

# The McLean News



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## District Attorney's Race Heats Up As Voting Nears

March 14 is just around the corner and the candidates in Gray County are out visiting with people, looking for that vote that could put them over the top on the ballot.

The biggest race seems to be the one for 31st District Attorney. Three Republican candidates and one Democrat candidate are vying for the position. Charles Kessie is running as the only Democrat in the Gray County elections. He is running against Republican incumbent John Mann and Republicans Philip Feendleton and Richard

Roach.

Incumbent, Sammie Morris is running unopposed for Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Republican, Todd Alvey is also running unopposed for Gray County Attorney. Don Copeland will go unopposed in the bid for Sheriff.

In the commissioners race, Republicans Gene Gee and Joe Wheeley will go up against each other for the Precinct 1 spot. Gerald Wright, also a republican will go unopposed for Precinct 3. Gray County Constable Precincts 1 and 3 have

four republicans vying for the office. Curtis Dalton, James Lewis, Michael Ray and Randy Stubblefield will be on the ballot March 14. Precinct 2 has Robert Douglas, Chris Lockridge and Paul Sublett striving for the spot. Incumbent, Frank Sparling will defend his office against

Chris McMinn for the Constable Precinct 4 position. Both men are republicans and from McLean.

Remember to get out and vote on March 14. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.



## Weather Awareness Week

This has been "Severe Weather Awareness Week" and the McLean I.S.D. has been teaching the children exactly what to do in case bad weather should occur. School administrators will monitor the radio and television for updated weather reports. All teachers will be notified

should any alerts occur. There are two drills the school will follow:

- 1) If time is allowed, the students will go to the First Assembly of God Church. The church has a basement with room for everyone.
- 2) If ample time is not allowed or if it is raining or hailing too hard, the students will go into the hall outside the classrooms. The students will lie face down and draw their knees up under them. The

students will then cover their heads with their hands or a book.

McLean

## City Has Three New Sirens To Alert Citizens To Dangerous Weather Conditions

By Robert McDonald  
With storm season fast approaching the McLean Fire Department and the City of McLean have some new additions to the storm warning systems to announce. With the help of the City of Pampa we now have three new outdoor warning sirens in place. The City of Pampa replaced their storm warning sirens after the June 8, 1995 tornado. The Local Emergency Planning committee raised the money for the City of Pampa to replace the system with the agreement that the old system be given to the other areas of Gray County. With these sirens we can cover most of the city effectively.

The new sirens will be

used in conjunction with the one siren that was already in place at the fire station. The new locations of the sirens are as follows: One is at the north end of main street behind the funeral home, one is located in the alley between Walnut and Pine between Second and Third streets, the last one is located on the south side of I-40 near the old cement plant south of Ford Smith's. With these locations most of the town will be able to hear them.

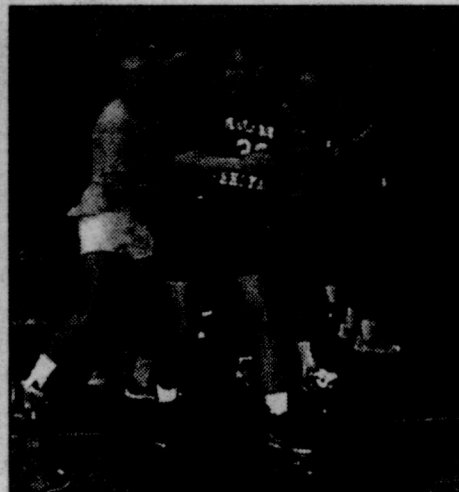
These sirens are used for out door warning only and not meant to replace the use of television or any other warning system currently being used. During severe weather we urge all citizens to watch local weather and keep abreast

of the weather conditions for the McLean area. The warning sirens will sound with one long blast lasting for three minutes. The first time they are sounded will mean the citizens need to be ready to take cover. The second time they sound means that the citizens need to take cover immediately because there is a storm approaching that has the possibility of or has produced some type of severe weather that could cause damage or injuries to the citizens of McLean.

The members of the McLean Fire Department will be having a member of the National Weather Service in Amarillo here to train us on how to spot severe weather on March 16. This is ongoing training that we try to have every year to keep us up on any new

training that has come out in the previous years.

If you have any questions about the warning system please feel free to contact any member of the McLean Fire Department and they will try to answer the questions.



## Feedyard Ladies Blast Past White Deer Gals

By Leslie Darsey  
McLean Feedyard Women met up with White Deer on February 28th and added a big win to their league standings. Nine women were responsible for the winning outcome. The final score was 42-29; Julie Reynolds had 9 points, Joetta Kirkland, Alicia Reynolds and Marvelle Collins each had 6, Connie Nicklas, Dee Ann Burkes and Leslie Darsey each had

4, Angie Billingsley added 3 points, and Carla Russell had an outstanding performance, hustling and rebounding.

Immediately following the White Deer game we played Quality Cleaners of Lefors to finish up league play. Unfortunately we did not come out as well in this match-up. Lefors knew we were going to be a bit winded, from just

See Feedyard, pg. 10

MARCH 11 4th grade girls play White Deer at McLean at 11:00 a.m.

JERRY SMITH will do Income Taxes at the Senior Citizens every Saturday from 9-5 until April 15.

SIGN-UP for your place on the ballot for City Council or School Board at City Hall or the McLean I.S.D. Business Office. February 21 - March 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL will meet at 7:00 p.m. tonight.

SCHOOL WILL be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10.

SPRING BREAK: March 13 - 17.

JR. HIGH and High School track meet March 18, tentative.

PIONEER Study Club will meet on March 16 at 2:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S Day, is Friday, March 17.

SCHOOL BOARD will meet March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

MARCH 22 is the last day to sign up for City Council or School Board.



City Wide Easter Egg Hunt  
Decorations Needed  
Hunt will be April 22 at 10 A.M.  
Donations Can Be Made To  
McLean Easter Committee  
Box 692 - McLean, Texas 79057  
Come To Trinity Baptist Church At 7:00 P.m.  
on April 21, 2000 If You Would Like To Help  
Stuff Eggs.

### McLean - Alanreed Museum Has Visitors

By Dorthey McKee  
For the month of January the McLean Alanreed Area Museum had 20 visitors and for the month of February, had 23 visitors and from one foreign country which was Chechoslovakia. Appreciation was expressed for everyone that helped to make the chili and stew dinner a success. A special thanks to Neal Odom and the McLean Feedyard for donating the meat.

- McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**  
 March 9 - Jack Odom, Kingston.  
 March 10 - Bill Richardson, Valerie Bradley, Angie Purcell, Wilbur Lee Wilson.  
 March 12 - Elmer Ware.  
 March 13 - Maudine Rutherford, Cheyenne Collins, Missie Richardson.  
 March 14 - Rita Jo Crockett, Lynn Swanson, Brent Green, Lori Hefley, Danny Lee.  
 March -15 - Grace Glenn, Gaylia Long, Brad Dalton.

### New Lion's Wanted For Club Members

The McLean Lions Club, which has been an institution in the city for more than 70 years, needs new members. "We have several projects that members help with," Sam Haynes, publicity

chairman, said. "We currently raise funds to furnish glasses for children who have no other means to purchase them."

Haynes said both men and women are eligible to join the club. "We are inviting anyone to come join us. We meet twice a month and have a lot of fun at our meetings, in addition to raising money for worthy projects," he said.

A new project for the club is bingo night, which is scheduled for once a month. "We've been through all the legal procedures with the State of Texas so that this is a fully certified game. We use part of the pot to pay off the winner of each game," Haynes said. "We use the profits to fund our projects."

Haynes said, "We hope people in town will consider coming and helping us be a live-wire club. We need everyone's help to keep this club a vital part of our community."

### Don't Forget To VOTE On MARCH 14

#### Devil's Rope Museum News

The museum opened February 1, 2000 after being closed since December 10, 1999. Thanks to the warmer weather, we have been able to decrease our utilities.

We had 149 visitors in February. Of these, 10 were from Belgium, Canada, Check Republic and Switzerland. Twenty five states and Washington DC were represented.

The down town museum chili dinner brought many local people out. Johnny and Joyce Haynes' 50th Anniversary Party was held in the community room as was a birthday party for Rubin Flores.

We are looking forward to school field trips this spring. We have had lots of requests for information on Old Route 66 from people expecting to travel this direction during the summer. We look forward to another good year.

# VOTE PHIL PENDLETON REPUBLICAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY MARCH 14, 2000

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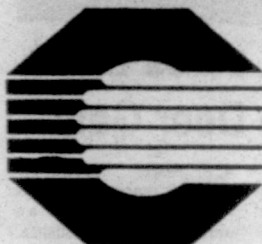
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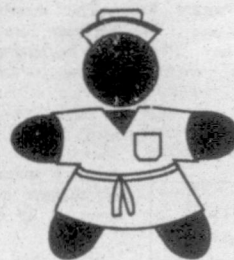
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## Family Healthcare Clinic Of McLean

NEW HOURS  
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**Little Dribblers**

The Little Dribblers of McLean held their yearly tournament on March 2-4. This was a new experience for McLean with Kindergarten through 2nd grade being added. The tournament brought

in over 300 parents from other towns with six towns being represented. The tournament brought in \$3300.00 with a profit for the Little Dribblers of \$2650.00.

The kindergarten

through 2nd grade girls team, coached by Kelly Byron, came in with a 2-1 final.

All of McLean's other teams came in 4th or more.

"It was a successful tournament for McLean," stated Quinton Newton. "The kids will have another chance this weekend when we play basically the same teams

**McLean's Academic All-District Named**

The District 9 I-A Academic All-District basketball players were recently announced. From the McLean teams, Amanda Cline, Lacey Steel, Jessi Fish, Randi Riley, Nikki Hefley, Shaley Steel, Brian Fuller, Chris Hauck, Terrell Hembree and Josh Seymour. Congratulations to these athletes who have exhibited excellence in academics as well.

**Pioneer Study Club**

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, March 2nd, 2000 in the Church of Chris Annex with Beverly Odom as hostess.

Delicious refreshments of chocolate angel food cake topped with frozen blueberries and strawberries and whipped cream along with peach tea were served to members and guests. Those present were Jerry Corbin, Mary Dwyer, Margaret Grogan, Mickey Jackson, Wanda Lamb, Sherrie Martindale, Zelda McClellan, Beverly Odom, Mary Powell,

Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Ella May Reyna, Pat Stubbs, Ruth Trew, Nama Webb, Mary Emma Woods and guests Babe Brown and Jack Reyna.

Members answered roll call as to where their grandparents originated. Several came from Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and South Carolina.

Nama Webb stated that our roots came from pioneer families. She shared a brief history of the L.H. Webb family.

Thomas H. Webb fought in the Battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836. He and others that were in battle were awarded land for being in the Texas army. The youngest of his children, L.H. was born in 1859. L.H.'s family moved to Gray County in 1901.

Nama shared some treasured artifacts as "Grandma" Webb kept everything. For instance, a Sears receipt of a shipment of feathers. In 1903 a sales receipt from J. J. Long General Store in Mobeetie: 300 lbs flour, 15 lbs. of beans, 100 lbs. of sugar, 1 pair of shoes (\$2), 5 yds of duck material, just to name a few of the items picked up every month.

The children attended school on the ranch and in 1910 Maude lived in the J.H. Chambers boarding house in McLean. Nama read from a letter dated 1910 that Maude had written. Maude stated that for a \$1.00 she had purchased a hat and for 20 cents, material for a veil.

Nama displayed a few antique valentines dated 1910 and 1928 from Maude and Lyda.

In pioneer days there was lots of happiness, hard times, sacrifices, but the thing that got us through then as today - was faith in God.

Next club meeting will be with Ruth Trew at Bull Canyon.



*Students Of The Week February 28 - March 3. Kindergarten Jordan Herring, 1st Grade Clay Crockett, 2nd Grade Joshua Martin, 3rd Grade Amanda Loya, 4th Grade Mark Smith, 5th Grade Jacob Tolleson, 6th Grade Justin Wehrenberg, 7th Grade Tyler Haynes, 8th Grade Jaci Grigsby.*



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**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE VOTERS OF GRAY COUNTY**

Dear Gray County Voter,

In 1974, the Texas Legislature enacted the "Professional Prosecutors Act" to promote "full-time" District Attorneys in Texas. The legislature enacted the law because they believe DA's should spend 100% of their time prosecuting criminals, *not* handling a private practice on the side. 100% of the cost of a full-time DA is paid for by the State of Texas general fund. *No* local taxes are used. **OUR DISTRICT IS CURRENTLY SERVED BY A PART-TIME DA !!**



Richard J. (Rick) Roach  
**"I WANT TO BE YOUR FULL-TIME DA"**

Of the 155 elected felony prosecutors in Texas, 135 are full-time "professional prosecutors". All 135 full-time professional prosecutor's offices are being funded by the State of Texas.

**BY ELECTING A FULL-TIME DA WE WILL GAIN STATE MONEY TO HELP OUR LOCAL ECONOMY !! WE LOSE THAT MONEY EVERY YEAR WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A PART-TIME DA !!**

There are only 2 part-time DA's in the Texas Panhandle. Our current part-time DA is one of them. Our district has five (5) counties with 35,000 people. In 1999 alone grand juries in our District returned 183 felony indictments. Many cases are never brought before a grand jury or prosecuted by the current DA. **THERE IS NO WAY A PART-TIME DA CAN PROPERLY HANDLE THE WORKLOAD !!**

Here's a sample of what we can continue to expect from a part-time DA !!

- a. PART-TIME DA RECOMMENDS A **2 YEAR SENTENCE FOR POSSESSION OF 65 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA** BY TWO ARIZONA MEN. (*The Pampa News*, December 1, 1999)
- b. **DRUG DEALER GOES FREE** WITHOUT PUNISHMENT BECAUSE PART-TIME DA INCORRECTLY CHARGES DEFENDANT WITH POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE INSTEAD OF COCAINE. (*The Pampa News*, September 30, 1998)
- c. PART-TIME DA RECOMMENDS **PROBATION FOR CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTER**. (*The Amarillo Daily News*, May 19, 1996)

If you want to make a statement against crime and a statement for "positive change" in the DA office, please take the time to vote for Republican **Richard J. (Rick) Roach** for "full-time" District Attorney in the March 14 Republican primary. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Richard J. (Rick) Roach

### 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 Assembly of God. Those attending services Sunday were

Oleta Harris, Mozelle Miller, Fern Boyd, Florence Drake, Helen Simmons, Sue Cubine, Boots Phillips, Essie Knowles, Pat Seymour, Polly Burnett, Bill Anderson, Fern Patching, Johnnie Mertel, George Orrick, Lois DePoor,

Willie Wheeler, Glynda Martin, Bessie McClemore, Relia Ayres, Charles Weaver, Dick Wheeler, Don York, Joe Fortin, Ruth Caudill, Varnie Lowe, Dovie Simmons and Phyllis Bailey.

Monday activities included nail care, beauty shop and bingo in the afternoon. Bananas were

furnished by the Lion's Club. Volunteering was Betty Lowe.

Tuesday was craft time and dominoes.

Wednesday morning the residents gathered for Wednesday morning circle and the monthly resident council meeting. In the afternoon there was a movie and popcorn.

Thursday morning the

residents played beach ball toss and played bingo in the afternoon. The volunteers were Betty Lowe, Lois Myers and Betty Lopez.

Friday was nail care time.

We regret the loss of a resident, Truman Goodlett. We will miss her.

The March birthday party is this Saturday the 11th, at 2:30 p.m. Come join the celebration.

they were fresh and got a lot of fast breaks. Other players finishing up this last game of the season were Carla Russell, Connie Nicklas and Angie Billingsley. We finished up 4th in the league standings. It was a hard, disheartening season with so many losses by just 1 or 2 points. Prizes of t-shirts and plaques were awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams. 3rd place received a plaque also. The standings were as follows: 1st Quality Cleaners (Lefors) 8-0; 2nd M.O.B. (Pampa) 5-3; 3rd Celanese (Pampa) 4-4; 4th McLean Feedyard 2-6; 5th White Deer 1-7.

We would like to thank Neal Odom of McLean Feedyard for being our sponsor for the third year in a row, and also all of our very loyal fans. City of Pampa's Recreation Department will also be forming a softball league for anyone interested.

### Feedyard

playing and really came out running to get ahead right from the start. We

just couldn't seem to get anything going and had more turnovers and received some bad calls too. Julie Reynolds scored 8 points, Dee Ann Burkes had 6, Leslie Darsey had 4, Alicia Reynolds had 3, Marvella Collins and Joetta Kirkland each added 2, which made the final score 44-25. Our shots would just not fall, and



## "The Right Man Running" CHARLES L. KESSIE

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### Thank You Card

We wish to sincerely thank the McLean Volunteer Fire Department for promptly responding to our barn fire on February 17. Though the barn and its contents were destroyed, their quick action controlled the blaze that could have gotten out of hand very easily. Because we had so much hay in the barn, they had to fight the fire for five hours. They took extra precautions to make sure the fire was extinguished.

Thank all of you so much for so selflessly taking time out of your busy lives to provide such a necessary service to McLean and the surrounding area. Also thanks to the families and employers of these volunteers for allowing them to serve their community so generously. Few can truly appreciate the service of the Volunteer Fire Department until they have to make a 911 call to report a fire.

Thanks again not only for your help in extinguishing our fire, but for making yourselves available to those who need you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey, Dee Ann and Skee Burkes - JLB Ranch

### McLean Church Directory

**Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon**  
779-2548  
Sunday Bible School 10 am  
Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45, Worship 11 am & 7 pm  
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
Kellerville Road  
Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
James Mantooth 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

### Briefs

Linda Meador, a former McLean resident, was here from Hobbs, New Mexico. She came to bring her granddaughter, Miranda McMordie home. Miranda went to stay in Hobbs last week. Linda is the daughter of J. Boyd Smith.

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**JUMBO White Onions** LB. **39¢**

**SALAD SIZE HASS Avocados** 3 FOR **\$1.00**

**US#1 D'ARNOU Pears** LB. **69¢**

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## Primary Candidates Gear Up For March 14 Election Balloting

Voters will go to the polls next week on Tuesday, March 14 to decide on party selections for November's general election. In Carson County, for the first time in a while, voters will not have to choose between party affiliations and getting to vote for county positions.

In years past, in order to be able to vote for judge, commissioners or sheriff, a person just about had to vote in the primary as a democrat in order to have a say in the election because Carson County was such a democratic stronghold. Most of the candidates were registered as democrat and ran on that ticket. This made most of the elections decided in the primaries.

Carson County made history in the last election with a

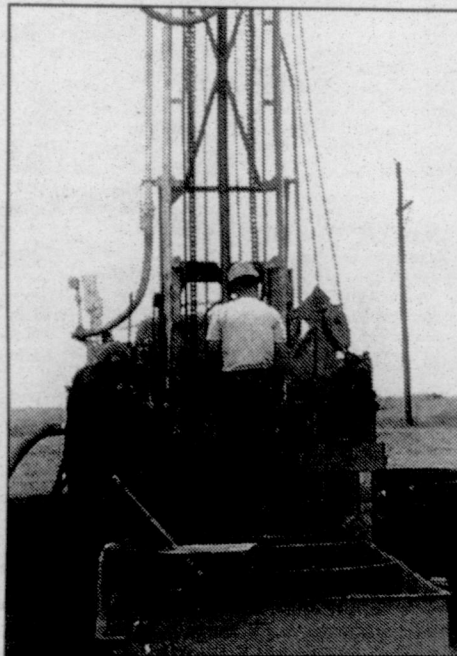
republican candidate for judge defeating a long time democratic incumbent. Republicans have seen significant increase in their numbers in Carson County in the last four years.

According to Carson County Republican Chair Jeri Osborne, in the last primary about 670 people voted Republican. "This was about 100 more than usual," she stated, "but we had a contested County Judge's election."

In the last Democratic primary, approximately 416 people voted.

"We did not have a contested local race in the last primary," stated County Democratic Chair Jackie West.

The upcoming election may be the truest picture of how Carson County thinks politically. The numbers will be interesting to see.



Drilling for oil? No, just by-products! This test hole on the old Lucky 13 property will check for ground contamination from nearby gas tanks.

## Groom School Board Members Attend Training To Improve Their Administrative Skills

The Texas Association of School Boards requires all school trustees to attend training each year. The following is a summary of each members completed hours:

Dennis Babcock completed 3 hours current, 14.5 total.

Clifton Britten

completed a total of 3 hours.

Tim Case completed a total of 3 hours and has 11.5 total hours.

Kelvin Ollinger has completed 3 hours.

No report was presented for Tony Britten or Brad Rogers.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 6TH IS THE local School Board and City Council Election.

TO REQUEST ballots by mail send letter of request to the school business office or/and the city office to vote in the May 6th election. Requests will be accepted immediately.

VOTING FOR Primary Election on Tuesday, March 14, for Republicans will be at the Groom Community Center and at St. Mary's Catholic School for Democrats.

CENSUS 2000 job testing will be held Monday's at 4:00 p.m. at the Groom Community Center. Contact Daniel McGrath at 371-0273 or 665-3569.

APPLY FOR A place on the ballot for School Board or City Council beginning February 21 through March 22. See the school business office or City Hall for more information and requirements.

APRIL 24TH is not a Groom School holiday as previously reported. April school holidays include April 21st and April 28th. There is also no school on May 12.

MARCH 14 will be the annual induction of the National Honor Society at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

THE UIL One Act Play "The Lottery" will be presented to the public on March 16 at 7:00 p.m. Admission will be charged.

PRESIDENTIAL Primary Elections will be held on March 14.

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## Superintendent Wilson Recognizes Support Staff

by John Wilson  
Spring is an exciting and challenging time at school. Students on any given day may be scattered all over the Panhandle representing the school in sports, literary events, or field trips. Our students always do their best and make us proud. Recently we have seen our students excel in basketball and in literary events.

We all know what a terrific group of teachers we have at Groom. They truly are professionals. I want to focus this week, however, on the contributions of support staff at our school district. Our current support staff are:

Jim Burton serves in both maintenance and transportation. He keeps lights burning, toilets flushing, and buses running. He is always quick to help kids in any way possible.

Jennifer Conrad is a Special Education Aid. She has a "shadow" whom she takes care of with a very gentle touch.

Barbara Fraser works in the cafeteria. Barbara always has a smile and

good, hot lunches for our kids.

Julie Friemel is our school secretary. Even though she already has two or three jobs, she always asks "Is there anything I can help you with?"

Neysa Friemel is our food service director. She often has to work wonders in the kitchen with limited resources. The cafeteria was recently given the top rating by state auditors.

Sandra Hayes is school custodian and has done a wonderful job. She came to us from the prison (as a guard) and she like the inmates better at school!

Joe Homer is one of our bus drivers. He and the kids tease each other constantly.

Joyce Hutsell has been Business Manager of Groom ISD for 17 years. Joyce has many roles beyond the complex job of keeping up with financial matters. She is involved in all aspects of school business, including keeping the Superintendent out of trouble.

See Support, pg. 3

## Don Case Files For Re-Election To City Council, 2 Seats Still Open On School & City

The deadline is rapidly approaching for interested persons to file to run on Groom's City Council or School Board. March 22 at 5:00 p.m. is the cut off, just 12 days away.

At presstime only one candidate for City Council had filed. Don Case will be running again for his third term

of office. Seats held by Ellis Stapp and Pete Ham will also be up for contention.

School Board terms ending are currently held by Tony Britten and Barry Fields. If you are pondering with the idea of running but are unsure of what all is involved, the Texas Association of School Boards will present a workshop on



March 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center to provide better understanding of duties and responsibilities, of a school board member. The workshop is open to all. Contact Kathy Dundee at TASD at 800-580-5872 extension 6171.



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## Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder had business in Pampa on Monday.

Groom's Maggie Thomas was named student of the month at Clarendon College's Pampa Center.

Theresa Wills went to Austin to see Nazareth win the state basketball championship.

Lucille Merrick is home after visiting in the home of her daughters, Maxine Kelso of Clovis and Carolyn May at Fritch, recovering from recent surgery.

### Card Of Thanks

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, calls, food and visits while I was in the hospital and at home.  
Darlene Jones

WE ARE considering opening a Licensed Day Care in Groom, but in order to do this we need to know how many are interested for the Fall of 2000. We are also thinking about doing an after-school program, too. Please call Melissa Ritter at 248-7100 or Sandie Conrad at 248-7961.

Jim and Donna Burton attended the birthday party of their granddaughter-to-be, Kaytlynn Simpson, who celebrated becoming 6 years old. The party was held at the Incredible Pizza Company. Also attending were Melody Burton, Hal Simpson, Lauren Simpson, Briton Simpson, Zoenell Simpson and Byrdalee Simpson, all of Amarillo.

On The Sick List  
Burl Painter, Dutch Crowell, Howard Rose, Willie Mae Barnett, Lucille Vaughn, Gloria Ledwig.

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

- March 9 - Pam Ashford.
- March 10 - Karla Koetting.
- March 11 - Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Weller (A).
- March 12 - Mrs. Gregory G. Lamb, Mrs. Larry D. Brown, Toby Ray Burgin, Krisanne Davis, Amy Weinheimer, Rachael Hopkins.
- March 13 - Julia McGee.
- March 14 - Leo Britten, Blake Barnett, W.E. (Bill) Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Britten (A).
- March 15 - Ed and J'Lynna Fink (A).

Voting For Precinct 1  
Will be held at the Groom Community Center for Republicans and St. Mary's Hall for the Democrats

Groom High School is proud to present  
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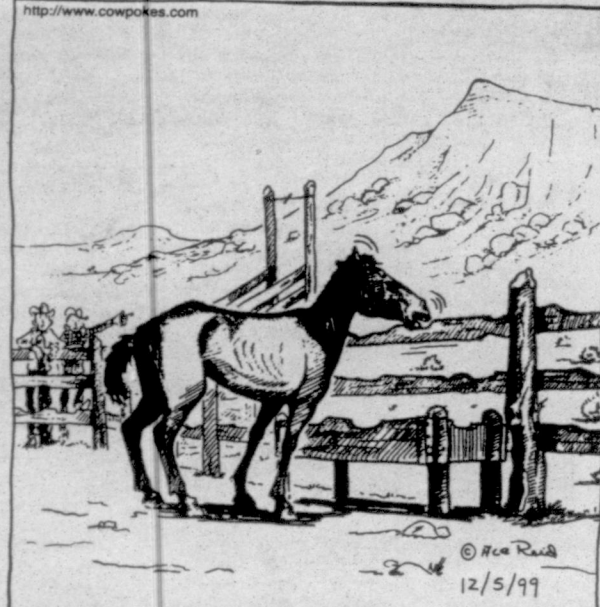
Marshall Sherwood, Attorney at Law, Of Panhandle, Texas, will begin practicing civil law in Groom, Texas.

I will be open each Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm beginning March 10, 2000. I will be located in the office of Bob Britten in the Groom Community Center. My phone in Groom will be the same phone used by Bob Britten, 248-7220. I have been in practice in Panhandle since 1963.

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## Sheriff's Arrest Report

By Gary Robertson, Sheriff

There were 6 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of February 28 through March 5, 2000. Currently there are 15 persons incarcerated and 9 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include:

William Rivera (Dalhart), 41, Driving While Intoxicated.

David Elder (White Deer), 53, Gray Co. Warrant (Driving While Intoxicated).

Jesse McKinney (Tennessee), 39, Unauthorized Carrying of a Weapon, Armed Robbery (Beckham Co., Ok.), Homicide (Beckham Co., Ok.).

Ricky Courange (California), 39, Possession of Marijuana

less than 2 ounces.

Robert Bates (Borger), 47, Possession of Marijuana more than 4 ounces, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Jolene Olivarez (Amarillo), 21, Motion to Revoke Probation (Retaliation).

Edward Fancher (Fritch), 47, Public Intoxication.

William Dow (Fritch), 36, Public Intoxication.

Mary Bates (Borger), 37, Possession of Marijuana more than 4 ounces, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Donnie Cummings (Panhandle), 38, Hutchinson Co. Warrant (Theft by Check).

### Local Happening

Rip and Joy Snyder had breakfast with Norman and Martha Sublett on Friday in Pampa.

### Much Needed Moisture Comes To Panhandle

The extreme eastern portion of the Texas Panhandle received some much needed moisture when thunderstorms rolled through that area dropping 3/4 to 2 inches of rain. The rest of the Panhandle remains very dry. These dry conditions along with above normal temperatures, high winds and greenbugs continue to take a toll on the wheat crop especially the dryland crop.

Greenbugs continue to increase in all areas of the Texas Panhandle except in the southeast portion. Very heavy infestations are reported from Deaf Smith, Carson, Gray and Moore Counties. Irrigated fields and some of the better stands of dryland wheat in these counties are being treated. Reports received indicate that insecticide applications are effective.

Reports also indicate that beneficial insect activity continues to increase.

### Support

Kevin and Sharolyn Kerlee share a bus route and often drive for extra-curricular events. They are always supportive of student activities.

Francis Payton is an instructional aid in the younger grades. She also drives a bus and will cheerfully fill in wherever she is needed.

Nadine Thornton drives a long bus route. She is one of the people who can smile at children on cold mornings before daylight.

We are very proud of all the people who make our school great. Every one of these people truly work to enhance the educational experience of our kids.

## Murder Suspect Arrested At Conway

A Tennessee man accused in an Oklahoma murder last week is fighting extradition to Oklahoma, according to Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson.

Jessie Allen McKinney, 40, of Brush Creek, Tennessee was arrested last week at a motel in Conway after he was spotted by Pampa Brand Inspector Kelly Rushing. He was taken into custody by Rushing and Robertson. Conway is located about nine miles south of Panhandle and 16 miles west of Groom.

McKinney is suspected of a robbery in Norman, Oklahoma last week and also another robbery last week of a tavern in Texola, Oklahoma in which the owner, Jim Matthews, 57, fought with the robber and was shot twice in the struggle and then shot in the head

and killed. The assailant used a .22 caliber pistol.

Texola is located about 15 miles east of Shamrock on U.S. Interstate 40.

Robertson said McKinney is being held without bond in the Carson County Jail.

"We are waiting for a governor's warrant from Oklahoma," he said.

The extradition process takes 60 to 90 days according to Robertson.

McKinney was previously involved in a homicide case in Tennessee.

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### Babcock-Metzger Plan Nuptials

Kenneth and Linda Babcock of Groom announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Lynne, to Mark Alan Metzger. Metzger is the son of Rev. Kenneth T. and Sue Metzger of Abilene. The couple plans to wed April 29, 2000 at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in management. She is currently the Local Government Services Program Coordinator at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in government. He is also a graduate of

Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. He is currently the pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Stratford.

### Even Unopposed Candidates Should Formally Announce Their Bid To Seek Re-Election

By Donna Burton  
If you ask me and nobody did, I am really and truly fed up with candidates on our local and district level who do not even make a formal announcement when they have no opponent.

When I received the sample ballot for the newspaper, I was surprised to learn that there were some local and district offices on the ballot this year. Maybe I am derelict in my duties as a reporter for not realizing this was an election year for these offices, but I think these candidates should be held accountable as well.

What usually happens when a candidate decides to run for office is that they pay a small fee for their name to be in the political calendar and to have their announcement run in the paper. Most of the time this is done during or just after the filing period ends.

The political calendar runs in the paper almost a year and the fee figures out to just pennies a week. Many times if a candidate is uncontested in the primary or general election this is the only political ad they run until they come up for re-election.

What irritates me, is

that we have some candidates that must have become so comfortable in their jobs that they feel that they don't need to let you know that they want your vote, even though they are unopposed. I, personally, want to feel that my local and district elected officials are in these offices because at sometime in the past some voters thought they would do a good job, not just because no one else signed up. I want them to remind me that they are thankful for the position and have been working for my good, even if no one else signed up.

I may vote for someone else when they do have an opponent, just because they have not been interested enough in me to ask for my vote in the years when my vote was not pertinent to them keeping their job.

I think all candidates have an accountability and responsibility to their constituency and should go about informing the public as if they had an opponent hot on their heels. You never know... someday there just may be one. And if you don't know where I am before the race...I doubt you will take the time to find out after!

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## Follow The Democratic Process From Vote To Nomination

Letter to the Editor,  
 Voters in the party primaries may attend their party precincts convention held at the place they voted after the voting closes on March 14, 2000. The precinct convention is the first step or grassroots of your party philosophy or platform. This convention allows you, the voter to present proposals of what you want your government to do and the direction it should take. The county convention will be held on April 1, 2000. At the precinct convention, delegates will be elected to attend your party's county convention where the resolutions that were presented and passed at your precinct convention will be presented and voted upon to be sent to the party's state convention. Delegates and alternate delegates will also be voted to attend the party's state convention.  
 The state convention will have delegates named to the various state committees, rules, nominations of delegates and alternate delegates, resolutions that will be discussed and voted on

by the platform committee that will become the state party leaders, by laws, and state platform which is the base of what your political party believes. The state conventions will be in June.  
 Those beliefs and elected delegates and alternate delegates will then go to your party's national convention. There at the national party convention, is where your candidate for the office of President of the United States is elected by the delegates to be listed on the ballot for presidential position on the November 7 general election. National Conventions will be held in August, 2000.  
 Now is the time you should accept responsibility as a citizen. Register to vote...vote...attend your precinct convention...elect delegates to your county convention...elect delegates to your state convention and vote for delegates for your national party convention, vote for your party's candidates in the November 7, 2000 General Election. Then,

you have earned your right to be a responsible citizen of your country. Then and only then, do you have a right to complain about what your county, state, and national elected leaders do.

Carson County  
 Republican Chair,  
 Jeri Osborne

### Long Time Groom Resident Passes Away

Mary Truman Goodlett  
 Mary Truman Goodlett, 85, formerly of Groom, died Wednesday, March 1, 2000 in McLean.

Memorial services were in Groom United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tom Moore, pastor, and the Rev. Jerry Moore, pastor of Gruver United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Goodlett was born in Henderson. She was a member of Groom United Methodist Church where she was a member of the United Methodist Women. She also was a member of the Senior Citizens and Thimblette Club.

She married Elias Crim Goodlett in 1945 at Beckville. He died in 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Hosea of Irving and Marti Kirk of Amarillo; and a granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers be to Groom United Methodist Church, Box 489, Groom, Texas 79039.

ON MARCH 9TH a video presentation "Laugh-It Matters" will be held in the Harrington Cancer Center Board room.

Groom School Menu  
 March 13 - 17  
 Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate cake, milk.  
 Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, tator tots, pineapple, milk.  
 Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, pears, milk.  
 Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Reg. tacos, pinto beans, lettuce, Spanish rice, frozen yogurt, milk.  
 Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish or steak, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, chocolate no-bake cookies, milk.

### Who Can Vote When And Where In Texas

To be eligible for registration as a voter in the State of Texas, a person must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older;
2. Be a United States citizen;
3. Not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;
4. Not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted must have: 2) fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole or supervision, or b) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and
5. Be a resident of the county in which application for registration is made.

To be eligible to apply for registration, a person must, on the date the registration application is submitted to the registrar, be at least 17 years and 10 months of age and satisfy the above listed requirements except for the age. The voter registration becomes effective on the 30th day after the date the application is submitted to the registrar, or on the date the applicant becomes 18 years of age, whichever is later. The voter may vote in the early voting period if he will be 18 on the date of the election.

A person does not register as a member of the Republican or the Democratic party at the time he or she makes application for registration, nor when he/she receives his/her voter registration renewal.

The voter may vote in either party's primary. The voter's registration certificate is stamped by an election official of the primary in which he/she votes to show that he/she has voted in the party's primary.

### More Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Leo and Dora Neal and Alene Brown in Clarendon on Saturday.

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Just who is on the ballot for this year's presidential primary? If you are undecided on which primary you will vote, the following list will show you just who is running on which ticket.

### Republican:

Presidential Nominee

George W. Bush, Gary Bauer, John McCain, Charles Bass Urban, Steve Forbes, Orrin G. Hatch, & Alan Keyes

United States Senator  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

U. S. Representative District 13  
Mac Thornberry & David G. Morris

Railroad Commissioner  
Charles R. Matthews

Railroad Commissioner Unexpired Term  
Michael L Williams & Andy Draughn

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Nathan Hecht & Valorie W. Davenport

Justice Supreme Court, Place 2  
Priscilla Owen

Justice Supreme Court, Place 3  
Al Gonzales & Rod E. Gorman

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Tom Greenwell, Charles Holcomb, John Boston, Guy Williams, & Alan Curry

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