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National Honor Society Members - (Back) Lucas Webb, Kevin Smith, Manden Conklin, Mark Smith, Coach Blaze Herring, John Haynes. (Front) Brooke Seymour, Jessica Mann, and Tamara Loya.

National Honor Society Inducts Four New Members At Candle Lighting Ceremony

The National Honor Society candlelight new member induction ceremony was held at the United Methodist Church on May 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Smith said the opening prayer.

President, Manden Conklin gave the welcome. Coach Herring began

the list of qualities for the National Honor Society by speaking about knowledge. Brooke Seymour then spoke on Character. Kevin Smith spoke on Scholarship. Leadership was given by Manden Conklin and John Haynes spoke on Service.

Inductees for the 2006-2007 year were Kevin Smith, Mark Smith, Jessica

Mann and Lucas Webb.

The installation of new officers proceeded the induction. Brooke Seymour will serve as the new president. Tamara Loya will be vice-president. John Haynes will serve as secretary and Lucas Webb will be treasurer.

Tamara Loya gave the closing prayer.

McLean City Council Approves Grant Engineer - Director of Public Works Resigns

The City Council of McLean met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall.

Those present were Mayor, Bob Martin, Betty Taylor, Teresa Simmons, Molly McDowell, George Shaw, Jim Adams, Bill Anderson, Allen Mixon, Chet Bohlar, Toni Bohlar, and representatives from Grant Works, OJD Engineering and Brandt Engineering. Absent from the meeting was Mindy Reeves.

The meeting was called to order and Betty Taylor gave the opening prayer.

By unanimous vote, the minutes of the April meeting were approved.

The council heard from their representative from Grant Works for the process of Administration Service proposals, formally selecting the service provider for the 2006 Texas Community Development Program grant award. Then the council heard from a Brandt engineer and the a OJD engineer respectively regarding their companies. After a discussion by the council, they unanimously voted to approve Brandt Engineering.

The water vending machine was tabled until next month so that the Director and Mayor can look for a new location that will be appropriate.

The special meeting for the Oaths of Office will be held on May 16th at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall.

Information was unavailable on the tax property from Gray County. The item was tabled until the information is available at which time the council will advertise the properties.

After a lengthy discussion by the council,

see City, pg. 10

Texas Gubernatorial Candidate Kinky Friedman Visits McLean

Independent gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman made a stop in McLean last week at the Gerald Tate Ag Barn to meet with area activists working to save the lives of several badly burned horses effected by the recent wildfires.

Friedman is the founder of the Utopia Animal Rescue Ranch.

Friedman, who has stated throughout his campaign that he want's to

be a governor for the people and for the animals.

He states that he is running as an independent for the people and that he will be beholden to no one and to no party.

Several key issues that Friedman believes are facing Texans are the education system, the reliance on foreign fuels, border relations with Mexico and healthcare for Texas children.

With regards to the

education system, he says that the way to go is to legalize gambling. In a interview that Friedman did on KVII news, he stated that the state that invented the Texas

Hold'Em card game can't even legally play the game. He calls his program "Slots for Tots." He also says that teachers need an increase in salary and that Texas

see Kinky, pg. 9

Local Reminders

THE CITY Council will hold a special meeting on May 16th at 4:30 p.m for the Oaths of Office to be given.

THE CITY Council will hold a special meeting on May 12th at 1:00 p.m. to name an interim Director of Works after May 22.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet on May 17 at noon at the Red River Steakhouse.

SCHOOL BOARD meeting on May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Business Office.

KINDERGARTEN Graduation - May 18 at 9 a.m at the school auditorium.

NO SCHOOL - May 5th, 12th, or 19th.

MOTHER'S DAY - May 14

ACADEMIC AND Sports Banquet will be held on May 19.

HIGH SCHOOL Graduation - May 26 at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.



It's almost time for Graduation!

Sponsor your favorite senior or place a congratulatory ad by calling The McLean News. today at 779-2141.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 11 - Steven Myers, David Tolleson.
 May 12 - Wanda Myers, Lynn Reeves, Jane Shepler.
 May 13 - Sue Griffin, Stony & Kena Stone (A).
 May 14 - Amanda Hauck, Maybelle Brown, Dortha Goodwyn, Will Frost.

May 15 - David Haynes, Bobbie Albin, Tex Buckhaults, Brenda Jasper.
 May 16 - Avalee Crockett, Leigh Ann Flores, Charlie McClendon, Destiny Kirkland
 May 17 - Cal Holwick, Trenton Darsey

for the week of May 15 - 19
BREAKFAST
 Monday: Yogurt, Graham Crackers, Fruit, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Tuesday: Muffins, Fruit, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Wednesday: Omelets, Ham, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Thursday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Friday: NO SCHOOL

LUNCH
 Monday: Pizza, Salad, Corn, Cookies, Milk
 Tuesday: Toasted Ham And Cheese Sandwiches, Pickle Spears, Broccoli with ranch dressing, Pineapple and Orange Salad, Milk
 Wednesday: Chicken Fajitas, Peppers and Onions, Refried Beans, Salad, Brownies, Milk
 Thursday: Hot Dogs, Chips, Veggie Sticks, Bananas, Milk
 Friday: NO SCHOOL

McLean School Menus

Looking For Someone Community Oriented, Interested In People

The McLean News is looking for a new editor to collect news for the paper. Persons should be very interested in the city of McLean, the school, and the area's law enforcement. People in McLean have always been big helpers

with the news and activities by helping turn in information to the paper. It is a part-time job with the big days being on Monday and Tuesday. This position needs to be filled as soon as possible. Please call Phil at 248-7333 or 248-7570.

Pioneer Study Club Goes On A "Sentimental Journey Through The Year"

The Pioneer Study Club met Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the McLean United Methodist Church. Members present were Babe Brown, Jerry Cobitt, Mary Dwyer, Mickey Jackson, Zelda McClellan, Betty Morgan, Emma Pechtel, Lynn Reeves, Pat Stubbs, Betty Taylor, Ticie Taylor, Ruth Trew, Rosa Troy, Nama Webb, Mary Lou Glass, Wanda Lamb and Ruth Magee as well as many guests. Everyone was treated to a piano-organ recital by

Dianne Studebaker, pianist, and Janet Glass, organist. The program was entitled, "A Sentimental Journey through the Year." It included such favorites as "Sentimental Journey", "My Wild Irish Rose", "Autumn Leaves", and "Shine on Harvest Moon". Following the concert, cookies and punch were served in the church parlor by hostess Lynn Reeves. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17 at noon at the Red River Steakhouse.

Board Of Trustees To Be Sworn In At Regular Meeting

Two new McLean I.S.D. Board of Trustees will sworn into office at the regular school board meeting on May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the school's business office. Carey Richardson and Randy Eddleman will be sworn in and will take the two seats that have been vacated by Billy Bybee and Marshall Hanes. Both Bybee and Hanes chose not to run again for these positions.

After their first meeting, Richardson and Eddleman will attend, along with the other board members, training at the West Texas A&M campus in Canyon on May 17, 2006.

Young at Heart Hear About Angel Food Program.

There were 24 members and guest present at the last Young at Heart luncheon.

Laura Garrison and Teresa Whitely from Accolade Home Health did blood pressure checks.

The guest was Julie Ferguson from the Angel Food program along with Shirley Harbour.

Mindy Reeves was mentioned and is on the top of the prayer list for the Young at Heart.

THANK YOU

The attendance and fellowship at the annual MHS Dinner Theater was tremendous. We want to thank the community for your support. It was an honor to perform for such an accepting crowd. Mrs. Riley and the One-Act Play Cast and Crew

DaShae Tolleson Goes To Levelland In Ready Writing

Freshman, DaShae Tolleson traveled to Levelland to compete in regional Ready Writing Competition. There were 24 students vying for the three spots to the state academic meet. DaShae placed eighth in the competition. She represented MHS well and looks forward to competition next year. Accompanying DaShae to Levelland were her mother, Shandee Tolleson and Jacque Riley, MHS UIL Coordinator.



DaShae Tolleson

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Students of the Week



For the week of May 1 - May 5: Pre K - Jayden McLain, K - Sara Richardson, 1st - Ashley Ferguson, 2nd - BJ Ketcherside, 3rd - Summer Ferguson, 4th - Jacie Ketcherside, 5th - Braden Hambricht, 6th - Becca Reyna, 7th - Tanner Cadra, 8th - William Eldridge

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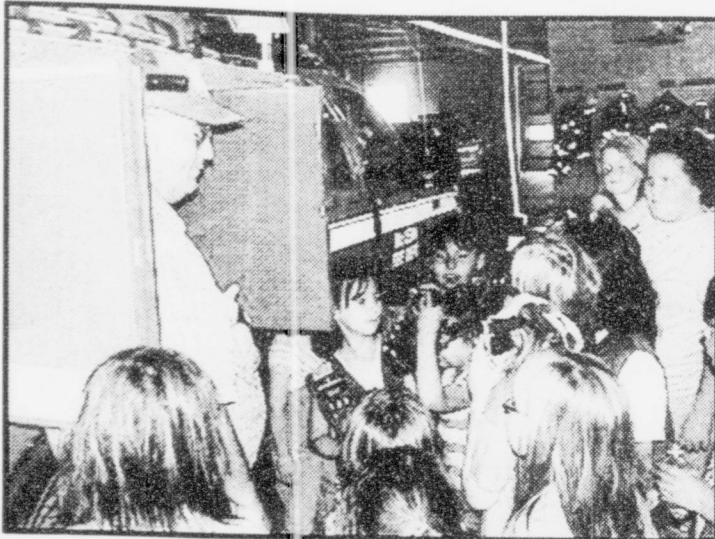
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Fire Chief Clifford McDonald explains to the Girl Scouts about the precautions a fire fighter must take and the mask that he wears to breath

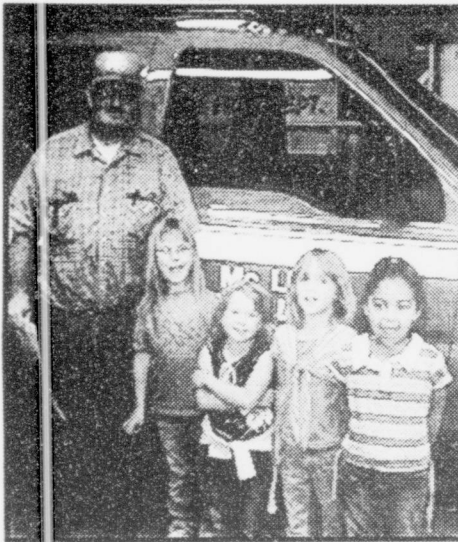
Brownie Girl Scout Troops #25 and #128 visited the McLean Fire Station on Wednesday, April 26. They were joined by Daisy Girl Scout Troop #524.

Fire Chief Clifford McDonald showed the girls around the fire station.

The Scouts had prepared a thank-you card for all the McLean fire fighters. The presented it to Chief McDonald. Troops #25 and #128 also presented the chief with a \$50.00 check for the use by the fire department.

The money was raised by cookie sales from the Scouts.

(Right) Chief McDonald takes time for the Daisies.



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Large Antique Multi-Estates Auction

Saturday, May 13, 2006 - 11:00 am - Viewing 1 Hour Before Sale
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Brownie Troops #25 and #128 donated checks from money they earned by selling cookies to say "Thank You" to the volunteer fire fighters of McLean.

\$1 Million In Grants Available For Housing Assistance

TEMPLE, TEXAS, May 3, 2006- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today announced the availability of \$1 million in grants that will provide for technical and supervisory housing assistance programs aimed to help rural residents to obtain or to continue to occupy affordable, suitable housing.

"When families move into their own home, they gain independence and confidence, and their faith in the future grows," said Daniel. "The spread of ownership and opportunity helps give our citizens a vital stake in the future of America and the chance to realize the great promise of

our country." USDA is targeting up to \$400,000 to eligible technical and supervisory housing assistance programs in rural Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas that serve residents affected by the 2005 Hurricanes. The remaining funds will be competed for nationally. No grant amount will exceed \$100,000. Grants will support programs of homeownership and financial counseling as well as the delivery of housing programs. Potential applicants include nonprofit corporations, agencies, institutions, organizations, Indian Tribes or other associations. Private nonprofit corporations and faith-based organizations

meeting certain criteria may apply. USDA Rural Development local State Offices are the contact point for a preapplication package and are also where preapplication proposals must be received by May 17, 2006. The notice of funding availability published in April 17, 2006 Federal Register, can be viewed at Rural Development's website.

www.rurdev.usda.gov, click on Available Funds.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Further information on rural programs is available by calling 254-742-9770.

Kinky

should stop teaching to the TAKS test

Friedman supports a woman's right to choose and gay marriage. "I believe love is bigger than government," he states.

He supports optional, non-denominational prayer in school. "It's good for kid's to believe in something, even if it's a rock or a tree," he states.

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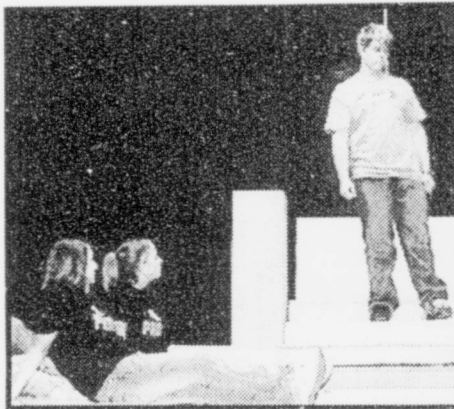
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 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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 Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church
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 Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church Railroad Street
 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
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 Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.



Steve Vassey recites his "Fourteen Lines" as other students, Amanda Fricks and Erin Vassey look on.

City

the policies and procedures item was tabled until next month.

Jim Adams gave the Director's Report. He told the council that one foot of clay has been done at the west pond of the sewer plant and that work had been rained out at this time, at least for the rest of the week. He also spoke to the council about a flyer he had received from Pampa on the usage of their dumpsters. He and Allen will be revamping the flyer to fit the needs of McLean so that it can be sent to city customers.

At this time, Jim

presented and read to the council his letter of resignation, stating that with much sadness he was leaving due to personnel conflicts and health reasons. He stated that his last day with the City of McLean would be May 22.

The council then called for a special meeting to be held on May 12 at 1 p.m. in the City Hall to name someone as interim.

Under other business, the council discussed home business rates on dumpsters.

Unanimously, they voted to pay the bills and the meeting adjourned.

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Thursday, May 11, 2006

Election Slated For Sat.



Sharon Jones Britten



Ellis Stapp



Matt Fields



Buck Babcock



Joe Rae Richardson



Lee Barkley

City of Groom voters will go to the polls this Saturday beginning at 7:00 am till 7:00 p.m to decide on three seats on the City Council. A field of six candidates will give the voters a lot to think about. The candidates include incumbent Ellis Stapp and challengers Joe Rae Richardson, Sharon Jones,

Lee Barkley, Matt Fields and Buck Babcock.

Don Case, who has served several terms of office, has decided to withdraw his name from the election.

"I really appreciate all the support I have been shown over the years," stated Case, "I made the decision not to withdraw after it was too late to have my name taken off the ballot. I encourage everyone to get out and vote for a valid candidate.

Clint Babcock, a write-in candidate, has also decided to withdraw his name from the election due to a conflict of interest at this time. He is very supportive of the city of Groom and encourages all to get out and vote.

Ellis Stapp has served on the City of Groom council for 11 years. He has been mayor pro temp for a number of those years. He has shown an interest and knowledge of the many different areas of city government.

"I think the most important attribute of a City Council member is the willingness to look at an issue affecting the city and help resolve it in a way that benefits the majority of the Citizens," he said.

Stapp is very proud of the completion of the water well project, 3 sampling wells that monitor the ground water around the sewer discharge and fence around the sewer pond without needing a tax increase.

"I would like to keep taxes as low as possible, while providing good city services to all citizens" he said. "I feel that as a city council member, I need to try to keep taxes as low as possible as a large part of citizens are older citizens."

Stapp feels that the ambulance issue is the most important item facing the city at the present. He



2005-2006 Groom Fighting Tigers & Tigrette

Athletic Banquet Held

The Groom ISD Athletic Department held its 2005-2006 Achievement Awards Banquet last week in the Groom High School Cafeteria. The event was a real sell out with nearly 100 people turning out to honor the athletes accomplishments. Attendees were welcomed by Head Football Coach Doug Galyean. An opening prayer was lead by Senior Sharri Britten.

Groom High School Cheerleader Sponsor Mrs. Susie Thompson told the crowd how much she had enjoyed working with these girls. They are Head cheerleader Sharri Britten, Kyra Stevens, Brittany Kuehler, Katie-Lane Thompson Kacie Galyean, Carey Carter and Michaela Roskens.

Coach Larry Roskens complemented his athletes on their accomplishment in Cross Country Track. Most Valuable Player was Michaela Roskens who finished 11th in District.

Coach Doug Galyean was very happy with the accomplishments of the team. The Tigers had players that earned 2-1st team All-District honors; 1-2nd team All-District honor; and 1-1st team All-Region honors. Most Valuable Player honors were voted on by the team. There was a tie and 2 MVP's were named. They are Thane Barkley and Chad Barkley.

In Girls Basketball,



2005-2006 Fighting Heart Awards

Community Calendar


MINOR LEAGUE will play at home on May 12th at 7 p.m, two game in a row. A full concession stand will be available. Let them do the cooking and enjoy an evening at the Ball Park!

CITY ELECTION will be on May 13, 2006.

ANNUAL AWARDS assembly will be held in the Groom High School Auditorium on Monday, May 22.

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Those who are ill or recovering include Dorothy Weller, Dan Ashford and Norris Hoyt.

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Help The Wild Fire Victims Fund!

A t-shirt has been designed to benefit the victims of the wildfire. You can purchase one at Stop N Shop in Groom for \$15.

THERE WILL be no school on May 12 due to an unused snow day.

Birthday & Anniversaries

May 11 - K'Leigh Thornton, Dwight Thompson.

May 12 - Ainsley Bussard, Mrs. Johnny Brooks, Joshua Reed.

May 13 - Corkey Hickey, Mark Koetting, Mr and Mrs. John W. Thomas (A).

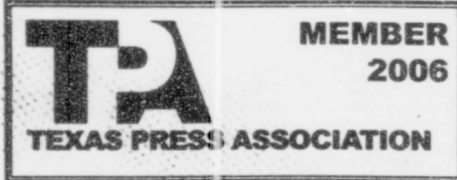
May 14 - Will Frost,

Paul & Gladys Thias (A) Nick and Renee Weinheimer (A).

May 15 - Brandon Oliveira, Neysa Friemel, Rick & Pam Davis (A).

May 16 - Ed Burk, Dorothy McMullen.

May 17 - Hallee Ann Kotara, Nick Ashford.



Son of Local Postmaster, Ginger Rawlins Earns Top Honors With Ford Motor Co.

Erle Rawlins, 1993 McLean High School graduate and son of Groom Postmaster Ginger Rawlins, graduated from Texas Tech and went to work for Ford Motor Company as an automotive engineer. This job has Erle traveling much of the year to 4x4 events, proving grounds testing and media events.

He has appeared in Peterson's 4Wheeler (2005) with the HOSS SuperDuty truck he designed and most recently in Diesel Power magazine (2006) where he was testing snowplow attachments for SuperDuty trucks. His official job is trailer tow engineer and he deals mainly with SuperDuty trucks at Ford in

Dearborn, Michigan.

Rawlins' hobby is 4x4 Broncos. Most of you will remember that he drove a Bronco even in high school. Since this year is the Ford Bronco's 40th anniversary, Ford has Erle traveling to California for the west coast celebration and next month he will be on east coast for the similar event. He had the opportunity to take rock star Ted Nugent's Zebra stripped Bronco to both

events. He will be back in Texas with Truck Rodeo in San Antonio in June.



Erle Rawlins still holds a deep affection for his 4x4 Bronco. He has been driving them since high school.



PUPPY PANIC ATTACK! The Ritter kids try to pacify a paniced pooch who is about to meet Dr. Horne for Groom's annual vaccination clinic.

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She was born February 17, 2006. She weighed 5 lbs 6 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed by proud grandparents Gary & Sharon Britten of Groom, Texas and Gary and Martha Patrick of Oklahoma City.

She was also welcomed by great-grandparents Jack and Willie Mae Barnett of Groom, Texas and Bill and Dorothy Britten of Amarillo, Texas.



School is Out
May 26!

Hurley-Babcock Plan June Nuptials

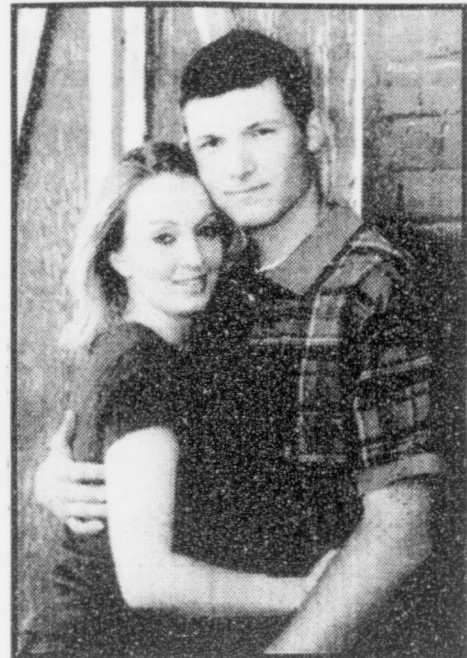
Steve and Donna Syson of Amarillo, and Alto and Shawn Hurley of Frost, announce the engagement of their daughter, LeAnn Hurley to Dustin Babcock.

Dustin is the son of Dennis and Gaynelle Babcock of Groom and Carol and Jim White of Amarillo.

The Couple plan to wed June 24 in Panhandle.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tascosa High School. She received a bachelor's degree in agriculture and animal science in 2004 from West Texas A & M University. She is a Campaign Accounts Manager for the United Way of Amarillo & Canyon.

The prospective groom graduated from Groom High School. He received a bachelor's degree in plant, soil, and environmental science in 2004 from West Texas A & M University. He maintains a personal farming business and is a consultant for McGee Crop Management.



LeAnn & Dustin

Carson County Sheriff's Report

By Sheriff Tam Terry

Area law enforcement officers have been busy this week.

On May 4, 2006, Daniel Robert Thatcher, 30, of Bay Harbor, Florida was arrested on a felony charge of possession of marijuana, more than 50 lbs and less than 2,000 by Trooper Gary Bullerd. Thatcher poster \$20,000 bond and was released on May 5.

On May 4, Chansler Depaul Mallard, 33, of Amarillo, Texas was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense by Trooper Dennis Brassfield. He was released on \$2,500 bond on May 5, 2006.

On May 4, 2006, Shawn Anderson, 22, of Amarillo was arrested on outside warrants by Deputy Rick Armstrong. He was released on \$500 bond on

May 4.

On May 5, 2006, Erika Ann Lapka of Borger was arrested by Officer Tanner Blackburn of the Panhandle Police Department on a felony charge of Driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 in the car.

On May 6, 2006, William Claude Franks, 62, of Panhandle was arrested by DPS Trooper Dennis Brassfield on a misdemeanor violation of driving while intoxicated. He was released May 7, 2006 after posting \$2,500 bail.

On May 6, 2006, Bernardino Rodriguez Davila, 32 of Amarillo was arrested by Trooper Dennis Brassfield on a

misdemeanors charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released on May 6 after posting \$1,500 bond. On May 7, 2006,

Michael Eugene Daniels, 53, of Pampa, Texas was arrested by Trooper Dennis Brassfield on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

Those who were still incarcerated in the Carson County Jail are as follows:

Rosalio Rodriguez Barraza, arrested 2/23/06.

Larry Gene Vainess, arrested 1/29/06.

Michael Eugene Daniels arrested 4/2/06.

Jermyn Jerome Dunker arrested 4/02/06.

Joshua David Gardiner arrested 2/15/06.

Erika Ann Lapka arrested 5/05/06

Brandon Shawn Malone arrested 1/25/06.

Marco Antonio Pantoja, arrested 4/24/06.

Fred Lee Paschall, arrested 5/03/06.

Javier Osornil Pena, arrested 4/01/06.

Justin Ray Reynolds, arrested 3/01/06.

Gene Wesley Rogers, arrested 5/21/05.

Craig Thomas, arrested 1-16-06.

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

Wednesday - Breakfast

burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk.

Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, & milk.

Friday - Do-Nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH

Monday- Mexican Pile-on, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, graham crackers, & milk.

Tuesday - Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed potatoes, ranch beans, hot rolls, mild, pudding w/ cookies.

Wednesday - Nachos

w/ meat cheese sauce, pinto beans, sopapillas, and milk.

Thursday - Turkey & noodles, mixed vegetables, peaches, cheese zombies and milk.

Friday - Pizza, salad pears, crackers, and milk.



Larry Roskens



Matt Johnson



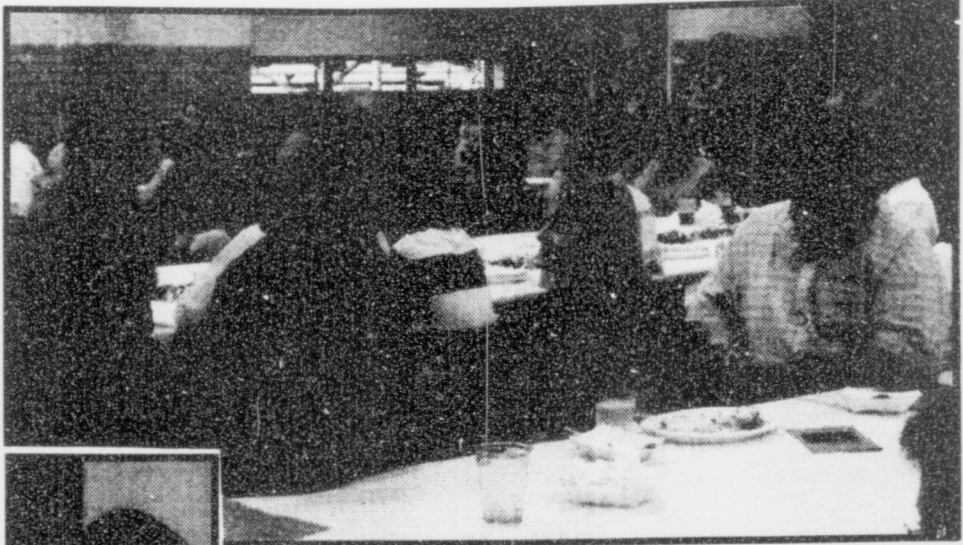
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Banquet

Matt Johnson was also very proud of the team. He announced that there were 2 Honorable Mention All-District players and 1 2nd team All-Region player. MVP was Kacie Galyean.

In Boys Basketball 2 team members earn 1st Place All-District, 1st place in the Rising Star Tournament, Tournament MVP at Rising Star, All tournament team selection and 3rd place at the Lefors Tournament. MVP was Thane Barkley.

Free Throw awards were presented to the boy and girl players with the highest free throw percentage. This year the awards went to Thane Barkley and Kyra Stevens.

In Track, Grooms had

11 Area Qualifiers. The 4 x 200 Relay team set a new school record and the team placed 2nd as a team in the District Track Meet. Earning top awards in track was the team Thane Barkley, Blaine Britten, Chad Barkley and Stephen Ingle as MVP's. Michaela Roskens was named MVP for the girls.

Coach Shirley Fields announced the MVP's for the tennis team of the year. They are Thane Barkley, Michaela Roskens, and Kacie Galyean.

The Fighting Heart Award was presented to Michaela Roskens and Blaine Britten.

The coveted Fighting Tiger and Tigerette Awards were presented to Thane Barkley and Blaine Britten and Shari Britten.



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LUCILLE VAUGHN

Lucille Vaughn, 89, of Groom, died May 1, 2006. Services were 1:00 PM, Thursday, May 4, 2006 at the First Baptist Church in Groom with Rev. Bryan Knowles and Rev. David Kelley officiating.

Mrs. Vaughn was born August 21, 1916 in Duval, OK to Joe Harvey and Pauline Murdock Bridges. She married Roy Vaughn on August 2, 1950 in Silverton. Her family remembers that her family meant the world to her. She loved to cook, play 42 and was an avid angel collector.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her

husband, Roy Vaughn, and 1 daughter, Doris Black, 7 brothers and 2 sisters.

Survivors include her son, Dennis Vaughn and wife, Kathy, of Groom, 2 daughters; Betty White and husband Bud of Clarendon, and Darlene Ledford of Skellytown. 1 brother, G.W. Bridges, of Friona, and a sister, Inez Johnston, of Clarendon, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

Frances Eileen Rhoades Brown

GROOM - Frances Eileen Rhoades Brown, 86, died Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

Graveside services were held on Saturday May 6, 2006 in Groom Cemetery with Steve Hutsell officiating. Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Brown was born June 8, 1919, in Ashtola to Austin and Gertrude Hansen Rhoades. She married Elmer "Skeet"

Brown on April 9, 1938, in Clarendon.

She lived in the Donley County and Groom area for most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 16, 2001.

Survivors include two daughters, Charlotte Brown of Lubbock and Betty Gresham of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Wayne Brown of McKinney; a sister, Kay Green of Tulsa; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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Delbert Marquardt Passes Away



Delbert L. "Gumpy" Marquardt, 80, of Amarillo died Thursday, May 4, 2006. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Washington Avenue Christian Church with Jim Shelburne, pastor, officiating. Military honors will be presented by DAV Chapter 26. Burial was in Llano East Cemetery.

Delbert was born June 26, 1925, in Farnam, Neb.

He married the love of his life, Robbie Ashford, on May 31, 1944, in Hugo, Okla. Delbert worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for 25 years, the Amarillo Globe-News for several years and United Supermarket until his retirement in January. He was a member of Washington Avenue Christian Church, and was active in the men's Sunday

school class. Delbert was a very kindhearted person, and will be greatly missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Robbie, in February 2006; his parents, Hubert and Roxie Marquardt; and a daughter in-law, DeAnne Marquardt.

Survivors include a son, Larry Marquardt and Catherine Hulen of Amarillo; a daughter,

Karen Bean and husband Jerry of Overland Park, Kan.; a sister, Betty Wells of Omaha, Neb.; his brother in-law, Dan Ashford of Groom; grandchildren,

Amarillo; a great-grandson, Preston Mott of Amarillo; a niece, Cindy Lindquist and husband Neil of Omaha; and a great-niece, Lynnette of Omaha.

The family suggests memorials be to Washington Avenue Christian Church.

John Marquardt and wife Leasa of Fayetteville, N.C., and Candice Marquardt and fiance Bryan Mott of

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Election

has not made a decision as to how best to resolve it.

"I need to hear more discussion on the matter before I decide," he said.

With regard to future projects, he would like see more effort spent procuring some additional business for Groom.

Sharon Jones Britten is interested in all areas of city government and has stated that a good city council member should listen to all issue with an open mind and realizes that a new member will have a lot to learn about how our city government works.

Britten feels that the Ambulance Department is a very important issue facing the city at this time.

"I am not sure of the best solution for the ambulance service. I can see pros and cons on both sides. We need an ambulance serving Groom. We do not have the volunteers to man the service in the manner required. And to be honest, we do not make enough runs to justify keeping a full-time employee, until it is you or

your family member who needs the service. When one of our community members needs help, we do not need to wait 30 minutes or more for help to arrive. I would have to look at the records of services similar to ours to see if other cities have been able to manage their ambulance services. The main problem I see is there would not be many cities our size that have a full-time ambulance service that we could look to for comparison," she commented.

Britten would not like

to see the city taxes raised, but realizes that at some point they may have to be raised.

"We are proud of our city's over all appearance. If you go to other small towns in our areas you will still find unpaved streets. The cost of maintaining our city services is rising along with everything else," she continued.

"I have lived most of my adult life in and around Groom. I have not taken an active part in our city government before now. I do realize through that if we live in a community then we also have a responsibility to take part in its government and I am willing to do my part. I

will listen to the concerns of the citizens of groom and do my best to represent them on the city council. I am not a member of another council or organization and will have only the community's best interest as my top priority," commented Sharon Jones Britten.

Matt Fields is asking for voters to consider him for City Alderman.

"I believe that I would make a good councilman due to my ability to listen to other people and their ideas, and my ability to work with a team to solve problems and come to decisions that will benefit the whole community," he said.

Fields is interested in preserving and improving our current emergency services and ensuring that our streets, water, sewer and facilities are maintained.

"I think that the council has done a good job in hiring personnel that are performing their jobs very well and seem to take pride in our city," said Fields.

He feels that the Ambulance Department issue needs to be top priority.

"The ambulance service is vital and necessary for our community and the people that live in it. The ambulance service may

literally be a lifeline for many in the community at some point, and it is imperative that the service continue to be operable," he continued.

"Taxes are a necessary evil to keeping our city functioning. If money was no object, it would like to see updated city equipment, facilities and provide more outdoor recreational opportunities for all ages," said Fields.

Buck Babcock would like a chance to serve the community as a city council member. "I am interested in all areas of city government," he said. "I think a good city council member will need to be open minded and ready to see all the points of information on different matters of city business.

Babcock feels that the City is doing a good job on city street maintenance and making sure that our sewer and water are functioning correctly. He would like to see some old buildings and cars that have become eyesores cleaned up.

"No one really wants to raise taxes," he continued, "But I think if raising taxes is what is needed to keep Groom functioning, then I would be for it. It is very important to keep our town going."

"If elected, I will be open minded and look at all aspects of city business

and try to be the best asset to the city I can be," commented Buck Babcock. I will be open minded and look at all aspects of city business and try to be the best asset to the city I can be.

Joe Rae Richardson would like a chance to serve on the city council. He is interested in many aspects of city governments including making sure of the zoning rules are enforced to protect the value of our property. He would also like to see the community center utilized more. He feels to be a good city council member Richardson feels that one must stay involved and have an open mind on city discussion and suggestions from the community. He feels some of the important contributions the past councils have made had improved our city well system and maintaining our city streets.

On the issue of the ambulance service, Richardson said, "If

keeping our ambulance service requires becoming a city responsibly then that is what we should do. Our volunteers have done an excellent job operating our ambulance service and it is time the city steps in and help them to keep it operating. Even if that requires employing

someone for that position. But even with the city's help it will not survive without our volunteers."

Richardson stated that he felt like city tax money was being well spent. Projects he would like to see if money was available would be updating equipment.

"I would like to see the city be able to update equipment like a street sweeper, maintainer or a newer tractor. We have very productive city employees that would put new equipment to use," he commented.

"One area that I think we could improve on is doing something with abandoned buildings in town that need to be fixed or destroyed."

Joe Rae Richardson said, "I feel privileged to live in a small town like Groom Where everyone pulls together to make everything work like it does and it takes everyone. I would be proud to serve on the council and

appreciate your consideration."

Candidate Lee Barkley is also on the ballot. He declined to fill out the questionnaire provided by The Groom News.

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