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City, School Election Just 5 Weeks Away

The May 1st elections are five weeks away. The last day to sign up for a place on the ballot was March 17. The last day for write-in candidates to file was March 22, 1999.

The McLean I.S.D. Board of Education has two seats available. Incumbent, Don Dorsey has decided to run for his position on the board. Also running for positions are Tom Robles, Jenny Everett, Cathy Hembree and Billie Ward.

The McLean City Council also has two seats available plus the mayor's seat. Running unopposed for the mayor's position is incumbent Charlie McClendon. Ford Smith, Jr. also an incumbent has decided to run for another term. Kendra Burchfield, Ray Kirkland, and Gordon Shepler have also thrown their hats in the race for a seat on the council. Early voting will begin April 14 and will end on April 27, 1999.



Hospice Care Stamp Issued

In tribute to the nation's 3,000 hospice programs, it's 25,000 professionals and more than 100,000 volunteers, the United States Postal Service has introduced it's first ever "Hospice Care" stamp.

What is "hospice?" Hospice care is about living... living life to the fullest. Hospice helps people become more comfortable with their mortality and how they would like to be treated at life's end. Through comprehensive, compassionate and skillful caring, hospice care helps make life more meaningful for individuals in their final stages of life and encourages a team concept of family, friends and others to be an active part of the process.

More than one million Americans have experienced hospice care since the practice began in the 1970's. Sadly, many people are still unaware of hospice care; therefore, terminally ill are dying without the optimal support hospice provides - physically, emotionally, socially and

See Stamp, pg. 10

McLean Reminders...

McLEAN WILL travel to Miami on March 26 & 27 for a track meet.

THE FFA will travel to Canyon for a judging contest at WTAMU on March 26 at 1:00 pm.

THE HIGH SCHOOL will compete in UIL on March 30 & 31 at Clarendon College.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet on April 1 at 2:00 pm.

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

Co. Deputy Wallace Injured In Accident

On Sunday, March 21, 1999 at approximately 6:00 p.m. traveling westbound on Route 66, enroute to help a fellow law enforcement officer, Gray County Sheriff Larry Wallis struck a Ford Taurus station wagon. The Taurus had stopped at the stop sign on Highway 237 by the Red River Steakhouse, then proceeded. After seeing the oncoming

emergency vehicle, the driver panicked and stopped in the middle of Route 66. Sheriff Wallis was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by ambulance. The family from the other car were also taken to Amarillo by ambulance.

At press time, Wallis remained at Northwest Texas Hospital in stable condition.



EDC Elects New Officers

The newly re-formed Economic Development Commission met for their first meeting on March 16, 1999. The first order of business was to elect officers. Clifford McDonald was elected president, Doyle Lee will serve as vice president, Cary Richardson will pose as secretary and Jay Dee Fish will hold two positions as assistant-secretary and treasurer.

The board moved to accept changes to the

bylaws which have already been approved by the McLean City Council. These are as follows: Section 4.02 As city policy, a Director of the EDC shall not be appointed from members of the current city council. Section 7.02 Any expenditure exceeding 15% of the average monthly EDC income derived from sales tax, which was not outlined in the annual budget, must have approval of the City

Council. Section 7.03 The EDC Board shall not enter into any contracts without the City Council approval which relates to Real Estate, either bought, sold or received as a gift.

The EDC recommended that the names of Dusty Burchfield and Larry Swanson be presented to the City Council as they choose the fifth board member to the EDC.

Channel 28 was discussed at length by See EDC, pg. 10

PTA Sets Art Program

The McLean PTA met on March 22 in the school cafeteria.

Vonda Averett, first vice-president opened the meeting after everyone had enjoyed a meal of pizza and salad. Susan Corley read the minutes of the February 2, 1999 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved. The treasurer reported the total amounts made on the directory sales and candy-grams that were sold for valentines.

Sally Bohlar reported that she had talked to Mr. Crockett and Loralee Cooley about the Summer Arts program. The dates

are tentatively set for July 22-29 at 1:00 pm everyday.

Elections were held for officers during the '99-00 school year. The new president will be Ginger Haynes, Heidi Gamble will be first vice-president and Angie Staton will be second vice-president. Linda Syfrett will serve as treasurer and Lesa Greer will serve as secretary.

School board members Mike Darsey, T.D. Simmons and Neil Odom presented a program and allowed the audience to ask questions.

The next PTA meeting will be held on April 12, 1999.

Shower Honors Lisa Stockton

Ms. Lisa Stockton of Lubbock, bride elect of Dr. Bryan Smitherman was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, March 14, 1999 at the McLean Methodist Church.

Out of town guests attending were Dena Houchins and Annette Patterson of Houston, Nancy Moore of College Station, Beth and Lauren Campbell of Plano, Rue Brailey, AnnMarie Albracht, and Carrolyn Witherspoon of Amarillo, Diane Sanders, Susan Sanders, and Polly Simpson of Dimmitt and Berkley Clements of Skellytown.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

March 25 - Samantha Jo Brown, Brian Fuller, Betty Tate, Tincy Gideon.

March 26 - Heidi Lynn Syfrett, Colleen Orrick Huseman.

March 27 - Davey Ridgway, Joe Cooke, Patrick Martin.

March 28 - Louise Watson, Shanna Littlefield, Jo Ellen Kniffen, Jesse Swafford.

March 29 - Raymond Guyton, Linda McDonald, Martha Smith.

March 30 - Jodie Thomas, Anna Miller, Jim and Terri Adams (A).

March 31 - Martha Parker.

Texas Police Seek To Remove Ban

AUSTIN- Legislators convened in the state Capitol will be voting soon on whether to reform an outdated state law which bans police and fire fighters from meeting with local government officials to discuss public safety issues, including equipment, staffing and retirement.

House Bill 1099, sponsored by State Representative Dale Tillery of Dallas, would restore "the most fundamental American right" to emergency response professionals: the right to meet with

their employers. HB 1099 is the top priority of the state's largest organization of police officers: the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT).

The Police and Fire Fighter Bill of Rights will be heard first by the state House Committee on County Affairs, chaired by Rep. Tom Ramsay of Mount Vernon.

Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa is a member of the County Affairs Committee. Rep. Chisum represents Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

"When it comes to our local government, Texans have two basic expectations," said CLEAT president and co-founder Ronald G. "Ron" DeLord. "Number one: we demand local control in the form of regularly scheduled elections. And number two: we expect adequate police and fire protection."

"It's now time to give our protectors -- our police officers and fire fighters -- some of those same rights of local control we enjoy as voters and taxpayers."

Scholarship Available To High School Seniors

High school seniors who plan to major in agriculture at Clarendon College are encouraged to apply for the Malouf and Iris Abraham Agriculture Scholarship. This scholarship is available only to high school seniors graduating from a high school in Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler Counties.

Scholarship applications are available by calling Clarendon College's Financial Aid Office at 1-800-687-9737. Scholarship deadline is April 1, 1999.

Completed Malouf and Iris Abraham Agriculture scholarship applications should be mailed to: The Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S Fillmore #700, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Clarendon College also offers agricultural scholarships for livestock, meats and horse judging, as well as a variety of academic scholarships. Many general scholarships are available without a specific major stipulation. General scholarship deadline is May 1, 1999.

For more information please contact Clarendon College Financial Aid office.

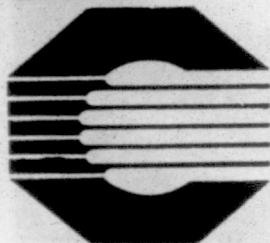
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None could have been more blessed than we, your children and grandchildren. You accepted each of us for what we were and loved us in spite of our failings. You were never judgmental nor critical. You never seemed to realize your own worth, and perhaps we didn't either until it was too late, but we know there is a void in our lives that can never be filled. You were the heart and soul of this family, and we all miss you so very much. JoAnn, Bobby, Gary and Glenda, and all the grandchildren.

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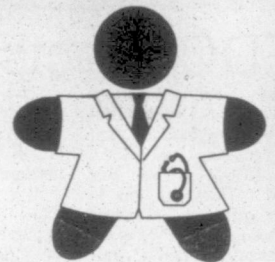
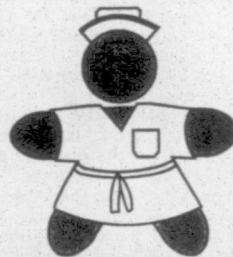
The Texas Department of Health will be here, at the clinic on March 18, from 2-4 pm for immunizations.

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 Elementary Students Of The Week



McLean Elementary Students of the Week March 15-19: Kindergarten Marissa Keelin, 1st Grade Mark Jeffries, 2nd Grade Emory Crawford, 3rd Grade Matt Jeffries, 4th Grade Seth Childers, 5th Grade Xenia Buckhaults, 6th Grade Tyler Hanes, 7th Kendall Newton, 8th Grade Amanda Hauck.

Mom's Circle Meets

Mom's Circle met on March 17 at the United Methodist Church.

The mothers discussed the "Five Love Languages" of children.

The women then enjoyed a meal of enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, salad and St. Patrick's Day cookies.

The women in attendance were Vonda Averett, Heidi Gamble, Kristi Crockett, Kendra Burchfield, Juliana Burnett, Shawn Bybee, Cindy Strange, Ella Mae Reyna and her husband's aunt Nita Hayes from

Hearst, Texas. Nama Webb, Amy Herring, Beverly Odom and Terri Adams were also in attendance!

Linda Smith and Judy Lee kept 14 children. The children all enjoyed sack lunches and play time. The children were Kalun Averett, Shelby Adams, Jack Odom, Jordan and Bailey Herring, Charlie Webb, Bethany Strange, Andrew and Tori Bybee, Hayley and Hunter Burnett, Madison Burchfield, Callie Crockett and Daniel Gamble.

McLean Feedyard Women Win Again

McLean Feedyard women's basketball team came away victorious once again after a hard fought ball game. McLean had a very slow start which could be contributed to an open week. At one point the team was down by 9 points, but slowly started

to chip away at Babb's lead.

One advantage was ten players, so they tried to keep everyone as fresh as possible.

At halftime the women were down by three but

had started making more shots. Shortly thereafter and for the next eighteen minutes of play, the scoring for each team continued basket for basket. It became very physical with a lot of fouling going on. With one minute left in the ballgame the Feedyard team was ahead by one point, 39-38 and began a stall. The Babb team fouled twice in an attempt to get the ball, but free-throw shooters Rose Steel and Sheila McFatridge made the

score out of reach for Babb, as it was their ball with one second remaining.

The women came away with a final score of 43 - 37. Scoring was Sally Seymour, Carla Russell and Connie Nicklas with 2 points each; Leslie Darsey, Julie Reynolds and Dee Ann Burkes each put in 4 points. Sheila McFatridge scored 5 and Lacey Steel 6. High point scorers for the evening were Joetta Kirkland and Rose Steel with 8 points each.

Matter Of Fact

By Rick Perry

A new kind of cold front has hit the shores of China. No it has nothing to do with El Nino but everything to do with a basic kitchen appliance.

In 1985, only 7 percent of the total

Chinese urban population owned a refrigerator. At the beginning of this decade, that number had jumped to 70 percent.

This simple addition to the kitchen is having a dramatic impact on the eating habits and buying trends in that country.

In looking for items to stock the fridge, Chinese consumers are turning more and more to American items. That has huge implications to Texas farmers and ranchers looking for new

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GOOD LUCK!

The following students will be competing at the District UIL contest at Clarendon on March 30 & 31



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Amanda Cline
Gina Gutierrez
David Swafford
Josh Swafford

Chris Hauck
Brian Fuller
Valerie Joiner
Will Frost
Cesily Cadra
Sara Hall
Randi Riley
Vanessa Glass
Gabriel Vega

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Patty Hall
Frank & Rhonda Sparling

Bill & Linda Fuller
Susan Weaver
Mark & Kim Cadra
Mom & Dad McDowell

Record Loan Closings In 1998

AUSTIN - The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) recorded \$1.027 billion in new mortgage loans in 1998, a record in the 81-year history of the agricultural lending organization.

The 20 cooperatively owned FLBAs, which make rural real estate loans in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, closed 4,619 loans totaling nearly \$763.2 million in 1998. This is a 33.9 percent increase over 1997 and double the volume of loans closed

by the FLBAs in 1996.

The bank's commercial credit department booked \$262.5 million in agricultural participation loans with John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, Mass., last year.

"This phenomenal doubling of new business in just two years is largely the result of increased demand for rural property and a buoyant economy across the South. In a strong economy, people feel more confident to make major real estate purchases," said Robert

C. Brown, FCBT executive vice president, credit operations. "At the same time, agricultural and rural property values have been steady to increasing, with the greatest increase occurring around metropolitan areas."

Growth occurred in all lending areas, including traditional farm and ranch loans as well as nontraditional loans to part-time farmers, rural residents and agribusinesses.

Brown also attributed the increase in new loan volume to new customer-friendly interest-rate programs, more competitive interest rates, enhanced customer relations and improved loan processing time. The FLBAs currently offer more than 20 different interest-rate options.

Federal Land Bank

Associations are long-term mortgage lending cooperatives, which are owned by their customers. They are part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, established by Congress in 1917 and regulated by the federal Farm Credit Administration.

With \$4.7 billion in assets and 53,000 loans outstanding to rural residents, agricultural producers and agribusinesses, the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 20 FLBAs and 15 Production Credit Associations together comprise the largest agricultural lending network in a five-state region.

For more information about the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, call 1-800-922-5263 or visit the bank's Web site at www.farmcreditbank.com.

Pioneer Study Club Meets

For their March 18th meeting the Pioneer Study Club met in the home of Ruth Trew, vice president. Beverly Odom conducted a short business meeting. Minutes were read and approved. Reports of the committees working on the Senior Tea were made. April 18th is the date set for the Tea and the time was settled for 3:00 p.m.

Ruth presented a most interesting program giving the history of dolls going back to 2000 B.C. when dolls made of wood have been found. Egyptian and Greek dolls made of bone and ivory and Roman dolls made of terra cotta have been unearthed. Then Ruth gave the story behind approximately thirty of her collection of over 200 dolls. Some of her

dolls are German made but she explained that the French dolls are, too costly. Any doll older than 25 years is very collectable. In judging the age the fact that the

sewing machine was invented in 1850 gives you an indication in how the clothes were made.

Bonnie Nell Fabian was hostess and served Million Dollar Pie, and cheddar cheese squares and coffee from the Kona Coast of Hawaii. Members present were Patti Brass, Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Margaret Grogan, Ruth Magee, Sherrie Martindale, Zelda McClellan, Beverly Odom, Ruth Trew, Nama Webb, and Mary Emma Woods. Roll call was answered with your favorite toy.

ATTENTION!

The FFA will travel to Canyon for a judging contest at West Texas A&M University on March 26 at 1:00 pm.

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

Stamp

spiritually. The stamp will bring awareness of the best option for end-of-life care.

Postmaster for the McLean post office, Casper Smith; Chamber of Commerce president, Vonda Averett; Justice of the Peace, Mary Ann Carpenter; and mayor pro-tem Sam Haynes; along with Judy Thomas, MS, RD/LD, CRNH, RN, Hospice Nurse/Dietician and Donna Corder, CNA, Home Health Aide held a presentation in McLean for the stamp. The use of color gradations in the stamp is an attempt to convey transition through the stages of life until we come home to death. The butterfly is a symbol of spiritual release - a positive metaphor for the last transition of life. More than 100 million stamps will be issued and are available at every post office.

EDC

the board and concerned citizens. In a motion make by Doyle Lee and seconded by Carey Richardson, a decision was made to keep control of Channel 28. "We are going to try to get Channel 28 going and make it cost effective and beneficial to the citizens of McLean; the EDC is not here to make money but to help the businesses of our community," stated newly elected president Clifford McDonald.

The EDC vice-president Doyle Lee is currently looking for a computer to run Channel 28.

Office space and phone lines were tabled until the EDC learns all the information for the channel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon they attended church services with the Methodist Church. Those attending were Jessie Watson, Florence Drake, Helen Simmons, Truman Goodlett, Sue Cubine, Vernee Bowling, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Marjorie Turnage, Dorothy Patterson, Phyllis Bailey, Polly Burnett, Thelma Finson, Ariza Corcoran, Dovie Simmons, Lillie Billingsley, Beryl Halbert, Christine Shipley, Jess Coleman, Varnie Lowe, Alexander Watkins, Don York, Dick Wheeler, Bud Simpson, Duella Beverly, Hadda Moore, Bessie McClemore, Glynnda Martin, Willie Wheeler, Ora Billingsley, Mable Dickey, M.L. Rowan, and Gladys Andrews.

Monday morning was nail care for the residents. In the afternoon was bingo with exercises following. Bananas were enjoyed that were furnished by the Lion's Club. Volunteering to help was Betty Lowe. Tuesday morning was craft time and in the afternoon residents played

ring toss and dominoes. Wednesday morning circle was enjoyed by residents and in the afternoon the residents enjoyed the Methodist Ice Cream Social and a sing-along.

Thursday was beach ball kick in the morning. In the afternoon the residents played bingo.

Friday morning was nail care time and in the afternoon the residents watched a movie.

Saturday morning the residents traveled to Shamrock to watch the St. Patrick Day parade. The school loaned a bus and furnished a driver, Shawn Crawford, that was much appreciated.

The next big event for the center is Easter egg coloring and hunting on Friday, April 2nd. There is a need for volunteers to help color the eggs. Beginning time will be at 10:00.

Saturday, April 3rd is the annual Children's Easter Parade. Plan to dress up your children and grandchildren and bring them to the parade at 2:30.

There is a rummage sale planned at the care center in May. Clean out your closets and bring what you don't want!

Clarendon College Offers Defensive Driving Course

Clarendon College is now eligible to offer defensive driving. Courses are scheduled for March 29-30 at the Pampa Center and April 5-6 in Clarendon. The course will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at

10:30 p.m. Eddie Hankins is the instructor and coordinator of the course.

The course is contracted by USA Training School, USA C-1374. For more information about the course please contact Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571.

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Wed. Adult Bible Study &
Wonderful wed, Night for Kids 7:00 p.m.

Church Of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

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

Herald 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
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Youth Bible Study 5:00 p.m.

The Classified Section

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APPLICATIONS now being taken for Bartender/Manager at Panhandle Country Club. Call after 4:00 p.m. 806-537-3300.

CAPROCK HOME Health has immediate needs for part-time attendants. No experience necessary, 372-8480.

TAKING applications for LVN's, CNA's and maintenance. McLean Care Center 779-2469, 605 W. 7th.

Notice For Bids

Sealed proposals will be received by the Groom Independent School District on April 13, 1999, at 2:00 PM in the Board Room of the District Administrative facilities, and then and there opened and read aloud for the furnishing of equipment and labor for retrofit of systems within the K-12th Grade campus.

Sealed bids for the following include labor, material, and equipment in accordance with Bid Documents- Instructions To Bidders.

Projects to Bid:
 Lighting system retrofit
 H V A C System installation with Controls
 Window Enclosures

Ceiling Insulation
All Mechanical, Electrical, and General Construction work required for proper operation of the designed systems and included in the Bid Documents must be incorporated into the Bid(s) received by the Owner prior to project initiation, whether

incorporated into one total bid packet, or received in portion from multiple bidders.

A Prebid Walk-through will be conducted at 10:30 AM on March 22, 1999. All interested Contractors are invited to meet at the Groom ISD administration offices, located on the west end of the K-12th grade facility. Attendance at this walk-through is not a requirement for bidding, but is suggested for assistance in the preparation of a complete and acceptable Bid package. If attendance is not possible, you must notify the Engineer to obtain meeting notes, comments, and decisions. Only Sealed Bids prepared in accordance with the Instructions To Bidders will be considered. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularity in the bids and in the bidding process.

No Bid Security Bond is required. Performance and Payment Bonds will be required as per State law.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Owner, Engineer, or the various plan rooms in Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas.
 Direct all communication to:

James W. Brown, PE
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 11901 Hamrick Ct.
 Austin, Texas 78759
 Phone: (512) 258-0547
 Fax: (512) 248-5638.

Notice To Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ruby F. Latta, Deceased, were issued on March 22, 1999, in Cause No. 3274, pending in the County Court of Carson County, Texas, to: Joe Homer.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Groom, Carson County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: Marshall Sherwood
 Attorney at Law
 P.O. Box 947
 Panhandle, Texas 79068

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 22nd day of March, 1999.

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 By Marshall Sherwood
 Attorney for the Estate
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Senate Passes Bill To Improve Texas Schools

By Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry

On February 18th, the state Senate took a big step toward making Texas schools the best in America by unanimously passing Senate Bill 1, authored by Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), effectively ending social promotion in Texas.

Social promotion is the practice of advancing children from one grade to the next even though they have not mastered the skills and knowledge they need. Senate Bill 1 gives teachers the extra training and tools they need to identify and correct learning problems in a child's school career.

In his State of the State address last month, Governor George W. Bush said, "social promotion is the result of low hopes, low standards, and low expectations. You and I have high expectations for every child - and we must have high standards to match those high hopes."

By passing this important bill on a 31-0 vote, the Senate showed that Texans of both political parties and varying philosophies can come together and do what's best for the children of our state. Senate Bill 1 now goes to the Texas House of Representatives for consideration.

I believe that this social promotion measure will be the first in a notable series of education improvements passed in the 76th Legislature. In the coming 100 days, look for continued reforms to help make Texas schools the best in America.

I've proposed a Master Reading Teacher program that recognizes that the teachers who plant the seeds of tomorrow by helping our children succeed today should have the opportunity to grow, both professionally and financially. My plan would reward specially trained reading teachers with bonuses of \$5,000. Master Reading Teachers who work in low-performing schools would receive \$7,000 bonuses. In the near future, we should extend this Master Teacher concept to math, science, social science and other subjects, but let's get reading right first.

Governor Bush and legislators of both parties are also working to increase the state's share of public school funding by \$1.6 billion. Those funds will help local school districts improve teacher pay, reduce class sizes, and fund school construction and technology.

The Texas Legislature will soon consider a limited program of school choice allowing the parents of students in a hand full of urban, low-performing schools to send their children to other public, private or religious schools. As a product of public schools and the father of two public school children, I know that a little competition can make our public schools better. That choice and that freedom will give those children a chance to get the education they need to achieve their dreams. And that freedom will provide our low-performing schools with another incentive to improve.

The education reforms being considered by the 76th Legislature are fair, balanced and aimed at making our public schools better. They say to students in low-performing schools and their parents that we're going to help you by giving you a choice. They say to educators, we're going to help you by giving you the tools and resources you need to eliminate low-performing schools and make every school better.

Texans owe special thanks to the members of the Senate Education Committee, Senators Teel Bivins, Gregory Luna, David Cain, Jane Nelson, Steve Ogden, Bill Ratliff, David Sibley, Royce West, and Judith Zaffirini, for their work to end social promotion and make our public schools better.

Our work is just beginning. Fortunately, our state is blessed with outstanding legislators of both political parties who know that Texas children deserve the best schools in America. Our future depends on it.

Small Texas Businesses Get New Tax Break With Passage of New Senate Bill

The Senate voted, recently, in favor of giving small businesses in Texas a tax break. Committee Substitute for Senate Bill (CSSB) 148 exempts small businesses who have earnings up to \$100,000 annually from the state's franchise tax. Those businesses would also be exempt from the reporting requirement. Senator Mario Gallegos Jr. of Galena Park sponsored a floor amendment requiring the Comptroller of Public Accounts to watch and report on the progress of the tax break and whether the money is returned to the State of Texas in the form of economic prosperity and job growth. Bill sponsor Senator Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay says he expects 28,000 businesses to benefit at a price tag to the state of \$57 million for the next biennium.

Senator Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin supported the bill but questioned the priorities of the Legislature this session. He said he would like to direct attention to other issues like child care. Barrientos held a press conference to announce legislation providing a franchise tax credit to companies that provide child care for their employees.

Senator Teel Bivins of Amarillo continued to push education legislation through the Senate this week. He sponsored CSSB 345, which authorizes institution of higher education to charge students more money for taking more than 45 hours on top of minimum degree requirements for the degree a student is pursuing.

The Senate dealt with nursing facility issues on both the floor and in committee. The Senate passed CSSB 19 by

Laredo Senator Judith Zaffirini, creating a one-year probationary license for nursing facility owners who previously have not conducted business in the state. Senator Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth also addressed the problem of a growing elderly population and a growing nursing home industry. "Our population of elderly is going to explode in the next ten years and Texas is not ready for that." Legislation he sponsored to prepare Texas for these issues passed out of the Committee on Health Services this week.

The Senate also passed an emergency appropriations bill, CSSB 472, with a \$94 million price tag. The Senate allotted money for child protective services, teacher training for the social promotion initiative, drought relief, oyster testing, and other programs in the legislation sponsored by Senate Finance Committee Chair Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant. In committee action, the Committee on Natural Resources passed Senate Bill (SB) 262, as

amended, relating to the reimbursement of landowners or developers prior to annexation of a water-related special district. If a municipality, with a population of less than 1.5 million, does not reimburse landowners or developers prior to the effective date of annexation, the sum will collect penalties and interest. The only city that would currently be affected by the measure is the City of Austin. The Senate Criminal Justice Committee heard testimony on legislation intended to protect victims of domestic violence and increase the penalties for abusers, sponsored by Senator Jane Nelson of Flower Mound.

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1. Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Salvation is in Jesus).
2. Mark 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned." (Salvation is for those who believe AND are baptized).
3. Acts 2:21 "and it shall be, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Salvation is for those who appeal to God.)
4. Romans 10:9 "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;" (Confession and belief are essential to salvation).
5. Romans 10:17 "so faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." (Saving faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ).
6. Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;" (God's grace saves those who are willing to receive it by faith).
7. 1 Peter 3:21 "And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you -- not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience-- through the resurrection of Jesus Christ," (Baptism saves).
8. Acts 2:38 "And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Repentance and baptism result in the forgiveness of one's sin and thus, salvation).

God's Grace-Given Plan of Salvation:
Hear Believe Repent Confess Be Baptized.

Acts 2:47 reads: "...And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." Those who follow God's grace-given plan of salvation are added by the Lord to His church. So, they become members of the body of Christ, the church of Christ, the church of God, the assembly of the saints, etc. In plain response to the question, "Yes." Those in Christ's church are saved. We've outlined, according to Scripture what God's grace entails in relation to salvation. Can a person ignore or leave out a part of God's plan and expect to be in Christ's church? One may examine these passages and determine if he belongs to Christ's church. God does not wish any to perish but for all to come to repentance, 2 Peter 3:9.

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Sheriff Brand Warns Youth Of Cocaine Perils

By Loren Brand, Sheriff

There are currently 12 persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail. Persons booked over the past week are:

Blake Allen, 20, DWI 2nd Offense; William Bearden, 47, Violation of Protective Order; Luis Dominguez, 41, DWI 2nd Offense; Desai Nitin, 29, DWI 1st Offense; Michael White, 22, DWI 1st Offense; Nugget Bland, 28, Possession Cont. Substance (Cocaine).

Cocaine

Many young people think of the use of cocaine or crack as a symbol of status and success. They also believe that it's more adult to use cocaine or methamphetamine products than simply relying on marijuana, alcohol or inhalants to hide from life and responsibility.

Cocaine is made from the leaves of the South American cocoa bush.

The leaves are broken down into a powder or mulch and then soaked in chemicals until they break down into cocaine crystals. These crystals are dried and crushed into a bitter, white powder.

In powder form cocaine is usually inhaled or "snorted" through the nose or it may be injected directly into a vein. "Free-basing" refers to cooking smokes in a pipe after it is hardened into a paste.

Crack cocaine is a mixture of cocaine powder, baking soda and other ingredients which is turned into a white or tan pellet or crystalline rock and is smoked. The high from "crack" cocaine is more intense and habit forming than from snorting cocaine powder.

Cocaine stimulates the central nervous system with immediate effects to include dilated pupils and

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Daniel Thompson practices his roller blading skills during spring break.

No Election Necessary For School Or City

Neither the Groom Independent School District nor the City of Groom will be required to hold an election this May. Only enough candidates filed to fill the terms ending.

Joe Homer will continue as Mayor and Mary Margaret Brooks will serve a second term as alderman. Kenny Weller will be sworn in as alderman to begin his first term replacing out-

going Jimmy Britten.

Groom School Board will be saying "good-bye" to longtime member Tony Treadwell, who has served the Board faithfully since 1990.

Tim Case will automatically begin his first full term after finishing an unexpired term. Kelvin Ollinger will also begin his first term of office in May, filling the seat made vacant by Treadwell.

Community Calendar

JUNIOR/SENIOR Prom will be Saturday, April 17.

COMMUNITY Cantata will be Sunday, March 28, 6:00 pm at First Baptist Church.

THERE WILL BE no school on Fri., April 2.

MAY 21ST is graduation for Groom High School.

NO ELECTION will be necessary for the City of Groom or the Groom School Board.

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

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

WALK ACROSS Texas is Saturday, March 27th in Groom at the Cross, starting at 9 AM. Get your walking shoes on and join the fun. If you would like to walk and don't have a team, call the Extension Office at 537-3882 and we'll find a team for you.

AFTER Graduation Party Committee Meeting will be at 8 PM, Thursday, March 25 at the Dairy Queen. All high school parents are encouraged to attend especially junior and senior parents. Ideas are needed to plan the party.

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

TOM GRANTHAM, CPA will be at The Groom News office on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 till 3:00 through April 15. Call his office in Pampa for an appointment.



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Groom Economic Development Corporation Elects New Officers

The Groom Economic Development Corporation met last week and elected new officers. Present were Kathleen Barkley, Clif Britten, Sandra Britten, Joyce Hutsell, and Phillis Jackson. Absent members were Greg Lamb and Ernest Blount.

The meeting was called to order and minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Clif Britten was elected president; Kathleen Barkley was elected vice-president and Joyce Hutsell secretary.

Discussion was held concerning Sharlene Lewis' progress in re-establishing The Groom Grocery. The group unanimously agreed to

enter into an agreement with State National Bank, paying them \$7,000.00 to reduce the interest on Lewis' business loan with repayment of the \$7,000 to be waived during the portion of the 7-year-period that Lewis maintained operation of an ongoing business in Groom. The council authorized President Britten to consult with Lewis and council attorney's to conclude the transaction.

The council agreed to move forward with a web page that will be administered by Groom ISD, the City of Groom and the GEDC. Janetta Lamb, sponsor of the high school yearbook will be responsible for the design and updates. GEDC will provide payment of installation,

domain fees, and monthly service. Sandra Britten will coordinate all transmissions and information from the three entities.

Clif Britten and Phillis Jackson will pursue legal ramifications of acquisitions of property for development.

Joyce Hutsell will look into the possibilities of becoming a 501(c)(3) organization and obtain forms for application if necessary.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of GEDC will be April 15, at the Groom Community Center. Anyone interested in the future of Groom is invited to attend.

Co. Citizens Invited To Open Forum

What are the issues and concerns that need to be addressed in Carson County to help the citizens and our total county in the years ahead? What can be done to assure a better quality of life and prosperity in the 21st century as we plan for the future?

Everyone interested in a better future for themselves, their family and their community is encouraged to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum on Monday, March 28, 1999 at the First United Methodist Church in Panhandle, said Jody Bardford County Extension agent. The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service of the

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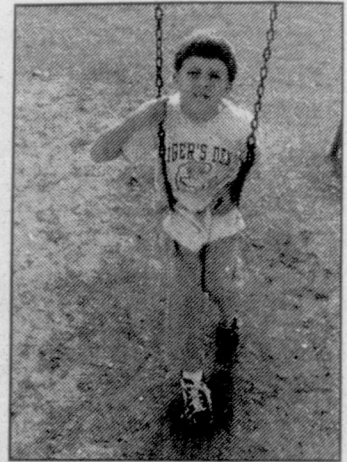
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Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Soft tacos, corn, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, gingerbread, milk.	Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, potato wedges, pickle spears, fruit cocktail, milk. Friday: No School!

On The Sick List
 Billie Bivens, Betty
 Hermesmeyer, Jackie
 Bichsel, Ernie Blount.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Homer
 went to Santa Fe, New
 Mexico over the
 weekend.

Residents Attend Premier

Margaret and Curtis
 Whatley, Irene
 Baggerman and Roselle
 Collingsworth went to
 Shamrock on Sunday to
 see a special showing of
 the movie "Abilene."
 This is the movie that
 was made around the
 Shamrock and Grandview
 area. The movie was
 recently premiered at the
 Southwest Film Festival
 in Austin.
 Roselle Collingsworth
 reported that she really
 enjoyed the movie.
 "The story was good
 and the scenery was just
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Myles Friemel enjoys recess and counts it among his favorite subjects.

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Budget For County Agent Discussed

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met on March 22, 1999 with the following members present: Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn, and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction. The insurance policy for the motor grader recently purchased in Precinct #2 has been changed from John Deere Credit to A.J. Weiser and Company.

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

A motion carried to pay all bills.

Gary Beddingfield discussed with the court the status of insurance coverage for county owned buildings and contents. Beddingfield stated that the coverage for the courthouse and the Callaghan Library was within the legal 80% requirement of total replacement costs. Beddingfield will report to the next court an update for coverage of all county buildings at an 80, 90, or 100 percent total costs replacement.

Judge Powers reported to the court that Carson County Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper

has received the State of Texas Certificate from the Board of Tax Professional Examiners proclaiming her as a Registered Tax

Assessor/Collector after requirements and schooling were fulfilled on a level IV position.

It was decided to send the documents to support the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Commissioner Britten made the motion to support a resolution

pertaining to water rights. Commissioner Strawn made the second motion to retain the local control of water with the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

The court agreed to hire Carter Tree Service from Fritch to trim all trees surrounding the courthouse and library at a cost of \$5,200.00. The cost includes all pruning, removal of dead trees and disposal of limbs and stumps.

The court discussed the budget for the County Agent Advisory committee. The court agreed to hear a complete request to add a line item to accommodate the money needed.

Court adjourned until April 12th, 1999.



Fangman-Kuehler Plan June Wedding

Ronnie and Debbie Fangman of Vega, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole to Nick Kuehler.

Nick is the son of Robert and Alice Kuehler of Groom.

The couple plans to be wed June 5th at Immaculate Conception Church in Vega.

The bride-elect earned a bachelor of science degree in biology in May, 1997 from West Texas A&M University. She is currently attending Texas Tech School of

Allied Health working on her masters degree in physical therapy.

The groom graduated in 1996 with honors from West Texas A&M University earning a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He received his master of science degree in chemistry from West Texas A&M University in December of 1998. He is currently working as a research chemist for Engineered Carbons, Inc., in Borger.

SPS To Reduce Energy Bill For Texas Customers

Southwestern Public Service Company customers in Texas will see an ongoing price reduction of about 8 percent, beginning with April electric bills.

The Texas customers also will see a one-time credit to April bills, reducing the bill for an average home by about one-third.

The changes were approved last Friday by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

They reflect a \$44 million annual reduction in the fuel-cost portion of future bills from SPS.

SPS residential customers in Texas using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of service monthly will see a \$3.74, or 6 percent, drop in their bills. The one-time credit, for a home typically using 1,000 kilowatt-hours, will reduce the April bill by \$19.32.

Commercial and industrial customers of SPS in Texas will see reductions of up to 11 percent, because fuel accounts for a greater portion of their overall bills.

SPS customers in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas already are enjoying similar reductions in their electric bills. Regulations in those states differ from regulations in Texas, but the price changes are equivalent.

SPS also is providing lower prices to its regional wholesale customers.

The one-time credit and the ongoing reductions in customers' future bills reflect savings SPS has achieved in costs for fuel that fire the boilers at its power

generating plants.

The reductions reflect, especially, lowered costs of transporting coal by rail from mines in Wyoming to the coal-fueled SPS plants near Amarillo and Muleshoe. SPS announced the reductions in November, noting that a dispute with the rail carrier - ongoing since 1990 - had been settled, allowing significant savings. Also, costs of natural gas and coal generally are down, allowing additional reductions.

SPS's electric rates in 1999 will be 25 percent lower than they were 16 years ago. By contrast, overall consumer prices have increased 67 percent during the past 16 years.

The inflation-adjusted price of electricity from SPS has declined 55 percent since 1983, which means the "real" cost of electricity from SPS today is less than half of what it was in 1983.

Southwestern Public Service Company, a New Century Energies company, is a regional, investor-owned electric utility providing service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area comprised of the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, eastern New Mexico, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

Abraham Scholarship Available To Seniors

High school seniors who plan to major in accounting or business at Clarendon College are encouraged to apply for the Malouf and Iris Abraham Business Scholarship.

Scholarship applications are available by calling

Clarendon College's Financial Aid Office at 1-800-687-9737. Scholarship deadline is May 1, 1999.

Completed Malouf and Iris Abraham scholarship applications should be mailed to: Clarendon

College, Attn: Scholarship committee, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, TX 79226.

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Services Held for Mother Of Local Woman

Services were held March 13, 1999 for Agnes Mary Sestak, of Columbia, in the St. Boniface Catholic Church in Koelztown, Missouri with Msgr. Ralph Kutz celebrant and interment in Hickory Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Sestak was born February 23, 1902 in Mary's Home. She was the daughter of Henry H. and Lena Angenendt Tellman. She attended school at Mary's Home and St. Peter's in Jefferson City. She married Paul Sestak, Sr. on November 27, 1932. He preceded her in death in 1987. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Koelztown.

She died March 10, 1999 at the age of 97.

She is survived by one son: Ralph L. Sestak of Dothan, Alabama; two daughters: Mary Ann Koetting of Groom, and Cyrilla Galbreath of Columbia, Missouri; one brother: Theodore "Dan" Tellman of Monterey, California; 20 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 8 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Paul Sestak, Jr. in 1991.

Services Held For Kimberly Dawn Newland

WHEELER- Kimberly Dawn Newland, 16, died Friday, March 19, 1999.

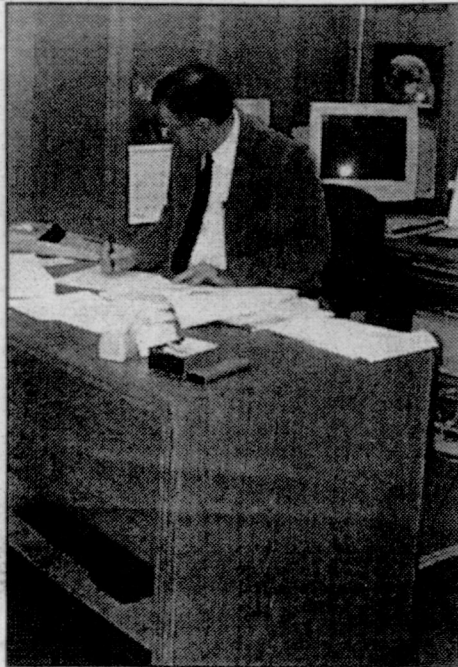
Services were Monday, March 22, 1999 in Plains High School Auditorium with the Rev. Bill Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church of Plains, officiating. Graveside services and burial was Monday in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler.

Miss Newland was born in Pampa and was a junior at Plains High School where she played on the basketball team and was TGCA All State Class 2A and All District in 1998. She went to the AAU national tournament in basketball with the Texas Tar Heels team for the past two years. She played volleyball, was an officer in the Future Homemakers of America, and was on the Student Council for two years in Dimmitt, and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Her father, Michael Lee Newland, died in 1993.

Survivors include her mother, Jan Newland of Plains, a brother, Jarod Newland of Plains; grandparents David and Louise Newland of Downing, Mo., and Dale and Lorene Irby of Clovis, N.M.

The family suggests memorials be to Mike and Kimberly Newland Scholarship Fund, c/o Jan Newland, Plains High School, Plains, TX.



Tom Grantham Has Out Based Office in Groom

When David Cory accepted full time employment from a Pampa firm, many of his customers switched their accounting needs over to the other members of Grantham, Cory & Heare.

Tom Grantham, Chairman of the organization is pleased to announce that he will be coming to Groom, each week just as David Cory did.

Tom Grantham is a Miami native, earning his degree from the University of Texas and West Texas A&M University. He is a Certified Public Accountant whose experience has been in both the public and

private sections of business.

Grantham, Cory & Heare, P.C. was established in 1985. Tom is an active civic member serving or having served on the Miami School Board, The Pampa Chamber of Commerce, The United Way of Pampa, Pampa Kiwanis Club and the Pampa Area Art League.

Grantham encourages those interested in his services to drop by The Groom News office on Thursday afternoon or call the Pampa office at 665-8429 and make an appointment.

Accident Near Wheeler Takes Life Of Local Woman's Niece

A two vehicle accident in Wheeler on Friday night killed one person and injured four others.

Kimberly Newland, 16, of Plains died at 8:40 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Wheeler, according to a Childress Department of Public Safety spokeswoman.

Andrew Hillhouse, 18, of Wheeler was the driver of the vehicle in which Newland was a passenger, according to the spokeswoman.

The accident occurred around 8:15 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 83 and Farm-to-Market Road 2473 inside Wheeler city limits.

Hillhouse was traveling south on U.S. 83 and attempted to make a left turn onto FM 2473 when the wreck occurred. He was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital for facial injuries and a possible broken neck. He was released Saturday.

Jarod Newland, 14, of Plains, was also in the Camaro, according to the spokeswoman. He was taken to NWTB and released.

The other vehicle involved, a 1985 Bronco, was driven by David Immel, 30, of Wheeler. Immel was taken to Parkview Hospital where he was treated for facial injuries and released, according to the spokeswoman.

Kimberly is the niece of Anita Wieberg Irby.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

March 25 - Mrs. Tom Britten, Roman Friemel, Joyce Hutsell, Buck Babcock, Jessica Friemel, Thomas J & Mitzi Moraniec (A).

March 26 - March 27 - Laveda Wood.

March 28 - Clinton Adam Babcock, Billy Dan Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leven (A).

March 29 - Bill Ellington.

March 30 - Kenneth Jackson, David Fields, Cody Conrad.

March 31 - Melissa Anthony, Ed England, Michael Thomas, Angela Reed Beddingfield.

Students To Participate In UIL Contest At Clarendon

Good Luck to all the students who will compete in UIL at Clarendon College this next week!

They are: Sara Britten, Dara Whatley, Jacey Richardson, Chris Ollinger, Josiah Scott, Michele Stephens, Courtney Sustaie, Allison Eatmon, Marci Babcock, Caleb Pool, Sarah Hutsell, Wyatt Weinheimer, Evan Crowell, Josh Evenson, Travis Britten, Dean Fields, Clay Ritter, Russell Conrad, Macie Britten, Garrett Britten, Liz Vega, Wade Ritter, Cody Britten, Jessica McMahon, Wyatt Britten, Luke Pavlovsky, Carrie Davis, Brooke Britten, Jessica Stapp, Jessica Kopley, Lysnie Pool, Trisha Broadway, Karen Conrad, and Dustin Babcock.

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New Century Energies Declare Dividends For Quarter

New Century Energies, the holding company for Public Service Co. of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Co., on March 17 declared quarterly dividends on all outstanding common stock.

The board of directors of NCE declared a 58-cent-per-share dividend on common stock payable May 15, 1999, to shareholders of record April 23, 1999.

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Groom National Honor Society To Install 4 New Members Tonight

Four students will be inducted tonight into the 1999 National Honor Society. The candlelight ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. A reception will be held afterward in the cafeteria. The public is invited.

One senior, Sarah Hutsell, and three juniors, Dustin Babcock, Evan Crowell, and Allison Eatmon will be inducted.

Present members of the organization will participate in the ceremony. Those are Jessica Stapp, president; Dara Whitley, vice-president; Wyatt Weinheimer, secretary; and Dean Fields, treasurer.

The purpose of the organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character

in students.

To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a junior or senior with a cumulative average of 93. Junior applicants must have taken or be enrolled in one or more weighted courses, senior applicants must have taken or be

enrolled in two or more weighted courses. Those courses include all Spanish classes, Concurrent English IV, Advanced Placement Calculus, Chemistry/Physics, Accounting, and Advanced Computers.

In addition, all candidates must be involved in one or more UIL literary event.

After submitting application, candidates are then evaluated by the high school faculty.

The inductees pay a \$10 initiation fee.

Cocaine

elevated blood pressure and heart rate. Other symptoms are an elevated respiratory rate and body temperature. The entry of cocaine into the body can create an instant high which lasts only 5 to 30 minutes depending on how the drug is taken. As the drug wears off the user may feel anxious, depressed and tired.

Young people use drugs for many reasons that have to do with how they feel about themselves, how they fit in with their peers and how they live. No one factor determines who will use drugs and who won't, but the facts that apply to everyone are that drugs are detrimental to your health, they alienate you from the productive people around you and they are illegal. Being alert to signs of alcohol and drug use requires a great deal of parental involvement, but isn't that what parents are supposed to do? Our kids are counting on us to protect them from dangers they encounter in life. Don't let them down when it comes to drugs and alcohol. You may not get a second chance.

**Happy
Easter**

Conrad Selected For Area All-Stars



Karen Conrad has been selected to play basketball at the Annual Golden Spread High School All-Star game at the Cal Farley Civic Center in Amarillo.

The tournament will pit the most outstanding athletes in the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico area against each other. The competition will be excellent, bringing together talent that will be showcased for fans as well as college scouts.

"It is such an honor to be selected," stated Karen Conrad, "I am pleased to have the opportunity to play again. I hope to play my best since it will likely be the last game in which I compete."

Karen will be playing with girls that she has played against throughout her high school career.

"It was a little strange at our first practice, but they are really nice girls!" she said.

Karen is sponsored by Attebury Grain Co., Mighty's, and Blackwell Supply. She will play on Thursday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m., coached by Randy Stewart. East will meet West at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Words Of Wisdom

Smiles are like colds ... they're catching.

Collin Michael New In The Michael Rose Home

Proud sisters Brooke and Madison announce the arrival of their brother, Collin Michael, at 4:52 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16. He weighed 6 pounds.

Parents are Michael and Bethany Rose of Amarillo. Grandparents are Howard and Mary

Rose of Groom, Bat and Gayle Evans of Amarillo, and C.W. and Irene Newkirk of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

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Letter To The Editor

To the people of Groom, Texas, I would like to express a deep Thank You to each and every one of you for being so friendly and for welcoming me with such open arms.

As many of you know by now, I have decided to leave my position at State National Bank. I want you all to know that the decision to do this was based on personal and health reasons and a lot of answered prayers.

My husband and I have waited seven years and I have been through three surgeries trying to have a baby. I recently went through a procedure that gave us one last chance to have a baby of our own. To our delight, the procedure was a success. This not only shocked us, the Dr. and nurses who helped perform the procedure are amazed because of all my medical problems. If not for the will of God and the power of prayer I would not be writing this letter.

To the Directors of State National Bank: Bobby Babcock, Robert Kuehler, Bob Pool, Page Blackwell, Dean Burger and Ken Burger. I would like to apologize for leaving the way I have and to express a thank you to each of you

for giving me the opportunity to work for you.

To the officers: Bobby Babcock, Lanna Brown and Pam Ashford.

It has been my pleasure to work for you and with you. You are by far the best bosses I have worked for.

To the employees: Marie Bohr, Adela Kotara and Kim Richardson. I would like to express my apologies for leaving you with the added work.

I want each and every one of you to know that I love you!

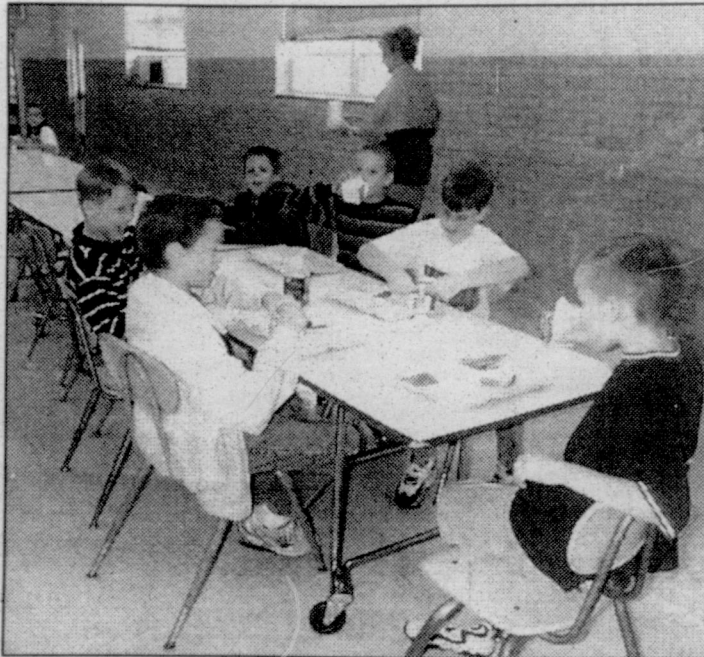
It has been my pleasure to work at State National Bank and anyone who gets the opportunity to work there couldn't ask to work with a better group of people.

In Christian Love,
Paige Baldrige

Terminators Win First Place At Lubbock

While most kids were spending spring break on the ski slopes or just sleeping in, three Groom 8th grade girls were in Lubbock playing basketball. Staci Britten, Brin Burgin and Amanda Conrad were members of the West Texas Terminators 14 and under team who won first place at the Lubbock tournament. The team consisted of players from Canyon, Amarillo, Claude and Groom. On Friday they defeated Lubbock Lady Ice by a score of 48-27. They defeated the Nike Elite team on Saturday morning 31-21 and then played the Runnin' Rebels of Lubbock and defeated them by a score of 56-52.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



These 4th grade boys enjoy a delicious lunch and some good conversation at school this week. They highly recommend the chicken strips.



Groom School 5th graders make good use of organizing their time by doing a little extra reading during lunch.

Forum

Texas A&M University System to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups and organizations to identify issues and concerns. Once needs are identified, focus teams will be organized to develop specific plans of action.


"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and Texas as a whole," said Dr. Chester P. Fehlis of College Station, Extension Service deputy director. "We especially want other local, state and federal agencies and organizations to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through partnerships with other groups and organizations."

The Futures Forum process will help the Extension Service develop its long-range plan for the next four years - 2000 to 2003, Fehlis said. However, he emphasized that the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common issues and define a process whereby these issues can be solved to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities across the state. He noted that participating agencies, groups and organizations can better focus on issues and programs related to their missions and interests and the needs of the local people. "We view this as a partnership effort with all of us working together for the future of Texas," Fehlis said.

So, if you want to have a voice in the future of Carson County, be sure to attend the Futures Forum on March 29th, said Jody Bradford. This is your opportunity to help shape the future!

Thought For The Day

Don't wait for something to turn up; get a spade and dig for it.



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VITA/TCE offers free tax help to people who cannot afford to pay a tax preparer. Both programs also give free tax help to disadvantaged people and to those who cannot speak the English language. The TCE program generally offers free tax help to people over age 60.

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