

# The McLean News



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Lady Tigers catch their breath during a free shot as they begin their district competition



Lady Tigers scramble for a rebound.

## Basketball Teams Fight Tough Battle

The Tigers and Lady Tigers were both defeated in hard fought battles against the Hedley Owls last week.

The Ladies were defeated with a score of 28 - 88. Randi Riley made high score of the game with 6 points. Cesily Cadra and Nikki Hefley both scored 5. Shaley Steel added 4

points for the ladies. Kendall Newton put in 3 points. Sarai Sawyer and Danielle Dampier both added 2 each.

The Tigers held a tighter game for the night only losing 52 - 42.

Randy Floyd topped the evening with 14 points. Shane Estes added 10. Brad Sawyer came close behind with

## 9. Terrell Hembree put CUBBETTES BASKETBALL

The McLean Junior High girls went up against Hedley recently, with Hedley defeating the Cubbettes with a score of 8 to 54.

Kendall Newton and Brooke Seymour both scored 3 points each. Krista Smith scored 2.

## City Staff Prepares For New Storm

After much controversy about the City of McLean not being prepared for the last snow storm that left the town in a blanket of white, the employees have made sure that

doesn't happen again.

At press time, City Secretary Toni Bohlar told the paper the city was ready. City Superintendent Fred Smith and his crew made sure all the necessary

vehicles were full of fuel. The city's garbage truck had a snow plow placed on the front to clear streets.

At least seven inches of snow were predicted before today. This

## "The Hop Restaurant" Burns, Downtown Businesses Narrowly Escape Blaze

The McLean Volunteer Fire Department received a 911 call to 209 N. Main during the early morning hours of Monday, January 15.

The Hop Family Restaurant was engulfed in smoke when firefighters arrived with the back of the diner blazing.

According to firemen the call came in from local citizen Eugene Galley. At first the firemen thought they were responding to a fire at the McLean Plumbing and Hardware store (which is owned by one of the Fire Departments own, Doyle

Lee) only to realize that the fire was further down the street.

The Volunteers immediately set their sights on controlling the fire so that it would not spread to other attached buildings and to save not only the restaurant but the entire downtown area.

The back of the family owned diner suffered massive destruction while the front of the business suffered major smoke and water damage. It is not known at this time if the Dorsey's, owners of the diner will reopen.

Clifford McDonald is investing the fire. No report was ready at press

The Fire Department thanked Eugene Galley for making the call that no doubt saved the mainstreet businesses of McLean including the

bank, McLean News office, McLean Plumbing, Alberta's and several private owned buildings.

The McLean News also would like to thank the Fire Department for their quick actions and putting their lives on the line everytime they get a call. You people saved the lively hoods of several people in this town. You are what heros are made of. God bless you all.

## Cadra Earns Top Showmanship Award At Gray County's Top O'Texas Jr. Stock Show

Several kids from this area representing the Future Farmer's of America (FFA) and the Gray County 4H participated in last weekends Top of Texas Junior Livestock Show.

In the Lamb Division, Trent Cadra placed third in Showmanship for the Senior Division.

In the Steer Division, Krista Smith placed second in Showmanship for the Junior Division.

Other results were as follows:

BURROW DIVISION:  
Class 15 - Delinda Simpson - 4th

STEER DIVISION:  
Class 7 - Krista Smith - 2nd

LAMB DIVISION:  
Class 1 - Travis Fish - 1st, Anna Shackleford - 3rd.

Class 3 - Kristen Odom - 1st, Nicholas Odom - 3rd, Zachary Odom - 4th, Nicholas Odom - 5th

Class 4 - Anna Shackleford - 1st, Trent Cadra - 2nd, Chloe Smith - 3rd, Travis

Fish - 5th  
Class 5 - Travis Fish - 4th

Class 6 - Trent Cadra - 2nd, Anna Shackleford - 3rd.

Class 7 - Chloe Smith - 2nd, Chisum Smith - 4th

Class 8 - Chisum Smith - 2nd

Class 10 - Nikki Hefley - 2nd

Others participating were Kevin Smith, Laura Thomason, Amanda Loya and Cesily Cadra.

## REMINDERS

JANUARY 22 - Blood Drive at the school cafeteria. 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

THE PIONEER STUDY Club will meet today at 2:00 p.m. Patty Brass is hostess.

JANUARY 24 - Girl Scouts at 3:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church

LADIES BIBLE Study tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Pam Quisenberry.

FIRST BAPTIST Youth will lead srvcies on January 21 at 7:00 p.m. Snacks will be served after.

THE MCLEAN TIGERS will face the Groom Tigers here Friday night at 6:30 p.m. (Weather Permitting)

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**LITTLE DRIBBLERS**  
is beginning.

**McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**  
**January 17** - Mrs. Vernon Luther Kennedy, Cesily Cadra.  
**January 18** - Nora Moore, Wanda Hendmen, Larry Wallis.  
**January 19** - Brenda Thompson, Pat Bailey, Chester Bohlar.  
**January 20** - Valeria Wolfe, Myrtle Billingsley, Joe & Cindi Glass (A).  
**January 21** - Darlis Joiner, David Johnson, Kristie Crockett.  
**January 22** - Cash Carpenter, Debra Acuna, Norma Curry, Jody Smith, Johnny and Joyce Haynes (A), Gordon and Jane Shepler (A).  
**January 23** - Sherry Watson, Kimberely McClellan.  
**January 24** - Emory (Pete) Brown, Darren Johnson, Mozelle Miller, Lorin Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Husted (A).



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**McLean School Lunch and Breakfast Menu**

Jan. 22 - 26  
**Mon. Breakfast:** French toast sticks, ham, toast & jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, & milk. **Lunch:** Burrito, chili, cheese, pinto beans salad, fruit & milk.  
**Tue. Breakfast:** Breakfast Burritos, toast & jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, & milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy joes, onion rings, veggie sticks, pickle spears, dream bars, & milk.  
**Wed. Breakfast:** Waffles, sausage, toast & jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, & milk. **Lunch:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, milk and fruit.  
**Thurs. Breakfast:** Cinnamon Toast, Toast & Jelly, Peanut Butter, Fruit, Juice, & Milk. **Lunch:** Stew, Crackers, Cornbread, Peanut Butter or Tuna Sandwich, Veggie Sticks, Fruit, & Milk.  
**Fri. Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll, Toast & Jelly, Peanut Butter, Fruit, Juice, & Milk. **Lunch:** BBQ Ribbet on a Bun, Twister Fries, Baked Beans, Rice Krispy Treat & Milk.

Bill Stubbs suffered a stroke at his home on January 12 and at presstime, was still in serious condition in the Shamrock Hospital.

Pampa, Texas -- Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA (FLBA), CEO Robert R. Williams Jr. provided an update for the association and announced director and staff changes.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA passed a significant milestone at the close of FY2000 when loan volume exceeded \$167,000,000.00 "The Association continues to grow at a healthy rate, with our new loan volume growth exceeding 11% for FY2000 while continuing to maintain an excellent portfolio quality," according to CEO Williams, "This healthy FY2000 financial performance has enabled the association to lower re-pricing rates to our members," Williams further explained.

"Again this year, the Board of Directors approved an interest rate buy down. Our spread is now reduced 75 basis points from the farm Credit Bank's base rate. The reduction is effective January 1 for new loans. Existing borrowers will take advantage of the buy-down as their loans reprice. The board further approved a minimum stock requirement. Stock was retired for loans with a

stock balance over \$1,000.00. These funds, available in cash were paid the first week of January. With top quality service and the best possible rate, Panhandle-Plains FLBA will validate its theme of "Striving to add value to membership.": said Williams.

Rusty Henson of Quitaque accepted a position on the board in November. He will stand for election at the April stockholders' meeting. Staff promotions in the Amarillo office include Cory Bruce to Assistant Vice President, and Sandy Renucau joining the staff full time as Loan Assistant.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom, Ervin J. Davis of Happy, Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg, Jerry K. Oswalt of

Plainview; Dean H Burger of Pampa, Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver.

Steve Brown, of Floydada, and Rusty Henson of Quitaque.

**Services Held For McLean Kin**

COMANCHE, TX - Services were held for Jan Petty on January 10, 2001 in Comanche. Petty passed away on Jan. 8, 2001 after a lengthy illness. Burial was in the Gardens Of Memory in Comanche.

Jan Petty, 53, was married to David L. Petty in June 1969, im Comanche after having graduated from Comanche High and Hardin-Simmons University. She is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Petty of Abilene, who is the son of the

late Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty, pioneer residents of McLean.

Other survivors include husband David, two sons Damuel of Abilene and his wife Mary; Paul, who is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps; her mother, Mrs. Jean Robertson of Comanche; a sister Mrs. Judy Ferguson of Vass, N.C. and one grandson, Ryan

Petty. Attending the services was her aunt, Zora Petty Billingsley of Amarillo and many other relatives.

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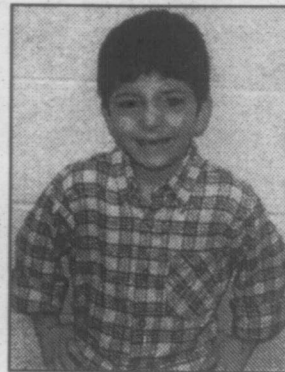
The Clinic Will Be Closed December 5 through December 14



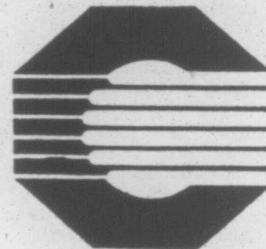
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**McLean Elementary Jr. High Students of the Week January 8-12:** Kindergarten Rocca Rodriguez; 1st Grade Trent McNear; 2nd Grade Bradley Howard; 3rd Grade Amber Stanton; 4th Grade Jonathan McNear; 5th Grade Anna Shackleford; 6th Grade Jacob Tolleson; 7th Grade Audrey Ranjel; 8th Grade Mitchell Stewart.



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## Water Reports In For The Year

By Brad Wyatt  
With the last of the water quality samples picked up in Roberts County, the Water

Quality Program has ended for the year. One hundred sixty-seven different sites throughout the District were scheduled for water gathering this season. Out of these several sites, only eight samples were missed due mainly to locked gates at the point of entrance or the lack of wind at windmills. Of the one hundred fifty-nine samples tested, twenty-six (16%) were high in iron. Eleven of these samples (42%) were taken from windmills. Rusting pipes are usually the main cause of water being high in iron content. Eighteen samples (11%) were above state standards in sulfate content, while seven samples (4%) were above in chlorides. Rounding out the minerals found in various samples finds two samples (1%) high in nitrate levels and less than 1% high in fluoride. Sites per county exceeding State Standards during 2000 Water Quality Season:

Over 95% of all scheduled sites had water sampled from them. Without the participation of all concerned, this would not be possible. If you have a question, please don't hesitate to call at 806-883-2501.

County	Iron	Sulfate	Chloride	Nitrate	Fluoride
Armstrong	2	0	0	0	1
Carson	9	1	3	0	0
Donley	4	7	2	1	0
Gray	7	2	0	0	0
Roberts	3	1	2	0	0
Wheeler	1	7	0	1	0


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January 27  
1951 2001

*The children of  
Kenneth (Shango) and Bonnie Simpson  
would like to invite you to a casual reception  
honouring our parents Fifty years together.  
Saturday, January 27th, 2001  
from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.  
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# Care Center News

## McLean City Council Discusses Snow Removal

McLean City Council as continued from last week's story....

Joe Lamb also stated that anywhere that he's ever

lived that's the way it's done and it's the homeowner's responsibilities to clear their driveway. Ann Pierce wanted to know if there was a grant where the City could get help in repairing the City's streets. The council informed her that we had tried for several years now for such a grant but that they just weren't giving grants for that purpose. Fred Smith informed the council that he had talked to Butch Turpen about buying some material from him to put on some of these dirt roads that would help some.

Ann Pierce was also on the agenda to voice her opinion of the EDC. She wanted to place a formal request to the council to have a separate proposition on the May ballot to completely dissolve the EDC. She feels that it is a waste of the taxpayers money. She asked if there was an EDC board and who they were. She felt that the money should be given back to the taxpayers. The council explained that the 4B option would allow the money to be used in so many more

ways that would benefit the taxpayers and that unfortunately if the EDC was dissolved the money could not be given back to the taxpayers it would have to come into the

City's General Fund. She said that she would like to see the option to dissolve the EDC on the ballot. The council informed her that they would take that request into consideration when they were deciding which way to go on the ballot.

Fred Smith informed the council that the interior of the elevated water tower needed painting and that National Contracting would do it for a reasonable price, but that it would need to be done in the next few months. The council voted to hire National Contracting Co. to paint the interior of the water tower for \$6,900.00.

Fred also informed the council that the cab of the Ford garbage truck was coming apart and when you push in the clutch the front of the cab raises up and it burns the clutch up. The council asked him to temporarily fix it and to check with General Surplus to see if they might have some trucks that we might be interested in.

Motions passed to pay all bills. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Activities began for the residents with Sunday school with the Methodist Friendship class. In the afternoon they attended church services with the Reverend Brian Quisenberry and members of the First Baptist Church.

Monday activities included nail care and bingo. Betty Lowe came to help with bingo. Tuesday afternoon we had a special treat. Buddy Payne and Jim Armbrister came to sing for the residents. On Wednesday morning the residents attended the Reminiscing Circle. Lois Myers came to offer her assistance with music and remembering. We enjoy her visits.

I wish to thank all of the volunteers that have come to help out with any of our activities. A special thanks to the Church of Christ ladies that brought and served cookies at the Christmas party. I could not do my job without your help. We appreciate Santa taking time from his busy schedule to drop in for a visit.

The birthday party for January will be Friday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m. Come join your family and friends in this celebration. The birthday

Good Neighbor Pharmacy Topics By Don Biggers, Rph



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The optimal amount of Vitamin C is 500 mg per day. A recent study suggests that if you take more than 500 mg of this potent antioxidant on a regular basis, you may actually cause genetic damage that can lead to rheumatoid arthritis and other conditions. Also, too much Vitamin C can cause excess iron absorption, a risk factor for heart disease. Please don't take too much Vitamin C daily. However, if you are feeling the onset of a cold, it is safe to take up to 3000 mg daily -- 1000 mg at regular intervals with food -- until the cold has subsided then return to your regular dose of 500 mg daily.

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We have lost three of our residents in December and January. Varnie Lowe, Eula Morrow and M.L. Rowan. We miss them.

We have one new resident. Neva Jackson from McLean.

### Adding Aspirin To Your First Aid Kit

Simply adding aspirin to your first aid kit and discussing its use with your doctor may help stop you or someone you love from dying. Experts say the use of aspirin for heart attack first aid (as directed by a doctor) could save 10,000 lives each year. Read on for information on how to get a free refrigerator magnet with lifesaving tips.

Heart attack is the nation's leading killer, yet many sufferers deny their symptoms and do not take immediate action. Action taken within the first hours after a heart attack is critical to survival. The average sufferer gets to the hospital almost 5 hours after the onset of symptoms, significantly increasing their chance of dying. Therefore, it is important to be educated about heart attack symptoms and know when, and how, to react.

When a heart attack is suspected, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number for help, and chew or crush and swallow a regular aspirin tablet as your doctor has directed.

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it is recommended that you keep a full tank of gas in your automobile. Batteries, flashlights, a portable radio, extra food and household supplies along with plenty of

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**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 Assembly of God 4th & Main**  
Pastor Quenton Newton 779-2221  
Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 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  
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Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
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**Notice of Sheriff's Sale**

The State of Texas County of Carson By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 100th Judicial District Court of CARSON COUNTY on the 11th day of January, 2001 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of:

GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. VELMA L. HODGES & LEE HARGRAVE

Cause # 7705 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TEN (10) O'CLOCK on the 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CARSON COUNTY, in the City of PANHANDLE, TEXAS, the following described property, to wit:

Tract 1: .006250 Royalty Interest in the Heap Gas Lease No. 74200 located in Section 231, Blk B-2, H & GN Survey, Carson County, Texas.

Levied on the 12th day of January, 2001 as the

property of VELMA HODGES AND LEE HARGRAVE

to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$404.29 plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of the sale and all cost recoverable by law in favor of GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PANHANDLE GROUND WATER DISTRICT #3, COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT #3 FOR GROOM I.S.D. AND CARSON COUNTY SUBJECT TO THE YEAR 2000 TAXES. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2001.

s/Gary Robertson Sheriff Carson County, Texas

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**MCLEAN HOME Health Agency, Inc.** now accepting applications for R.N.'s, LVN's, and Home Health Aides for a variety of services to include: Private Duty Nursing and Homemaker Services. Call for an interview appointment. Please have current resume ready. Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2001, 5 p.m. E.O.E. 806-779-2485 or 1-800-873-4842.

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**PUPPIES** to give away - will be ready Jan. 19. Mom, Black Lab, Dad Blue Heeler. Boys & girls available, first come first served. 779-2880 after 3:00 p.m. McLean.

**HELP WANTED:** Home care provider to work 16 hours per week, Mon-Fri. Call Outreach Health Service 1-800-800-0697.

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Corner lot, completely fenced in backyard. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room and large dining room. Kitchen has little kitchen nook area for small dining table. House comes complete with brand new washer and dryer, refrigerator, oven, stove and microwave. Has floor heater, and one window cooling unit. One car garage with attached canning/storage Very Clean - Asking \$25,000.00 319 4th St., McLean, TX 806-779-2550 (After 5:00 pm).

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TexSCAN Week of January 14, 2001

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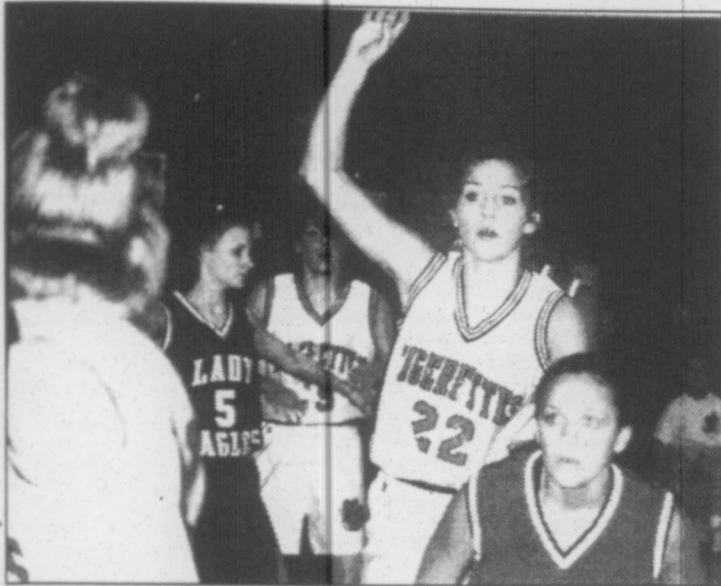
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Candace Bohr watches for a pass from her teammates in a recent game against Samnorwood. Bohr was later injured in the game after she received an elbow in the eye causing a very nasty shiner and a cut just below the lower lash line.

## "No Clear Decision" Was Results Of Workshop Input

The Groom I.S.D. school board met on Thursday, January 11 for their regular January meeting. Attending were Superintendent John Wilson, Principal Kevin Noack, Board members Dennis Babcock, Barry Fields, Clifton Britten, Kelvin Ollinger, Tony Britten, and Tim Case. Also attending the meeting were Jiggs Britten, Jigger Britten, Curtis Downs and Donna Burton, representing The Groom News.

In the Open Forum, Jigger Britten stated that he was disappointed that more people were not in attendance and that he hoped the board would strongly consider making the budget cuts prioritized by the groups attending Monday nights workshop affecting the least amount of students.

Jiggs Britten commented, "I would like to see you make your cuts over a period of a year or two, don't do it all in one big bucket."

Superintendent Wilson presented a cumulative report of the special workshop held on January 8 to school board members. Citizens who were in attendance were asked to select the budget cuts that they thought would be the

most appropriate for the circumstance. They were also asked to present any other possible solutions for the board's consideration that was not already on the list.

There was no concise decision made by the workshop groups. The top 3 cuts (in no particular order) go to 1/2 day Ag, cutting a coach and do away with band. Other options ranked in the top three in some groups but these 3 were mentioned the most often.

Wilson went over other possible solutions proposed by public at the workshop, (those other than the ones presented by the administration). They were as follows:

1. "No longer pay housing after the probationary period."

The school currently is paying a housing stipend to the superintendent, principal and providing housing for the 3 coaches. This measure would cut the stipend after a period of time. According to the Superintendent, the school would have a harder time attracting coaches if it got out of the housing business. He also stated that the allowance for housing for the administrators is about

\$6,600 per year. Fair market value for the school houses as far as if they were rented to the coaches after a time is unknown.

"Housing is a big drawing card, they are certainly one of the big reasons that coaches are here and one of the reasons that Mr. Noack and I are here."

2. Teachers driving bus routes.

"The only thing that I can think of that this might mean is that we would have them drive them unpaid," stated Wilson.

3. Closing the Swimming Pool.

"I believe we have had a group of benefactors that let us know they would be provide funds to keep the pool open," stated Wilson. It costs about \$3,600 a year to run the pool from May to Aug.

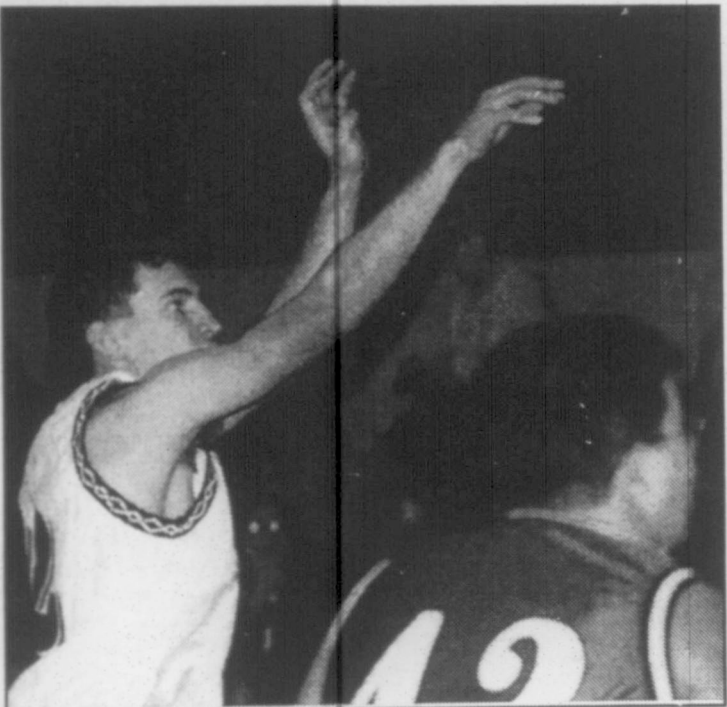
4. Four day school week

New Mexico does some of this with success. In Texas, special permission would be required. Savings would be in auxiliary personnel, utilities, bus routes, and cafeteria.

5. Be more careful with utility cost

A study was recently

See Board, pg. 6.



Doug Fields puts up a free throw for the Tigers who are getting into District Competition with a 2-0 record. The Tigers and Ettes will play McLean Friday night there.

Groom ISD  
A Special Called  
School Board  
Meeting  
will be held On  
Jan. 23  
at 7:00 p.m.  
It is expected to  
concern budget  
cut issues.

### COMMUNITY CALENDER

GROOM TIGERS & ETTES will play the McLean Tigers on January 19, there.

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING

GROOM Ambulance Service needs community minded people to take E.M.T. classes. Classes begin on Feb. 18. Sat. and Sun. classes. Call 248-7963 for more information.

THE AFTER Graduation Party Committee will meet on Wed. Jan. 24 at 6:30 pm at Groom School. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

GROOM 4TH AND 5th grade P.E. classes will be putting on a Basketball skills demonstration at halftime of the varsity girls game on Feb. 6.

GROOM SCHOOL will release early on Jan. 18 at 12:45. There will be no school on January 19th.

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## Annual Carson County Junior Livestock Show Begins Friday ... Donations Needed For Buyers Club

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looking their best when they are shown, beginning Friday morning with Lambs exhibited starting at 10:00 am. Heifers and steers will show starting at 1:00 pm. Saturday morning will begin the pig show at 8:00 am. The annual

awards for the exhibitor will be conducted at 6:00 pm and the auction is slated to begin at 6:30 pm. Anyone can donate any amount to the Groom Buyers Club. This helps with the purchase of animals from Groom

Exhibitors. \$10.00 or \$1,000.00, it all goes to a good cause and helps the kids have money for next years project. Anyone interested in the Buyers Club can contact Tony Treadwell in Groom.

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## Miller Named To Honor Roll

Marcus James Miller State University in of Groom was recently Weatherford, Oklahoma. named to the President's Marc is the son of Phil Honor Roll at Miller of Groom and Ila Southwestern Oklahoma Miller of Pampa.

## The City Of Groom

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# Local Happenings

Joy Snyder broke her arm in a fall at home recently. She also bruised her hip and is unable to get around much.

**On The Sick List**  
 Mrs. Bob Britten, Eddie Homen, Becky England-Britten, Bud Babcock, Eileen McConnell, Louise Conrad, Cody Bivens, Tammy Bivens, and April Conrad.

The Editor of the Groom News ran into Gene Collins, formally of Groom, at the VA Hospital recently. He was looking good and said to tell everyone "Hello!"

Louis Leven was injured when his hand was caught in the City's Sewer Machine. A portion of one finger was completely cut off and one finger was broken.

Schellon Major and family were visiting her parents Jack and Willie Barnett recently.

Bart Britten was home, visiting his parents, Gary and Sharon Britten and other family members, from Medical School over the holidays.

## RICHARDSON NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Julie Richardson was named to the Dean's List at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. She is an Elementary Education major.

## Groom School Lunch Menu

Mon. Breakfast - Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk. Lunch: Sloppy joes, tator tots, pickle spears, fruit cocktail.

Tue. Breakfast - Pancakes, Peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk. Lunch: Lasagna, salad, fried okra, pears, bread sticks, & milk.

Wed. Breakfast - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk. Lunch: Fajitas, sauted onion, sauted green pepper, lettuce, tomatoes, peaches, graham crackers, & milk.

Thurs. Breakfast - Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, & milk. Lunch: Beef stew, tuna sandwiches, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, pineapple, corn bread, crackers and milk.

Fri. Breakfast - Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk. Lunch - Pizza, salad, applesauce, crackers, & milk.

## CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

There were 3 person booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of January 8th through January 14, 2001. Currently there are 8 persons incarcerated in this jail and 11 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests made this week:

Dewayne R. McBee of Skellytown, 27, charged with Assault-Domestic Violence.

Frederick Benning, Clovis, N.M., 39 - Failure to Identify to a Peace Officer.

Tobe C. Howard, Panhandle, Tx., 37, Assault & Possession of Drug Paraphenalia & other Agency Warrants, Randall County.

## HUTSELL NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Mary Hutsell, daughter of Steve and Pam Hutsell has been named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University. A 3.25 grade point average must be maintained for this honor.

Sandie Conrad and Angie Amphay visited Rebecca Vincent in Dalhart.

The Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District would like to invite the public to an open house at 7:00 p.m. on January 23, 2001. A new facility has been constructed for the education of children interested in attending Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School.

The PTO will serve refreshments. Additionally, the PTO will conduct a silent auction during the open house. If you have any question, you may contact the school at 669-3831.

## Appraisal District Holds Organizational Meeting

The Carson County Appraisal District Board held a meeting on January 10, 2001 in Panhandle. Present were Chief Appraiser Donita Davis, Chairman Frank Simms, members Terry Lewis, James Rotramel, Sherry Kramer and Ken Burger. Barbara Cosper was absent.

After the meeting was called to order the Oath of Office was administered to Terry Lewis and James Rotramel. The board was re-organized as follows: Frank Simms, chairman and James Rotramel, secretary.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved. January accounts payable were approved for payment.

In a motion by Sherry Kramer, the board approved notices of appraisal value to be mailed to all property owners for 2001 tax roll.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

## Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

January 18 - Aimee Lyles.

January 19 - Kecia Lea Mays, Alicia Marie Hosley, Danny Ashford.

January 20 - Mrs. A.J. Newsom, Larry Pool, Gary Parrish.

January 21 - Marcie Rhea Babcock, Howard Rose, Brenda Homen, Mrs. Stanley Anthony, Matthew Miller, Cari Weinheimer.

January 22 - Dixie Anthony, Stephanie Nicole Fraser, Christina Galvan, Adrian Delgado.

January 23 - E.W. Lamberson, Ed Gray.

January 24 - Joseph L. Homer, Tyler Jordan Fraser.

## DIABETES EDUCATION TRAINING

There will be an Education Training on Diabetes for those wishing to learn more about this disease. Please come to hear Margie Farris, Educator from BSA as she presents this program with Jeane Montgomery, Carson County Extension Agent.

The program is planned for Monday, January 29th in the War Memorial Building in Panhandle. The extension office needs a "head count" for program materials, so please call (537-3882) for more information and the time of day.

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# Groom Honor Roll

Groom ISD 3rd 6 Week

A Honor Roll

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6th Grade: Thane Barkley, Karla Howard, Kacia Howard, James Reid.

7th Grade: Katy Britten, Gailynn Drewery, Malorie Homen, Carter Wilson.

8th Grade: Magan Bivens, Adam Britten.

9th Grade: Clay Britten, Britteny Martin.

10th Grade: Jessica Bates, Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin, Laurissa Noack.

11th Grade: Cassie Ashford, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Wyatt Britten, Krisanne Davis, Luke Pavlovsky.

12th Grade: Marci Babcock, Brooke Britten, Macie Britten, Russell Conrad, Kristina Tjarks, Elizabeth Vega, Grant Weinheimer.

A-B Honor Roll

4th Grade: Trent Britten, Brett Friemel, Trevor Friemel, Bailee Ruthardt, Brittany Weinheimer.

5th Grade: Chad Barkley, Taylor Drewery, Whitney Evendon, T.J. Moranic, Michaela Roskens.

6th Grade: Blaine Britten, Berklee Ruthardt.

7th Grade: Sharri Britten, Kelby Noack.

8th Grade: Chance Barkley.

9th Grade: Lorri Britten, Joanea Horn, Caren Howard, Calvin Schaffer, Cody Schaffer, Jamie Vaughn, Owen Weinheimer.

10th Grade: Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Lainie Britten, Staci Britten, Stephany Fraser, Lance Ollinger.

11th Grade: Cody Bivens, Karri Britten, Ross Brooks, Clay Ritter, Hugh Weinheimer.

12th Grade: Frances

Britten, Skye Brown, Dewayne Gray, Kristin Johansen, Michele Stephens.

1st Semester

A Honor Roll

4th Grade: Brett Friemel, Bailee Ruthardt, Brittany Weinheimer.

5th Grade: Chad Barkley, Matthew Wilson.

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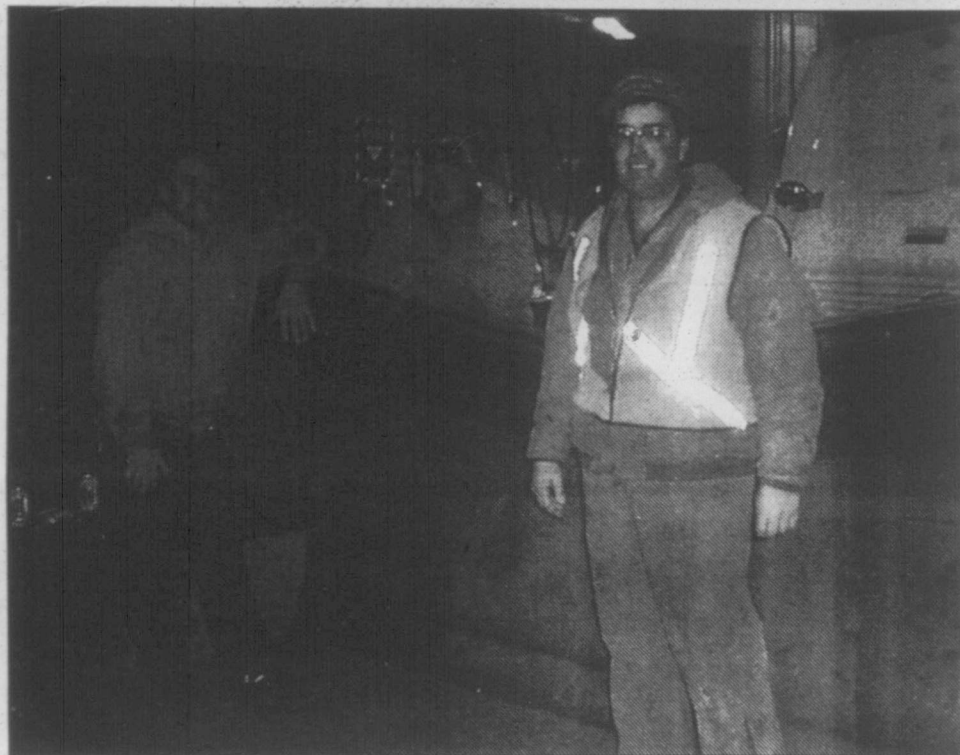
Bivens, Karri Britten, Ross Brooks, Luke Pavlovky, Clay Ritter.

12th Grade: Frances Britten, Skye Brown, Russell Conrad, Dewayne Gray, Kristin, Johansen, Stephens, Michele, Courtney Sustaire, Elizabeth Vega, Grant Weinheimer.

## More Local Happenings

Ray and Gaynell Pool traveled to Clarendon and picked up Leslie Neal. They all went to Pampa to visit his sister, Bertha Knight in the hospital.

Others visiting Bertha were her brother, Mr. & Mrs. William Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellington and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Loftin and son of Amarillo.



## DOT Workers Prepare For Next Storm

"Preparing for the worst and hoping for the best!" is the motto of Groom's Texas Department of Transportation workers as they prepare for yet another major winter storm on Tuesday. With nearly 600 lane miles of highway and roads to keep clear, being prepared is half the battle.

"We have been getting our sand trucks and snow plows ready," said Supervisor John McConnell.

The workers have been on standby, but luckily the storm did not arrive in the wee hours as expected.

Weather service predictions are guessing anywhere from 8 to 12 inches for this storm. The last storm that hit on Christmas day dumped around 20 inches of snow on the area.

"We were very lucky with that storm," stated worker David Britten, "that we did not have

much wind. The way the wind is blowing today, this storm may pose more problems for us."

The Groom office of TX DOT covers an area that reaches from the Wheeler County line to the Potter County line. Their main responsibility is Interstate 40, its overpasses and service roads. The fourteen workers generally work 12 hour shifts, around the clock when the roads need clearing.

"Usually our first priority is the overpasses," stated David Britten.

Tx DOT uses a mixture of bottom ash and salt to keep traction on the problem areas. The workers are out preparing plows, mixing sand, and sanding the overpasses sometimes long before the first snowflake falls.

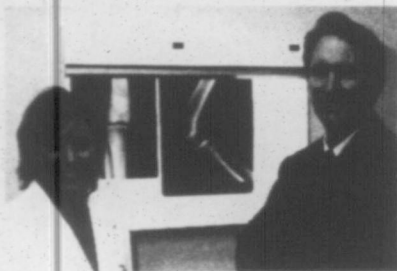
One thing if for certain, their winter equipment is really getting a workout this year. When and if the snow comes, rest assured, The Groom Branch of The Texas Department of Transportation will be ready for it! Thanks for all your hard work!

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## Groom I.S.D. 3rd 6 Weeks Honor Roll U.I.L. Kids Bring Home 3 First Place Medals

Groom School U.I.L. participants attended a practice meet recently and did very well as they begin their spring competition schedule. The group competed at West Texas High School in Stinnett. Pampa, Luke Pavlovsky did

exceedingly well placing 1st in Editorials, 1st in Headline and 6th in Science.

Brook Britten placed 1st in News Writing and 4th in Features.

In Ready Writing, Garrett Britten placed 4th. Amanda Martin placed 4th in Editorials.

Laurissa Noack placed 5th in Science. Clay Britten placed 5th in Headline Writing. Lauren Crowell won 6th in Features and 6th in Headline Writing. Brin Burgin placed 6th in news writing.

Congratulations to these outstanding students and good luck at your next competition.

### Ettes Open District With Pair Of Wins

The district countdown has begun and Groom's Tigerettes are off to a wonderful start with double wins last week.

On Tuesday night Groom faced off with Shamrock and handily beat them 57-21.

Candace Bohr was Groom's leading scorer with 14 points. Amanda Conrad and Nichole Barnett each contributed 9 points. Amanda Martin added another 8. Krisanne Davis scored 7, Lauren Crowell and Jill Britten scored 4 each.

Brin Burgin scored 2.

On Friday night, the girls easily outdistanced Lefors with a score of 65-23.

Amanda Conrad earned the tiger's share of the points with 20 captured. Nichole Barnett added another 9 and Krisanne Davis 8. Candace Bohr and Lauren Crowell each scored 7 points. Amanda Martin and Brin Burgin contributed 6 points each. Jill Britten added another 2.

The Ettes will play McLean this Friday night there.

### TIGERS BEAT SAMNORWOOD, 49-26

By Coach Brad Rainer

The Tiger's first district game of the year came against the Samnorwood Eagles. We got to open distinct at home which is always a plus. The tigers have done well in their games preparing for the start of district play. They have overcome a lot of adversity in the non-district portion of the schedule. They have pulled together as a team and played very well.

They put out a tremendous amount of effort and now that is starting to pay off for them. Against the Eagles, we were led by our 2 seniors Dewayne Gray and Russell Conrad.

Dewayne Gray had 13 points, 13 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 blocked shot

and took 2 charges.

Doug Fields had 3 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 assist, and 1 blocked shot.

Luke Pavlovsky had 7 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals.

Garrett Britten earned 6 points and 5 rebounds.

Russell Conrad had 16 points, three 3 pointers, 3 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists and took a charge.

Lance Ollinger completed 3 rebounds. Clay Britten had 4 points, 5 rebounds and 1

steal. Cody Babcock had 1 rebound and 2 steals.

### TIGERS VS. LEFORS

Our second district game was at Lefors last Friday night. It was a tough game but the Tigers pulled everything together in the fourth quarter and improved their district record to 2-0 with a 47-32 victory. We had some foul problems in this game, so we had to do something a little different than normal, but the kids responded and made their Free Throws at the end to secure the road win.

Dewayne Gray had 26 points, one 3 pointer, 15 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 blocked shot.

Doug Fields earned 3 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, and a blocked shot.

Luke Pavlovsky had 2 rebounds. Garrett Britten had 4 point, 2 rebounds,

3 steals and a blocked shot.

Russell Conrad had 9 points, one 3 pointer, 6 rebounds and 2 steals. Lance Ollinger had 1 steal.

Clay Britten had 3 points, 1 rebound, and 2 steals. Cody Babcock has 2 points, 3 rebounds, and an assist.

### Pee Wee Team Defeats Panhandle Team, 52-6

The 5-6 grade boys are competing in the panhandle Little dribblers league this year. Their first game was on Jan 13 against the Panhandle D team. The young Tigers

started their year off with a bang by winning, 52-6. James Reid had 6 points, Thane Barkley had 11 points, Joel Horn earned 14 points, Blaine Britten had 6 points, Chad Barkley contributed 6 points. T.J. Moranic earned 5 points and Tommy Head added 4 points.

Members of the 5-6 grade team are Tommy Head, T.J. Moranic, Chad Barkley, Matt Wilson, Kendall Weller, Anthony Luna, Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, James Reid, Kade Brown, and Joel Horn.

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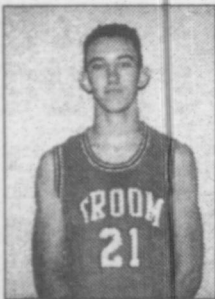
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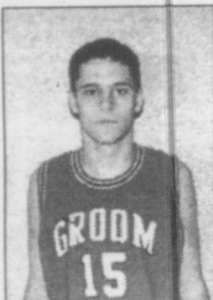
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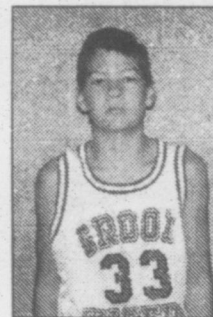
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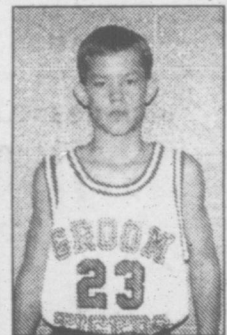
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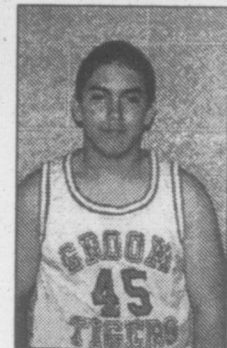
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## Commission Approve Purchases and New Hires, 84% Taxes Collected

Carson County Commissioners' Court met on January 8, 2001 with the following members and officers present:

Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell.

Minutes of the December 20, 2000 meeting were corrected to read \$6000 in payment for a tractor in Precinct 2.

It was agreed to pay all claims.

The court heard budget requests from Sheriff Gary Robertson and Commissioners Strawn and Ware. Robertson asked for permission to transfer \$1600 from various line items to miscellaneous and computer. The transfers were allowed. The sheriff also requested a \$90 repair payment for recent power surges to the county's generator to be paid from courthouse security funds. It was decided to pay the bill in this manner.

The court voted to pay \$8250 each from Precinct #2 and #3 reserve funds to the Panhandle-Carson County Airport. The payment will be made to pay the county's required portion to qualify for

grant money.

Money was also moved from Precinct #2 reserve funds to pay for a tractor and bushhog mower. The \$14,575 was transferred to pay for the equipment.

The Agreement in Principal Contract with Pantex for an emergency management plan with the county was accepted.

County Auditor Jacqueline West addressed the court on new requirements concerning tax laws for clear diesel and dyed diesel.

Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler petitioned the court to move her clerk from a part time position to full time status beginning February 1, 2001. Karrie Smith was hired at a 17C level, \$16,044.60.

Judge Powers presented the court with an order that states the provisions for flood insurance applicants. The court is required to set a penalty for persons who are non-compliant with the ordinance. That fee was set at \$1.00 per day. The order was approved which will be filed in the Judge's office.

A safekeeping deposit #912795ES6 from State National Bank in the amount of \$100,000 was replaced with Cusip

#572682NC2 for the same amount.

A safekeeping deposit #31383VAW3 in the amount of \$847,124.26 was replaced at Sun Bank with the following: #280515TA5 for \$275,000; #280515TB3 for \$295,000; #280515TE7 for \$380,000.

The court accepted the bonds of recent elected officials to be filed with the clerk's office and the secretary of state. Bonds were approved for Commissioners Strawn and Britten, Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper, County Attorney Scott Sherwood and Sheriff Gary Robertson.

A resolution for tax abatement applicants was approved. The resolution allows for applications to be made and then the court decides to grant or deny the abatement.

Tax-Assessor Collector Barbara Cosper reported that 83.4% of the county's taxes have been collected as of December 31, 2000.

Judge Powers discussed with the court that the recent cancelled public hearing for chemical regulations in the county will not be held until the last quarter of 2001.

GROOM FFA-ers DO GREAT AT TOP O'TEXAS SHOW

A handful of FFA livestock exhibitors kicked off the show season by attending the Top of Texas Junior Livestock Show in Pampa recently. Cody Bivens won Reserve Grand Champion with his exotic steer, Socks. The steer placed first in the middle weight exotic class and then took exotic championship before winning reserve grand of the entire show.

Brett Britten also was very successful with his light weight British Steer, placing 2nd in class.

Malorie Homen earned a 1st place with her light weight duroc. She also had a 2nd place with a heavy weight cross.

Dennis Cockrell's pig placed 4th in the light weight duroc class.

Wyatt Britten and Cody Bivens also showed pigs.

This group, along with their fellow FFA exhibitors will compete this weekend in Panhandle for the Carson County Junior Livestock show.

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## If you ask me... And Nobody Did

By Donna Burton

Remember the scene in the "Godfather" where Abe Bogota is about to get "snuffed" and he says something to his executioners about the years of service he has given. The gunman replied, "I always liked you... but this is business."

This has to be the way that some of our school employees feel. We have been talking about cuts and budgets for so long that it de-personalizes the fact that no matter what the school board's decision, someone will get hurt by it. I know that morale has to be low right now and all I can say is "I'm sorry but this is business".

There are a lot of us out here that are just sick that it has come to this, but we want you to know that who ever is affected by these cuts, when they are made, that your dedication and service have not gone by unnoticed. I think Groom is one of the luckiest places in that our teachers and staff care about their students. We have longevity and consistency in our

curriculum and when our students do well, it is a true reflection on their mentors.

I just want to say thank you to all of you who have helped raise my two kids and all the other kids in this town. The effect you have had on all our children is a shining example of what a committed staff can produce.

Whatever happens, you have the appreciation and admiration of a lot of students, parents, and grandparents. We respect the work you have done and remind you that, you are and always will be important to us. You, the school board, administration, and students will be in our thoughts and prayers as we weather this storm together.

### 3rd & 4th Grade Pee Wee's Named

Members of the 3 and 4th Grade Team are: Tyler Case, Eric Torres, David Wilson, Tyler Babcock, Jess Roskens, Trevor Friemel, Brett Friemel, Kelton Weller, Trent Britten, Chaz Leven.

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done because the school is not getting the savings in energy that was expected after the retrofit, new heating and air project. A & M University is studying the situation and will be

sending a report on what should be corrected. Later in the meeting, Wilson reported that he would be in touch with

the engineer as soon as the report is finished as to how to correct some of the problems found. The Lone Star Program has extended the loan period from 7 years to 8 years to give the school some relief due to the energy bills not being reduced the expected amount.

6. A cheaper band director or a half day

band director.

A cheaper band director might be a possibility if we could find one and had a reason to be hiring. However, the board has to hire from the applicants available and the last time this was necessary the person selected was the best all round person for the job. A half day band director is probably not a possibility as it is very hard to find full time applicants.

7. Eliminate "minor" sports such as tennis, golf, and cross country track.

8. Advertise the school system.

A slick brochure is a distinct possibility. The school has access to an expert who will work for free to help them design an eye-catching brochure that will advertise what amenities and programs the school has to offer.

9. Fund raising for band and ag.

The budgets for these programs could be cut back and students could raise what ever they needed for their programs through fund raising efforts. The problem with that is that they would be relying on the folks in the community to make up what they need.

10. Provide summer courses. Have a summer course to get in some classes that cannot be worked into the schedule. Mr. Noack stated that this will not be done this summer and the only reason they had summer classes last year was because of a scheduling glitch that happened before he come here that caused some students to miss a couple of required classes. These students would not have been able to take advanced diploma classes had they not been able to make up these classes in the summer.

11. Cutting Athletic Budget

The Athletic Department has already cut their budget as has all other departments at school. Further cuts could be made according to Wilson, but we would need to be prepared to expect ragged uniforms

and things like that.

12. Cut game travel for administrators.

Currently, administrators are required to be at ball games. Wilson commented that perhaps they could work it out where both (he & Noack) were not going.

The most we could save out of that would be \$12-1,500

13. Cut coverage for teachers.

Teachers are currently paid an additional \$700 per year for a bachelor's degree and \$900 per year for a master's degree.

14. Replace Business Manager with software and secretary.

According to Superintendent Wilson the down side would be that they would have to train someone and probably hire two secretaries because the current Business Manager does double duty as serving as the secretary to the superintendent. The savings would be minimal.

President of the Board, Dennis Babcock mention the possibility of a state funded insurance program, which seems like a probability with the new legislature. Superintendent Wilson stated that if that were to happen it would not be a fully funded program and while the employees might have a better insurance program, the school would not be likely to save much money due to the increased premiums.

Cutting an aide, was also mentioned. State requirements are 22 students to 1 teacher and it was felt, in one group that an aid in kindergarten was not really necessary.

Two aides that the school employees are required by the state. But we have three and it is a possibility that we could cut one" stated Wilson.

"The savings would be between \$9 and \$17,000 per year depending on which was cut."

"All of these cuts are a little if-y," stated Wilson, "but together they might save us around \$20,000."

The board went into executive session to discuss individual personnel cuts and possible retirement of personnel in the future.

When they returned approximately 2 hours later, it was announced that no action would be taken at this time, however, the Board asked Mr. Wilson to do some investigation as to specific cuts and personnel positions.

A special meeting will be called for January 23 to continue the discussion and possibly take action on these matters.

The Board went into executive session to

discuss the Business Manager and the Superintendent contracts for the coming year. Before going into executive session Superintendent Wilson recommended that the Business Manager be rehired with the customary step raise.

After about an hour, the board come back to open session. The motion was made and seconded to offer contracts to Business Manager Joyce Hutsell and Superintendent John

Wilson at their current salaries. The motion was unanimous.

The principal's report was presented by Mr. Noack. Time constraints again prevented the student demonstrations that he had planned.

Mr. Wilson presented the budget report and accounts payable in the absence of Business Manager Joyce Hutsell. The bill were approved for payment and the budget analysis was accepted. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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