happiness for you,
Under every foolish word this is still true.
Be happy, then, without, as you would wish me,
In your life many sweet events remain.
Not in anguish, but in joy, remember me.*

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| Danny Simpson | Betty Emma Lowe |
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giving to over 55 kids in the community this past season.

After 43 years of service to the McLean community, Postmaster Casper Smith retired from the United States Post Office.

Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, Jason Henderson was chosen as one of the few officers to travel to foreign soil in Iraq to train others in law enforcement.

McLean was featured on the History Channel and the Discovery Channel for its Route 66 appeal and the Devil's Rope Museum.

A Ten Commandment Monument fund was started in 2005. A quilt, which was handmade and donated by Effic Lou Everett was raffled off to

pay for the endeavor. The quilt raffle was held on December 21 and it was won by Johnny Carpenter. The monument will be erected in January 2006.

Ashley McClendon earned the honor of Valedictorian of the Class of 2005. Antonio Montoya earned Salutatorian honors.

The McLean High School cheerleaders accelerated in 2005 by earning top honors at cheerleading camp.

Kutter Anderson placed

second in the state at the Houston Stock show with his Berkshire hog.

Brooke Seymour was crowned Miss McLean in 2005. Junior Miss McLean honors went to Ashley Byron. Little Princess was Rudy Rodriguez and Bailey Herring won Little Miss McLean.

Carrie Thompson became third runner-up in the Shamrock Miss Irish Rose pageant and Payton Smart won first place in the four and five year old division.

D.J. Menefield or a.k.a. Jacinda Dasheill Menefield won the crown at the always fun Vroman pageant.

The summer time brought back the annual rodeo and parade along with the newly developed Main Street Fair. This past year something new was added to the weekend full of fun with the Mudd Bogg.

Alanreed enjoyed several activities this past year with the Bingo contest and the Fall Carnival. They also had a visit from Santa in

December at the Community Center.

The McLean Ag class earned grand champion at the Tri-State Fair. Jamie Sanderson and Kutter Anderson placed sixth at the JRCA Rodeo. Lindsey

Ruiz was crowned homecoming queen. Suzanne Howard and Chase Bohlar won Harvest queen and king. Lexi Simmons won World Champion Hunter Under Saddle Sub Jr. Division at the NASMA World Mule Show and Bobby Richardson, Tyler Hanes, Marshall Hanes and Billy Bybee placed sixth out of 84 teams at the famous Tournament Players Club in Florida at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes tournament.

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Troopers Arrest Man With 25 Lbs. of Marijuana

McLean- on December 29th, 2005 at 10:37 A.M. a Westland, Michigan man was arrested by DPS Troopers on I-40 near McLean for possessing 25 lbs. of marijuana.

Troopers stopped a 2005 Buick passenger car on I-40 near McLean for a traffic violation. After becoming suspicious of the driver troopers obtained consent to search the car. During the search a DPS K-

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Xtreme Hula, the Ultimate Kidz Blitz Chicken and Bone Challenge, the Hovering Beach Ball and much, much more.

Kidz Blitz Live is coming to Trinity Church in McLean on Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and admission is free!

Little Dribblers Gearing Up For New Season

The McLean Little Dribblers are gearing up for another season of basketball.

Parents who wish to participate in helping with Little Dribblers should attend the meeting in the school cafeteria, today at 5:00 p.m.

There are several areas

that will need help. Coaching, concession stand, keeping books, running the clock, referees or any other little

items that comes with basketball.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help in any of these areas, you may call Leslie Darsey at the school at 779-2301.

McLean will have a tournament on a date to be determined at the meeting. Every parent who has a

child participate in Little Dribblers will be asked to volunteer in some form or another.

McLean does not charge students to participate in Little Dribblers and all the money raised through the McLean tournament goes to fund the teams in other tournament games. Your participation and cooperation is very appreciated by all the players.

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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday night Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 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
Killeville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church Railroad Street
Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
Wednesday 6:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

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Judge Powers To Seek Re-Election



Carson County Judge Lewis Powers announced today that he will seek re-election. He submitted the following letter to the News...

"I, Lewis Powers, would like to announce that I am a candidate for

re-election to the office of Carson County Judge. The seven years that I have served as your County Judge has been challenging as well as rewarding. Having grown up in Carson County and being able to serve as your county Judge has given me a chance to interact with so many of you on issues related to your daily lives, businesses, and family matters. This has given a new meaning to the word SERVE to me. To be able to serve Carson County and her citizens is very humbling.

Carson County has experienced some change in our landscape over the

past several years. Today cotton has become a new cash crop with a promising future. Wind generators are seen providing landowners with a new source of revenue and improving our tax base and there are town new wind projects that are under consideration for the county in the future. These are just a couple of the changes we see, with hopefully more to come. The future for Carson County looks bright and hopefully more to come. The future for Carson County looks bright and hopefully we can, thru the actions of the

Commissioners Court provide the environment necessary to attract new and prosperous business.

The duties and responsibilities of this office are many. I have strived to be effective and diligent in all these areas. I have obtained all of the continuing education requirements necessary to hold this office, and if re-elected will continue to do so.

I look forward to be able to continue to serve you as your county judge, and will be actively seeking your vote and continued support in the March and November elections.



HOLIDAY STARS! Groom elementary students took center stage just before the holidays to star in a wonderful production that was put on by the Music Department and the artistic genius of Groom's Melanie Britten. Pictured is Chase King who plans a holiday get-away "...down Mexico's way!" Payton Smart and Dpak Gurr enjoy making "sweet music" with the help of a few props.

Anette Carlisle To Challenge Incumbent David Swinford



Taking the first step towards bringing conservative Panhandle values and positive

change to the Texas Legislature, Anette Carlisle, a long-time Amarillo School Board Trustee, announced her campaign for the Texas House of Representatives, District 87, which covers Carson, Moore, Potter and Sherman counties.

"It's time for positive change in Austin," said Republican Anette Carlisle. "I will bring much-needed Panhandle values to our Capitol and stand up to the special interest groups and high-dollar lobbyists that

control the Texas House. I'm a lifelong conservative who will lead on the tough issues like improving our schools, keeping taxes low, making government more efficient, and promoting a stronger economy and job growth in our part of Texas."

In front of a full house in the Potter county Commissioners Court, Anette pointed to the legislature's failure to develop a school finance plan over the past three years and five legislative

session as one of the many reasons that new leadership is needed in Austin.

"For three years and five special session, Texas leaders have failed to develop a school finance plan," said Carlisle.

"Without delay, we must find an equitable way to fund education for all students that is fair to every taxpayer. We must reduce government waste, inefficiency and

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Salzbrenner Seeks Treasurers Office



Denise Salzbrenner, a White Deer resident, has announced that she will seek the office of Carson County Treasurer. The Republican candidate addressed the residents of Carson County in the following letter:

To All Carson County Residents,

My name is Denise Salzbrenner and I am a candidate for Carson County Treasurer.

My husband, Robbie and I choose to move from LaJanta, Colorado to White Deer twenty-six years ago. We raised our two daughter, Nicole and Cassie in Carson County and proudly feel that they are representative of all that is good about living in rural America. Robbie and I have always been very involved with different organizations throughout our girls elementary, junior and high school years and

continue to support these organizations. Some of the activities include 4-H, FFA, Rodeo, Basketball, softball and many different church activities. My involvement with the First United Methodist Church has been one of my greatest pleasures. I was a youth leader for six years, taught first and second grade Sunday School, currently co-teach junior high, have served on Lay Leadership for 3 years and for the past 2 years have been a communion Steward. My husband and I belong to the Panhandle Country Club and have been

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Groom Community Calendar

GROOM HIGH School Basketball teams will play Silverton, here, on January 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. They will also play Hedley there on January 10.

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A TEACHER in service day will be held at Groom ISD on January 20. No classes will be held and students will not attend.

AWANA'S will meet on January 8, 2006. Just remind everyone to come and celebrate Happy New Year's night.

GROOM JR. HIGH will play basket ball on January 5-7 at the McLean Tournament. They will also play McLean, here on January 9th.

MARTIN LUTHER King Day is January 16. Federal, State Offices and most banks will be closed.

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Greg Cline of Shepard's Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Jessica and Jason Cline of Headrick, Ok. and Taylor Bunting of Altus, Ok visited in the homes of Bill and Norma Jean Homer and Joannie Kling this past weekend.

WELCOME NEW BABIES IN 2005

- 1-18-05 - Kaitlyn Grace Parrott
- 2-23-05 - Ethan Don Thompson
- 3-19-05 - Victoria Faith Vaughn
- 3-4-05 - Sadie Elizabeth Vincent
- 3-17-05 - Connor Vincent Fields
- 3-30-05 - Darius Brayden Terbush
- 4-20-05 - Anthony Gerard Asher
- 4-21-05 - Hannah Grace Metzger
- 5-12-05 - Ainsley Danielle Bussard
- 6-6-05 - Cody William Musser
- 8-2-05 - James William Homer
- 8-19-05 - Conner Craig Howard
- 9-15-05 - Gracie Faith Story
- 9-17-05 - Madeline Grace Britten
- 9-18-05 - Jordyn Rilee Prather
- 10-18-05 - Leah Kaye Ruthardt
- 11-13-05 - Jones Alexander Burger Moore
- 12-1-05 - Gage Wyatt Whately

Birthday & Anniversaries

January 5 - Kori Brown, Todd Edward Gray, Bobby S. Ratterree.

January 6 - Ronald Kuehler, Virginia Baggerman.

January 7 -
 January 8 - Shannon D'Laine Fields.

January 9 -
 January 10 - Mary Sue Lyles, R.F. (Bob) Pool, Jesse Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Ashford, Sr. (A).

January 11 - Tony & Sherry Rocha (A)

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When a stone is dropped into a lake,
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 ripples that broaden and reach across the water.
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 for Christ will leave behind an influence for
 good that will reach the lives of many others.
 Roy Lessin

IN MEMORIUM

- January 1, 2005 - Norman Britten
- January 21, 2005 - Sanford Johnson
- January 22, 2005 - Richard M. Hall
- February 15, 2005 - Nettie Fields
- February 20, 2005 - Allan W. Angel
- March 4, 2005 - William Earl Barker
- March 12, 2005 - Ray Morris
- March 23, 2005 - Frankie Cox
- April 6, 2005 - Jordon Freeman
- April 25, 2005 - Blanche Powers
- May 2, 2005 - Pamela Taylor Reeves
- May 10, 2005 - Gene Carter
- June 24, 2005 - Billy W. Hammers
- June 26, 2005 - Curtis H. Downs Jr.
- June 26, 2005 - Beulah Shockey
- June 24, 2005 - Larry Lee Danner
- July 7, 2005 - Don Smith
- August 2, 2005 - Alfred Homer
- August 10, 2005 - Max Wade
- September 12, 2005 - Joseph Kastelic
- September 30, 2005 - Brian Conrad
- September 30, 2005 - Michell Conrad
- September 30, 2005 - Zach Doan
- October 1, 2005 - Billy Jack Babcock
- October 8, 2005 - Delpha Justice
- October 21, 2005 - Edward Vincent
- October 30, 2005 - Johnny Bill Hermesmeyer
- November 25, 2005 - Stella Patterson
- December 4, 2005 - Helen Winkcomplex
- December 22, 2005 - Roberto Ellington

Obituary

ROBERTA F. ELLINGTON GROOM - Roberta F. Ellington, 78, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005.

Services were held in the First Baptist Church on December 26 at the First Baptist Church in Groom with David Kelly, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Groom Cemetery with Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo conducting the service.

Mrs. Ellington was born June 30, 1927, in Liberal, Kan., to Robbie and Freda Stout. She graduated from Liberal High School in 1945 and went to work for the First National Bank in Liberal. She married William Ellington in Liberal in 1967. The Ellingtons moved to Groom in January 1981. Mrs. Ellington was the secretary at First Baptist Church of groom for 11 years. She was a member of the "Red Hatter's" in Groom.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; a daughter Robbie Thornton of Groom; a sister Eva Lewis of Las Vegas; and a cousin, Virginia Newhouse of Liberal.

The family suggests memorials to the Groom Ambulance Service.

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Stacy teaches science at

Panhandle High School and Vincent farms west of Panhandle. The couple is planning to be married on June 2nd at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Groom. Please pray for rain, so all the farmers can come celebrate!

Kimberly Taylor & Ronald Musser Exchange Vows

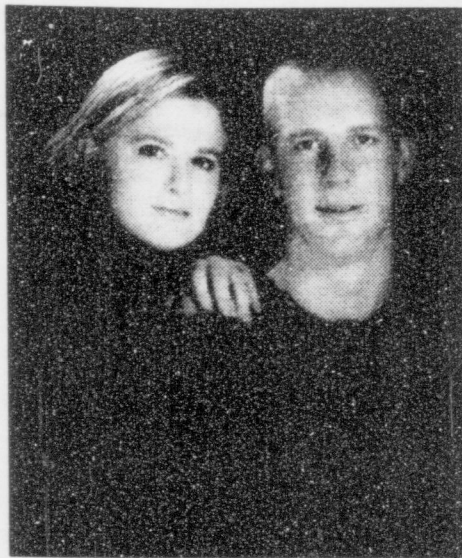
Kimberly Lynn Taylor of Mesquite, Texas, and Ronald Edgar Musser of Providence Village, Texas, were married Thursday, Dec. 29, at the First Baptist Church of Groom. Pastor David Kelly officiated with Jill Babcock translating in American Sign Language during the private ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rosie Taylor and the late James Taylor of Pineland, Texas. The

groom's parents are William J. and Elizabeth Joan Musser of Groom.

The bride, who grew up in Vidor, Texas, graduated from South Park High School in Beaumont, Texas. The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School and is employed by Gulfstream Aerospace at Love Field in Dallas, Texas.

The couple plan to make their home in the Dallas area.



TREASURER

participants in the American Cancer Societies Relay for Life. Carson County has had many changes over the past 26 years. I believe that my family and I owe a great deal to our home county and I intend to give back by preserving the integrity of the Carson County Treasurer's office and meeting you and earning your trust.

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financial statements to the Board of Directors along with other critical statistics. Being a dedicated financial steward is what I know best and I would be honored to work with the Carson County Judge and the Commissioner's Court to oversee the expenditure of your hard earned funds. Thank you, Denise Salzbrenner

CARLISLE

bureaucracy to free up new funds for our schools and we should end tax loopholes that cost our state millions of dollars each year."

Carlisle has a growing list of endorsements from many sectors of the community, showing a growing frustration with the leadership of incumbent David Swinford.

"So far, all of my support is coming from the local community," said Carlisle. "Those that support me care about the future of Panhandle and want good representation for Panhandle issues, not representation for the special interest groups in Austin.

Born and raised in Borger, Anette Carlisle is the daughter of hometown drugstore owners. After graduating in the top of her class at Borger High School in 1974, Anette attended Texas Tech University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology followed by a Master's

degree in Zoology. She is married to Dr. Taylor Carlisle and they are the proud parents of three sons, Walker, Darwin and Everett, all products of Amarillo public schools.

In addition to serving on the Amarillo School Board as former President and current Trustee, Anette is an active member of numerous community and business organizations. She is a founding member and current Chairman of Panhandle Twenty/20, a collaborative organization that serves as a catalyst for positive change in the region. She is also currently president of the Wildcat Bluff Nature Center board of directors and a member of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce's State Affairs Committee, Leadership Texas Alumnae Association and Tascosa Excellence Council. In the past, she served on the Potter-Randall Bi-County Child Welfare and Center City boards and as President of the Baptist-St. Anthony Foundation.

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Friday - Do-Nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

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green peppers, lettuce, tomatoes and pears.

Tuesday - Spaghetti, salad, peaches, bread sticks, and milk.

Wednesday - Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, tator tots, pickle spears, pineapple and milk.

Thursday - Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans hot rolls, milk and jello.

Friday - Sandwiches, vegetables, beans, pickle spears, lettuce & tomatoes and applesauce and milk.



Gov. Perry Proclaims January School Board Month

(AUSTIN)—Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2006 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

".....The full promise of this great nation heavily depends on how well young Americans are prepared to embrace and succeed at the challenges ahead. Critical to achieving this goal is ensuring excellence in education."

Throughout the Lone Star State, school boards work to meet this mission, achieving successes that continue to make a positive difference. Through their efforts in working with educators, government officials and the community, school boards help to provide young Texans with the tools necessary for success.

Created in 1949 to foster educational excellence in districts

throughout the Lone Star State, the Texas Association of School Boards will be conducting an awareness campaign throughout the month of January to highlight the many contributions of school boards.

"I encourage all Texans to recognize the important roles that school boards play in ensuring a quality education for young Texans. Through their commitment and focus on the future, we are building an even stronger foundation for the Texas of tomorrow," he said.

"We encourage every community to take time in January to acknowledge the vital contributions made by locally elected school trustees and support them as they tackle the challenging and rewarding task of preparing our students for the future. School board members are extraordinary people who are dedicated advocates for Texas youth, yet few people fully understand the demands and far-reaching implications of their responsibilities on local

boards," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"More than 7,000 men and women serve their Texas communities on school boards and give of their vision, knowledge, leadership and time, working purely for the common good of every child. It is important to recognize the commitment that board service requires as local trustees work with parents, educators, and community leaders to develop sound educational

policies in their districts. They help us to set high standards in the education system, urging us all to strive to reach educational excellence and better prepare the next generation," he said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.3 million public school students.

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Good-bye 2005, Hello to 2006

By Donna Burton

Another year has come and gone in what seemed to me to be the twinkling of an eye. How we remember 2005 can be based on many things. Health, wealth, love, happiness, and fulfillment are just a few of the "intangibles" that we all strive for, but seldom feel we achieved. The year is often marked by the events of the world that gradually drift towards Groom. The War in Iraq, the Hurricane season of 2005, and the political climate have all touched us locally in one way or another.

Some events will stand out in my mind marking the year. The murders of the Conrad family just south of Pampa illustrated that evil does come to our part of the world. The outpouring of love for the surviving child and the many good deeds by neighbors and friends showed that some good will come out of the most awful situation.

Drug traffickers who travel up and down Interstate 40 have kept the judicial system busy. District Judges, District Attorney, DPS, and County Law Enforcement

have an eye for finding and convicting them, too.

Weather was not just a national concern this year. Dry conditions have prevailed most of the year. A few wet spells came at just the right time for the cotton crop, but not in time to make the winter wheat look like it might make it to harvest. A very late cold spell brought 2 inches of snow the first days of May.

Groom ISD is doing very well. The school has seen a healthy increase in student numbers. If only the state legislature could get their act together in time to save our smaller

schools from extinction. New school board members took their oaths in May as did City Council members.

Speaking of the City of Groom, two new enthusiastic employees are now in place, Slim Finck and Bobby Ratterree. Residents look forward to their presence and the many projects they will complete.

Groom Churches are still the center of many of the activities that our residents enjoy. Our Baptist, Catholic, Methodist and Church of Christ congregations still look for the things they have in common while

working toward the good of our community.

Friends and family is what makes Groom such a

wonderful place to be. As the circle of life goes around, we say a fond have left us and "welcome" to those who have joined us.

While we look to the future with a somewhat

fearful anticipation, I hope you will agree that there is nothing the world can throw our way that together we can't handle. Groom is as good a place to be as any to await the coming of 2006.

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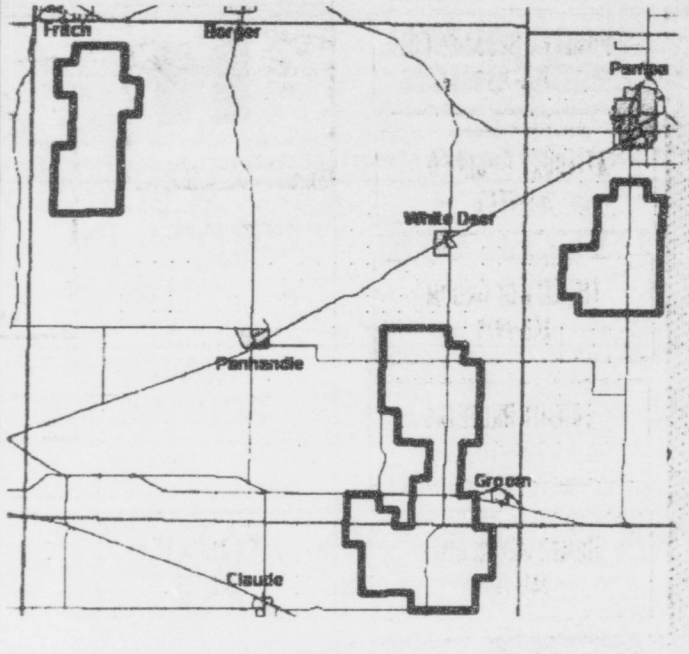
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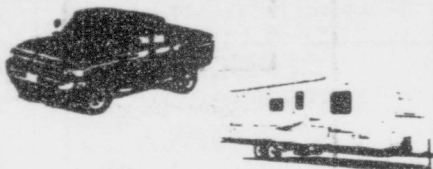
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The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is having an informational meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 7 pm. The District will provide information regarding the first step of implementing the District's 50/50 depletion goal, including the proposed study areas outlined in heavy black on the map below. The public is invited, and those who own or operate land inside these proposed areas are especially encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District office at 201 West Third Street in White Deer. Please call 806-883-2501 or visit our website at www.panhandlegroundwater.org if you need directions.



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DPS Report... Marijuana Seizures On I-40

Groom- Two men were arrested yesterday along I-40 in Carson County in two separate traffic stops after large amounts of Marijuana were found in their vehicles.

The first traffic stop occurred at 11:17 a.m. yesterday when troopers stopped a 2006 Chevy Trailblazer traveling eastbound on I-40, 18 miles west of Groom. Timothy David Fox, 38 of Itasca Illinois, was later arrested after 162 pounds of Marijuana was found in several duffel bags in the cargo area of the vehicle. Fox was booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug related charges.

The Marijuana has an estimated value of \$68,202.00. Investigators believe this load originated in Albuquerque New Mexico and was destined for Chicago Illinois.

The next seizure occurred at 3 p.m. yesterday when a 1998 Ford Contour traveling eastbound on I-40 near Groom was stopped for a traffic violation. The driver, 35 year old Anthony Lee Rodriguez of Collinsville Illinois, was later arrested after 84 pounds of Marijuana was found inside the trunk of his vehicle. The Marijuana was in 24 bundles packed inside a box. Rodriguez was booked

into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug related charges.

The Marijuana has an estimated value of \$42,090.00. This load was believed to have originated in Los Angeles California and headed for St. Louis Missouri.

Accident Near Hedley Claims Three Lives

Hedley — Yesterday at 2:16 pm, a Ford pickup driven by a Fort Worth woman struck a northbound J.B. Hunt semi-truck on US 287 in Hedley.

Four Fort Worth residents, a mother, father, and two children, were traveling South on US 287 in a black Ford F150 four door pickup. For an unknown reason the Ford

veered across US 287 into the oncoming lane. The pickup struck a northbound J.B. Hunt semi-truck just behind the driver's door. The pickup slammed into the rear wheels of the truck tractor and the spun 180 degrees coming to rest in the traffic lane.

The driver of the ford was Jessica M Keller, 30 of Keller, TX. The passenger of the ford was Curtis Walter Schroeder of Keller, TX. Both Jessica and Curtis were pronounced dead at the scene by Donley Co. JP

Jimmy Johnson. The Keller's two children Wolfgang Keller, 10 years old, and Augustus Walker Schroeder, 14 mo. old were taken to North West Texas Hospital. Wolfgang Keller died this morning at approximately 10:00 A.M. at NWT Hospital. Augustus the 14 mo. old is in stable condition.

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