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Board Non-Renews 5 Employees Due To Decrease In Oil Revenues

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 15, 1999. Board members present were Bob Glass, Neal Odom, Mike Darsey, Don Dorsey, and T.D. Simmons. John Holland and Eugene Galley were absent from the meeting. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Ed Bailey, High School Principal, Dick Crockett, Elementary Principal, Margaret Milam, Food Service Director, Terri Adams, Toni Bohlar, Dawn Herndon, and Jenny Everett.

All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Neal Odom. Opening prayer was led

by Bob Glass. Motion was made by Don Dorsey, second by T.D. Simmons to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 15, 1999, and the special meeting held February 22, 1999.

There were no visitor comments at this time.

No action was taken on item A, Junior Class Trip Proposal.

No action was taken on item B, Gym Construction; final payment to CIB (General Contractor) will not be approved until another walk-thru has been completed. A walk-thru with McLean ISD's architectural and construction engineers has been tentatively scheduled

for Thursday, March 18th.

The Board will attend training to be held in the

Video Conference Room at McLean High School on Monday, March 29, 1999, at 6:00-9:00 p.m. Lefors Board of Trustees will also be attending. The training will be conducted by John Bass from Region 16 Service Center.

No action was taken on school buses at this time. The Board requested a current bus inventory with mileage and each bus route. One bus, a 1985, 19 passenger bus is currently having transmission and engine problems. The cost to fix this bus is approximately \$4100. Trade off value would only be around \$2000 after the bus is fixed according to Superintendent John Griffin. Another bus, a 1985 diesel, is also currently having problems.

There were no resignations to be acted on.

Motion was made by T.D. Simmons, seconded by Don Dorsey to approve Financial Reports A, B, & C. Concerning the C report which is the Cafeteria, Margaret Milam, Food Service Director expressed some concerns about some long overdue student cafeteria bills. Parents at the meeting commented that the food in the cafeteria is good and nutritional and that the workers are doing a good job.

Don Dorsey moved and Bob Glass seconded to pay February bills as presented.

The Board went into executive session at 8:17 p.m. They returned to open session at 9:35 p.m.

A motion was made

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Jessica Fish Earns Kudos

Jessica Fish received honors recently at the San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Commercial Steer Feeding Program. Jessica placed 12th in the event.

The competition involves purchasing and feeding two steers, keeping a detailed record book, taking a written exam over the feedlot industry and giving a speech on the project.

City Awards Bid To G.W. James Co. To Sealcoat Streets

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Thursday, March 11, 1999 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Sam Haynes at 7:00 p.m. with

the following members present: Bob Martin, Sam Haynes, Jim McDonald, Gordon Shepler, and Mayor Charles McClendon. Ford Smith Jr. was absent.

Others present were Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar,

Allen Mixon, Pam Skipper, Vonda Averett, Robert and Clifford McDonald, David Haynes, Dan Reese, and Alan Preen.

The minutes of the February meetings were approved.

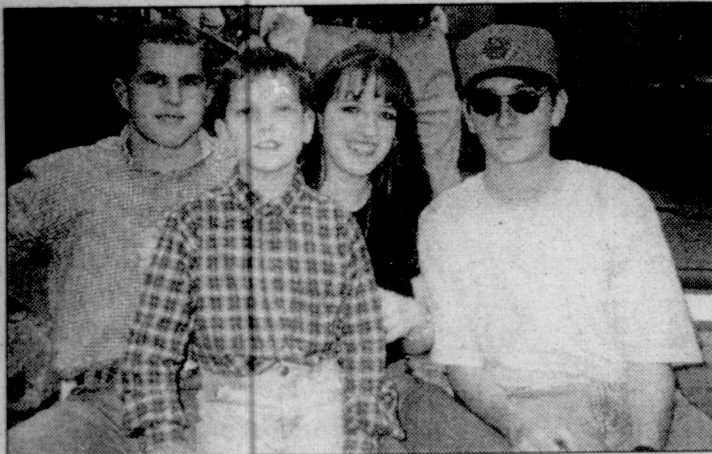
All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Pam Skipper asked the council to adopt a wild animal ordinance to try and keep wild animals out of the city limits. The council assured her that they would put that on next months agenda and discuss the details to be included in the ordinance.

Dan Reese with Brandt Engineering was at the council meeting to inform the council of the results of the sealcoating bids. He recommended to the council to accept the lowest bid presented by G.W. James Co. with a total bid of \$20,872.76 to sealcoat and patch 17 blocks. The council accepted his recommendation and accepted G.W. James' bid.

Robert McDonald presented the council an update on the new sirens received from the City of Pampa. He offered them several cost options on

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Brian Fuller, Travis Fish, Jessica Fish and D.J. Basham recently competed in the San Antonio Livestock Show. Jessica, Travis and D.J. exhibited lambs and Brian exhibited a pig. The group also toured the River Walk while in San Antonio.

McLean Reminders...

THE TENNIS teams will travel to Shamrock on March 18 to play at 4:00 p.m.

THE PIONEER Study Club will meet at 2:00 p.m. on March 18.

THE TRINITY Baptist Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 18. To celebrate St. Patrick's a green theme including a lesson on green-eyed jealousy will be studied.

FOR THE Hometown folks, remember Homecoming will be June 18 and 19. So come out and visit old friends!

THE McLEAN PTA will meet on March 22 in the school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. A program will be given by some of the school board members. Election of officers will be held and pizza will be served.

SPRING arrives on Sunday, March 21st.

EASTER SUNDAY is April 4th this year.

Briefs

The new Alanreed News lady, Jeanette Fish, hasn't been able to write any news lately because she has been in the hospital. We will try to have some Alanreed news next week and we hope Jeanette is feeling better soon.

J. Boyd Smith reports that on March 11, McLean Masonic Lodge held a Teacher Appreciation Night.

Richard Dyer of Desperados and B-B-Que steaks of Amarillo catered the meal to approximately 32 members, teachers, employees and school board members. This is the second year Smith reports that Richard Dyer catered the meal at no charge.



1949 Class Anniversary

The High School Class of 1949 is planning their 50th anniversary for June 18-19, 1999.

They are trying to locate Bobby Joe Brown, Douglas Northcott, Jessie Seay daughter of L.M. Seay, and Earl Trimble son of Bill Trimble and LaVaughn Watkins daughter of D.W. Watkins who graduated with the Class of 1949.

If you know the whereabouts of these, please call Wes Langham at 806-355-0642 or 806-337-5296.

REVIVAL TO BE HELD

Rev. Kevin Akins and Family will be joining Pastor Quinton Newton and the congregation of 1st Assembly of God Church on March 21 thru March 26 for a PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL. The Church is located at 4th and Main, and the services will be held nightly at 7:00 p.m. Come together to hear a word from the Lord. Rev. Akins was a firefighter for a number of years until God called him to reach people trapped in an eternal fire. This family ministers together to try to reach people of all ages for the purpose of Christ.

Ennis - Lynn United In Holy Matrimony

Diane Ennis and Byron Roby Lynn, Jr. were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, March 6, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. in the home of the bride's parents. James Mantooth

of Trinity Baptist Church officiated.

Parents of the bride are Wayne and Shirley Ennis of McLean.

Parents of the groom

are the late Myrtle and Byron Roby Lynn, Sr.

Jani Pinkert of Amarillo served as maid-of-honor. Chester Knox of Littlefield served as bestman.

The couple have made their home in Amarillo.

Revival At Assembly Of God Church

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New Arrival

David and Shandee Tolleson are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Kearston Blair was born on March 13, 1999 at 9:28 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 14 3/4 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

She was welcomed by big sister DaShae and big brother Jacob.

Grandparents are Virginia and Carol Tolleson, Johnny and Mary Ann Carpenter and Jim and Deanna Rice.

McLean School Menu

March 22-26

Monday
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Burrito, chili, cheese, salad, pinto beans, fruit, milk.
Tuesday

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: French toast sticks, bacon, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken fajitas, peppers, onions, refried beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, milk.

Lunch: Sloppy Joes, fritos, pickle spears, veggie sticks, elf cookie, milk.

Card Of Thanks

A special thank you from the family of Noble Lee Fish

Wife Juanita, Son, Noble Ray, Daughters Jean, Evelyn, Atta, Cathy, Grandchildren and all family members for the prayers and love and support, food and flowers during the illness and death of our beloved, husband, daddy and granddaddy.

Obituary

Opal M. Hugg
Opal M. Hugg, 83, died March 10, 1999 in Amarillo.

Services were Friday, March 12, 1999 at First Baptist Church in McLean with the Reverend James Martindale and Pastor Z.A. Myers officiating.

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hugg was born September 25, 1915 in Madill, Oklahoma to John Nelms and Sarah Jane Campbell. She was a homemaker. She married William Paul Hugg and lived in McLean most of her life. Mrs. Hugg was a member of First Baptist Church of McLean and the Fidelis Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Paul Hugg on December 7, 1954.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Hugg of Amarillo and June Stone of Sulpher Springs; three sons, William Gerald Hugg, DeLeon, Texas, Harold Hugg of Channing, and Terry Hugg of Amarillo; one sister, Navis Russell of Alma, Arkansas; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are requested for First Baptist Church of McLean, Texas.

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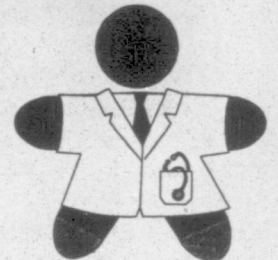
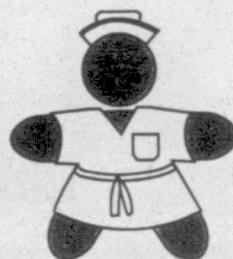
The Texas Department of Health will be here, at the clinic on March 18, from 2-4 pm for immunizations.

211 N. Main Street (806) 779-2030

Dr. Laxman Bhatia is the Medical Director

New Clinic Hours:

Jerry Wilson, P.A.
Mon.-Fri.
1:30 to 5:00 p.m.



Carol Carroll, L.V.N.
Mon.-Fri.
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

McLean Care Center News

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School given by the Friendship Class of the Methodist Church. Later in the afternoon were church services with the Methodist Church. Attending were Jessie Watson, Florence Drake, Helen Simmons, Sue Cubine, Essie Knowles, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Polly Burnett, Thelma Finson, Angie Corcoran, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Alexander Watkins, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Duella Beverly, Bessie McClemore, Glynda Martin, Willie Wheeler, Ora Billingsley, M.L. Turner, Gladys Andrews, Phyllis Bailey, Pansy Mounce, and Beryl Halbert.

Monday morning the residents had their nails done. Several had their nails done in green for St. Patrick's day. In the afternoon there were games of bingo with exercise following. Everyone enjoyed the bananas furnished by the Lion's Club.

Tuesday morning was barber shop time for the men. A craft session was held in the afternoon with favor baskets being made for the St. Patrick's

Day party. Wednesday morning circle was attended by residents with refreshments following. In the afternoon there was an outing for resident to the Devil's Rope Museum to view the quilts in the Quilt Show. Betty Lowe came to help out.

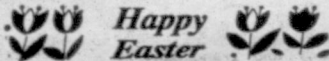
Thursday Betty Lowe again came to help with games of bingo. Everyone enjoyed the

lemon muffins after the games.

Friday morning was nail care time and care plan meetings for the residents.

Saturday afternoon was the St. Patrick's Day party. Everyone dressed in green if they could. The cakes and punch were green. Irish songs were sang by Sam Haynes, Johnnie Haynes and Thacker Haynes, accompanied on the piano by Joyce Haynes. The entertainment was much appreciated as were the volunteer helpers Betty Lowe and Mary Dwyer.

Get your children and grand-children ready for the annual Easter Parade Saturday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m.



Track-sters Compete In Lefors Track Meet

The McLean High School and Jr. High boys traveled to Lefors on March 6 to participate in a track meet.

Ike Hanes placed 4th in the 100 meter with a time of 12.31 and Gabriel Vega placed 6th with a time of 12.47.

The Jr. High team placed 4th overall. Trent Cadra placed 4th in the 880 meter with a time of 2:58.60. Drew Barker placed 1st in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 22.18 and Reo Dennis placed 3rd with a time of 23.81.

In the 100 meter dash, Sonny Northcutt and Drew Barker took 1st and 2nd place with times of 12.73 and 13.65. Sonny Northcutt also took 1st place in the 200 meter with a time of 26.54. The McLean Cub team also won 1st place in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:35.07.

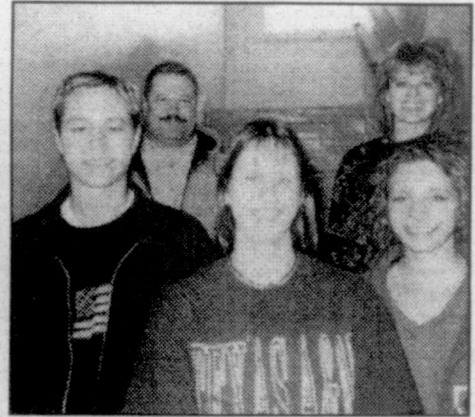
In the shot put event, Bron Bohlar placed 5th with a throw of 26'6 1/2 inches and he placed 6th in discus with a throw of 73'6".

Students, Teachers Of The Month

Students and teachers for the months of January and February were chosen by the student council last week. For the month of January, teacher Bill Layman and students Cesily Cadra and Rachel Galley were chosen. Mr. Layman is the Agriculture teacher and Freshman sponsor. Cesily is a sophomore and is the daughter of Mark and Kim Cadra.

Rachel is a Senior and is the daughter of Eugene and Brenda Galley.

For the month of February, teacher Kim Oldham and student Brody Carter were chosen. Mrs. Oldham teaches computer and is a Freshman sponsor. Brody is a Junior and is the son of Steve and Tammy Carter.



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McLean Feedyard Women Play Double Header

McLean Feedyard women came out victorious in the first game of a double-header on March 8. Alicia Reynolds had a very hot hand and suggested that it would be nice if all our players could have a Happy Meal before the game. Everyone contributed to the win with McLean scoring 48 points to White Deer's 22.

Scoring for the McLean Women was Sally Seymour, Leslie Darsey and Sheila McFatrige with 4 points each, Julie Reynolds had 6 points, Rose Steel had 7 and Carla Russell and Connie Nicklas each scored 2 points. Lacey Steel added one point to the effort and the high score of the evening was Alicia Reynolds with 18 points.

In the second game of the evening the ladies weren't as fortunate and the score was McLean 32, Sun-Trol 43.

After only one hour of rest, the McLean Feedyard women made a desperate second attempt to thwart the Sun-Trol team which are the league winners for three years running, but in the final minutes Sun-Trol pulled out of reach as the McLean team continued to make turnovers and the opposing team tightened up their defense to hold the ladies almost scoreless. The first half was very low-scoring,

ending with McLean ahead 14 to 13. Fans were on the edge of their seats, yelling "rebound," and seeing a glimmer of hope at maybe defeating this unbeaten team. Alicia's Happy Meal had worn off and she had also pulled a hamstring by this time. It was hoped that they would be warmed up in this 2nd game of the evening, but maybe they were tired or old age could have been a factor for some. Next year, look out Sun-Trol, cuz' McLean's team will be back.

Scoring for the McLean Feedyard Women with 2 points each were Leslie Darsey, Julie Reynolds, Sheila McFatrige, Connie Nicklas, Dee Ann Burkes, and Lacey Steel. Angie Billingsley was the high point with 7 points on the evening followed by

Alicia Reynolds with 6 points. Rose Steel put in 4 and Joetta Kirkland added another 3.

Kim Cadra added some hustle for the team in both games.

On March 10, the McLean Feedyard team got back in the win column with a 41 to 34 victory over Babb Portable Buildings.

McLean came away with the win and all players gave a tremendous effort, especially Lacey Steel, a new addition to the team. She was high point with 9 scored for McLean and 2 for the opposing team.

Also scoring in the game was Sally Seymour with 8 points, Leslie Darsey, Carla Russell and Connie Nicklas with 2 each. Sheila McFatrige put in 6 points as did Dee Ann Burkes and Angie Billingsley.

Rose Steel contributed to the win with her play.

Paula Waters has been unable to play the last few games due to an old recurring knee injury.

The team is sitting in 3rd place currently, with a record of 5 wins and 3 losses. This week is open and there are two games remaining.

Monday, March 22nd McLean will play at 9:00 p.m. and finish up the season on Wednesday the 24th at 7:00 p.m. against rivals Subway, who are in 2nd place. Come for the excitement to Pampa Middle School and cheer the team on.

First and second places will receive sponsor plaques and t-shirts, third place will receive a sponsor plaque.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

March 18 - Paris Jake Hess, Jim McDonald, Karen Williams, Bob and Anita Thompson (A).

March 19 - Mildred Hill, Walt Bailey, Jennifer Barker, Mike Bybee, Raymond C. Baker.

March 20 -
March 21 - Linda Haynes, Miranda McMordie.

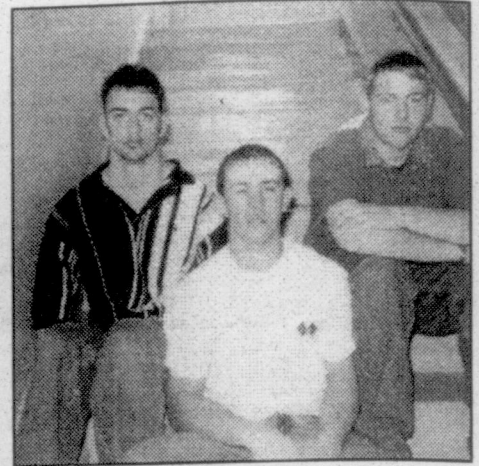
March 22 -
March 23 - Claire McDowell, Lexie Simmons.

Ike Hanes Named To All-District Team

Ike Hanes, a junior at McLean High School was placed on the All-District A-team for his accomplishments during the '98-'99 basketball season.

Brett Montgomery, a junior, and Gary Jones, a senior, received Honorable Mention All District honors.

The way some people find fault, you'd think there was a reward.



McLean Elementary Students of the Week March 1-5: Kindergarten Clay Crockett, 1st Grade Sheri Haynes, 2nd Grade John Jeffries, 3rd Grade Kristin Ellis, 4th Grade Cole Dampier, 5th Grade Troy Jeffries, 6th Grade Ashley McClendon, 7th Reo Dennis, 8th Grade Robert Brass.



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Wed. Bible Class 7:30

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 779-2337
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Sun Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
James Mantooth 779-3207
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
Pastor James Martindale 779-2175
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Sun. Youth Bible Study 5:00 p.m.

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how the sirens could be put up. The council voted to go with the quickest option and have S.P.S. drill the holes and to have an individual come in to place the poles in their designated areas as quickly as possible before the storm season begins.

David Haynes informed the council that the annuities for the Employees Retirement Plan had been transferred over to Southern Farm Bureau and that we had received the termination study from Lewis & Ellis Actuaries. The study had several errors and at this time, the actual costs of terminating the plan were

not available until the errors were corrected. He told the council that we should have the end results by the next council meeting.

City Secretary, Toni Bohlar, informed the council that Sammie Morris, Tax Assessor/Collector had lowered her annual fee for collecting the city's taxes from \$500.00 to \$340.00.

The City Hall's air conditioner compressor needs replacing and the

council asked the City Secretary to call several area people for estimates to replace the existing heat pump unit with a standard air-conditioning unit to bring to the next council meeting.

The council set the last week in May, as Spring Clean-Up week, May 24th - 28th, and asked that the people separate the metal from the wood and brush when placing things out to be picked up at that time.

The council voted to delete Item A. under Political Activity in the Employee Policies and Procedures hand-book

which prohibited city employees from running for public office while employed by the city.

The council voted to pay the current bills.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Teachers

by Don Dorsey and seconded by Mike Darsey not to renew the probationary contracts of Alicia Reynolds, Vicki Smith and Susan Weaver.

Frank Sparling, maintenance foreman and Glenda Dickey, high school secretary were not

re hired on a motion by T. D. Simmons, seconded by Bob Glass.

Janet Glass, teacher, was rehired on a motion by Don Dorsey and seconded by Mike Darsey. Bob Glass abstained.

The other certified teachers who were offered contract renewals were: Nicki Adams, James Burch, June Close, Lesa Greer, Patty Hall, Jimmy Hannon, Misty Hannon, Cythia Hauck, Blaze Herring, Laura Hommel, Bill Layman, Shelli Long, Kim Oldham, Rhonda Patterson, Jacque Riley, Evelyn Sanders, Bobbi Stalls, Paula Waters, Judith Watkins, and Nancy Woodard.

Let it be noted that when the certified teacher contracts are prepared for the 1999-2000 school year that there will be no salary amounts available, which are normally known by the time of contract renewal. This year due to the state minimum pay scale not being set as of yet, no salaries can be calculated until the pay scale is received. The earliest date expected to receive the pay scale is sometime in June, and could possibly be as late as August. Mr. Griffin stated that teachers who are offered a contract with McLean ISD will not make less than they did this year.

Mr. Crockett expressed to the Board and visitors, how pleased he was to announce that K-8 test scores on the TAAS were higher this year, and that McLean ISD received Recognized Performance again.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. was made by Bob Glass, second by T.D. Simmons.

After the meeting, the Board stayed to answer

questions. One question raised was how the school board would handle questions about validating the laying off of teachers due to loss of money from oil revenues and building a new gym. The answer: The money for the gym came from a special account which was started years ago to build a new gym. Those funds could not be used to hire and/or pay teacher salaries.

Another question raised was how could we get more parents involved in school board meetings? Some proposed answers were the possibility of putting the agenda in a more frequented area or putting it in the newspaper. The open meetings act also allows anyone to come to the meetings to visit or ask questions at anytime. Another thing suggested by member T.D. Simmons is to talk one on one with a board member and ask questions.

Shamrock Holds 53rd St. Patrick's Day

Shamrock's 53rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration, "Rockin' Into the Next Millennium," is going to take place the weekend of March 19-21, 1999. The "Kick-off" banquet will be held Friday, March 19 beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the Shamrock Area Community Center on South U.S. Hwy. 83. Colleens participating in the "Miss Irish Rose" Scholarship Pageant will be introduced at the banquet. Saturday, March 20th begins a full day of activities with the hour long St. Patrick's Parade. This year more than 100 entries are expected from floats to marching bands to riding clubs. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

McLean I.S.D. Recognized for Gain In A.E.I.S.

McLean ISD is being recognized for gains in student performance on indicators that are part of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), more commonly known as the state's school report card. McLean ISD is among 823 cash-winning schools statewide receiving awards for exemplary, recognized, or acceptable performance and rankings in the top 25 percent of all campuses in the same unique comparison group statewide, with respect to growth on the Texas Learning Index derived from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) reading and mathematics tests given at Grades 3 through 8, and 10.

A monetary award was issued to McLean ISD, as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards System, John Griffin, Superintendent, announced at the regular board meeting held recently.

The awards are based on spring 1998 performance on the TAAS test which measures performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. Schools also had to meet performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

Campuses are TSSAS award recipients only if they ranked in the top 25 percent of all campuses that are in the same unique comparison group statewide, with respect to their growth in reading and math. Campus categories are based on several factors including

the percent of students identified as African American, Hispanic, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and Mobile.

A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.

Mr. Griffin stated that the test scores received this year as Recognized Performance, were even surprisingly higher than last year's. The certificate and award certified by Mike Moses, Commissioner, Texas Education Agency, will be displayed at McLean ISD.

Monetary award funds are to be used for academic enhancement purposes, and documentation on the use of funds is required. TEA reserves the right to audit the use of funds to determine compliance with Section 39.094 of the Texas Education Code. Districts are not subject to any time limit within which to spend these funds. The award may not be used for any purpose related to athletics, and it may not be used to substitute for or replace funds already in the regular budget for a school or district. The Site-Based Committee shall determine the use of the funds awarded.

Mr. Griffin stated that this achievement could be contributed to lots of hard work by the teachers and the students.

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- ✦ Gospel Singing
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- ✦ Olds Settlers Reunion
10:00 a.m. Saturday @ Pivotalton
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Q. Is the church of Christ the only ones going to heaven? (Part 2)

A. Recall last week, we read that the New Testament speaks of only one church. In fact, Paul opposed the idea of many different groups, "Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ." Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? " 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. The idea of many churches was foreign to Paul's thinking. Clearly, Paul knew of only one church, variously called, "church of Christ," "church of God," or "the body," to name just a few. Also, in this passage, Paul plainly teaches against referring to the church by the names of men.

What is meant by the "church of Christ" or the "church of God?" In the Bible, these terms denote ownership. They are not denominational names. Other ways to say "church of Christ" would be "Christ's church" or "the church that belongs to Christ." To further elaborate, since "church" means "the called out ones," we could also say "the called out ones that belong to Christ." (Continued next week....)

Send your Bible questions to: McLean Church of Christ, P.O. Box 155, McLean, TX 79057. May God bless you in the study of His Word.

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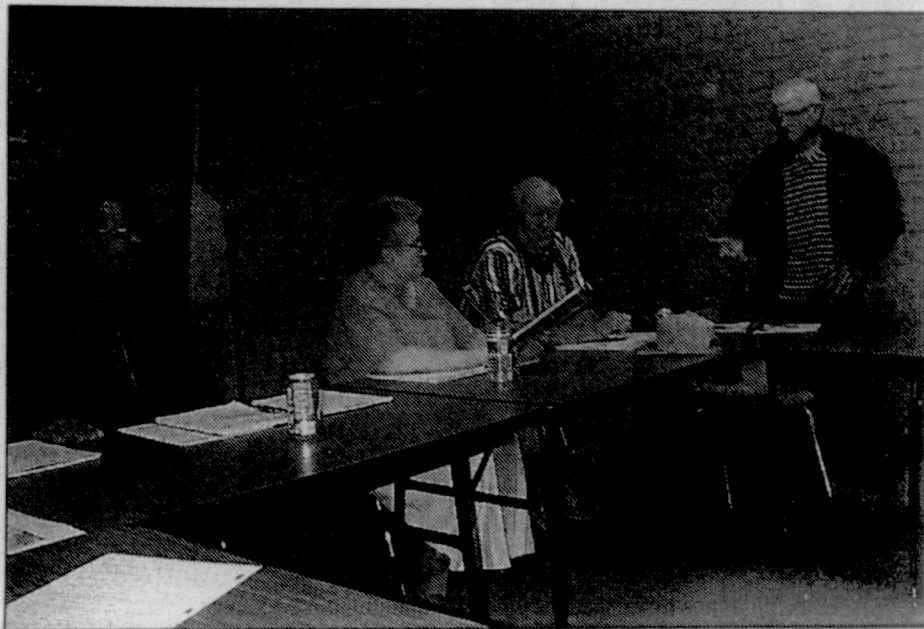
City Council Votes To Allow County Attorney Limited Felony Prosecution

Groom's City Council met Tuesday night for their regular meeting, March 8, 1999. Appearing before the council was County Judge Lewis Powers and G.E.D.C. members Phyllis Jackson, Kathleen Barkley, and Sandra Britten.

Judge Powers proposed the idea, wanting the council's approval on giving County Attorney, Scott Sherwood, the duty of prosecuting Carson County felony cases, instead of depending on the 100th Judicial District Attorney making the trip from Childress to

Panhandle. Powers said, "There is too much distance between the Panhandle Courthouse and Childress." To make this change effective, which it has already been approved by the other city councils in Carson County, the state legislature must also approve. The resolution of this proposal is printed in its entirety at the end of this story. Powers says that he has checked with other counties and it has worked well for them. Carson County would pay Sherwood \$28,500.00 and the state

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Jiggs Britten asks City Council members (Mayor Joe Homer, and Aldermen Mary Margaret Brooks & Don Case are pictured) for their help concerning Community Center Policies.

Ollinger, Weller Apply For Place On Ballot In May 1, 1999 Election

Two new figures will hit the campaign trail for the May 1 school and city elections.

Kelvin Ollinger recently announced that he will seek election to the Groom ISD Board of Trustees. Ollinger is a lifelong resident of the Groom area. He graduated from Groom

ISD in 1973. He and his wife Debbie have three children, Stephanie who attends college at Texas Tech, Chris who is a Junior at Groom High School, and Lance, who is an 8th grader at GISD. He has family farming and ranching concerns

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School Board Approves Yelverton Resignation, Offers 1999-2000 Contracts To Professional Staff Members

The Groom School Board met in regular session last week. Present were Dennis Babcock, Tony Treadwell, Barry Fields, Clif Britten, Tim Case, and Tony Britten, all trustees of the Board; Superintendent John Wilson, Principal Donnie Carroll and Business Manager Joyce Hutsell. Trustee Brad Rogers was absent. Also attending were visitors Curtis Downs; and Donna

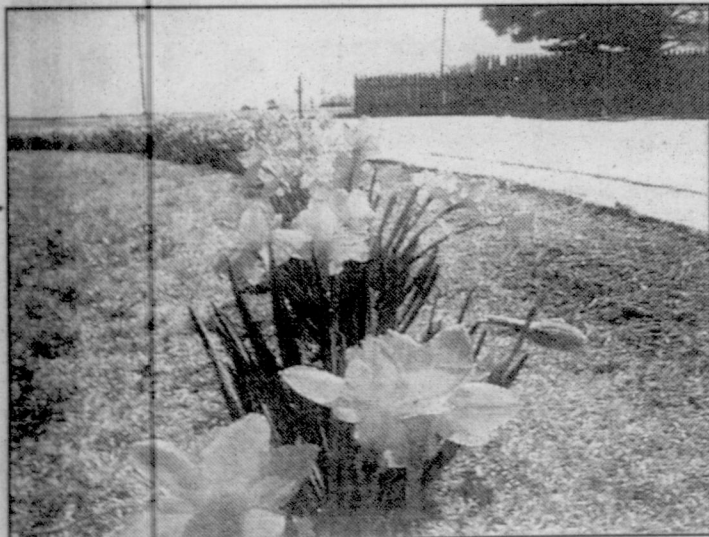
Burton representing The Groom News. A discussion was held concerning the Lone Star Program and the proposed heating and air conditioning retrofit project. Superintendent John Wilson stated that he had spoken with the engineering firm representative Jim Brown about the project and that the revised plan was basically estimated at the

same cost as was previously discussed. The project was bid last year, but bids came in way over estimates. The revised plan has changed up some air conditioning and the venting system. March 22 is scheduled for a pre-bid walk through for contractors. Bids will be opened on April 13.

Discussion was held

concerning School Board Training. Superintendent Wilson gave Board members some dates and options for training for the Region XVI Service Center. President Babcock commented that most of the training he had been to of late was not of the type that he felt was beneficial to the

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To Be Or Not To Be?? The daffodils survived winter's return without much damage. They can be seen in Jan Britten's front yard.

Winter Weather Returns To The Groom Area

Old man winter dealt the Groom area a nasty little hand, last week, letting us know he is still in the game.

Around midnight on Wednesday, a thunder shower dumped rain and sleet on the area. Fog and drizzle continued through Friday with weathermen predicting eight inches of snow for some areas. While the accumulation did not occur, Groom experienced everything from thunder and lightning to blowing snow.

Sunday morning dawned to clear skies

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Community Calendar

THE GROOM Track Meet, which was cancelled due to inclement weather has tentatively been rescheduled for April 2nd.

SPRING BEGINS on March 21.

THE NATIONAL Honor Society will induct new members on March 25 at 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS PLAYERS will attend a competition in Wellington on March 26 & 27.

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Local Happenings

The Groom News received a letter from Father Corcoran of Panhandle. It's always nice to hear from someone who appreciates the work that goes into the newspaper each week.

Visiting the Bill Homer's this week are Greg, Jessica and Jason Cline from Hedrick, Oklahoma.

Groom School Menu March 22-26

Monday
 Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Mexican pile on, corn, graham crackers, pears, milk.

Tuesday
 Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Steak fingers, French fries, Texas toast, peaches, milk.

Wednesday
 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cherry crisp, milk.

Thursday
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, jello, milk.

Friday
 Breakfast: Doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Steak or fish, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, cobbler-apple or apricot, milk.

Thought For The Day

Growing old is easy. The hard part is growing up.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

March 18 - Joe David Brown, Michael Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Friemel (A).

March 19 - Sam Gabriel Thomas, Kay Burke, Judy Bland.

March 20 - Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope, Brent Payton, Vernon Baggerman, Mrs. Johnny C. Brumley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack West (A).

March 21 - Kenneth Babcock, Kay Case, Kay Lynn Britten.

March 22 - Mrs. Donald Burgin, Sabrina Leven, John Webster Thomas.

March 23 - Mrs. Gary Don Babcock, Melvin Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Earl Steed (A).

March 24 - Russell David Conrad, Brenda Diane Fields.

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 I am now at peace
 forever,
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We appreciate all the prayers and support from members of our community during the recent weeks as Ruby Latta's condition deteriorated and during this time of our loss. The words of encouragement, cards, food and flowers were greatly appreciated.
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Good Friday Cross Services

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Dr. Hart, formerly of Childress, wrote a column, "Positive Attitude," carried in The Childress Index for 14 years.

The Good Friday

service entitled, "The Way of the Cross," with meditations by Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, features 14 stations.

Everyone is welcome and Dr. Hart is extending an invitation to anyone who would like to participate to call her at 806-355-0034.

No stranger to the religious world, Dr. Hart has conducted many religious services in the home of the late May West.

She has offered "consoling scriptures for people in distress in all parts of the world." She remembers the night news broke that Princess Diana died as a result of injuries in an automobile accident, her telephone rang constantly as people from across land and ocean requested scriptures to console them in their time of grief.

In making the announcement of Good Friday services in Groom, Dr. Hart said there will be at least 42 participants - 15 children and 27 adults.

"The 14 stations commemorate the Passion of our Blessed Saviour Jesus," Hart explained.

The stations include "Jesus Is Condemned to Death," "Jesus is Made to Bear His Cross," "Jesus Falls the First Time Under His Cross," "Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother," "Simon Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross," "Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus," "Jesus Falls the Second Time," "Jesus Speaks to the Daughters of Jerusalem," "Jesus Falls the Third Time," "Jesus Stripped of His Garments," "Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross," "Jesus Dies on the Cross," "Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross," and "Jesus is Laid in the Tomb."

Dr. Hart pastored a church at 101 S. Wilton Place in Los Angeles, California, and conducted religious services in Harmony Grove, California.

Since moving to Amarillo, she has conducted funerals, conferences, classes and many other religious meetings - free of charge.

Ordained a minister in March, 1965, she spent many hours counseling movie stars, while in California, she reminisced.

Her credentials include Amarillo College continuing education, firearms training, received community leader and noteworthy American award, California Christian College Doctor of Divinity 1974, Los Angeles, Business Women's Council Award of Merit in 1975 and

1976, California Christian College Doctor of Philosophy in Ecumenical Communications 1974, Universal Church of the Master of Life membership, a church charter with the Universal Church of the Master, and life membership, Opera Reading Club, Los Angeles, California.

Groom Earns Honors At Canadian UIL

Several Groom High School students competed in a U.I.L. competition administered by the Canadian School District. Groom garnered two 1st place medals. Jessica Stapp earned the top honor in the News Writing category. Brooke Britten placed 1st in Poetry.

Brooke also placed 3rd in Feature Writing and 4th in News Writing.

Sarah Hutsell earned a 2nd place in Editorial Writing and 4th place in Literary Criticism.

3rd place medals were awarded to Dara Whatley in Poetry, Evan Crowell in Headline Writing, and Josh Evenson in Editorial Writing.

Carrie Davis placed 4th in Poetry. Allison Eatmon placed 5th in Current Events and Jessica Kempley placed 6th in News Writing.

The District U.I.L. meet will be held on March 30 & 31 at Clarendon College.



Brown-Williams To Wed

David and Lanna Brown of Groom are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn to Christopher David Williams, son of Terry and Jolene Williams of Amarillo.

The couple will be married Saturday, April 24, 1999, at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo.

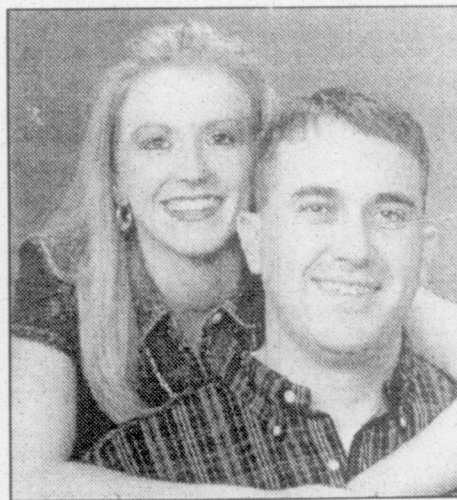
Amy graduated from Groom High School in 1993 and received her Bachelor's Degree in

Marketing from West Texas A&M University in 1997. She is employed by Dunlaps as Department Manager/Buyer.

Chris graduated from Canyon High School in 1987 and received his Associates Degree in

Computer Aided Drafting from Phoenix Institute of Technology in 1991. He is employed by Southwest Prestressed Concrete as an estimator

and by AmWest Corporation as Manager.



Harrison-Hardin Nuptials Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harrison of Round Rock, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly to B.J. Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hardin of

Cedar Park, Texas. B.J. is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack West of Groom.

A May 15, 1999 wedding is planned in Austin, Texas.

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Obituary

Ruby Latta

Ruby Latta, 76, died Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at Groom, Texas.

Services were Friday, March 12, 1999 in First Baptist Church of Groom with Reverend Byron Williamson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Groom Cemetery with arrangements by Schooler Funeral Home, Inc., 4100 South Georgia, Amarillo, Texas.

Ruby was born in Carson County, Texas and married Stanley Latta on February 21, 1960 in Potter County.

She was preceded in death by her husband in December, 1992.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Groom.

Mrs. Latta grew up in the Groom area. She worked for Mobil Oil

Company for many years as a bookkeeper. She and her husband farmed and ranched at Groom for many years.

Survivors include two great nieces and several cousins.

Memorials are requested to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, Texas 79101 or the Groom Ambulance Service.

Board

needs and concerns of the Groom District. The Board opted to have Region XVI come to them for training at a date to later be determined.

A discussion was held concerning the proposed band trip to Colorado Springs. The Board, in general, expressed concerns about how many hours the students would have to ride the bus, the actual time they would get to spend there. The band has been raising

funds to pay for this trip. One Board member felt that they should put the money back into the band much as the Athletic Boosters do, to help subsidize the cost of having a band. They requested that the band director make a formal proposal as to the itinerary and expected expenses.

Superintendent Wilson and Business Manager Joyce Hutsell presented a new budgeting process to the Board. Each teacher will be presented a form in which they will make their own individual budget. They will be required to request all the supplies for their class rooms as well as travel for field trips, software, teaching aids and anything else they require.

The new budgeting process will also allow the superintendent and board members to have more control as for a line item veto, so to speak. In other words, they would be able to see exactly what kind of items were to be purchased and discuss with instructors anything they found questionable or possibly frivolous or unaffordable.

The Board adjourned into closed session and returned approximately one hour later into open session.

A resignation from basketball Coach Randy Yelverton was approved. Yelverton tendered his resignation last fall but the board chose to hold the letter until now for action. The decision was unanimous.

Contracts were offered to all current professional staff members excluding Randy Yelverton and Debbie Addy. The motion was unanimously approved.

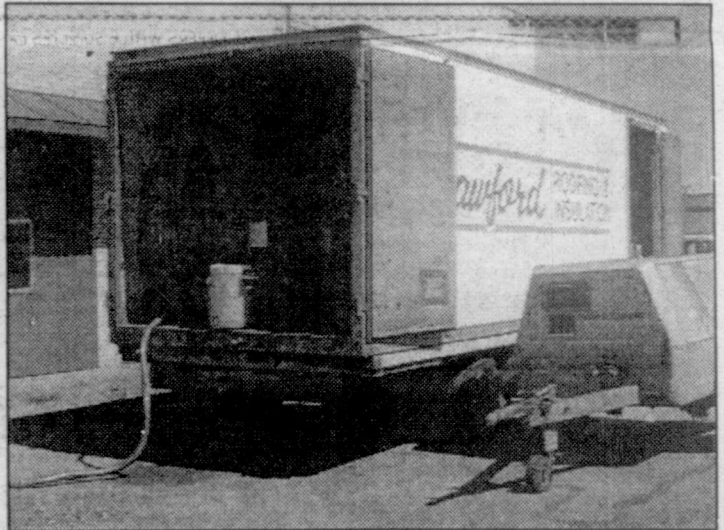
In the principals report, Donnie Carrol reported that there are currently 179 students enrolled at Groom I.S.D. He also reported on selections by the Textbook Committee.

Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager, presented the monthly accounts. Some discussion was held concerning the allotted amount of money

Building Gets Face Lift



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 If you have any memories to share from your time with Lloyd, please bring them to be included in his scrapbook.
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City

would pay an additional \$65,000.00 approximately. Powers said, "If it would cost the county more money I would be against it." The vote was taken and the city council members voted to go along with Powers on his proposal with the only no vote coming from Ellis Stapp.

Stapp said, "I am concerned over the lack of felony prosecution experience by Scott Sherwood and the availability of only three attorneys in Carson County and who would take the role if Scott was unable." This idea seems to lessen the people's choice at election time of voting for a D.A."

The Groom Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) members present were needing information from the city council of just what their responsibilities would be to the city council. Phyllis Jackson speaking for GEDC felt they needed assurance if a possibility came up from the council that if a prospect came up could or would the city step in and stop the action or delay or change GEDC's request. Jackson said "It is very cumbersome going between the people that are trying to promote and bring in any

economic development and then going to the council with it." In a more specific case at this meeting of what could GEDC and the city do to help Sharlene Lewis get the doors back open to the Groom Grocery as fast as possible. Everyone present at the meeting was very concerned and would do what they could to assist Sharlene Lewis in her endeavor. The bank offered her a loan and GEDC wanted to help her buy down the interest rate considerably and assist her in a facelift for the front of the building. Again, all agreed to work with Sharlene. Council member, Don Case said, "Groom Grocery is a huge item for further discussion." GEDC would be talking to Sharlene and get more specific with her on just what she needed.

GEDC brought up an idea of running sewer and water under the highway of Eastern so that a potential development could possibly begin and Groom could grow to the east of town. Therefore, again further investigation is needed on possible grants, to annexation of the land being looked at and the possibility of restricting the type of building that would go into that area.

GEDC finally asked

for needed assistance from the public so the production of decisions needing to be made would be more effective.

Jiggs Britten appeared before the court to explain the concerns of a dirty Community Center being left after it is being used by the different organizations, especially the kitchen and restroom areas. Britten said, "Folks are leaving the Center a mess, leaving lights and ovens on." He found the kitchen completely filled with smoke due to the oven being left on. He said, "People need to be more responsible for their cleanup so it can be used by the next group." Groom is very lucky to have such a nice meeting place such as this community center. Britten said, "I will not clean that oven again." The city council inspected the kitchen Monday night and found it to be very unclean. So council members are in the process of changing the procedure of just how the community center will be used so that more responsibility can be taken.

In other action by the council, Flora Glen Hammers was selected election judge as she has always been so willing to take on the responsibility and Mary Sue Lyles will be the absentee judge.

Emergency services people asked if the city would allow them to place a new steel walk-through door to the ambulance bay and all approved the request.

Finally, Herman Leven will be awarded the work on the ceiling in the community center for \$1200.00. A 30-day completion date was set at May 1, 1999 and will begin in two weeks.

City of Groom Resolution No. 140

A Resolution of the City of Groom, Texas, requesting the County Commissioners Court of Carson County to petition the State of Texas Legislature to authorize the Carson County Attorney to prosecute all felony cases within the boundaries of Carson County which is located in the 100th Judicial District Court.

Whereas, the City of Groom has determined that the citizens of Groom would be better served from the prosecution of a prosecutor that lives in Carson County Texas; and,

Whereas, Carson County is included in the 100th Judicial District and is the most remote County from the central area of the said District creating a hardship on the current prosecutor; and,

Whereas, the Citizens of Groom would enjoy the benefit of electing one local attorney to accommodate the prosecution of all Class B and C misdemeanors and all felonies committed in Carson County; and

Whereas, the primary intent of this resolution is to implement and enhance the prosecution of felony offenses committed in Carson County on a local level and to promote an elevated element of deterrence to the potential felon which would thereby increase the protection of the general population to the citizens of the City of Groom; and,

Whereas, the City of Groom is aware of the potential of an increased cost to Carson County for this type of prosecution to be provided; and,

Whereas, the City of Groom believes that the local prosecution of felons would provide a higher level of accountability between the citizens of the City of Groom and the elected official performing the prosecution; and

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Groom, Texas: That the City is requesting the

Carson County Commissioners Court to petition the State of Texas Legislature to amend the laws to allow the Carson County Attorney the exclusive authorization and privilege to prosecute all felony cases committed within Carson, County, Texas.

Considered and approved this 9th day of March, 1999.

s/ Joe Homer, Mayor, City of Groom.

Attest: s/ Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary.

Election

around Groom. Olinger served 1 1/2 terms of office as a trustee when his family lived in the Grandview School District. He would bring previous knowledge of school board operations and obligations to the board.

Kenny Weller will seek a seat on the Groom City Council. Weller is a longtime resident of Groom, graduating from Groom High School in 1983. Weller and his wife Christy have two sons, Kendall and Kelton. Kendall is a 3rd grader at Groom Elementary and Kelton is a 2nd grader.

Weller works for Pantex.



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Carson Co. Sheriff's Report

By Loren Brand, Sheriff

The Carson County Jail is currently holding thirteen prisoners. Arrests for the past week include: Mark Elliott, age 36, Failure to Appear and Criminal Non-Support; Ricky Hulsey, age 45, Aggravated Sexual Assault to a Child; Darrell Straughter, age 25, Carrying a Prohibited Weapon; Johan Hamm Goertzen, age 25, DWI - 1st Offense; Sean C. Boales, age 31, DWI, 1st Offense; Michael S. Mabry, age 22, Theft By Check.

This is a first in a series of messages to present parents and other caregivers information about the variety of drug and substance abuse we've encountered in Carson County.

Inhalant Abuse: Inhalant use refers to the intentional breathing of a gas or vapors with the purpose of reaching a "high." Nearly all abused products produce

effects similar to anesthetics, which slow down the body's function. Varying upon the level of dosage, the user can experience slight stimulation, feeling of less inhibition or loss of consciousness. The user can also suffer from Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome.

Some of the products used include paint, glue, correction fluid, air-conditioning refrigerant, felt tip markers, spray paint, air freshener, butane and even cooking spray. Inhalants can damage the heart, kidney, brain, liver, bone marrow and other organs. They are physically and psychologically addictive and use of inhalants during pregnancy can cause physical and mental damage to the unborn child.

Inhalants are often used before marijuana and cocaine and even before experimenting with tobacco or alcohol. First use is usually detected in late childhood and early

adolescence. Inhalant abusers are predominantly white with experimental use including both males and females and chronic use predominantly by males.

Inhalant abusers usually have problems in school with failing grades, chronic absences and general apathy. Symptoms of inhalant abuse may include:

Paint stains on body or clothing; Spots or sores around the mouth; Red or runny eyes or nose; Chemical breath odor; Drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance; Nausea and loss of appetite; Anxiety, excitability and irritability.

It's never too early to talk to your kids about inhalant abuse. Experimental use of inhalants often starts in elementary school. The dangers are extreme when dealing with the use of inhalants because they're not drugs. They're toxins and poisons. You can get more information on the abuse of inhalants by contacting:

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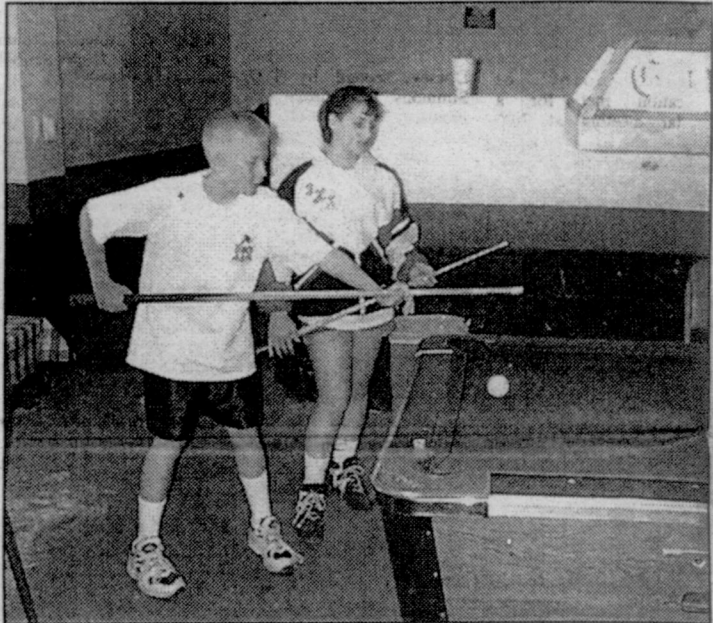
Memorials To Groom Ambulance Fund

Billy Fields:
By Joe & Sara Wheeley.
By Mary & Maurice Schooler.
Helen Wade:
By George Garmon.

Spring Break Welcomed By Area Students

Spring Break is a time for students to recharge their batteries and get ready for the long haul to the end of the school year. Students in the Groom area find various activities to keep them occupied. Whether it is work or play or a little of both, the time off is welcomed.


Pictured right is Courtney Sustaire who uses her time off to earn a little extra money by working at the Dairy Queen. She is just one of the Groom High School students who learn responsibility from having a part-time job.



Kristen Brooks and Greg Cline renew their friendship during their time off while Greg and his siblings visit relatives in Groom.



Sara Britten does errands for her Mom like "cooking" lunch which she picks up from Mighty's chief chef Vicki Ham.


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