

# The Groom News

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## Groom Public Meeting Concerning School's Future Looks At Options

About 75 concerned tax payers, parents, and teachers attended a town hall type meeting Thursday night. Superintendent Ben Ingham facilitated the meeting explaining concerns that will be facing Groom ISD in the new millennium.

The school system has seen a steady decline over the last 20 years in the student population. In 1978, Groom boasted 232 students. Twenty years later, Groom has 179 students. The loss in population has resulted in less funding from the state.

"The State of Texas pays the school on the average daily attendance of our students. It works out to about \$2000 per student. They also

mandate what we must pay teachers, yet they do not fund accordingly. Therefore, we must make up the difference," stated Ingham.

"Groom has a great attendance record," commented Principal Danny Chisum. "It was at about 97% last year. We set a goal to increase it 1% for 1998. We have achieved that goal."

In 1995, Groom had a reserve fund balance of \$659,799. The Board has purposely spent that balance down, because the State felt the school should not have so much money to have on hand. At one point, a few years ago, the Board was even able to reduce taxes slightly.

According to Joyce Hutsell, business manager,

the reserve funds are supposed to be maintained at around \$400,000. Which is where the current balance stands.

"These reserve balances are for the operation of the school between the time school starts in August until tax payments begin to come in beginning in October and November. The reserves are also for catastrophic or unplanned expenses that have not been budgeted," said Hutsell.

Ingham explained some of the options that could alleviate at least part of the deficit that Groom ISD could be facing.

**Option 1**  
Reduce the number of employees (by attrition).

This would mean that when a teacher or other employee quits to go elsewhere or retires, they would not be replaced.

**Option 2**  
Combine the smallest classes. Groom has several elementary classes that are very small, having only 12, 9 and 7 students. An option to put some of these small classes together would eliminate a teacher. This seems to be one of the most viable options due to the fact that there has been a resignation in elementary.

However, according to Ingham, this would be a success only if the teachers and parents work together.

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## Hutsell Awarded PPA \$1000 Scholarship

The Panhandle Press and one \$1,000 Association has announced the recipients of six scholarships awarded to area high school seniors planning on majoring in journalism in college. PPA awards five \$500 scholarships

scholarship. PPA will honor the winners at its May 16 board meeting in Amarillo.

Mary Hutsell of Groom was selected by the PPA scholarship committee as

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## City Of Groom Officials Apply For New Water Well Grant

The City of Groom met in regular session last week with the following present: Mayor Joe Homer; aldermen Don Case, Mary Margaret Brooks, and Jay Lamb; employees Mary Sue Lyles and Donnie Evans; and visitor Karen Babcock representing P.R.P.C. Aldermen Ellis Stapp and Jimmy Britten were absent.

Minutes of the March 10 and March 30 meetings were read and approved.

Karen Babcock presented a resolution to the council to authorize Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to administer the FY98 Texas Community

Development Program Grant for a new water well. The Resolution was unanimous.

The council will change their next meeting to Thursday, May 7, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. to accommodate Ms. Babcock who will present the grant information at that time.

Monthly bills and the financial statement were presented and approved.

A discussion was held concerning repairs to the dip at 600 Ware Street. Action was tabled pending repair estimates.

The decision to appoint a PEMSS delegate was tabled until the next meeting.

Saturday, May 9 has been set as Rabies and Vaccination Clinic Day. The event will be held at the Groom Fire Hall.

April was proclaimed "Fair Housing Month" by the Groom City Council.

The council went into executive session at 7:47 p.m. They re-convened in open session at 8:26.

The City Secretary passed her final evaluation and was

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## TV Show Profiles Local Criminals

"America's Most Wanted," a television program that describes some of America's most dangerous criminals and the crimes they committed, recently aired a segment on a Panhandle couple who have been on the run since February.

Shannon Ludington, age 17, and her boyfriend, Jimmie Hays, age 29, are wanted on two counts of aggravated robbery in Lubbock. They are accused of stealing guns and ammunition from a

Lubbock County Sheriff's deputy.

They are also accused of kidnapping an Amarillo car salesman and stealing a jeep.

More than 70 tips were received after the airing of the program Saturday night.

So far none of the tips have turned up any solid leads. Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand and Sgt. Larry Barton of the Amarillo Police Department, officers investigating the pair, remain hopeful.

## Community Calendar...

**GROOM LION'S** Club will present a buffet luncheon on May 3rd, 11am-1:30pm at the Community Center to support the "Summer Program for Kids." Donations will be appreciated.

**DRIVER** Education will begin on April 29th.

**THE CLASS OF '98** will be honored with a supper by the First Baptist Church on April 30.

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** will host a senior breakfast on May 6. The Class of '98 will be the honorees.

**THE REGIONAL** Track Meet will be the week of April 27 - May 2.

**THE ATHLETIC BANQUET** will be held on May 12.

**COMMUNITY** Choir practice will be Sunday, April 26 at 5:15 pm. "Good Old Gospel Singing" at the Groom United Methodist Church.

**THE TEXAS DPS** will hold a demonstration for Groom Junior High students on May 6.

**THE SUMMER** Baseball Program is looking for someone to help run the program and for people to be coaches. Contact Joe Homer at 248-7320.

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## Local Happenings

Family and friends gathered at Essie Coopers for Easter weekend. From Groom were Jeanne Morrow, Richard, Donna, Brandon, Dusty, Heather, Kailey, and Dakota Crump, Elmer and Wanda Redd, Donnie and Nicky Evans, Tony and B.J. Homer; friends, Don and Mary Francis Brister; out of town guests, Stoney and Tawnya Crump from Dallas, Gail and Katrina Thomas from Plainview, Shannon, Jeanne, Haskell, Jacob and Felicea, Miller from White Deer; Vernon and Marilyn White, Wichita, Ks.; and James and Kathy Cooper, Chris, Jana and Alisha Coberley from Woodward, Oklahoma.

Jacey Richardson of Groom who is a member of the Wheeler Rodeo Club placed 3rd in the breakaway roping event in the Tri-State High School Rodeo, hosted by the Randall Rodeo Club.

Rocky Crump re-enlisted in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Lewis in Seattle, Washington. He is enlisted at the E-4 status. Rocky is the son of Richard and Donna Crump of Groom.

A farewell dinner at St. Mary's Parish hall was held on Sunday for Father Ray Crosier. Father Ray has been reassigned to St. Joseph's Church in Amarillo and will be leaving Groom on Monday, April 27. The dinner was well attended by church members and other townspeople.

**MAY 16 IS** the Junior-Senior Prom.

- Groom Birthdays**  
**Anniversaries**  
 April 23 - Earl Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ruthardt (A).  
 April 24 - Scott McLaughlin, Travis Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown (A), Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ritter (A).  
 April 25 - Mrs. R.G. Weller, Loretta Kepley, Karri Britten, Elizabeth Wallace.  
 April 26 - Ruth James, Tanner Lewis Case.  
 April 27 - Glynn D Harrell, Jeremy Jason Lewis.  
 April 28 - Lucille Case, Britteny Martin, William Myles Friemel.  
 April 29 - Michelle Rene Stephens, Willis Gray.

## Groom School Lunch Menu

- April 27 - May 1  
 Monday  
 Breakfast: Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Chili cheese dog, potato rounds, pickle spears, carrot sticks, fruit cocktail, milk.  
 Tuesday  
 Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Steak, mashed potatoes, ranch style beans, hot rolls, milk.  
 Wednesday  
 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Pizza, salad applesauce, milk.  
 Thursday  
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, shredded lettuce, tortilla pieces, jello, milk.  
 Friday  
 Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Sandwiches w/ shaved ham, turkey, or bologna, pickle spears, peaches, milk.

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**Card Of Thanks**  
 Helen Witt attended a meeting of the Hi-Plains Poetry Society last Saturday at the Central Library in Amarillo.

**Card Of Thanks**  
 Our sincerest thanks for your many kindnesses throughout this sad time. Thanks for the flowers, card, the food, the phone calls and cards but especially the prayers that sustain us.  
 God Bless You All!  
 The Eldred Wayne James Family

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## Josh Evenson Takes Gold In Golf, Regional Next

Josh Evenson shot a 15 over par 87 to claim first place medalist honors at the district golf tournament at Southwest Golf Center. Justin Homen recorded a 90 to claim second place medalist honors. Grooms' A and B team boys earned first and second place, respectively, in the district and will advance to the regional tournament in Levelland on April 29 and 30.

Maggie Thomas shot a 115 and will advance to the girls regional tournament at Sundown on April 29 and 30.

Scores from the boys teams and the girls team include: Sam Thomas 95; Caleb Pool 100; Evan Crowell 98; Dewayne

Gray 102; Toby Burgin 94; Michael Stephens 98; Tami Ashford 120; Carrie Davis 124; Michele Stephens 150.

Coach Yelverton said, "We felt the scores would be high because of the 30 mph wind, and they were for this course. We're proud of our kids effort. We're disappointed we can't take the girls team but they made a great effort to get to regionals. We had a couple of players who have never played in a district tournament and now they have the experience that should help them next year. For the players who did qualify this will be an exciting opportunity for them."

## Boys Earn 2nd At District Meet Regional Bound

The High School boys earned a 2nd place trophy in the District track meet, losing out to Silvertown. Silvertown earned 142 points while Groom had 117. Also competing were Channing, Hedley, Hartley, Texline and Adrian.

In the boys 3200 Meter Run, Alberto Vega

placed 3rd, and Russell Conrad placed 5th.

Alberto Vega won the 800 Meter Run, and Caleb Pool was 6th.

In the 110 Meter Hurdles Evan Crowell placed 4th with Dustin Babcock 6th.

Daniel Treadwell placed 4th in the 100 Meter Dash.

In the 400 Meter Dash Toby Burgin placed 2nd and Dean Fields placed 6th.

Wade Ritter placed 2nd

in the 300 Meter Hurdles, Evan Crowell placed 3rd, and Wyatt Weinheimer placed 4th.

In the 200 Meter Dash Wade Ritter placed 2nd and Evan Crowell placed 5th.

Josiah Scott placed 4th in the 1600 Meter Run.

Wade Ritter placed 5th in the boys Pole Vault.

Dustin Crump placed 3rd in the Shot Put. He also placed 1st in the Discus. Evan Crowell was 5th in Discus.

In the boys, Triple Jump Dustin Babcock placed 5th.

Groom's 1600 Meter Relay team won 1st. Members of the team are Dean Fields, Alberto Vega, Dewayne Gray and Toby Burgin.

All 1st and 2nd place contestants will compete in the Regional Meet at Levelland on May 1st and May 2nd.

## Local Happening

Cayce Overstreet competed in the 15-16 age group Region III Championships in Wichita, Ks. with the top Women's Level 10 gymnasts. She qualified for Nationals and will be competing in Seattle, Wa.

Chance Overstreet competed in the 12 and over age group Region III Championships in Hammond, La. with the top Boys Class V gymnasts. He finished with the 2nd highest all-around score.

Cayce and Chance's parents are Marla and Gare Overstreet of Lubbock. Grandparents are Donald and Juandell Ritter of Groom.

## Groom Honor Roll

All A's  
Grade 12: Melissa Anthony, Tami Ashford, KayLynn Britten, Toby Burgin, April Burton, Jimmy Chavedo, Angie Conrad, Michael Stephens, Maggie Thomas.

Grade 11: Dean Fields, Jessica Stapp, Wyatt Weinheimer, Dara Whatley.

Grade 10: Dustin Babcock, Travis Britten, Evan Crowell, Allison Eatmon, Sarah Hutsell.

Grade 9: Brooke Britten, Macie Britten, Michele Stephens.

Grade 8: Cassie Ashford, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Karri Britten, Wyatt Britten, Luke Pavlovsky.

Grade 7: Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin.

Grade 6: Clay Britten, Carol Wilson.

Grade 5: Magan Bivens, Adam Britten.

Grade 4: Katy Britten, Gailynn Drewery, Malorie Homen.

A-B Honor Roll  
Grade 12: Jessica Friemel, Mary Hutsell,

## Screening, Testing Can Be Done In Groom

By Bill Sperling  
Screening, testing and health maintenance procedures that can be performed at the Groom Community Clinic include Cholesterol testing.

High blood cholesterol is a major modifiable risk factor for coronary heart disease (CHD) - the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. Approximately 1.25 million myocardial infarctions and 500,000

deaths from CHD occur each year. In large population-based studies, total cholesterol levels are directly related to CHD incidence.

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directly and HDL-cholesterol in inversely associated with CHD incidence.

A meta-analysis of cholesterol-lowering trials performed mainly in middle-aged men has shown that lowering blood cholesterol through diet or drug therapy significantly reduces the risk of CHD death and nonfatal myocardial infarction.

All adults over age 19 should have a fasting blood cholesterol performed every five years or earlier.

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Thursday, April 30 & Friday, May 1

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## Proclamation of Fair Housing Month

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WHEREAS The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and WHEREAS The thirtieth anniversary of this National Fair Housing Act, during the month of April provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE the City Council of Groom, Texas, do proclaim April as Fair housing Month in the City and do hereby urge all citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the fair Housing law.

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Witness: s/ Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary



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## Diller Honored At Texas Tech

Gerald J. Diller was one of five alumni inducted into the Texas Tech Electrical Engineering Academy at Texas Tech University in Lubbock during the annual spring banquet on April 2 at the McInturff Center.

Diller was recognized for significant contributions to the profession.

Diller received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1958. He worked for several years as a design engineer in the aerospace industry. He then worked in engineering and management for Southwestern Public Service Co., before his recent retirement as vice president of Regulatory Administration and Pricing for New Century Energy, Inc.

He is the husband of Sue Ollinger, formerly of Groom.

## James - Quirk Exchange Vows

Dena Lyn James and Bryan Mark Quirk were married recently at the Riverwalk in San Antonio.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Ernestine Harp of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Mrs. Jack Quirk and the late Jack Quirk.

Flower girl was Patti Law of Amarillo.

The bride works for NationsBank.

The groom works for State Farm Insurance Co.

## Area Obituaries . . .



## Services Held Monday In Groom For Ruby Swank

Ruby L. Swank, 88, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 1998 at Intensiva Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Mrs. Swank was preceded in death by Floyd E. Berger and Hubert C. Swank. She is survived by one son, Marvin E. Berger of Ft. Wayne, 2 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Services will be held in Ft. Wayne on Friday, April 17, 1998, and in Fredericktown, Ohio, on Sunday, April 19, 1998. Burial will be in the Ankenytown, Ohio cemetery.

Hubert and Ruby Swank lived in the Groom area for many years prior to Hubert's death in 1973. They owned and operated H.C. Swank and Son Electrical

business in Groom. Hubert, also, worked at Pantex. Ruby was active in First Baptist Church of Groom helping in the nursery for many years and serving as church treasurer until she moved from Groom in 1974. Ruby was an avid card player and was always ready to participate in a game of Euchre or Pinochle.

The family requests that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in Groom.

## Thank You Card

Thanks to everyone who has supported the band magazine sales, concession stand, and baked potato supper. The Band members appreciate so much the dedication from Joe Homer who cooked for us at the District track concession stand. A special thanks to Donna Barnett for all of her organizing and making the baked potato supper so successful. Thanks for your support, Betty Ingham and the Groom High School Band

## Former Resident Passes Away After Long Illness

HAPPY - Eldred W. James, 53, father of a Pampa resident, died Friday, April 17, 1998. Services were Monday in Brooks Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev.

Lonny Poe, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services were in Groom Cemetery at Groom.

Mr. James was born at Groom. He graduated from high school at Groom in 1962. He married Lynne Watson in 1965 at Groom. He was in the farming business while at Groom. He moved to Dumas in 1971 and became involved in the trucking business. He moved to Perryton in 1972. He had been a Happy resident for the past 20 years, moving from Perryton. He worked at Baldwin Trucking in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife, Lynne; two sons, Patrick Neal James of Pampa and Phillip Wayne James of Fort Hood; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 1208, Canyon, Texas 79015.

## St. Theresa's To Hold 43rd Annual Dinner

The 43rd annual Barbecue Dinner sponsored by the St. Theresa Catholic Church is set for Sunday, April 26, 1998 in the Church Parish Hall.

The all-you-can-eat meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with adults eating for \$6.00 and children six and up eating for \$3.00. Children under six eat free. The meal will include barbecue beef, potato salad, cole slaw,

beans, bread, and apricots.

A Country Store will feature many homemade items and "barbecue meat to go" will be on sale. There will also be several activities, such as, a "Cookie Walk" and a "Children's Activity Room" (face painting, etc.)

St. Theresa Church can be located by taking Spur 293, off of Hwy. 60 in Panhandle, Texas.

## Board Obtains Grant For Summer Program

Groom School Board of Trustee's met in regular session with the following members present: Dennis Babcock, Barry Fields, Pat Britten, Adela Kotara, and Tim Case. Also attending were: Principal Danny Chisum, Business Manager Joyce Hutsell, and Ben Ingham, Superintendent. Absent from the proceedings was Tony Britten and Tony Treadwell.

Minutes from the March 17th meeting were read and approved.

The board discussed a letter of reasonable assurance to be sent to all support personnel. No action was necessary.

A discussion was also

held concerning the summer reading and math programs. The school has obtained a \$5,500 grant to help fund the program from the optional extended year program.

Maintenance and summer projects discussion was tabled.

The 1998-99 school calendar was adopted.

The Board also adopted a resolution to waive the election of school board members this May, as only enough candidates to fill the vacancies applied.

Principal Danny Chisum gave a report concerning student activities.

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Junior High Girls Track: Cassie Ashford, Karri Britten, Amber Moore, Amanda Conrad, Krisanne Davis, Nichole Barnett, Staci Britten, Amanda Martin, Lauren Crowell, Candace Bohr, Brin Burgin and Jill Britten.

## Ettes Earn District 4-1A Title, Girls Prepare For Levelland

By Coach Kelm  
The Groom High School girls track team brought their regular season to an end this past Friday and Saturday by capturing the team championship of District 4-1A with 157 total points.

Groom results are as follows:  
400 Meter Relay: (Brooke Britten, Sara

Britten, Karen Conrad, Angie Conrad) 3rd place.  
800 Meter Run: Jessica Kepley 2nd place.

100 Meter Hurdles: Carrie Davis 1st, Marci Babcock 5th.

100 Meter Dash: Angie Conrad 1st place.

800 Meter Relay: (Angie Conrad, Karen Conrad, Sara Britten, Brooke Britten) 1st place.

300 Meter Hurdles: Carrie Davis 1st, Marci Babcock 3rd.

200 Meter Dash: Sara Britten 2nd.

1600 Meter Run: Jessica Kepley 2nd.

1600 Meter Relay: (Carrie Davis, Brooke Britten, Jessica Kepley, Karen Conrad) 1st place.

Shot Put: Michelle Stephens 5th.

Long Jump: Angie Conrad 2nd, Sara Britten 3rd, Karen Conrad 6th.

Triple Jump: Carrie Davis 2nd, Angie Conrad 5th.

High Jump: Carrie Davis 2nd, Sara Britten 4th.

Also competing for the Tigerettes and doing well were Courtney Sustaire and Skye Brown.

All 1st and 2nd place finishers have qualified for the regional meet on May 1 and 2 at Levelland. It has been a great year for these girls and we are very proud of all of them. The next meet for the team will be on Saturday at Amarillo Tascosa for a regional qualifiers meet.

## Junior High-Elementary Students Earn UIL Kudos At Silverton

By Coach Kelm  
The Groom Junior High girls ended an undefeated season by winning the district championship at Groom this past Saturday. This was the fourth team championship in four tries for these girls.

Groom results are as follows:

2400 Meter Run: Jill Britten 3rd place, Brin Burgin 6th place.

400 Meter Relay: (Jill Britten, Brin Burgin, Kira Broadway, Amanda Conrad) 3rd place.

800 Meter Dash: Nichole Barnett 1st, Staci Britten 2nd, Amanda Martin 3rd.

100 Meter Hurdles:

Krisanne Davis 1st, Staci Britten 3rd.

400 Meter Dash: Candace Bohr 1st, Amanda Martin 2nd, Amanda Conrad 3rd.

200 Meter Hurdles: Krisanne Davis 1st, Staci Britten 2nd.

200 Meter Dash: Lauren Crowell 2nd, Amanda Martin 3rd.

1200 Meter Run: Jill Britten 3rd, Brin Burgin 6th.

1600 Meter Relay: (Lauren Crowell, Nichole Barnett, Krisanne Davis, Candace Bohr) 1st place.

High Jump: Candace Bohr 1st, Staci Britten Tie for 2nd.

Shot Put: Stacie Martinez 1st.

Discus: Stacie Martinez 1st, Karri Britten 3rd, Kira Broadway 4th.

Triple Jump: Krisanne Davis 1st, Candace Bohr 4th, Amanda Conrad 6th.

Long Jump: Krisanne Davis 1st, Amanda Conrad 5th.

500 Meter Relay (Nichole Barnett, Amanda Conrad, Lauren Crowell, Candace Bohr) 1st.

Also competing for Groom and doing well were Cassie Ashford, Amber Moore, Penny McMahan, Stephany Fraser, and Lainie Britten.

These girls did an outstanding job all year and we are extremely proud of all of them.



### "Dinner For Two" Raffle

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## Boys Earn Victory At District Meet

Groom Junior High School boys track team won a resounding victory in the District track meet. The Cubs scored 135 points, Silverton 97, Channing 83, Hedley 69.

Adrian 66, Hartley 49, and Texline 9.

In the 2400 Meter Run Luke Pavlovsky placed 3rd and Wyatt Britten placed 5th.

Doug Fields placed 3rd

in the 800 Meter Run.

In the 100 Meter Hurdles Hugh Weinheimer was 2nd, and Trey Britten was 5th.

Garrett Britten was 2nd in the 100 Meter Dash.

Clay Ritter placed 1st in the 400 Meter Dash.

In the 200 Meter Hurdles, Hugh Weinheimer placed 4th.

Luke Pavlovsky placed 5th in the 1200 Meter Run.

Trey Britten was 5th in the High Jump.


Clay Ritter earned top honors in the boys Shot Put.

Garrett Britten won the Long Jump. Cody Britten was 5th place.

In Discus, Clay Ritter won the event and Brett Britten placed 6th.

Groom dominated the Triple Jump taking home 3 of 6 ribbons. Clay Ritter was 1st, Garrett Britten was 2nd, and Cody Bivens was 5th.

Also earning 1st place was Hugh Weinheimer, Cody Bivens, Garrett Britten and Clay Ritter in the 1600 Meter Relay.



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## Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting

Friday, April 24, 1998

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Registration  
Business Session  
Election of Three Directors  
Drawing for Attendance Prizes  
Refreshments



All members registering will receive a door prize and be registered for the attendance prize drawing.



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**Forum**

When asked if there were any studies to show if there was any change in the rate in which students learn in this type

of setting, Ingham responded,

"I'm sure there probably are, but nothing that I know about specifically. However, a good example to look at is the students that we get from Grandview. They are for the most part taught in the multilevel setting. Grandview produces students every bit as good as our own," he said.

**Option 3**

**Reduce Programs.** This would do away with some programs that are not required like athletics, band, or FFA or cut budgets of all programs.

**Option 4**

Fewer teachers teach more classes. Most teachers teach the required 7 classes with 1 period allowed for preparation. There are a few who have more than one "off" period.

**Option 5**

**Combine Administrative offices.** This would mean that the superintendent would also be the principal.

Mr. Ingham stated that this would be extremely difficult, but not impossible.

**Option 6**

**Reduce cost of utilities.** (Lone Star Program).

The board recently met with a representative from this company. They offer a low cost loan to update old heating and cooling systems, as well as make improvements to the windows and lighting for fuel efficiency. While this would not cost anything extra, no savings would be seen for at least 5 years.

**Option 7**

Do nothing now, react when we have to.

Mr. Ingham encouraged the group to ask questions. He is planning to make sure that tentative agenda's will be in the Groom News ahead of time so that interested parties may attend the school board meetings. He is also planning a series of articles to present the facts concerning many issues that effect our school as well as dispel myths about how things are paid for and what certain programs cost. These articles will also appear in The Groom News.

"As long as the citizens of Groom and the area are willing to work together, we (Groom) will always have a viable school for many, many, years to come," commented Ingham in closing.

**City**

unanimously awarded a \$100.00 per month raise.

**Veteran's Day,** November 11; was added to the approved list of city employee holidays.

The per diem meal allowance for city employees traveling to school or city business will be left at \$5.00 per meal.

Also concerning personnel policies, the council approved changing the term "emergency" leave to "personal" leave, to include time off for personal business.

A discussion of vacation time for employees was tabled until the next meeting as well as the waste water easement discussion.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Hutsell**

the top candidate and will receive the \$1,000 Morris and Carol Higley Scholarship.

The scholarship was named for the late Morris Higley, longtime publisher of the Childress Index, and his wife, the late Carol Higley, women's editor and columnist at the Childress newspaper.

The scholarship is funded by the couple's son, Tom Higley of Amarillo, co-publisher of The Index and publisher of The Sayre Journal and Hollis News, both in Oklahoma.

Hutsell is the daughter of Steven and Pamela Hutsell. She was on the Groom High School yearbook staff, serving as editor for two years and head photographer for three years. She participated in UIL events including News Writing, Feature Writing, Headline Writing and Poetry Interpretation.

Hutsell's other activities include basketball, track, cross country and band.

The recipients of the five \$500 scholarships are Valerie Brown of Lubbock High School; Kelli Robertson of Dumas High School; and Amanda Slaton of Sanford Independent School District.

**Notice**

The Carson County Tax Office will be closed May 1, 1998 for a state audit of vehicle inventory.

The substations in Skellytown, White Deer, and Groom will not be able to sell vehicle registration from noon Thursday, April 30th until May 4, 1998 at their regular office hours.

**Students Attend UIL Meet**

Groom Elementary and Junior High School students recently attended the District UIL meet at Silverton. No team totals were announced but Mr. Chisum felt that Groom trailed Silverton slightly.

Results of the contests are listed:

2nd Storytelling: 3rd Taylor Drewery, 4th Whitney Evenson, 6th Amanda Chaney.

2nd Creative Writing: 3rd T.J. Moraniac, 5th Chad Barkley.

3rd Storytelling: 5th Karla Howard, 6th Kecia Howard.

3rd Spelling: 1st Karla Howard, 2nd Kecia Howard, 3rd Thane Barkley.

3rd Ready Writing: 2nd Kecia Howard 5th Karla Howard.

4th Oral Reading: 5th Malorie Homen.

4th Number Sense: 1st Katy Britten, 5th Malorie Homen.

4th Spelling: 1st Katy Britten, 5th James Reid.

4th Art: (Katie Britten, Jamie Moore, Malorie Homen, Sharri Britten) 2nd Groom.

4th Ready Writing: 1st Gailynn Drewery. 3rd Katy Britten.

5th Oral Reading: 4th Ashley Jackson, 5th Chance Barkley, 6th Sarah Broadway.

5th Maps, Graphs, Charts: 2nd Chance Barkley, 4th Katy Britten.

5th Number Sense: Tie 2nd Chance Barkley and Adam Britten, 4th Magan Bivens.

5th Spelling: 1st Chance Barkley, 2nd Adam Britten.

5th Art: (Magan Bivens, Adam Britten, Chance Barkley, Ashley Jackson) 1st Groom.

5th Music Memory: 1st Groom (Chance Barkley, Adam Britten, Magan Bivens and Ashley

Jackson). 5th Listening: 5th Adam Britten.

5th Ready Writing: 2nd Magan Bivens, 5th Chance Barkley, 6th Ashley Jackson.

6th Maps, Graphs, Charts: 1st Clay Britten.

6th Number Sense: 3rd Clay Britten.

6th Dictionary Skills: 6th Clay Britten.

6th Spelling: 2 Joanea Horn, 3rd Clay Britten, 5th Britteny Martin.

6th Music Memory: 1st Groom (Lori Britten, Caren Howard, Clay Britten, Jennifer Jenkins).

6th Listening: 2nd Tie-Cody Schaffer Groom.

6th Mathematics: 6th Cody Schaffer.

6th Ready Writing: 2nd Beth Wakefield, 3rd Jamie Vaughn, 5th Carol Wilson.

7th Oral Reading: 4th Brett Britten, 5th Staci Britten.

7th Mathematics: 5th Karri Britten.

7th Maps, Graphs, Charts: 1st Doug Fields, 5th Amber Moore, 6th Lance Ollinger.

7th Impromptu: 2nd Lance Ollinger, 4th Penny McMahan.

7th Number Sense: 2nd Doug Fields.

7th Dictionary Skills: 4th Stephany Fraser, 5th Jill Britten.

7th Calculator: 6th Cody Babcock.

7th Spelling: 1st Jill Britten, 5th Lauren Crowell, 6th Stephany Fraser.

7th Life Science: 6th Brett Britten.

7th Listening: 2nd Brin Burgin, 3rd Lauren Crowell, 6th Cody Babcock.

7th Ready Writing: 4th Amber Moore, 5th Jill Britten, 6th Lauren Crowell.

8th Oral Reading: 1st Krisanne Davis, 3rd Wyatt Britten, 5th Karri Britten.

8th Mathematics: 3rd Cassie Ashford, 4th Candace Bohr, 5th Garrett Britten.

8th Maps, Graphs,

Charts: 1st Garrett Britten, 3rd Wyatt Britten, 4th Luke Pavlovsky.

8th Impromptu: 2nd Amanda Conrad, 3rd Brett Britten, 6th Karri Britten.

8th Number Sense: 4th Clay Ritter, 6th Luke Pavlovsky.

8th Dictionary Skills: 3rd Candace Bohr, 5th Cassie Ashford, 6th Nichole Barnett.

8th Calculator: 3rd Luke Pavlovsky, 4th Garrett Britten.

8th Spelling: 1st Nichole Barnett, 2nd Candace Bohr, 4th Krisanne Davis.

8th Earth Science: 4th Candace Bohr, 5th Garrett Britten.

8th Listening: 2nd Garrett Britten, Tie 3rd-Wyatt Britten.

8th Ready Writing: 1st Garrett Britten, 2nd Candace Bohr, 6th Karri Britten.

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**Groom Bands To Host Elementary Contest**

The Groom Bands will host an elementary band contest on Friday, April 24th. This is a tentative schedule:

- 2:45 - Groom 5th & 6th
- 3:15 - Claude 1st Band
- 3:45 - Shamrock 1st Band
- 4:15 - Miami 5th & 6th
- 4:45 - Claude
- 5:15 - Shamrock

There will be a concession stand available for the students. If you are a Band Booster parent and could help with this concession stand from 4:00 - 7:30, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mrs. Ingham.

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## McCracken, Hauck, Fite Bound For Regional UIL Contest In Levelland

By Moriah McCracken  
MHS Tiger Rag Staff  
Seniors Moriah McCracken and Bonnie Hauck and Freshman Veronica Fite are headed to the University Interscholastic League Regional Academic meet Friday, April 24 at South Plains College in Levelland. McCracken will compete in Ready Writing, Hauck in Computer Applications, and Fite in Spelling. The girls, along with other MHS high school students, competed at the District meet in Clarendon on March 30 and 31.

McCracken is no stranger to the Regional meet. She has advanced

to Regionals for the past three years in Editorial Writing, Feature Writing and Ready Writing. Last year, she represented McLean at the State meet in Austin. She placed fourth as an individual in Literary Criticism this year.

Hauck is making her first trip to Levelland this year, but she has been active in UIL for the past three years. She has participated in journalism events such as Headline Writing and News Writing.

Fite is a first year participant in high school UIL this year. She is an avid reader and she writes short stories in her spare time.

Other students competing were Freshman Deborah Morrow in Speech, Brad Sawyer in Current Issues and Events, Gabriel Vega in Science and Current Issues and Events, and Lauren Williams in Science.

Sophomores competing were Brian Fuller in News Writing, Calculator Applications, Mathematics, and Number Sense; Chris Hauck in Headline Writing and Calculator Applications; Jessica Fleming in Calculator Applications, Mathematics, Number Sense and Science; Amanda Cline in Computer Applications; Dee Dee Floyd in Literary Criticism; Annie Weaver in Spelling; Brodey Carter in Spelling; and Jessi Fish

in Feature Writing.

Junior competitors were Travis Hankins in News Writing and Current Issues and Events; Victoria Bradley in News Writing; Rachel Galley in Feature Writing; Vanessa Glass in Editorial Writing; Bonnie Morgan in Editorial Writing; and Wendy Morris in Current Issues and Events.

Seniors competing were Lori Hefley in Prose Interpretation; Shaley Stalls in Prose Interpretation; Lorin Hall in Literary Criticism, Headline Writing and Computer Applications; Jennifer Barker in Literary Criticism; McCracken in Feature Writing, Editorial Writing, Literary Criticism; and Hauck in Headline Writing.

## Collector Show Successful

The annual Devils Rope Museum Collector Show held in the museum last weekend was the best in several years. Collectors from twelve states filled over fifty tables with antique items, barbed wire samples, tools, lady's collectibles, and historic displays.

The non-collector visitor count was estimated at 250 each day. The Cactus Inn, Windi Inn at Alanreed, and the local RV campgrounds enjoyed a prosperous weekend. Sales were brisk both at the show tables, the local

antique shops, and the Museum Mercantile. Those who conducted garage sales reported good attendance. The weather cooperated with a beautiful day outside.

Activities for the collectors included a chip and dip session after the annual museum board meeting, a free feed and live auction at the McLean Country Club, tours to the Trew Ranch, and an awards banquet on Saturday night. The show concluded with The Red River Steakhouse catering a great steak dinner in the Western Heritage Community Room.

## McLean PTA Sponsoring Trustee's Candidate Forum

On Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m., the McLean PTA will be sponsoring a candidate forum in the high school auditorium. The public is invited to hear the responses of the candidates. Two questions will be asked of each candidate. Responses should be limited to three minutes due to the number of participants. A closing statement, also limited to three minutes, is encouraged.

The McLean PTA acknowledges the importance of voting and the election process in regard to our school board. These decisions we take to ballot have the potential to make substantial differences to our community and our children. We hope this forum can be a positive force in encouraging people to vote and review their selections seriously.



Mark Smith is shown holding his bike. He was a participant in the local St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon.

## Bike A-Thon Raises Funds

On Saturday April 18, several children and parents turned out for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon.

The four streets bordering the city park were roped off for the kids to ride their bicycles.

The kids had been asking for donations around town and were awarded prizes based on the money raised. Some of the prizes offered were t-shirts, duffel bags, and certificates.

Those riding to benefit

the research were Kay, Cameron and Bailey Taylor; Stephanie Henson, Zach Richardson, Mark Smith, Travis Fish, Logan Sparling, Trenton Darsey, Bron Bohlar, Lacey Wallis, Freda Holland, Nicholas, Kristen, and Jack Odom, Tamara and Amanda Loya, and Jacob and Daniel Connors.

Volunteers helping count laps and serve refreshments were Rhonda Sparling, Helen Taylor, Linda Smith, Beverly Odom, Colt and Evan Patterson, Zane Richardson, and Valerie Bradley.



Michael Doniz, a third grader, and Kathryn Herndon, kindergarten, are shown with their P.T.A. awards.

## PTA Students, Members Awarded

On Thursday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m., the PTA District 16 Spring Conference began with an EPA and Reflections reception at the Radisson Hotel in Amarillo. Two McLean students were honored for their EPA poster contest entries. Michael Doniz (3rd grade) and Kathryn Herndon (Kindergarten) were recognized at the reception and awarded certificates and ribbons of outstanding merit for their work.

On Friday, Freda Holland and Terri Adams attended two workshops and an Awards Luncheon. The

workshops consisted of two topics. One was "Working with See PTA, pg. 9

## McLean Reminders...

**CHEERLEADER** try-outs are slated for May 7th. We're waiting on word from the West Texas Cheerleaders who plan to judge.

**THE SPORTS Banquet** will be May 22 in the Devil's Rope Museum.

**SPRING MUSICAL** will be in high school auditorium on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**MASONIC LODGE** practice night has been changed to Thursday night.

**IT'S T-BALL** time again! Call Larry Wallis for information....

**ON TUESDAY**, April 28, the McLean PTA will sponsor a candidate forum in the high school auditorium at 7:00 pm.

**PRE-REGISTRATION** for Kindergarten will be April 30 and May 1. 2:30 - 3:30 in Mrs. Sanders' Kindergarten room. All students will need their birth certificates, immunization records, and social security numbers.

## Briefs

### McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

April 23 - Bonnie Hauck.  
 April 24 - Walter Morris, Donnie Basham.  
 April 25 - Dee Perkins, Zachary Odom.  
 April 26 -  
 April 27 - David Kniffen, Betty Lowe, Ann Williams, Clyde Richard Brown, Marye Thomas.  
 April 28 - Alisha Hallum, Cindy Lee.  
 April 29 - Toby Purcell.  
 April 30 - Amber Thomas.

### Clarendon College Briefs

David Fuller of McLean was named Clarendon College's 1998 Outstanding Freshman of

the Year in the RFO Department, according to Clarendon College President Dr. Scott Elliott.

Holly Jasper also of McLean was named Clarendon College's 1998 Outstanding Sophomore of the Year in the Business Department.

Each college department was able to nominate three students to receive an Outstanding Freshman Student, Outstanding Sophomore Student, or Outstanding Student of the Year Award.

Award winners were based upon their dedication, hard work and achievements in each respective department.

More than 40 students were honored at the 60th annual Clarendon College Ex-Students Association banquet on Saturday, April 4.

Clarendon College, a public community college, was founded in 1898 and



David Fuller



Holly Jasper

will kick-off its Centennial Celebration with a September 5, 1998 birthday party. Clarendon College offers 35 majors and five workforce education programs through campuses in Clarendon, Pampa, Childress,

Wellington and Shamrock. For more information, please contact Christi Ross or Pam Denney at (806)874-3571.

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## Care Center News

Saturday the residents had a wonderful afternoon as they enjoyed the annual Easter Parade. There was only a small group of children here, but the residents still loved seeing the pretty outfits. Children modeling were Tammy Syfrett, Tyler Lamb, Arely Vega, Cari Collom, Casi Collom, Kassandra Jackson, Janie Jackson, and Michael Jackson.

Sunday began to get back to normal. The Sunday school class met in the morning, with a huge attendance of 29 residents. In the afternoon, there was still another large group out for the Easter Service given by the Methodist Church.

Monday, residents gathered for crafts followed by a game of catch. In the afternoon a

large number gathered for their weekly Monday bingo. Those attending were Gladys Andrews, Ruby Ayers, Mattie Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Ora Billingsley, Vernee Bowling, Mary Carter, Jessie Coleman, Sue Cubine, Mable Dickey, Florence Drake, Thelma Finson, Varnie Lowe, Sylvia McClellan, Hadda Moore, M.L. Rowan, Dovie Simmons, Joe Taylor, James Throckmorton, Jessie Watson, Dick Wheeler, and Don York.

Tuesday morning was a time for the ladies to get nails fixed. Then 12 residents gathered for beach ball kick. In the afternoon some gathered to play dominos.

Cookies were enjoyed at the Wednesday morning circle. There were 21 residents who joined together for this and to watch "Price is Right." In the afternoon residents gathered yet again for their favorite game, bingo.

On Thursday morning, residents played a game of beach ball kick and later a game of ring toss. In the afternoon members of the Methodist Church came to serve ice cream to all the residents. Twenty-nine residents participated in this social and music.

Friday began with "Special Moments" for the gentlemen. Residents then gathered to discuss events of the past and present during Current Events. Fourteen residents then gathered for a game of beach ball kick.

With a birthday party coming up on Saturday, many residents chose to play bingo on Friday afternoon.

### McLean School Lunch Menu

April 27 - 30  
 Monday  
 Breakfast: Waffles, ham, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, apple crisp, milk.  
 Tuesday  
 Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Burrito, chili, cheese, pinto beans, salad, elf cookies, milk.  
 Wednesday  
 Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Subs, ham, cheese, turkey, bologna, tator tots, veg. sticks, pickle spears, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit.  
 Thursday  
 Breakfast: French toast sticks, bacon, fruit, juice, milk.  
 Lunch: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, milk.

## ARE YOU READY- to do business in the year 2000?

The year 2000 problem will affect many business-essentially any business or entity using a computer system. your computer will not work properly after December 31, 1999.

The year 2000 may seem to be a long time away, but it will be here in less than two years. Now is the time to consider whether your computer hardware and software is year 2000 ready.

### The Problem: Two-Digit vs. Four-Digit Years

For years programmers were able to save storage and computer processor cycles by using the last two digits of the year date. The century was assumed to be 19. The century change demands that computer software and databases support four-digit year dates rather than two-digit year dates, and as a result, many systems are incapable of supporting the century change.

### and why is it so important?

Computers and related software used in all types of businesses rely on dates and date processing. If the computer does not recognize that one date is greater than another, the computer may not be able to process properly and could produce erroneous results. If a computer (and/or software) does not store the century digits, then year 1999 is stored as 99, year 2000 is stored as 00, year 2001 as 01. etc. This becomes a major problem for programs that must subtract one date from another to determine the number of years between dates. For example if you subtract 98 from 05 you get - 93 years rather than 7 years. This problem may put a business at risk because it can affect its cash flow, inventory, taxes, interest calculations, financial forecasting, customer relations, accounts receivable, accounts payable and many other areas.

### How big a problem?

This worldwide problem not only affects computers and their programs, but also every piece of hardware that contains a microchip, including:

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Manufacturing control systems              | Transportation                   |
| Tel:communications                         | National Defense                 |
| Money transfer and other financial systems | Home Computers, Security Systems |
| Gas, water, and electrical utilities       | Home Computers, Security Systems |
| Stock Markets                              | Farm Sprinklers                  |

### ANY OBJECT THAT IS DATE SENSITIVE IS AT RISK

Beyond your own business computer systems, the problem may affect you through the "business supply chain." You buy goods and services from some businesses and you sell goods and services to others. If your trading partners fail, your cash flow can suffer critically.

### SOME QUESTIONS TO HELP ASSESS SYSTEM READINESS

1. Can the system perform projections through time? For example, can it calculate interest or payments or make inventory projections?
2. Does the system allow for entering dates? If yes, is the year 2 or 4 digits? What happens if you enter "00" or "01"?
3. Will the system operate differently depending on the day of the week? Will it operate differently at month-end, quarter-end, or year-end?
4. Can the system put things in order by date?
5. Does the system allow you to retrieve things by date?
6. Can the system perform date-based calculations?
7. Does the system have a security feature that includes date checking?

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## McLean Track and Golf Enthusiasts Go To Meet

By Kristie Crockett  
McLean tracksters are sending six teammates to the Regional meet in Levelland on May 1 and 2.

Sophomore Aaron Rice is one of the regional qualifiers. He placed second in the Discus with a throw of 122 feet. He also placed third in the 200 Meter Dash.

Sophomore Brett Montgomery is going in the High Jump, having placed second by clearing 5'10".

The 400 Meter Relay barely missed a Regional berth, placing third. The

team consisted of Ike Hanes, Frankie Sparling, Aaron Rice, and Brett Montgomery.

For the girls, the 800 Meter Relay team consisting of Lauren Williams, Shaley Stalls, Vanessa Glass, and Rebecca Hembree will be going to regional.

Not making it to regional but still placing well in individual events were Lori Hefley, 5th in the 800 Meter; Shaley Stalls 3rd in the 200 Meter and 4th in Discus; Vanessa Glass 4th in 200 Meter.

The 400 Meter Relay

also placed third, having the same girls as the 800 Meter Relay team.

Valerie Joiner was 4th individual at the District golf meet with a 124. She will go on to the Regional tournament in Levelland on April 29 and 30th.

### P.T.A.

Administration," in which the PTA members learn to coexist with the administration. The other workshop involved a forum discussing school vouchers between Senator Teel Bivins and Sylvia Ostos, Texas PTA First Vice President. At the Awards Luncheon, the McLean PTA was honored with four awards. These awards were given to the PTA for an outstanding job on their school directory, scrapbook, presentation and for special projects.

During the conference, a new District 16 PTA President was elected, in which Freda and Terri were both delegates. The new president will be Pam Deeds from Amarillo. Also during the course of the elections, Dawn Herndon was elected Area Field

Representative number two.



### Grandson Of McLean Woman Named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Landon Dwyer of Samnorwood has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These

scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Landon, who attends Samnorwood High School, was nominated for this national award by Bonita Myers, school counselor.

Landon will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Landon is the son of Ray and Connie Dwyer from Samnorwood. The grandparents are Gordon and Billie Dougherty of Samnorwood and Mary Dwyer of McLean.

Landon is a senior at Samnorwood High School where he has been on the honor roll for four years. He has participated in football, basketball and baseball and has received All-District honors.

He is the vice-president of the Student Council and senior class secretary. Landon will attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon this fall.

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Worship 6:00 pm Wed. Bible Study & Youth Service 7:00 pm

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

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
Pastor James Martindale 779-2175  
Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
(Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm  
Sun. Youth Bible Study 5 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  
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**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
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## Pantuso - Smith Plan Wedding

Lanie Pantuso and Carey Smith Jr. are engaged to be married May 30 in a 2:00 p.m. double ring ceremony at

Assumption Church in Roswell, New Mexico.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Phil and Marjorie Pantuso of Roswell and the granddaughter of Lorraine Davis and the late Howard Davis of Roswell.

She is the manager of the Bank of New Mexico in Roswell.

The future groom is the son of Carey Don Sr. and Cheryl Smith of Roswell, formerly of McLean, Texas. Carey is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Smith and the late Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Grimsley, all of McLean.

Carey is a senior working on his degree in psychology at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico.



## Golf Scramble Benefits Local Church Mission

Saturday's golf scramble that benefited the Trinity Baptist Church, drew a good number of people, said Carey Richardson.

The winning team consisted of Carey and Bobby Richardson, Marshall Hanes and Jimmy Armbrister, with 12 under par. Winning both the "long drive" and "closest to the pin" was Daniel Harris.

Pastor James Mantooth

told The News that about 24 people participated and that \$225 was raised.

"This money is going to our fund for the summer mission trip. We are going either down south on the Texas-Mexico border or to Alabama where a lot of tornado damage has been done," Mantooth added.

Several area businesses donated money for prizes at the golf scramble.

## Sheriff's Dept. To Raise Funds

Sheriff Don Copeland and the Gray County Sheriff's Department are having "The Texas Music Jubilee" show on May 9, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"The Texas Music Jubilee" is a high energy, country, gospel and bluegrass variety show. It's good clean family entertainment.

The show will headline the talented, versatile star of television, stage and records - a dynamic entertainer- that's the best description of "Wanda Jackson." She has been singing and entertaining fans throughout the United States, Canada- even around the world, just returning from Europe. Wanda has had two Grammy Award nominations for "Best Female Performer." She will be singing her hit songs Silver Threads & Golden Needles and Right or Wrong and many others. Wanda has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, Hee-Haw, Music City Tonight, and many other shows.

Also appearing on the Jubilee show will be "One Day At A Time" recording star Jeanette Lunsford, known as the "Queen of Gospel

Music." Jeanette traveled and sang on the Wally Fowler show for 16 years and performed with such greats as Kitty Wells, Mel Tillis, Lulu Roman, Vestal & Howard

Goodman family, J.D. Sumner and the Stamps and many others.

Other performers will be 9-year old Lindsey Nickole Delk, known as "Little Miss Dynamite." Lindsey has performed at Branson, Missouri, Silver Dollar City and Wild West Theatre, and she sang for Mickey Gilly and on Nationals for American Kids.

For the bluegrass fans, the show will feature "Now and Again" bluegrass-gospel band. They are known for their fast paced show of old-time gospel and bluegrass music along with several original "home-grown" songs.

Also appearing will be Mr. Connie Walker and "The Texas Drifters" with Karen, Jeannie and Elaine, the Walker Sisters. The Walkers have made numerous appearances throughout the panhandle area for many years. They also own and operate "The Country Opry" in Hereford.

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## Notice

The City of Groom has recently received a contract award from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for water system improvements. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm (registered to practice in the State of Texas) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

A copy of the Request for Proposal for Services may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Karen Babcock, (806)372-3381. A statement of

qualifications for these proposed services will be required. Please submit your proposal and statement of qualifications to Ms. Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary, City of Groom, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas 79039.

Completed proposals must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 1998 to be considered. The City of Groom reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102.

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**CARSON COUNTY**  
Co. Judge  
Democrat:  
Jay Roselius  
Republican:  
Lewis Powers

Co. Treasurer  
Democrat:  
Jeannie Cunningham

Dist. & Co. Clerk  
Democrat:  
Sonya Millican

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1  
Democrat:  
Bill Hinson

**GRAY COUNTY**  
31st District Court Judge  
Democrat:  
M. Kent Sims

223rd District Court Judge  
Democrat:  
Lee Waters


Dist. Clerk  
Republican:  
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