

# The McLean News



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## City To Get \$250,000 Grant In 2006

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, November 14, 2005 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Betty Taylor at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, Mindy Reeves, Molly McDowell, Betty Taylor, Janet Glass and Teresa Simmons. Others present were Jim Adams, Toni Bohlar, Gordan Maddox, Brian Grimes and Allen Mixon.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Brian Grimes came

before the council to let them know about the kinds of grants that were available and to inform them that the City had received a grant for \$230,000 to redo the water booster station pump house and that the city would be receiving the money in the early part of 2006. He encouraged the council to consider applying for the Texas Home Program Grant and a Planning Grant in 2006.

Gordan Maddox presented the McLean EDC audit, motion by Mindy Reeves, second by Teresa Simmons to accept the audit as presented, all

voting in favor. Mr. Maddox then presented the City's audit. Motion was made by Betty Taylor, second by Molly McDowell to accept the audit as presented, all voting for.

Motion was made by Molly McDowell, second by Betty Taylor to transfer \$23,489.00 from General Fund to Water, Sewer and Gas fund for the bond payment. All voting for.

Motion by Teresa Simmons, second by Janet Glass to transfer \$162.00 from General Fund to Firemen's Pension and Retirement Fund, all voting for.

Motion by Teresa

Simmons, second by Molly McDowell with all voting in favor, approving Ordinance #305 amending placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Foster and Rowe.

Motion by Betty Taylor, second by Teresa Simmons, to approve the City policy statements with all voting in favor.

There were no figures available for the council to consider, so they did not lock in a gas price at this time.

The EDC monthly check will be deposited directly into the EDC'S account each month by the City

Secretary. Toni Bohlar, City Secretary, asked the council if she could go to the EDC for new carpet in the conference room and for the library. She explained that the carpet in the conference room was stained and that the library's carpet was worn. The auditor had thought that this would be a good project for the EDC. The council was in agreement that the City's conference room carpet did not need to be replaced, but that they would ask the EDC to look at the library's carpet.

Motion by Molly McDowell, second by Betty Taylor to give employees a \$100.00 Christmas bonus. All voting in favor.

It was decided by the Council to have a Christmas Dinner at the

Red River Steak House on December 10, 2005.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning purchasing a gas well. Motion was made by Betty Taylor to buy the gas well for \$30,000.00. The motion died for lack of a second. More discussion was held and it was tabled to next month.

In other city business, Mindy Reeves told the council that the Panhandle Community Services was in town today to take applications for help with their utility bills. She also asked if the leak in the water tower had been repaired. Jim Adams said that the company had not come yet to do the repairs. Mindy asked Allen Mixon

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## Former MHS Graduate Displays Art Exhibit At Amarillo College

Artist Ryan Swanson will be featured at the Art Department Gallery at Amarillo College during Nov. 1-18, 2005. Viewing hours are from 9 am-3 pm. His exhibition is called Interiors and Exteriors.

"I never know what

subject matter is going to be, nor can I anticipate when I will decide," he commented. Seeing "it" can strike me at any time."

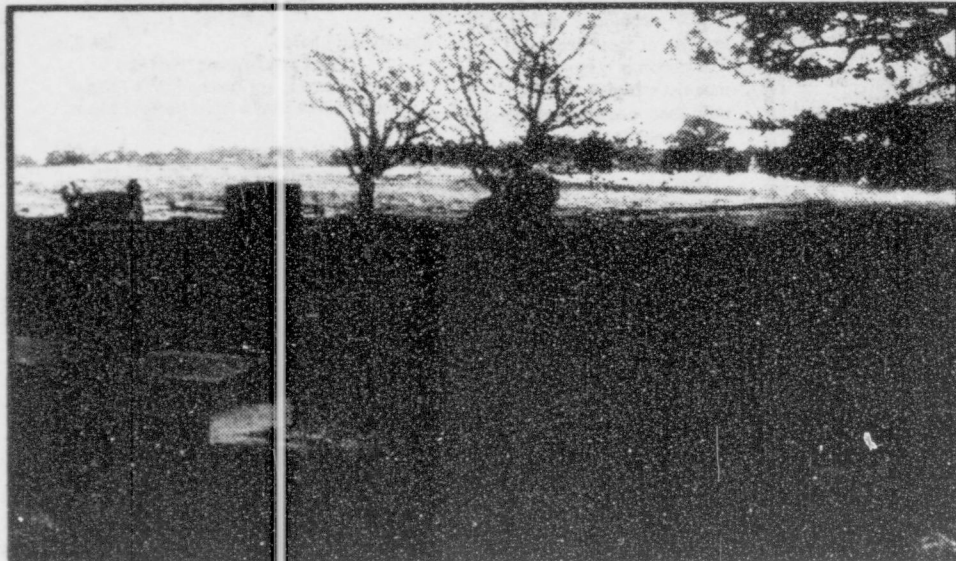
Swanson does not bother with elaborate title for his works of art.

"I am perfectly content

if someone calls one of my paintings, "the one with the stairs," or "the one with the purple trees". Some artists use the title to convey the message that they were trying to get to the viewers. Swanson would rather that the viewer draw their own

conclusion.

Don't miss the opportunity to see this young artist featured in Amarillo. He is the son of Larry and Lynn Swanson of McLean.



Mary Dwyer places an American Flag, Friday morning at Hillcrest Cemetery on the one of many marked graves in which a soldier or an auxiliary woman lies who served his or her country.



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### LOCAL HAPPENING

**THE SCHOOL BOARD** will meet on November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Business Office.

**THE PIONEER Study Club** will meet on Nov. 17.

**THE CUBS** Travel to Valley, Monday night. Games begin at 6 p.m.

**EARLY DEADLINE** for news and ads in the McLean News next week. Please have all items in to the office by noon on Monday, Nov. 21.

**THE MCLEAN** Care Center Auxiliary Bake Sale will be Saturday, Nov. 19 at Puckett's, 9 a.m. till ?

**THE TIGERS AND** Lady Tigers play in the Lefors tourney today - Sat.

**NO SCHOOL** November 23 - 25 for Thanksgiving holiday.

**IF YOU NEED** Or someone you know needs help with Christmas. The Angel Program can help. Call 779-2337 or go by the Methodist Church at 219 N. Gray.

*McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries*

November 17 - Cas Dale Barker, Bobbi Stalls, Johna McMorde.

November 18 - Lynn Stilwell, Amanda Leigh Cline Sparling, Jimmy Williams, Joann Andrews.

November 19 - Amanda Loya, Mary Lou Glass, Jeremy Thomas.

November 20 -

Valerie Joiner, Nancy Skipper, Sammy & Judy Houdyshell (A).

November 21 - Destry Magee, Terry Dickey.

November 22 - Dale Barker, Seth Brown, David Crockett, Robin Luna.

November 23 - Freda Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Longino (A).

*McLean School Menus*

for the week of Nov. 21 - 25

**BREAKFAST**

Monday: Breakfast Burritos, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Muffins, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Friday: No School

**LUNCH**

Monday: BBQ Ribbiets on a Bun, French Fries, Veggie Sticks, Pickle Spears, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Milk

Wednesday - Friday: No School

Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.  
—Benjamin Franklin

**Pioneer Study Club Meets At Elizabeth's Tea Room And Learns About The Job Corps**

The Pioneer Study Club met November 3rd at Elizabeth's Tea Room.

James "Jim" Troy gave an informative program about the Job Corps. Mr. Troy is a retired instructor for the Job Corps. He is currently a substitute instructor.

Rosa Troy was hostess for the meeting. Those present were Barbara Bode, Babe Brown, Mary Dwyer, Janet Glass, Sherry Martindale.

Zelda McClellan, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Angie Ware, Nama Webb, and Jane Overshiner who was visiting from Fort Worth.

The Christmas Party has been changed to the 8th of December, 2 p.m., at the home of Betty Taylor.

The next meeting will be November 17th. Members will be called and notified where the meeting will be.

**Young At Heart Chooses To Have Building Placed In The National Registry**

There were 25 members and guests at the November first Young at Heart luncheon. Guests included Deanna Duncan, Missey & Vonnie Bible, Buna Gudgel, and Lyda Mae Wyatt.

Laura Garrison and Terry Whiteley with Accolade Home Care did blood pressure checks.

President Marjorie Fish wished Rosa Troy, Mary Dwyer, Betty Heathington and Vera Pauley "happy birthday". The Young at Heart plan to have a Thanksgiving luncheon on

November 15. The Young at Heart are supplying the turkey, ham, dressing, gravy, and sweet & mashed potatoes. Members are to bring the salads and desserts to the potluck.

Bob Martin had been contacted by Phil Thomason to see if some of the buildings in McLean would like to be included in the United States National Registry. It was decided that the Young at Heart would like to participate in this. Mindy Reeves will complete the form.

Laura Garrison said Accolade is working with

the Angel Food Program in Shamrock to supply Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes to seniors in the McLean and Shamrock area. The boxes cost \$25. each. Laura is accepting monetary donations to help with these boxes and can be reached at 256-1100 or 334-0546. She would also welcome calls from members of the community to suggest names of seniors who would benefit from this project.

**The Bank of Commerce is Proud to sponsor "the Dividends" that education pays**

**Students of the Week**



For the week of Nov. 7 to Nov 11: Pre-K- Bradley Hannon, K- Ariel Michalenko, 1<sup>st</sup> - Chelsie Jasper, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jacey Bailey, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jordan Cox, 4<sup>th</sup> - Shelby Adams, 5<sup>th</sup> - Kelby McClellan, 6<sup>th</sup> - George Patterson, 7<sup>th</sup> - Tyler Lamb, 8<sup>th</sup> - Blake Lee

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**MADD - Tie One On For Safety**

Panhandle Regional Advisory Council and the EMS Council for the Texas Panhandle are teaming up with Mothers Against Drunk Drivers this year for the 25th annual Tie One On...For Safety campaign.

The campaign is asking Panhandle drivers to to a MADD ribbon to a visible location of their vehicles. The ribbon is a symbol of motorist's pledge to drive safe, sober and buckle up, and it reminds others to do the same.

The campaign runs from Thanksgiving to New Years Day. This is the heaviest travel season of the year and a time when drunk driving typically

**Seniors**

Ten (10) things you need to know about Medicare's new prescription drug coverages. Let us help you. **Mahnken's Family Pharmacy, Shamrock 806.256.2782**

**MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY**

**Church of Christ** 4<sup>th</sup> & Clarendon  
Pastor Jim Rayna 779-2548  
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**First Assembly of God** 4<sup>th</sup> & Main  
Pastor Mahlon Richardson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth 7:00 p.m.  
Cowboy Church - 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church** 208 E. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Church** 2<sup>nd</sup> & Gray  
Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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

**Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life of McLean**  
Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135  
Sunday at 7:00 pm  
First Assembly of God - 420 Main McLean

# A Close Game Begins Cub Basketball Season

The McLean Junior High boys played their first game of the season at home against Hedley on Monday, November 7, 2005. With a final score of 26-27, it was an exciting display of young talent that went down to the final seconds.

In the first quarter, Jordan Herring, Zach Seymour, Corey Graham and Clay Crockett each scored two points. Clay Crockett made two of four free throws. Hedley answered with nine points of their own, making the score after the first quarter, 8-9.

Herring made 100% in free throws. Hedley put three points on the board to bring the half time score, McLean 16 - Hedley 12.

In the third quarter, Jace McLain made two points, Tanner Cadra made one point and Corey Graham made four points. Tanner Cadra made 50% of his free throws. Hedley scored nine points, making the third quarter score 23 - 21.

In the fourth quarter, Jordan Herring made two points and Corey Graham made one point. Corey Graham made one of two free throws. Hedley had four points to end the game in heartbreak with a one point loss to Hedley.

On Monday night, the Cubs hosted the Cubs from Groom and got off to a

slow start and lost 21 - 9. Scoring for the Cubs was Clay Crockett with four points, Tanner Cadra with three points and Jace McLain with two points.

The Cubs will travel to Valley next Monday. Tip off is at 6:00 p.m.

The McLean Cubs basketball team is coached by Blaze Herring.

Teammates include eighth graders, Corey Graham and Hogan Ketcherside; seventh graders, Jacob Azzazi, Robert Morrow, Tyler Lamb, Clay Crockett, Tanner Cadra, Tyler Britt, Zachary Seymour and sixth graders, George Patterson, Jace McLain, Dalton Richardson and Jordan Herring.



Corey Graham puts one up against a taller Cub from Groom.



Tanner Cadra takes one down the court for two points against his Groom opponents.

*We would like to thank everyone for all the food, cards and especially all of your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time at the loss of our Dad.*

**THE BOHLAR FAMILY**

## TIGER & LADY TIGER BASKETBALL



Clay Crockett



Ashley Russell



Ashley Byron



Jordan Herring

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779-8940

Packett's Grocery  
779-2661

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806-674-2898



*Catch Cub Fever*

# The Flower Cottage Is Open For Business

## Letter To The Editor:

It has been a privilege to honor our Veterans on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day by placing flags at the cemetery for many years.

Due to age, ill health, etc. we will no longer be able to continue with this project.

The torch will be passed to the Scouts. Gaylene Mann, Scout Master and

the Scouts have enthusiastically consented to continue this project.

We are thankful to Gaylene and the Scouts for their willingness to continue this service.

We appreciate members of the community who have helped put out flags through the years.

Former members,  
V.F.W. Auxiliary



Angie Billingsley and Terri Adams stand in front of one of their displays in The Flower Cottage which opened on November 9.

A new business has opened in McLean. The Flower Cottage opened on November 9, 2005. A grand opening was held November 9 through November 11.

The Flower Cottage is located at 120 East First Street across the street from the Taylor Mart. The flower shop is owned and operated by local women, Angie Billingsley and Terri Adams.

The new shop carries fresh and silk flowers, plants, balloons, gift items, and holiday selections. "We are excited to be able to serve our hometown of McLean," stated co-owner, Angie Billingsley. "We

plan to have an ever changing inventory."

Free delivery service is available within the city limits of McLean. A small fee is charged to customers outside the town of McLean due to high gas prices, according to co-owner, Angie Billingsley. The shop delivers up to 35

miles and delivery to Groom residents will be free on Tuesdays.

The hours for the new shop are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Credit lines will be available for those who fill out a credit application. The phone number is 806-779-2900.

## MHS Honor Roll

FRESHMAN  
90 OR ABOVE  
DaShae Tolleson

80 OR ABOVE  
Trenton Darsy  
Jamie Sanderson  
Patrick Seager  
Kelsey Tate

SOPHOMORE  
90 OR ABOVE  
Jessica Mann  
Mark Smith  
Lucas Webb

80 OR ABOVE  
Trey Skipper  
Logan Sparling

JUNIOR  
90 OR ABOVE  
Jacey Carter  
John Haynes  
Tamara Loya  
Brooke Seymour

80 OR ABOVE  
Tiffany Moon

SENIORS  
90 OR ABOVE  
Manden Conklin

80 OR ABOVE  
Carrie Thompson  
Keisha Menfield  
Kevin Smith  
Connie Vega

## Boy Scouts Hold Brown Bag Food Drive

You may have noticed brown paper bags on your door this weekend. Those bags came from the Boy Scouts who are going to be collecting food for the Leaves and Fishes Benevolent ministries.

On Saturday, November 19, 2005 the Scouts will be back on your doorstep to collect the brown paper bags, hopefully filled with

food. They will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The Scouts left instructions for donating food in the bag. If your bag did not have instructions, the scouts are asking that you leave no perishable foods and no glass containers.

If you need more information, you may call Gaylyne Manas at 779-2805.

by Davie Gipson

We began the month of October with back to back tours on October 4. The first was the Geneva Parde Tour from Nebraska with 42 people. They had barely pulled away from the museum when the Walking Adventures from Vancouver and the West Coast arrived. We enjoyed having both tours. Zeld and Inez helped out with sales.

The rest of the month was pretty much taken up with people from 34 states plus Washington D.C. and from 13 international countries. People from countries never before represented, Serbia and Nova Scotia found their way through our door. Other visitors were from Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

We had a total of 396 visitors.

Cold weather usually brings us people going to warmer climates for the winter. We hope this will be true of this winter.

We have a new display case (courtesy of the Trews) for our ranching and brand literature. It is located inside the museum as we have filled our library space in the office area.

A new picture of Bonnie and Clyde is in the Route 66 museum. It is donated by the Trews and taken for a "Historical Magazine."

The volunteers Christmas party will be December 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the museum. Plans are for the middle of December unless we have a really mild winter.

## The Devil's Rope Museum Receives New Display Case

if he thought the free day at the landfill caused the city to lose a lot of money. Allen said that at the beginning it had, but now very few people came on the free day.

Bob Martin told the council that he had talked to Mr. Cooper about the Ten Commandment monument and he had explained to him that the monument would need to

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be put on Mrs. Vines property and not on the city easement. He also told the council that a camera had been put on the water tower and was to be used by the Fire Department or emergency personnel with a secured password.

By unanimous consent the council agreed to pay the bills.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

*100th Birthday Party*  
For  
*Clyde Housley*

Place:  
The Canyons  
2200 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Amarillo, Texas

Time:  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**Cake Mixes**  
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**Spice Fryer**  
Duncan Hines Assorted 15.7-18.25 oz. **\$1.39**

**Cook's Ham**  
Shank Portion Bone In  
**99¢ lb.**

**Owens Sausage**  
Reg. or Hot 2 lb. roll  
**\$2.99**

**Crisp Celery**  
Garden Fresh **4/1**

**Sweet Potatoes**  
Garden Fresh **2/1**

**Whole Ham**  
Farmland Boneless 95% Fat Free 5 lb. net wt. **\$4.99**

**Pork Roast**  
Bottom Butt Pack Trm 2 piece **99¢ lb.**

**Tamale Time!**  
Chile Pods 8 oz. pkg. **3/5**

**Large Eggs**  
Shur's Fine Grade A 18 count **99¢**

**Brown 'N Serve Rolls**  
TenderCrust 12 count **69¢**

**Pork Loin Roast**  
Prepared Shur's Fine Center Cut **\$2.39**

**Chile Pods**  
8 oz. pkg. **3/5**

**Whipped Topping**  
Shur's Fine Assorted 8 oz. tub **2/1**

**Sara Lee Pies**  
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Prepared Shur's Fine 12 oz. **\$2.69**

**Bottom Round Roast**  
Prepared Shur's Fine 12 oz. **\$2.69**

**Apple Pie Filling**  
21 oz. can **2/1**

**Shur's Fine Pumpkin**  
Fancy 15 oz. can **5/2**

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**Navel Oranges**  
12 oz. **79¢**

**Grapefruit**  
Shur's Fine 12 oz. **2/1**

**Apples**  
Wash & Eat 12 oz. **99¢**

**Shur's Fine Ice Cream**  
Assorted half gallon round **2/5**

**Green Beans**  
Garden Fresh **99¢**

**New Red Potatoes**  
12 oz. **2/1**

**Russet Potatoes**  
U.S. No. 1 10 lb. bag **2/4**

**Green Onions**  
Garden Fresh **3/1**

**Potato Chips**  
Lay's® or Wavy Lay's® Assorted 13 oz. pkg. **\$2.99**

**Tomatoes**  
Red Ripe 12 oz. **\$1.99**

**Cauliflower**  
Large Snow-white **\$1.79**

**Asparagus**  
Garden Fresh **\$2.99**

**Iceberg Salad**  
Dole Classic 2 lb. pkg. **\$1.99**

**Country Crock**  
Shoulder Spread 48 oz. **\$1.99**

**Pineapple**  
Del Monte Assorted 15-15.5 oz. **69¢**

**Cut Yams**  
Shur's Fine Fancy 28 oz. **99¢**

**Cream Cheese**  
Shur's Fine 8 oz. **89¢**

**Hershey's Chips**  
Select Varieties 10-11.5 oz. **3/5**

**Ripe Olives**  
Shur's Fine Pitted Assorted 6 oz. can **99¢**

**Shur's Fine Foil**  
Heavy Duty 18 inch 37.5 sq. ft. **2/3**

**Hills Bros Coffee**  
Regular or Perfect Balance PAC 34.5-39 oz. **\$4.99**

**Jiffy Baking Mix**  
Jiffy 40 oz. **2/3**

**Jiffy Mixes**  
Biscuits, Waffles or Corn Sticks 8.25 oz. **5/2**

**Baker's Coconut**  
Shur's Fine 14 oz. **2/4**

**Marshmallows**  
Shur's Fine Regular or Mini 10-10.5 oz. **69¢**

**Evaporated Milk**  
Shur's Fine 12 oz. **2/1**

**Cream Soups**  
Shur's Fine Assorted 10.5-10.75 oz. **2/1**

**Dressing**  
Mrs. Callahan's Assorted 10-12 oz. **2/3**

**Stuffing Mix**  
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## School Earns Gold Star Award

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly meeting on November 8, 2005. The following members were in attendance Clifton Britten, Roh Kuehler, Curtis Downs, and Kathleen Barkley. Absent were members Tony Rocha, Rodney Bohr and Tony Britten. Superintendent Stevens was also in attendance.

After a prayer by Mr. Stevens, the meeting was called to order at 7:20.

Minutes from the previous meeting were

approved.

President Britten asked about the land survey that will be conducted over at the school hog pens during the open forum time.

During regular session, Mr. Stevens discussed the TEA Gold Performance Acknowledgments that Groom ISD earned.

The Monthly Budget report was discussed.

The Board unanimously approved retaining the firm of Schwartz and Eichelbaum for Legal Services.

The list of transfers was approved.

Discussion was held concerning the hiring of a new cafeteria worker.

Discussion was held about the Tax Rate Survey as provided by Region 16 ESC.

A Substitute Teach pay Scale Survey provided by Region 16 was discussed.

Texas School Nutrition Policy was a topic of discussion and a short video was shown to the members.

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:35.



## Sorority Hosts Annual Dinner

Happy Birthday! R.B. Thornton is the youngest 91 year old we know! He just happened to celebrated his birthday at the same time as the girls from Alpha Mu Xi have their annual Thanksgiving Meal for Seniors. Isn't it just like Groom to have two great things at once! Pictured is the birthday boy... R.B. Thornton, Sorority gals Donna Barnett, Nancy Patterson, and Rita Poor join in with the whole audience to sing him happy birthday!

## Cubs Tip Off Season With Win



Groom Junior High kicked off their basketball season with two exciting games at McLean on Monday night.

The girls put up a valiant fight but were overwhelmed by McLean's size and speed. Rachael Hopkins lead Groom's scoring with 7 points. Korri Britten added another 6. Maddie Wieberg scored 4 more for Groom's team. Other members of the team include Alannah King, Neva Corley, Suhani Bhakta, Virginia Froses, Hali Bohr, Beckah Roskens, Cheyenne Koschata, Tiffany Kling, and Ashley Murray. The final score was Groom 17-McLean 47.

In the boys action, the Cubs blasted McLean 23 - 9. Leading the scoring was Eric Torres with 13

points. Myles Friemel added another 4 points to the mix. Jacob Torres, Tanner Britten and Tyler Case each contributed 2 points. Other members of the team who contributed to the win are Shane King, Taylor Fields, Chris Homen, Billy Corley, Michael Kelly, and Trent Murry.

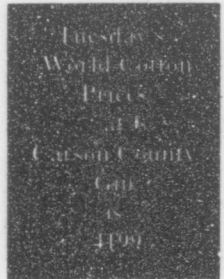
Watch next weeks paper for news on the opening game of the Groom Tigers and Tigerettes and more about our high school games.

## Groom Community Calendar

**GROOM STUDENTS** will be released from school early on November 22 for the Thanksgiving holiday break.

**FLU SHOTS!** Today! Groom School, Bring your medicare card at 10:00 am in the school library.

**GROOM JR.** High Basketball teams will play Samnorwood, here, on Nov. 21 at 6:00.

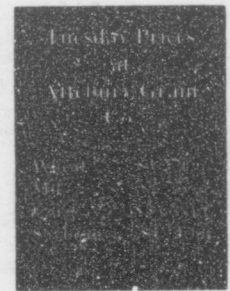


**GROOM HIGH** School Basketball teams will play in the Lefors Tournament Nov. 17-19. They will also play Follett, there on Nov. 22

**TRAVIS BRITTEN** will present an educational program on his adventure in the Appalachian Mountains to Grades 6-12 at 9:30 am and Grades K-5 at 1:00 pm on Nov. 22. in the school auditorium. Each program will last about 30 minutes and will be different from the previous. He will also hold an hour presentation on Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm in the school auditorium. All the presentations are open to the public.

**CHRISTMAS** is only 39 days away! Get your Christmas Greeting before Thanksgiving and get a discount!

**EARLY DEADLINE** for news and ads in the Groom News next week. Please have all items in to the office by noon on Monday, Nov. 21.



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## Local Happenings

Happy and Wheeler faced each other in a six-man bi-district play-off game last Friday in Groom. The Wheeler Mustang are Coached by former Groom coach, Toby Tucker. Wheeler thumped the Happy Cowboys, 99-56. Congrats to Toby and good luck in the play-offs

Tammy Case's dad is reported to be recovering nicely after his heart surgery. He is home and doing well.

April Burton and her fiancé Brandon Jones recently visited friends in Colorado Spring. Some of those she visited were Mary and Sara Hutsell and Melissa Anthony.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Johnny Hermesmeyer says thank you for all the words and acts of kindness expressed for him during his illness and death. They were greatly appreciated.

(Left) Doris Kuehler enjoys a visit to Groom for the annual dinner.



### Our Sincerest Thanks

Our sincerest thanks to all the girls at Alpha Mu Xi for the wonderful work they do, including the delicious meal they put together for us senior citizens. We appreciate all the work that goes into it as well as giving us all a reason to get together and see old friends before the weather keeps us all home!

God Bless You All,  
Groom Area  
Senior Citizens

## Birthday & Anniversaries

November 17 - Norris Hoyt, Juanita Brown, Marguerite Burgin.

November 18 - Patrick Britten, Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Bolden (A)

November 19 - Larry Brown, Karri Britten, Karla Ann Howard, Kecia Sue Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Howard (A).

November 20 - James D. Robinson, Cody Wilson.

November 21 - Trey Landon Stephens, Gordon Schaffer.

November 22 - Herman Leven, John Weinheimer.

## Autumn Splendor Dinner and Bazaar To Be Held

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom will host it's annual "Autumn Splendor" Dinner and Bazaar on November 20. Everyone is invited to join family and friends (maybe even make some new ones) for a feast and some great fun. There will be something fun for everyone - the guys, the gals and the youngsters, too! So gather everyone and head to Groom for a wonderful day of fellowship.

Choose from a smorgasbord of home-made trimmings and desserts - the perfect complement to the hot roast beef and gravy dinner. After you've had your fill (and then some) you can get a good start

on your Christmas Shopping. The Bazaar will be loaded with gifts sure to please! From unique jewelry to beautiful crosses and many "made with love" arts and crafts. Don't forget to pick

something out for yourself because you have been very, very "good" this year.

The Bake Sale is the stuff that legends are made of... so check them out early... those tasty treats go very fast!

With your shopping done and your tummy full, remember the man in your life (or your pistol-packing mama!) by purchasing a chance on a wonderful new Winchester 1300 Ranger model, 12 gauge shotgun. You can't win if you don't

buy a ticket! You don't have to be present to win... they will give you a call.

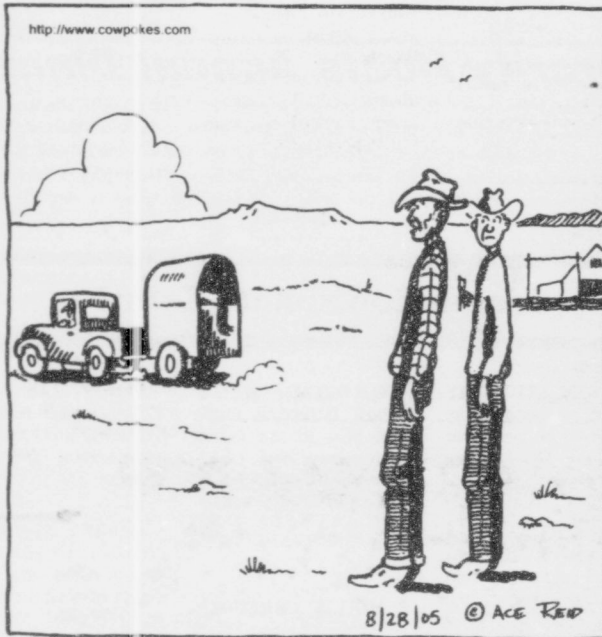
So remember... This Sunday, Nov. 20. at St. Mary's Catholic School on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Martin in Groom... Bazaar & Bake Sale will open from 11:00 - 2:00. Roast beef dinner and all the trimmings. 11:30-1:30. \$7.00 adults, Ages 4-11 \$4.00, Under 4 free. Shot Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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# Food And Fun For Seniors



A hungry bunch enjoys a delicious meal at the Alpha Mu Xi Sorority.



Martha Bolden, Sybil Brown, and Tom and Glenda Reed enjoy visiting while they wait in line.

## Groom School Honor Roll

- ALL A's**
- Fourth Grade:** McKenna Beth Britten, Megan Ruthardt, Caitlin Schuster, and Vidal Ybarra.
- Fifth Grade:** Kyler Barkley, Caleb Reyna, Sara Kelly, and Amy Weinheimer.
- Sixth Grade:** Rebekah Roskens.
- Seventh Grade:** Michael Kelly, Jacob Torres, Madalyn Wieberg.
- Eighth Grade:** Ashley Murray.
- Ninth Grade:** Brett Friemel and Joshua Kelly.
- Tenth Grade:** Chad Barkley.
- Eleventh Grade:** Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Kacie Galyean.
- Seventh Grade:** Tanner Britten, Samantha Clendennen, Myles Friemel, and Haley Kuehler.
- Eighth Grade:** Tyler Babcock, Korri Britten, Tyler Case, Virginia Froese, Alannah King, Ashley Murray, and Jes Roskens.
- Ninth Grade:** Trent Britten, Blake Galyean, Andrew Thompson, Ben Thompson, and Kelton Weller.
- Tenth Grade:** Anthony Blackwell, Stephanie Henson, and Michaela Roskens.
- Eleventh Grade:** Brandi Bates and Cary Carter.
- Twelfth Grade:** Sharri Britten, Javier Caro, and Kyra Stevens.
- A-B HONOR ROLL**
- Fourth Grade:** Brooklyn Kerlee.
- Fifth Grade:** Brody Britten, Tanner Case, Clinton Galyean, Elizabeth Merrell, Victoria Moranicc, Alexandria Ragsdale, Macee Rocha, and Amy Weinheimer.
- Sixth Grade:** Suhani Bhakta, Hali Bohr, Neva Corley, Taylor Fields, and Christopher Homen.

# Texas Says No To Gay Marriage

Carson County as well as the rest of Texas said a resounding "No!" to gay marriage after the recent Constitutional election was held. Groom only had 9 voters sympathetic to the plight of gay couples who

wish their union was recognized by authorities. 161 voters felt that marriage should be between a man and a woman. With this a part of the Texas Constitution now, no judge will be able to rule on this issue.

There are expected to be some challenges for the amendment as gay rights advocates will continue to question the constitutionality of the amendment. Totals for the county are as follows:

**Proposition 1:** Would create a relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and authorize grants of state revenue etc. for railroads. Failed: 559 For, 722 Against.

**Proposition 2:** Making marriage only between a man and a woman. Passed: 1278 For, 108 Against.

**Proposition 3:** Making provisions that state law does not apply to loans and grants of local economic development programs. Passed, for 637, Against 596.

**Promotion 4:** Authorized judges to deny bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the decedents release pending trial. Passed For 1138 Against 186.

**Proposition 5:** would exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. Failed - For 787, Against 464.

**Proposition 6:** would increase the size of the commission on Judicial Conduct from 11 to 13 members. Passed - For 680, Against 552.

**Proposition 7:** would allow line of credit advances under a reverse mortgage. Passed - For 677 Against 560.

**Proposition 8:** would release state claims on two parcels of land near Gilmer, Texas and Tyler, Texas. Passed - For 633, Against 515.

**Proposition 9:** authorized the legislature to provide for a six year term for a board member of regional mobility authority. Failed - For 475, Against 751.

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# School Up & Running Smoothly

FROM THE SUPER  
By Terry Stevens

I have decided to call my little article this name, because of Bobby Cornett. Because every time he sees me he says, "Hello super, how is it going." So I decided that was a pretty good name for the article. I will try and write this article as often as I can to keep people informed of what is going on at Groom ISD. Once again Groom ISD is doing well in all areas of the state testing. We were 95% for all students in Reading, 96% in Writing, 107% in Social Studies, 90% in Math and 71% in Science.

We receive a Recognized status for the TEA. We also received Gold Performance Acknowledgments in 8 of 11 areas monitored by the state. We received acknowledgment in Advanced Courses, Attendance, Reading, Math, Writing, Social Studies, Recommended High school Programs, T A A S / T A S B Equivalency. We had a 0% drop-out rate, and a 100% completion rate. These are things that this community can be very proud of.

I am very proud of the staff and all that they do around here to make all of

this work each and every day. But we all know that not much of this would happen if we didn't have the support of this fine community. No School is perfect. We all have problems. But in Groom when we have problems, we know that we have the support of the community to help us take care of those problems. Without the support of the community this school would not be doing so well. We now have 140 students enrolled in grades K-12, and our finances look pretty good this year.

We often hear some of our political leaders putting down public

schools. It seems to me that they have problems taking care of things that

they need to do in Austin, so they try to blame other things. Education is always an easy target. But read the articles of how Texas school out performed the National Average on three of the four NAEP tests, then we know that we are doing things right. I am very proud of this staff. They do the best they can each day to educate your child.

Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless.

—Thomas Edison

## Groom School Menus

Week of Nov. 21-25  
Breakfast

Monday - Cold Cereal, Muffins, Juice & Milk

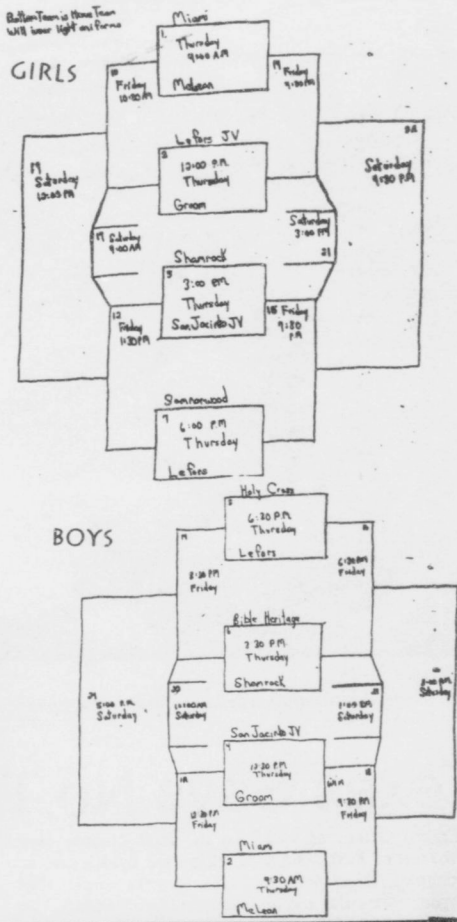
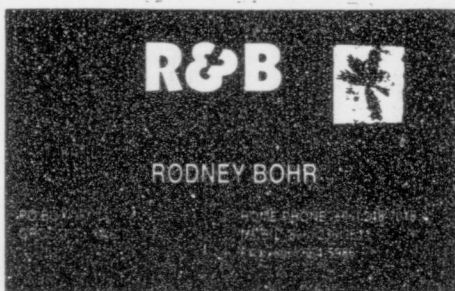
Tuesday - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk

Lunch

Monday - BBQ Beef on a bun, french fries,

pears & milk  
Tuesday - Nachos, pinto beans, lettuce & milk

NO SCHOOL THE REST OF THE WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING



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# Equip 2006 Program Determinations Made

Final recommendations for the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in Carson County were recently made during the Local Work Group (LWG) Meeting held at the conference room of the USDA's Service Center in Panhandle. The EQIP program is administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and provides cost share incentives for eligible practices to address the natural resource concerns deemed to be of highest priority in the county by the LWG. Approximately \$100,000 should be available in County Base funds for Carson County for 2006 to address priority resource concerns.

The Local Work Group decided that soil erosion is still considered the highest priority natural resource concern, with 50% cost share available for building new structures to control water erosion (terraces, diversions and waterways), and rebuilding existing structures that meet certain criteria. Converting cropland to grass will also be an eligible practice with 50% cost-share also available.

Water Quality was determined to be the third priority resource concern for 2006, with a 50% cost-share rate to be used for upgrading existing center pivots, replacing existing leaky underground pipeline on any typ irrigation system, and installing drip or trickle irrigation, with a 60 acre

maximum.

There should be available approximately \$100,000 to address water quality concerns on irrigated crop land through the Ogallala Special emphasis Area. The Local Work Group decided that these funds will be used to provide 30% cost-share for center pivots to replace row-watered irrigation on cropland. New underground pipeline to these pivots will be cost-shared at a 50% rate.

To apply for the 2006 Equip program, or for more information, come by the NRCS office at 221 Euclid Street in Panhandle, or call 537-3533. The deadline to apply for the 2006 EQIP program has not yet been announced, but application can be made at any time.

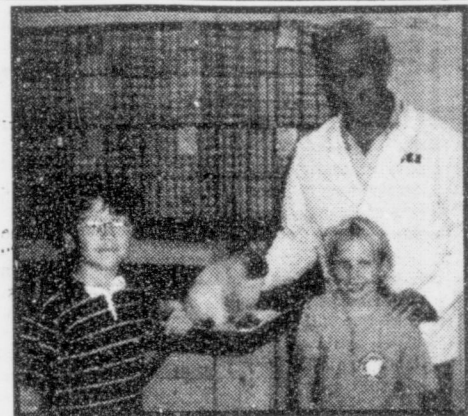
# Catholic Mission Being Held

The Disciples of Lord Jesus Christ, Sister from Channing, will be holding a mission at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon. Everyone is invited to three evening of prayerful worship and song beginning at 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's is located on the corner of Montgomery and McLelland Streets.

Start the holiday season with Christ as the center. Participation in a three-day mission, a prayerful Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent will lead us to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Please com join us and bring your friends with you. Transportation is available by calling Nelda at 874-1231 or Denise at 874-2846.

St. Mary's Parish wishes everyone a Blessed Holiday.



# Groom Youngsters Exhibit Rabbits

Pictured are Tanner Case, Kylie Pickering, and Judge Tex Thomas at the Llano Estacado Rabbit Breeders Association Fall Show where Kylie's rabbit, Sammy, won Best in Show out of 900 rabbits. The show was held on Sat. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> in Lubbock, TX. Tanner Case is a new rabbit enthusiast who came along to check out the show scene.

# High Plains Poetry Winners Announced

Winning student poems in the recent Hi-Plains Poetry Contest are now on display at the Amarillo

Central Library stairwell for the public to view, as the finale of "Poem in Your Pocket" Week. The contest, which introduced "Poem in Your Pocket Week, October 10-16, which helped introduce the grace and power of poetry to the public, was sponsored by Hi-Plains Poetry, a chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas, and the National Federation of State Poetry Societies.

Students came from as far away as Shamrock, Groom, and Pampa to read their winning poems in front of friends and family Saturday at the Annual Poetry Luncheon held at the Amarillo Senior Citizen Center. Excitement and pride as the winners names were announced and their poems read filled the room with celebration.

Mayor Debra McCarrt read the Proclamation for Poem in Your Pocket Week and presented it to the group. Then she read several poems which were

family favorites, and congratulated the room full of winners.

Winners:

### ELEMENTARY

1st - "Imagine" - Brittney Perez, Lamar Elementary, Amarillo

2<sup>nd</sup> - "Cat Chat" - Tina Harms, Groom

3rd - "The Fat Cat Who Sat on a Mat" - Michael Barrientos, San Jacinto Elementary, Amarillo

1st HM - "Baseball" - Dallon Poole, Travis Elementary, Pampa

2nd HM - "Sun in the Water" - Michael Hatchett, Pleasant Valley Elementary, Amarillo  
3rd HM - "Me" - Amy Weinheimer, Groom

4th HM - "Amazing Canyon" - Kevin Johnson, Lamar Elementary, Amarillo

5th HM "My Adventure" - Josh Mora, Lamar

6<sup>th</sup> "Palo Duro Canyon, Zachary Everson, Lamar

7TH "The Moon" - Sage Dorn, Pampa

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st - "Too Many/Enough" - Bobby Ka Greene, Shamrock, Home School

2nd - "I've Seen It All" - Joann Early, Westover Park, Amarillo

3rd - "Life" - Kassandra Brown, Groom

1st HM - "Fall" - Rebekah White, Claude  
2nd HM - "My Ferret" - Rachel Bynum, Home School, Amarillo  
3rd HM - "My Mom, the Mighty Mascot" - Tessa Davis, Claude

4th HM - "Frogs" - Dustin Whinery, Pampa

5th HM - "My World" - Brianna Greenwood, Claude.

6<sup>th</sup> "Iraqi Girl" - Becca Grace, Caprock HS

3rd - "Each Other" - Elle Dirickson, Caprock HS

1st HM - "That Girl Is Me" - Hollyann Jensen, Tascosa HS, Amarillo

2nd HM - "Pain, Sadness, Hurt and Shame" - Victoria Barta, Dalhart

3rd HM - "Little White Lie" - Kyra Stevens, Groom

4th HM - "Anger" - Anthony Blackwell, Groom

5th HM - "Mad Man" - Brecca Gleaves, Borger

6th HM - "Me" - Michaela Roskens, Groom

7th HM - "Be Who You Are" - Nathan Sater, Groom

Student poems were judged by Hi-Plains Poetry President Von Bourland, Karl Smith-Contest Chair, and Marianne Logan, Poem in Your Pocket Week Coordinator.

2nd HM - "Pain, Sadness, Hurt and Shame" - Victoria Barta, Dalhart

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1st - "We Shall Return" - Angelica Mata - Caprock High School

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**Ritter Attends 65th Annual Meeting of State Soil & Water Conservation District**

Troy Ritter of Groom and vice-chairman of the Gray County district of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation District attended the 65th Annual State Meeting recently. More than 850 conservation leaders gathered in Corpus Christi.

David Bowers of Pampa also attended the meeting. The meeting brought together district directors from around the state representing the 217 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Texas. These locally elected officials met with other state elected officials and state and federal agencies to discuss various issues dealing with soil and water conservation on privately owned farms and ranches in Texas.

The directors work to bring about the widespread understanding of the need for soil and water conservation. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is the lead agency in Texas responsible for

planning implementing and managing programs and practices for abating prevention agricultural and sub-cultural non-point source pollution.

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