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## Lacey Steel Named D.A.R. Good Citizen

Lacey Steel was recently given the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen award in a ceremony honoring six area high school seniors held in Pampa by the Las Pampas DAR chapter. Steel was chosen for exemplifying the DAR Good Citizen requirements of dependability, leadership, service and patriotism.

She was named District honorable mention in basketball her junior year, has also been in cross country and an officer in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is class

secretary-treasurer and was homecoming queen. She is an officer in the National Honor Society, was voted class favorite and most dependable.

Active in her church, Steel serves as a liturgist and delivers communion baskets. She participates in the angel program for needy children at Christmas and helps with Loaves and Fishes. She plans to attend McMurry University at Abilene and work with mentally and physically disabled either as a teacher or physical therapist. She is the daughter of Dale and Rose Steel.



## Southwestern Bell Donates Books To McLean Students

The Southwestern Bell Pioneers, a group of active and retired employees that are involved in civic projects, want to recognize that literacy plays a vital role in today's society. As part of their "Literacy" program a presentation of books called Squeaky Secrets will be made to the third graders in McLean Elementary School. Each child is to read this book to five adults and there is a telephone number for anyone to call that is an adult that needs help with learning to read.

## McLean Reminders...

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

**PIONEER STUDY** Club meets on March 2 at 2 p.m. in the home of Beverly Odom.

**SIGN-UP** for your place on the ballot for City Council or School Board.

**SPRING BREAK** is March 13-17.

**THE NEWS OFFICE** has pictures for sale.

## Candidates Gearing Up For Primary Election Of 31st District Attorney

Democrat, Charles Kessie



Hemphill County Attorney Charles Kessie announced on Monday, January 3rd, that he will be a candidate in the Democratic Primary for the office of District Attorney of the 31st Judicial District. The District consists of Gray, Roberts, Wheeler, Lipscomb and Hemphill counties. His opponent in the November general election will be the winner of a three-man race in the March Republican Primary.

Kessie will continue to serve as Hemphill County Attorney for the remainder of his term which will end December 31, 2000. If elected District Attorney, he will close his private practice, believing that the 31st District should be served by a full-time D.A.

"The decision to run for District Attorney was prompted by observation of a lack of attention by the current District Attorney to 'run-of-the-mill' felony cases in the District," Kessie said. "It was a particularly difficult decision for me, because I value my working relationship with the County Commissioner's Court and with the County government as a whole. I also will find it difficult to give up my association with my clients in my private law practice. I would, of course, continue to serve the citizens of Hemphill county as their District Attorney.

Kessie added, "I couldn't figure any other way to fix what I see as a major problem except to run for the office myself, and, of course, to be elected. I realize that running on the Democratic ticket presents an additional challenge in this heavily Republican district. However, I have been elected County Attorney as a Democrat, and I could not in good conscience, change my party affiliation for possible advantage in the race for District Attorney. I believe the people of

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Republican Philip Pendleton

I formally announce my candidacy for the office of 31st and 223rd Judicial District Attorney on the Republican ticket. I believe I am the most qualified candidate for the position at this time.

I was born in Shamrock, Texas on August 12, 1945. I grew up in Shamrock, graduating from Shamrock High School. My family has lived in the Wheeler County area for over 95 years. I attended Baylor University from 1963 to 1967 and obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science. I graduated from Baylor Law School in 1970. I went to work for Humble Oil and Refining Company, working for them for six and one half years. I moved from New Orleans, Louisiana after accepting a position with Colorado Interstate Gas Company in Amarillo, Texas. I was employed by Interstate Gas Company for 15 months at which time I resigned my position to begin operating as an independent oil and gas broker and attorney. During this period, I served as President of Phil Pendleton Energy Inc. until my father

became ill with cancer. It was at this time I closed my Amarillo, Texas office and began helping my father operate the family business in Shamrock. Upon his death in January of 1989, I opened my current full time law practice in Shamrock, Texas and assisted my mother in carrying on the family business. I married Janita Stabel of Pampa, Texas in 1996. Janita, a Registered Nurse opened and operated the Columbia Hospital Home Health until it sold in 1998. She is a Follett, Texas native. We have 6 children (Stanley Stabel and wife, Devonna of Pampa; Stacy Stabel and wife Sharlene of Tecumseh, Ok; Stewart Stabel and wife Roshel of Tecumseh, Ok; Amy Zenarosa and husband Dr. Nick Zenarosa of Austin, Tx.; Amanda Pendleton of Provo Utah and Leigh Ann Pendleton of Calhoun, Georgia and eleven grandchildren.

A large portion of my law practice from its inception has been in criminal defense work. I have tried both felony and misdemeanor cases before the court and juries. I have handled cases in several counties

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Republican Richard Roach



Richard J. (Rick) Roach of Miami has announced he will seek the Republican nomination in the 31st District Attorney race in the primary election to be held on March 14.

The 31st District includes Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, Wheeler, and Lipscomb counties.

Roach was the Republican candidate for 31st District Attorney in the 1996 general election. Roach is again campaigning as a full-time DA.

"My Democrat opponent in the 1996 race, the current DA, is now running as a Republican. The main issue of that race was full-time vs. part-time," said Roach. Since that election, the current D.A. has continued to be a

part-time DA choosing to pursue his private personal injury law practice."

Roach continued, "In the 2000 District Attorney race the current DA is seeking re-election as a part-time DA once again. I am running again as a full-time DA. It has become apparent that a part-time DA simply does not work."

Roach was making reference to District Attorney John Mann. Mann is a former Democrat who joined the Republican party shortly after the 1996 race.

Roach said, "I was contacted by persons from all five counties, including members of all branches of law enforcement, in the weeks prior to the January 3 filing deadline asking me to run for full-time DA once again."

"Their main concern was that the cases were not being prosecuted and that the current DA was not available," said Roach. "After many discussions with my wife and supporters, I decided to run for full-time DA once again."

A native of Pampa, Roach graduated from Pampa High School in

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# BRIEFS

Kristina Carter of McLean will participate in the Clarendon College Licensed Vocational Nursing capping ceremony on Friday, February 25.

**3RD & 4TH GRADE**  
Girls Basketball will be Feb. 26 at McLean 11:00 am. Boys will be at Skellytown on the 26th at 1 pm.

**McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**  
February 24 - Sally Worsham Bohlar, George Watson, Brick Fry, Maggie Ruth Johnston, Julie Reynolds.  
February 25 - Dekki Crockett, Jeffrey Lee, Reo Averett.  
February 26 - Stella Lee, Nathaniel Roberts, Talitha Newton.  
February 27 - Lillie Mae Williams, Ruben Flores.  
February 28 - Mike Acuna.  
February 29 - Mike Harkins.  
March 1 - Shane Coleman, Betty Mackie, Marvis Godfrey.

## McLean School Lunch Menu

February 28 - 29  
Monday  
Breakfast: Pot tarts, mini pockets or toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot rolls, fruit, milk.  
Tuesday

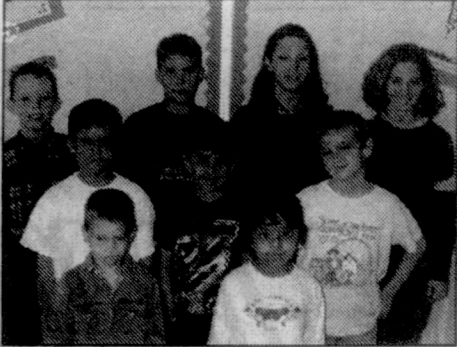
### Kessie

the 31st District know this is not an issue of 'party' but of the need for expeditious administration of justice throughout the District." Kessie was born and raised in Canadian, the son and grandson of lifelong Panhandle residents. He has been married for 31 years to Canadian native Janie Jackson Kessie. The Kessies have two daughters, Christina Barritt and Elizabeth Junell.  
He is a graduate of Canadian High School, Texas A&M University, and Texas Tech School of Law. Kessie also served a total of 28 years in both the active Army and the Army Reserves, 25 of those years in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, retiring two years ago as a Lieutenant Colonel.  
(Pl. Pol. Adv. by Charles Kessie, 209 Main, Canadian, TX 79014)

### Pioneer Study Club Holds Meeting

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, February 17th in the lovely home of Patti Brass.  
Delicious refreshments of chicken salad swan sandwiches, stuffed strawberries 'n cream, black and white cheese bar, and vegetable pizza squares and punch were served to members and guest. Table was beautifully appointed with a candied grape and strawberry centerpiece.  
Members present were: Patti Brass, Beverly Odom, Ruth Trew, Betty Morgan, Margaret Grogan, Sherrie Martindale, Mary Powell, Wanda Lamb, Nama Webb, Zelda McClellan, Mary Dwyer, Susie Thompson, Mindy Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Mary Emma Woods, Ruth Magee, and Mickey Jackson. Guest were

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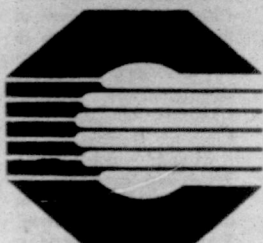
**Students Of The Week February 14 - February 18.** Kindergarten Rudy Rodriquez, 1st Grade Bradley Howard, 2nd Grade Mike Krueger, 3rd Grade Jon McAnear, 4th Grade Lucas Webb, 5th Grade Seth Childers, 6th Grade Coty McMinn, 7th Grade Andria Keelin, 8th Grade Jami Seitz.

**Thank You**  
We would like to thank the McLean Volunteer Fire Department for their quick action Friday night. Your turned a potential tragedy into a minor incident. We will be forever grateful. Also, a special thank you to Doyle Lee for all his help.  
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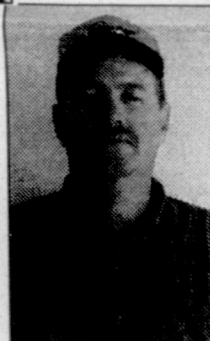
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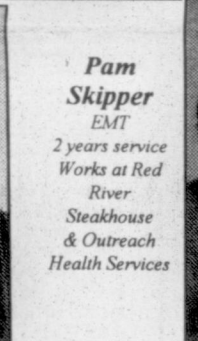
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We wish you could read our minds as we respond to an EMS call. "What is wrong with the patient? Is it minor or life-threatening?"

We wish you could know the frustration we feel in the cab of the engine or a personal vehicle, the driver with his foot pressing down hard on the pedal, my arm tugging again and again at the air horn chain, as you fail to yield the right-of-way at an intersection or in traffic. When you need us however, your first comment upon our arrival will be, "It took you forever to get here!"

We wish you could know our thoughts as we help extricate a girl of teenage years from the remains of her automobile. "What if this was my sister, my girlfriend or a friend? What were her parents reaction going to be when they opened the door to find a police officer with hat in hand?"

We wish you could realize the physical, emotional and mental drain or missed meals, lost sleep and forgone social activities, in addition to all the tragedy our eyes have seen.

We wish you could know the brotherhood and self-satisfaction of helping save a life or preserving someone's property, or being able to be there in time of crisis, or creating order from total chaos. We wish you could understand what it feels like to have a little boy tugging at your arm and asking, "Is Mommy okay?" Not even being able to look in his eyes without tears from your own and not knowing what to say. Or to have to hold back a long time friend who watches his buddy having rescue breathing done on him as they take him away in the ambulance. You know all along he did not have his seat belt on. A sensation that we have become familiar with.

Unless you have lived with this kind of life, you will never truly understand or appreciate who we are, or what our job really means to us. We wish you could though. Support your local EMS workers. The next life they save, could be yours. When you see them coming with flashing lights, move out of the way quickly. Then pray for them.

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## Feedyard Women Win Over White Deer

McLean Feedyard Women's Basketball Team had a big win against White Deer on January 26th, with a final score of 54-18. Our team really got a workout with only 6 players that night. Dee Ann Burkes was high point with 22, Julie Reynolds had 14, Joetta Kirkland had 12, Sheila McFtridge had 4, Leslie Darsey had 2, and Carla Russell helped out both offensively and defensively. We had a real good game, everyone really played good together. We shot 50% on our free throws. Dee Ann Burkes fouled out with a little over two minutes remaining in the ball game, but Leslie Darsey was on the bench to finish out the game. McLean Feedyard lost to the MOB of Pampa on February 2nd. This was a hard fought battle until the very end, with McLean losing 35-33. The score was tied up at half-time 15-15. We had nine women working

hard for this game; Julie Reynolds led the scoring with 15 points, including two 3-pointers, Dee Ann Burkes followed with 9, Leslie Darsey had 6, and Connie Nicklas added 3. The last minute of the game proved to be very exciting indeed. The score was tied 33-33 with 33 seconds remaining on the clock. The MOB put up a shot and everyone scrambled for the rebound, and the refs called a foul on McLean. One of their best shooters went to the line and made both free throws. McLean only had 3 seconds left to attempt to either tie or win by one, but the sounder buzzed as a shot came up short of the goal. Needless to say McLean was crushed by the loss, as we only made 26% of our free throws. We were able to add another valuable player, Marvella Collins, to our roster this week, and she made a tremendous difference to our team. Others playing

hard in this game who put forth a great effort on both ends of the court were Carla Russell, Sheila McFtridge, Angie Billingsley, and Joetta Kirkland.

McLean Feedyard Women's team lost another hard-fought ball game against Quality Cleaners of Lefors, on February 14th. We trailed the entire game but had a glimmer of hope as to possibly evening out the score, but once again we shot poorly at the free throw line, making only 27%. The final score ended up 35-29. Everyone played very well, and the scoring was spread around. Julie Reynolds was high point with 9, Alicia Reynolds, Angie Billingsley, and Marvella Collins each had 4, Leslie Darsey, and Dee Ann Burkes had 3 and Sheila McFtridge added 2. Other players helping out offensively and defensively were Carla Russell, Joetta Kirkland,

and Kristie Crockett. Playing this game was a real sacrifice, when everyone else was probably celebrating Valentine's with their sweetheart. Lefors is leading the league, but we have one more chance to beat them on February 28th. Sheila McFtridge suffered an injury to her calf muscle in the game prior to this one, but she continued to play, which caused severe damage. Sheila will be out for the rest of the season, and will be greatly missed, as she always hustled and gave 110%.

On February 16th, McLean Feedyard had a win against White Deer. The final score was 37-27. This puts our record at 1-3, but the three losses all added together were just a total of 10 points, so all the teams this year are very evenly matched, we've just managed to come out on the short end. But tonight starts the second round of play and hopefully we can add several wins to our record. Scoring most of the points during this game was Julie Reynolds with a high of 17, Marvella Collins added 8, Dee Ann Burkes had 6, Joetta Kirkland had 5, Connie Nicklas added 1, Leslie Darsey and Carla Russell were also responsible for helping out with this win.

Play continues this week with two games, and will finish up with us playing back-to-back games on Monday, February 28th.

## Pendleton

In the district. I am familiar with the criminal justice system. I believe those in the court system can favorably attest to my capabilities to handle the position as District Attorney. I believe my experience more than qualifies me for this position.

I seek the job as full time district attorney. Under my leadership, the District Attorney's office will not neglect any part of it's duty to this district's citizens.

The District Attorney's office is a public trust. If elected I will regard my position as that of your employee. I will run the office in the most effective, efficient,

economical and energetic manner possible. By focusing solely on the job of district attorney, I can help you achieve a more peaceful, orderly and lawful community. The savings earned by a more efficiently operated office will be passed along to the taxpayers.

I will try every case requiring trial resolution. I will attempt to make punishments fit the crime. I will prosecute drunk drivers, the violent (especially those guilty of family violence), those who damage, misuse or appropriate others property and drug offenders and criminal fraud of any kind. My office will try to eliminate those persons from functioning in everyday society.

Property used in the commission of a crime will be seized and sold. The funds obtained therefrom will be returned to the district (when possible for use by taxpayers and appropriate government entities).

All of these things make me the most qualified candidate for the office of District Attorney in this district. I now ask for your vote on March 14, 2000. Sincerely, s/ Philip E. Pendleton

## Roach

1967. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in accounting from Texas Tech University in 1974.

Roach has served as Roberts County Attorney in Miami since 1990. A graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law, he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1978.

I pledge that I will be available to law enforcement 24 hours a day to assist them in

prosecuting the criminals they put their lives on the line to apprehend," stated Roach. "I will be available to the public to discuss their concerns, will personally assist the grand juries of each county, will harshly and consistently prosecute all felony crimes, giving particular attention to drug crimes, violent criminals and abusers of women, children and the elderly. I further pledge that I will not engage in activities which prevent me from carrying out my responsibilities as DA and will be fiscally responsible, jealously guarding the taxpayer's money."

Roach continued, "I will be a full-time DA and will refrain from engaging in the private practice of law so I can devote my full attention to prosecuting criminals and so as not to give the appearance of impropriety or to affect my judgment in disposing of criminal matters."

Roach is a member of the United Methodist Church of Miami and was named to the Outstanding Young Men of American in 1983.

He has been a member of the State Bar of Texas for 21 years. He is a member of the Texas District & County Attorney's Association,

having served as Region 1 director in 1995-96.

The Republican candidate served on active duty in the United States Army from 1969-1972. During that time he was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington; Ft. Ben Harrison, Indiana; Eighth Army HHC-Seoul, Korea; Seventh Division Headquarters-Camp Casey, Korea; Ft. Riley, Kansas and Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Roach and his wife, Cindy, are the parents of three sons, James, Kris and Kyler.

"I am asking my supporters from the 1996 election to stick with me on these issues so that we can have a full-time district attorney and meaningful prosecution in this District," said Roach.

"I would greatly appreciate your continued support and your vote in the March 14 Republican primary."

Pd. Pol. Ad for Richard J. "Rick" Roach Campaign, Cynthia D. Roach, Treasurer, P.O. Box 471, Miami, TX 79059.

## More Briefs

Aaron Rice a Senior Tiger has been chosen for the All-Star Football team. They will play in July at Lubbock.

Brett Montgomery was also chosen for the All-Star team as a 1st Alternate.

## All District Winner Named

The Academic All-District winners have been announced for the Lady Tigers. They are as follows: Amanda Cline, Shaley Steel, Lacey Steel, Jessi Fish, Randi Riley and Nikki Hefley, Annie Weaver

made All-District Honorable Mention. Lacey Steel and Amanda Cline made 1st alternates for the Six-Man Coaches All Star team that will play in July at Lubbock.

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**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**  
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**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
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The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 8. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

\*\*\*\*\*  
**Republican Party**  
\*\*\*\*\*  
District Attorney  
100th Judicial District  
Stuart Messer  
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District Attorney  
31st & 225th Judicial District  
Phillip Pendleton  
\*\*\*\*\*  
District Attorney  
31st Judicial District  
Rick Roach  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Carson County Sheriff  
Gary Robertson  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Gray County  
Tax Assessor/Collector  
Sammie Morris  
Constable Precinct 4  
Frank Sparling  
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**Democrat Party**  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Carson County District  
Commissioner Precinct 1  
Mike Britten  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Carson County  
Tax Assessor/Collector  
Barbara Cospier  
\*\*\*\*\*  
District Attorney  
100th Judicial District  
Randall Sims  
\*\*\*\*\*  
District Attorney  
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Charles Kessie  
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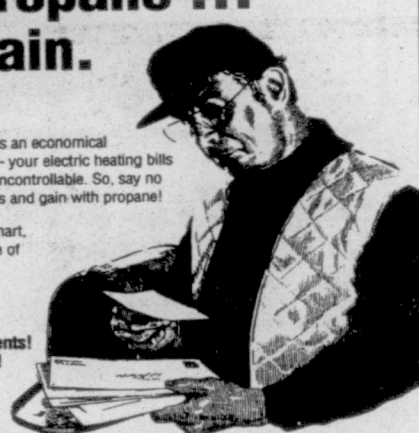
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## Groom Tigerettes Win Bi-District Championship 40-39, But Lose to Smyer In Battle For Area Title

After an awesome victory against Memphis to win the Bi-District Championship the Groom Tigerettes succumbed to Smyer.

The Ettes played a fabulous game beating Memphis by one point.

"The girls were really fired up and scored 4-three pointers right away to give the team the momentum they needed," stated Coach Chris Sumrall.

Carrie Davis led the scoring with 13 points. She gained 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

Jessica Kepley had a very good night, scoring 8 points. She also led in rebounds, capturing 8 and had 2 steals.

Krisanne Davis scored 7 points for Groom. She completed 1 assist and 3 steals.

Jodi Homen scored 2 three-pointers for a total of 6 points. She had 1 assist and two steals.

Candace Bohr put in 6 points for Groom. She had 7 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals.

Amanda Conrad earned 1 defensive rebound.

"We really played a good game with the exception of the third

quarter," stated Sumrall. "Carrie got off a good shot in the last quarter. Jessica Kepley got the rebound and put it back in. This gave us the momentum to finish the game in the lead."

In their Area Championship match against Smyer, the Ettes did not play one of their better games according to Coach Sumrall.

"We had 28 turnovers. In a game with only a 10 point spread (the turnovers) is a real factor. It was very frustrating for all of us."

"There were some high points," he continued. "Amanda Conrad and Carrie Davis did an excellent job of shutting down their best shooter #24. Jessica Kepley was excellent on the boards."

Jessica also led the scoring for Groom with 16 points. She claimed 13 rebounds for Groom, had 5 blocks and 1 steal. Carrie Davis added another 14 points while completing 5 rebounds and a steal.

Amanda Conrad gained 9 points for the team. She also had a rebound

See Tigerettes, pg. 4



## School Board Discusses New Classroom Programs

Groom School Board met recently to discuss some exciting new programs they hope to implement in the coming school year.

They are working on new math, science and computer courses that will put Groom students on the leading edge of education. Much more discussion and planning will be necessary before these new courses are finalized, but exciting things are happening at Groom School.

Going along hand in hand with this item, the board viewed some preliminary drawings from architect Steve Butler on renovations on existing property. The board has tentative plans to expand the science lab and build a video conference or Distance Learning Lab in the existing area currently occupied by the teachers lounge or the old home

economics room.

The board approved application to the Texas Education Agency for the innovative course and program approval.

In other business the Trustees approved a resolution ordering an election for two positions on the board.

They approved policy update 62, which was discussed at the last board meeting and adopted Groom ISD's Technology Plan 2000 which included most of the items already mentioned.

The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss Principal Kevin Noack's evaluation. After returning to open session the Board approved the same pay increase teachers received (\$3,000.00) as well as his annual step raise.

Minutes of the

See School Board, pg. 3

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**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.

**A BAND CONCERT** will be held at Groom School on February 29.

**CALL DORIS Kuehler** ASAP with your updated class reunion list and addresses. Deadline Feb. 29 for listing in the Ex-Student Directory.

**CITY & SCHOOL** Elections will be held on May 2.

**PRESIDENTIAL** Primary Elections will be held on March 14.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is March 8.

**SPRING BREAK** for Groom School is March 6 through March 10.

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## Sheriff's Department Welcomes New Employees

The Carson County Sheriff's Department proudly presents the following newly hired employees.

Ray Davis hired on February 7, 2000 to fill the position of Field Sergeant. Ray was previously employed by the Department and found he could not get law enforcement out of his system. Ray returns with all the experience and familiarity of this county and we are glad to have him back.

Michael Fox hired on February 15, 2000 to fill a vacancy of Field Deputy. Mike comes to the Department from the Amarillo Airport Police and brings with him twenty plus years of law enforcement background. We feel that Michael will

be a great asset to this County and we feel lucky to have the opportunity to hire Mike.

Rosalind "Terri" Cox hired on February 15, 2000 to fill a vacancy of Dispatcher/Jailer. Terri has secretarial experience and emergency response management. We feel that she will work out well in her new career.

Dustie Welch hired on February 15, 2000 to fill a vacancy of Dispatcher/Jailer. Dustie comes to us with a background in clerical and material inventory management. We are glad to have Dustie as a Dispatcher/Jailer.

William Sheffield hired on February 15, 2000 to fill a vacancy of

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## Local Happenings

Karen Case and Sybil Harrell attended a Carson County Library Board meeting at Panhandle Wednesday morning February 16th.

**IF YOU HAVE** local news, vacations news, birthday parties, etc, contact the News Office at 248-7333

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

February 24 - Louis Lee Barkley, Holly Burger, Robbie Harris, LaDonna Walker.

February 25 - Mrs. N.B. Helton, Trevor Jordan Friemel.

February 26 - Katy Leann Britten, Jo Ann Musser, Michele Bohr, Kevin Noack.

February 27 - Tracy Jay Britten, Juandell Ritter, Mrs. Kenneth W. Babcock, Howard G. Britten, Clinton Wakefield.

February 28 - Matthew Keith Fields, Mrs. Harris E. Howard, Gary Don Davis, Ellis Stapp.

February 29 - Erma Ray Rutherford, Mary Spencer.

March 1 - Sharri Renee Britten, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. (Hap) Watson (A).

### Thank You Card

Our sincerest thanks to all for the caring concern, visits, cards, prayers, food, flowers and memorials during our recent loss.  
 The Brooks Family

Cynthia Lambert of Groom will participate in the Clarendon College Licensed Vocational Nursing capping ceremony on Friday, February 25.

### Always A Great Show!

Whether you are attending a Rimstone Revue or a Community Heritage Theatre Production, you will find that the Gem Theatre Shows in Claude are "Always Great."

Showtime for "Blue Prairie" will be February 26th at 7:30 p.m. Their performance brings authentic sounds of The Sons of the Pioneers.

On March 3rd and 4th "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner" will be presented. Rumor has it that this is one of the most hilarious productions that Community Heritage Theatre has come up with yet!

On March 10th the annual Armstrong Theatre Museum Fund Raising Banquet will be held.

The meal will be great Bar B Que and the entertainment will be that of Larry Buchanan and the Rhythm Wranglers.

This event is in the Armstrong County Activity Center on Highway 207 South.

The museum needs your support. Call for tickets and reservations and information at 806-226-5409.

### Card Of Thanks

Our sincerest thanks to the community for their generous support of our fundraiser for the ski trip.

The Catholic Youth Ski-ers

**THE PALO DURO** Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is on February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or information call 355-6220.

## Groom School Lunch Menu

February 28 - March 3 brown potatoes, juice, milk.  
**Monday Breakfast:** Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, milk.  
**Thursday Breakfast:** Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Soft tacos, cut corn, shredded lettuce, gingerbread, milk.  
**Friday Breakfast:** Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburgers, French fries, pork & beans, cookies, milk.  
**Tuesday Breakfast:** Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, salad, fried okra, bread sticks, peaches, milk.  
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# Weinheimer - Morris Exchange Vows



Mark Weinheimer and Mary Morris were married on August 13, 1999 at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Pierre, South Dakota with Father Dale Kutil celebrating the Mass.

Parents of the couple are Jerome and Inez Weinheimer of Groom and Milton and Jean "Dawn" Morris of Pierre, South Dakota.

Mark graduated from Sully Buttes High School in Onida, South Dakota and operates a farm in Sully County, South Dakota. Mary graduated from T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, South Dakota and attended the University of Mary in Bismark, North Dakota. She is employed by Morris, Inc. as supply

store manager.

They are making their home in Sully County on the farm. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii during December.

## Clarendon College Pampa Center Dedication To Be Held On Mar. 5

Clarendon College Pampa Center will have an opening and dedication on Sunday, March 5 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Events will include a ribbon cutting, building dedication and raising of flags beginning at 2:45 p.m. Guided tours of the facility will be available during the public open house.

The CC Pampa Center made the move into the new facility at 1601 W.

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## School Board

previous meeting were approved and financial reports were heard. Approval was given to pay current bills.

All members of the Board of Trustees were present with the exception of Kelvin

Ollinger who was out of town.

## Sheriff

Dispatcher/Jailer. While

Bill has no experience in the law enforcement area, he brings public contact experience and has that driving attitude to be of benefit to the County. We think Bill will become an excellent Dispatcher/Jailer and we are glad to have him join our team.

Kentucky from the former Sam Houston Elementary School located at 900 N. Frost.

Construction on the center began on December 11, 1998 and was completed in December 1999. Spring 2000 classes began in the new center in January.

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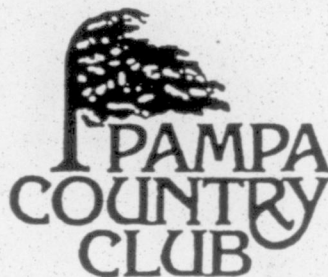
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Clarendon College To Nursing students will participate in the programs' annual capping ceremony on Friday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in

the Harned Sisters Auditorium and at the Eleventh Street Baptist Church in Shamrock.

The traditional capping ceremony celebrates the halfway point in earning a Licensed Vocational

Nursing degree. Each Clarendon College nursing student will officially receive their nursing cap for outstanding efforts in both the classroom and in hospital clinics. Students participating in the capping ceremony

in Clarendon include Cynthia Lambert, of Groom. Clarendon College's LVN program is offered in both Clarendon and Shamrock. A one-year program, CC's LVN program is part of the workforce education

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- 2-Blasts: Meeting
- 3-Blasts: Fire
- 1-Long Sporadic Blast: Tornado
- 2-Short Blasts: All Clear

### Local Happenings

Jiggs and Janie Britten, David and Diane Bruso, and Robert West attended a dinner at Pampa Monday night. After a physiological evaluation by an "outside party," it was determined that Robert West should be the uncontested pillar of his community!

Helen Witt was one of three readers reading original poetry for critique at the meeting of the Hi-Plains Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas Saturday. The meeting was in the Senior Citizens building in Amarillo.

An interesting program was given by a new musical group called "Palo Duro" consisting of Jim Anderson, musician, singer, cowboy, poet and composer; his son, Cody, singer; and 13 year old, Erica Swindell on the violin. Also cowboy poet, John Hood, from Dumas, a member of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, gave excellent readings.

### More Community Calendars

A TENNIS match will be held at Wellington on March 1 & 2.

THE GROOM Relays are scheduled for March 18.

THE LEFOR'S Relays are slated for March 25.

THE NATIONAL Honor Society will induct new members on March 14.

A PERFORMANCE of the One Act Play will be presented at Groom High School on March 16.

### Tigerettes

and a steal. Krisanne Davis contributed 7 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal to the Ettes credit. Jodi Homen completed a rebound and an assist as well.

The final score was Smyer 62 Groom 52.

With that game, the Ettes end their basketball season. For seniors Carrie Davis, Jessica Kepley and Jodi Homen it is the end of their high school basketball careers. As fans, let The News speak for everyone as we say "Thanks" for the many exciting hours of entertainment you have provided. To the other girls.... we can't wait until next year!

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## Early Voting Begins For March Primary

Early voting for the March 14, 2000 Primary will begin February 28, 2000 in the Carson County Clerk's office. Voting by personal appearance will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through March 10th. Both Republican and Democratic Early Voting will be held at this place. Anyone is eligible to early vote if they are a registered voter.

The Clerk's office is also accepting requests for a ballot by mail. The applicant should mail the request to Sonya Millican, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 487, Panhandle, Texas 79068. The application should state who is requesting the ballot, a permanent address along with the address where the ballot will be sent, which primary you are wanting

to vote in and the reason for voting by mail. The qualifications to vote by mail include either of the following: 65 years of age or older, disabled, confinement in jail or expected absence from the county on election day. Applications for the ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on March 7, 2000.

### San Antonio Stock Show

Cody Bivens and Justin Homen recently returned from San Antonio where they exhibited their FFA projects among 6,000 other barrow entries. Both boys did exceptionally well. Bivens placed 7th with his Chester pig and Homen placed 9th with his Cross Breed.

Justin also showed his sister Mallorie's pig. She was unable to attend. Cody and Mallorie's animals both made the sale.

## Grandview-Hopkins Honor Roll

A Honor Roll  
 First Grade: Brenna Ellison, Second Grade: Evan Aderholt, Zachery Ponce, Kade Wilson.

Third Grade: Taylor Aderhold, Kathy Aler, Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins, Alex Hutto.

Fourth Grade: LaTeasa Wheat.

Fifth Grade: Maggie Hopkins.

Sixth Grade: Abbi Aderhold.

A-B Honor Roll  
 First Grade: Channar Clendennen, Kyle Turner, Conor Wilson.

Second Grade: Hilary Acker, Andi Hutto, Robert Ponce.

Third Grade: Brodie Peters.

Fourth Grade: Ricky Davis, Taylor Smith.

Fifth Grade: Haley Acker, Kenzie Clendennen.

Sixth Grade: Chandon Wilson.

Special Effort:  
 First Grade: Brenna Ellison, 100 Average in Spelling.

Third Grade: Alex Hutto, 100 Average in Science. Fourth Grade: LaTeasa Wheat, 100 Average in Science.

Fifth Grade: Maggie Hopkins, 100 Average in Health.

Sixth Grade: Abbi Aderholt, 100 Average in Health.

## Green Bugs Causing Problems

Greenbug infestations are very heavy in some fields in Carson and Gray counties. A few sample sites have infestations at or near 1000 greenbugs per foot of row. Fields being checked in Ochiltree County experienced a dramatic increase in greenbug numbers this week. Infestations increased from less than 10 per foot of row to nearly 50 per foot of row. A similar increase occurred in the Dallam County area. Fields being checked in Collingworth County have no greenbug infestations.

### Carson Co.

#### Sheriff's Report

By Sheriff Gary Robertson

There were 9 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of February 14 through February 20, 2000. Currently, we have 10 persons incarcerated and 12 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests for the week include:

Curtis Stone (Panhandle), 58, Assault (Family Violence).

David Dwayne (Louisiana), 37, Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana less than 2 ounces.

Sara O'Brien (New Mexico), 20, Other Agency Warrants.

Robert Wilhelm (Plains, Texas), 24, Criminal Negligent Homicide.

Noe Gonzales (New Mexico), 27, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Adam Obrecht (Panhandle), 19, Other Agency Warrants.

Robin Meaker (Panhandle), 18, Other Agency Warrants.

Kelly Holland (Borger), 39, Insufficient Funds.

Charles Ford (Amarillo), 50, DPS Warrants.

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## Area Obituaries

L.A. Watson

**CLARENDON** - L.A. Watson, 80, died Wednesday, February 16, 2000.

Services were in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bryan Knowles, pastor of Martin Baptist Church, and the Rev. John Denton of Borger officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mr. Watson was born in Red River County and had lived in the Martin community near Clarendon for 32 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a farmer. He served on the Clarendon School Board where he had been a past president.

Mr. Watson was a member of Martin Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He moved to Clarendon a year ago.

He married Rose Lee Casteel in 1938 at Lakeview in Hall County.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Gay Cole and Doris Mills, both of Clarendon; two sons, Faylon Watson and Larry Watson, both of Clarendon, two sisters, Jerri Bolles of Plainview, and Lela Lester of Phoenix; a brother, Hap Watson of Groom; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Martin Baptist Church, Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon or Baptist St. Anthony Hospice in Amarillo.

**Anna Belle Brooks**

Anna Belle Brooks, 72, of Amarillo, died Tuesday, February 15, 2000.

Graveside services were Saturday in Groom Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Moore of United Methodist Church of Groom officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mrs. Brooks was born in Hughes County, Oklahoma. She was a member of First Baptist church in Groom.

She married John Adler Brooks in 1944 at Salida, Colorado. He died in 1973.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lee Moseley of Clyde and Carolyn Keaton of Lubbock; two sons, Johnny Brooks of Groom and Robert Brooks of Leoti, Kansas; four sisters; three brothers; 17 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**Rufus Allen Dodgen**

**SHAMROCK** - Rufus Allen Dodgen, 88, died Wednesday, February 9, 2000.

Services were Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dorn, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Shamrock.

Mr. Dodgen was born in Royston and was a former resident of Groom. He graduated from West Texas State University. He owned and operated Dodgen Feed and Seed Store in Shamrock. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He married Dorothy Cash in 1933 at Canyon. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Dodgen, in 1952.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Donald Louis Dodgen of Phoenix and R. Allen Dodgen Jr. of Dallas; a daughter, Candy Land of Cotton Center; and five grandchildren.

**2000 Spring Fling**

The annual Catholic Spring Fling was held on Sunday, February 13. This year the meal was catered by the Catholic high school youth group who are planning to go skiing during spring break.

Steaks, baked potatoes, salad and dessert were served to a crowd of around 75. Following the meal, the Family of the Year was announced.

This year there was a tie. Buddy and Charlene Weller and Mike and Marla Britten were named Families of the Year. Congrats!

## Groom School Honor Roll

**A Honor Roll**

Fourth Grade: Chad Barkley, Matthew Wilson.

Fifth Grade: Kecia Howard, James Reid.

Sixth Grade: Katy Britten, Malorie Homen, Carter Wilson.

Seventh Grade: Chance Barkley, Magan Bivens, Adam Britten.

Eighth Grade: Clay Britten, Caren Howard, Britteny Martin, Carol Wilson.

Ninth Grade: Jessica Bates, Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Stephany Fraser, Amanda Martin, Laurissa Noack.

Tenth Grade: Cassie Ashford, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Luke Pavlovsky.

Eleventh Grade: Marci Babcock, Brooke Britten, Skye Brown, Claudia Neugebauer.

Twelfth Grade: Dustin Babcock, Evan Crowell, Allison Eatmon, Jodi Homen, Jessica Kepy, Chris Ollinger, Josiah Scott.

**A-B Honor Roll**

Fourth Grade: Whitney Evenson, Thomas Moranic, Ashley Williamson.

Fifth Grade: Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Karla Howard.

Sixth Grade: Sharri Britten, Kelby Noack.

Eighth Grade: Lorri Britten, Calvin Schaffer, Jamie Vaughn, Owen Weinheimer.

Ninth Grade: Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Lainie Britten, Staci Britten, Lance Ollinger.

Tenth Grade: Staci Barnett, Karri Britten, Wyatt Britten, Krisanne Davis, Clay Ritter.

Eleventh Grade: Macie Britten, Russell Conrad, Dewayne Gray, Michele Stephens, Courtney Sustaire, Kristina Tjarks, Grant Weinheimer.

Twelfth Grade: Carrie Davis, Lysnie Pool, Yuka Uenishi.

## Highlights of Catholic Youth and Senior Party



Lance Ollinger, W.H. Ollinger, Cassie Ashford, Evelyn Ollinger, Chris Ollinger, Shirley Fields and Skye Brown are prepared to have fun now that they are fed.



Neysa Friemel, Amanda Conrad, Macie Britten and Yuka Uenishi enjoy the treats.



Everyone spends a little time filling their plate. Staci Britten and Caren Howard pick out some delightful goodies.

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## St. Mary's Youth Holds Party For Seniors

St. Mary's Church diverse group. Total Youth Ministry The T.Y.M. is made recently held a up of Catholic youth Valentine's Day party for grades 7-12. Kay Britten Senior Citizens. After and Kathleen Barkley are light meal several games sponsors of the were enjoyed by the organization.

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