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Byron, Rodriquez and Herring Win Titles in Little Miss McLean



L-R: Bailey Herring, Little Miss McLean; Rudy Rodriquez, Little Princess; Ashley Byron, Jr. Miss McLean and Brooke Seymour, Miss McLean 2005

Still Time To Sign Up For City or School Board Election

The time is growing very near for placing your name on the ballot to run for City Council or the School Board.

The Mayor of McLean position and two seats on the City Council are available. Frank Warner, who serves as the current mayor as signed up to run again for the position. At press time on Tuesday, no one had signed up for the two seats that are being vacated by current council members, Jacque Riley and George Shaw. Both of the seats are two year terms.

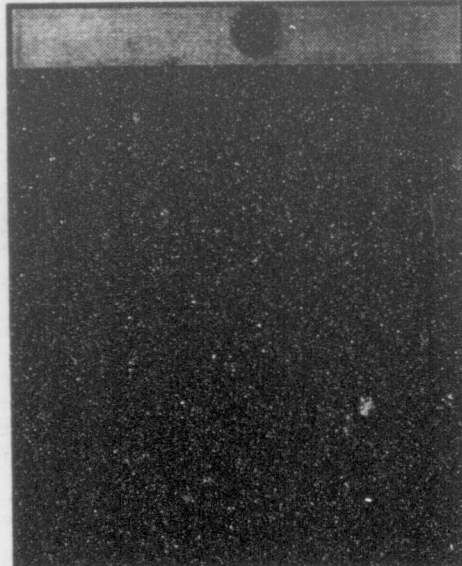
Two seats on the school board are being vacated.

These positions are currently being held by Ronnie Ferguson and Bobby Richardson. Both of these seats are three year terms.

At press time on Tuesday, only one person, Toni Bohlar had signed up to run for the board positions.

If no one chooses to run for the positions on the council or the school board, there will be no election and the positions will automatically be filled with the people who have chosen to sign up.

The deadline to sign up for ELECTION, pg. 10



Nicole McClendon shoots two at Lafors.

On Sunday afternoon, the stage at the McLean High School auditorium was adorned with girls in their best dress for the chance to become Little Miss McLean, Little Princess or Jr. Miss McLean.

In the Little Miss McLean category, 13 girls from kindergarten to second grade vied for the title. Lexus Brown won second runner-up and Jordan Cox won first runner-up. Bailey Herring who wore a short length peach and mint colored dress was crowned the new Little Miss McLean.

16 girls from the third, fourth and fifth grades participated in the Little Princess division. Hayley

Burnett received second runner-up and Cassandra Ingle received first runner-up. Rudy Rodriquez, who wore a stunning lavender full length gown made by her grandmother, won the title of Little Princess.

In the Jr. Miss McLean division, 12 girls from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades vied for the title. Lynda Fortune won the second runner-up title and Arley Vega won first runner-up. The title of Jr. Miss McLean went to Ashley Byron. Ashley wore a floor length straight gown in the colors of black on grey.

All the participants looked lovely and represented themselves and their school well.

REMINDERS

THE ALAN REED Community Association will meet Sat., March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center for a regular monthly meeting and pot luck supper.

THE HOUSTON Stockshow is March 7 - March 11.

SPRING BREAK - March 14 - 18.

SCHOOL BOARD is meeting in executive session all day today for Superintendent interviews.

JR. HIGH AND HIGH School Boys will travel to Wellington March 4-5 for a track meet.

CITY COUNCIL Will meet on March 14 at 6:00 p.m at City Hall.

THE DEVIL'S Rope Museum will open for a new season on March 1, 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday.

THE LAST DAY TO File for candidacy for City Council and School Board is Monday, March 7.

SCHOOL WILL Dismiss at noon on March 11, 2005.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS Tournament in Shamrock, March 10-12.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF Teams travel to Memphis on March 7 and 8.

REMEMBER: TO Vote in the May elections you must be registered by March 7, 2005.

THE FIRE Department is looking for volunteers, if you are interested you may talk to any fireman for more details.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to e-mail your news, you may do so to jts@centramedia.net

McLean Lunch Menu

March 7 - 11

Breakfast

Monday: Scrambled eggs, Sausage, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Toast with Sausage Gravy, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Pancakes, Bacon, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Waffles, Ham, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday: sloppy Joes, Fritos, Veggie Sticks,

Fickle Spears, Peaches & Strawberries, Milk

Tuesday: Fish Nuggets, Tarter Sauce, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

Wednesday: Sausage Pizza Pockets, Salad, Orange Slices, Milk

Thursday: Chicken Fajitas, Peppers & Onions, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk

Friday: Burritos with Chili and Cheese, Tator Tots, Pinto Beans, Frozen Yogurts, Milk

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 3 - Glenda White, Wayne Ennis.

March 4 - Norma Sue (Hill) Bassett, Jacque Riley, Herschel Wolfe.

March 5 - Doris Hill, Trudy Myers, Jerry Corbin, Nona Turpen, Jason Thomas, LaTonya Phillips, Sami Staton, Betty Mackie, Gordon Sheplor.

March 6 - Chuck Pierce, Holly Crystal Myers, Sarah

Holland, Ande Shank, Wanda Sharp, Linda Syfrett, John Dickinson.

March 7 - Murrell Emmitt Hill, Lena Carter, Mary Ann Carpenter, Paden Lane Watson.

March 8 - Lorene Brown, Billie Kingston, Joe Billingsley.

March 9 - Jack Odom, Clyde and Karen Brown (A).

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THE MCLEAN LITTLE DRIBBLERS ASSOCIATION

The Family of Ella Ann Hanes would like to thank you for all the kindness shown to our Mama during her illness. She always knew when people were praying for her. Our fear is that we will fail to acknowledge someone for something they did for us. Thank you to Pat and Mindy Reeves for visits, meals, etc.; to our Church Life Groups for taking turns bringing meals and for all the beautiful flowers and cards we received. Mother would be so pleased, she loved her friends and family so much. We're going to miss her forever.

*Thank you,
Marshall, Tammy, Ike & Tyler Hanes
Butch, Carla & Destiny Kirkland
Myron, Elaine & Amanda Marx*

It's A Boy



Noah Benson Fite Reyna was born on January 1, 2005 in McLean weighing in at 7lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long.

The proud parents are Veronica Fite and Benjamin Reyna of McLean.

Noah was welcomed into the world by grandparents, Elaine Bailey and Jim and Ella Mae Reyna of McLean, great grandparents, Randy and

Regina McMullen of Amarillo, Ed and Delores Bailey of McLean, Pete and Sally Reyna of Clovis, NM and great-great grandmother, Rose Zahlke of Vancouver WA.

Noah has two aunts, Erin Bailey and Rebecca Reyna of McLean and four uncles, Terrance Fite, James Reyna and Jack Reyna of McLean and Chris Reyna of Everett, VA.

McLean Volunteer Fire Department

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A mini-reunion of former shipmates of the USS BOXER is going to be held in Baton Rouge, LA at the Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Hotel on April 14-16, 2005.

For more information please contact Roy Mullins at 1106 E. 7th St. Sweeny, Texas 77480. You may call (979) 548-2931 or email at boxerminiunion2005@yahoo.com



Two teams brought home first place honors from the Lefors Little Dribblers tournament this last weekend.

The 3-4 grade boys team brought home first, defeating Miami and Lefors.

The 5-6 grade girls team also brought home a first place. They defeated Memphis, Lefors and Miami. The team's record is 11-0.

Scoring for the team was

Ashley Byron with 31 points total. Casey Graham scored 17 points. Nicole McClendon, Rudy Rodriguez, Saber Bohlar and Erin Vassey all had 6 points each. Ashley Russell earned 4 points for the team. Sami Staton, Jamie Alvarez and Rena Smith each scored 2 points. Others who helped on the team were Britnie Cooper, Becca Reyna and Patricia Valles.

The 3-4 grade girls



The Top Three Winners of each division of the Little Miss McLean Pageant. Back row: Cassandra Ingle, Lynda Fortune, and Arely Vega. Middle Row: Lexus Brown, Hayley Burnett and Rudy Rodriguez. Front Row: Jordan Cox, Bailey Herring and Ashley Byron.

brought home a third place win in the tournament. Kendra Richardson scored 10 points in all the games.

Miranda McMordie scored 4 points. Hayley Burnett scored 10 points. Others helping out on the team are

Shelby Adams, Kayla Lewis, Tristan Davis and Jacie Ketcherside.

McLean Tigers And Cubs

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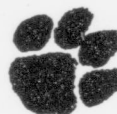
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The Flaming Hearts 3-4 grade girls basketball team won third place at the Lefors tournament. Back row: Miranda McMordie, Kendra Richardson, Shelby Adams, Hayley Burnett. Front row: Tristan Davis, Jacie Ketcherside and Kayla Lewis.



Country Corner
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MCLEAN TRACK SCHEDULE 2005

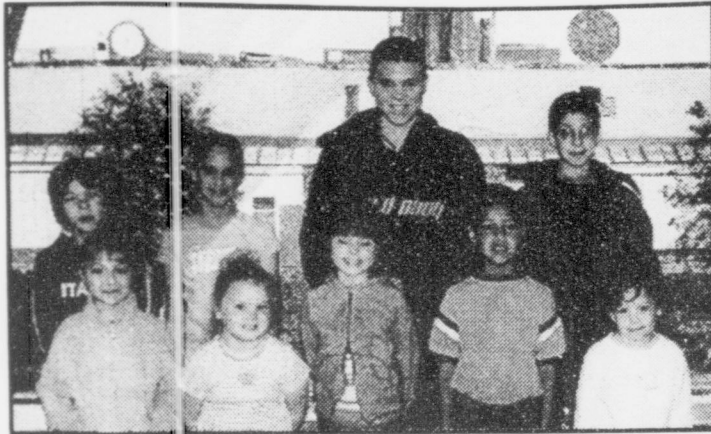
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Mar 4-5	Wellington	JH/HS Boys
Mar 10	Lefors	JH
Mar 11	Lefors	HS
Mar 22	Motley County	JH
Mar 24	Motley County	HS
Apr 1	District Wheeler	JH
Apr 2	Wheeler	HS
Apr 8	District Wheeler	HS
Apr 15	Area Panhandle	HS
Apr 29-30	Regional Leveland	HS
May 13-14	State Austin	HS

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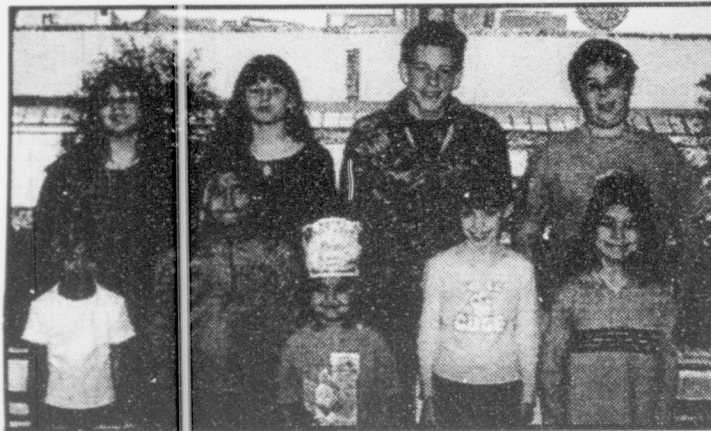


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McLean Students of the Week of Feb. 14-18: Kindergarten - Shiner Webb and Hailey Hutchison, 1st - Bailey Herring, 2nd - Shelby Passmore, 3rd - Oscar Rodriguez, 4th - James Campagna, 5th - Tori Bybee, 6th - Jacob Azzazi, 7th - Blake Lee



McLean Students of the Week of Feb. 21-24: Kindergarten - Daniela Rodriguez and Rosa Soto, 1st - Jordy Walker, 2nd - Charlie Webb, 3rd - Kayla Lewis, 4th - Kirstie Perkins, 5th - Taylor Fish, 6th - Dakota Young, 7th - Nicholas Creed

"The right to do something" does not mean that doing it is right.

—William Se fire

Real communication is impossible without listening.

—Ralph C. Smedley

ELECTION

for the board and the council is Monday, March 7. To sign up for School Board, go to the McLean I.S.D. Business office. To sign up for City Council, go to City Hall. You must be a registered voter to run for election.

\$300 Collected For Victims of Tsunami



McLean Elementary and Jr. High Students proudly show off the check from money they collected to send to the victims of the recent national disaster over seas.

The tsunami that hit India, Indonesia and Thailand took thousands of lives. Sadly, one third of those deaths were children.

The students at the McLean Elementary and Jr. High have taken that to heart. They decided that they wanted to give their change to help the victims that were left behind. The students wanted to make a difference.

They started with collecting the change in a jar in the hall. With the help of teachers and Mr. Crockett, all the money collected was then rolled and counted. Over all, the students collected \$330.00 in pennies, dimes, nickels and quarters.

The students wanted to make sure that the money went directly to the millions that are still in crisis in these foreign countries, so the seventh grade class researched the internet. They found a

foundation called the Family Care Foundation were 100% of the money sent will go to the victims of this terrible tragedy.

The money will be spent on the basic human needs; food, water, bedding, and clothing.

If you would like to assist the flood victims by using this charity, you may go online to www.familycare.org or send a check to Family Care Foundation, P.O. Box 1039, Spring Valley, CA 91979.

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This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

The meeting will be Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. It will be located at the Perryton Chamber of Commerce, 2000 S Main (US83), Perryton, Texas.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than April 10, 2005.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806-356-3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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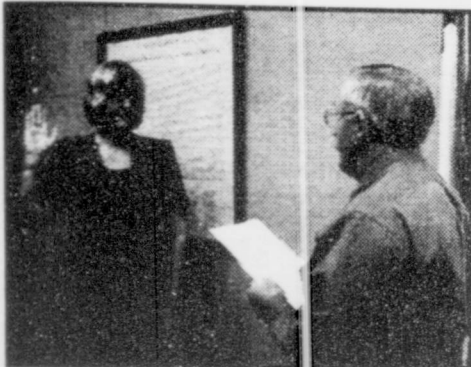
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Thursday, March 3, 2005

Lewis Named Tax Assessor-Collector



Jackie Lewis is issued the Oath of Office of Tax Assessor Collector by Judge Lewis Powers.

Carson County Judge, Lewis Powers administered the Oath of Office to Jackie Lewis on Tuesday morning to officially make her the Carson County Tax-Assessor Collector. Lewis has worked in the tax office for many years and has served as acting Tax-Assessor Collector in the absence of duly elected Barbara Cosper during her illness.

Lewis will fill the unexpired term until the next general election in 2 years.

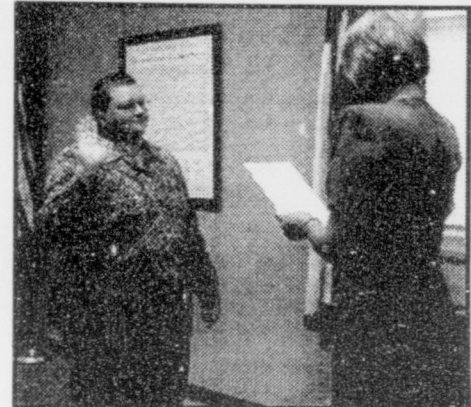
Diane Forbes was

selected to fill the roll of Chief Deputy. She was sworn in by Mrs. Lewis. She has also worked in the office for several years.

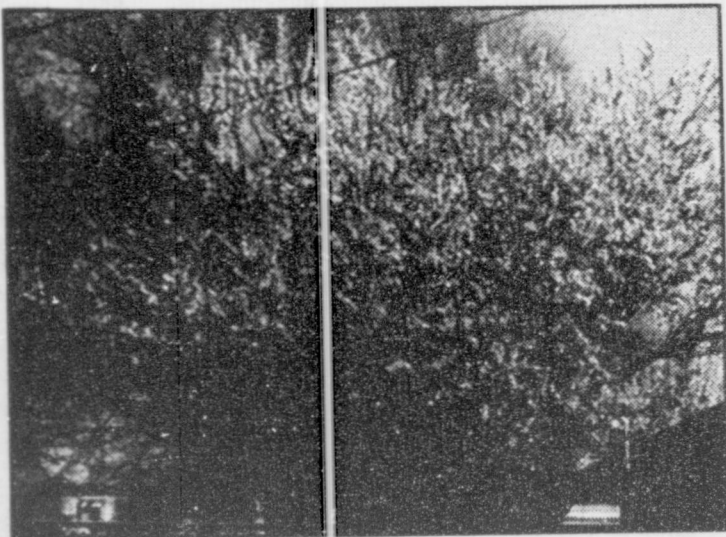
Judge Powers thanked the applicants for their interest in the position.

"The Commissioners and I feel we have selected the most qualified person for this important roll," commented Powers.

The vote gave Mrs. Lewis the unanimous support of the Commissioners Court.



Diane Forbes is sworn to office by newly appointed Tax Assessor-Collector Jackie Lewis.



False Spring? This apricot tree in the Stapp's backyard is filled with blooms. Old timers say that only 1 in 7 years do apricot trees miss the Easter freeze. Let's hope this is the year!

Judge Proclaims Severe Weather Awareness Week

Carson County Judge Lewis Powers and the Carson County Commissioners; Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell signed a proclamation to declare March 6-12 Severe Weather Awareness week.

While local television and radio stations do a very good job providing warnings about severe weather, springtime always brings concerns about

tornadoes. Some of the best advice is to be aware and have a plan. Local weather reports will tell listeners if the conditions are in place for the possibility of severe storms. Area residents should know the local warnings and be prepared to take cover.

In Groom, the emergency siren will blow if dangerous weather looks imminent. See the following key for what the

siren blasts mean.

Be sure to discuss with all your family members on where they should go and what they should do. It is a good idea to roll play with children as to what to do if they are caught away from home or if they happen to be home alone when severe weather breaks. Know what the school policy is about releasing children should dangerous weather

See WEATHER, pg. 2

Emergency Sirens Mean...

1 Blast - EMS Needed
Ambulance Personnel need to report to the Fire Hall

2 Blasts - Meeting
Fire Personnel meet at the Fire Hall For training or information.

3 Blasts - Fire
Fire Department Personnel report to the Fire Hall

Multi Blasts - Tornado
Tornado may be imminent, take cover

1 Long Blast - All Clear

Don't Forget!

Monday, March 7 is the last day to apply for a place on the

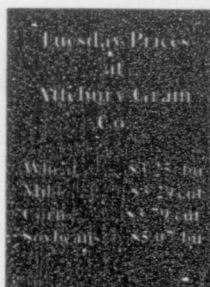
City of Groom or the Groom ISD School Board Ballot.

The city office closes at 4:30. The school offices closes at 3:30.

Please apply before that time if you are interested in serving the community.

GROOM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE NATIONAL Honor Society will install new members on March 21. More details will be available in a later issue.



DISTRICT UIL will be on March 22 & 23.

GROOM ISD will host a tennis meet with Lefors on March 8 at 3:30.

A TRACK MEET will be held at Wheeler on April 1 & 2.

THE TIGERS and Tigerettes have their first track meet at Lefors on March 11.

DON'T FORGET the public hearing concerning the GEDC Lighting Project for the City Park, tonight at 8:00 in the Community Center.

SPRING BREAK for Groom ISD will be held from March 14-18


MARK YOUR Calendar! The Annual Lion's Club Dinner to benefit the Summer Youth Programs will take place on March 20! Watch The Groom News for details.



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On The Sick List
 Those with connections to Groom who are on the ill or recovering include: Chance Barkley - Houston for heart; Burl and Nellie Painter; Ray Morris; Bertha Knight; Shirley Lamberson; Willie Barnett; and Shirley Fields.

GROOM HIGH school and Junior High have a practice track meet at Lefors Thursday, March 3rd.

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincerest thanks to the wonderful people of Groom for their many acts of kindness since the passing our loved one. The cards, food, flowers, visits, and prayers were greatly appreciated.

*God Bless You,
 Ruby Denton & All The Family of Allan Angel*

THE TEXAS Department of State Health Services will have an Immunization Clinic at Panhandle Wednesday, March 9th at the Panhandle Elementary School from 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 3 - Dara Whatley, Curtis Whatley, Joe McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burgin (A), Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope (A), Mr. and Mrs. Tony Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray (A), Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burk (A).
 March 4 - Wayne Kotara, Mrs. Arthur Britten, Bruce Thornton, Eddie Neal Finck, Chandler Paul Bowers, Mike Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leven (A).
 March 5 - Donald Burgin, Wayne Shaw, Shirley Parrish.
 March 6 - Michael W. Fraser.
 March 7 - Terri Rose, Mary Ann Koetting, Mary Head.
 March 8 - Jimmie Leven, Grant Weinheimer, Tammy Bivens.
 March 9 - Pam Ashford.



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occur during school hours. According to Superintendent Terry Stevens, the best thing to do is to leave your children at school.

"We have a wonderful basement that is more than big enough to accommodate all of our students. We would encourage parents to see

to their own safety and let the children stay here. We monitor all the emergency channels," Stevens continued. "We also invite anyone who needs a place to go take refuge in the school's basement. After hours or during the summer, we will also try to make the basement available to

anyone who does not have a cellar. Check the main doors near the school auditorium. Those are the doors that will be open."

Make sure other family members have a plan on what to do at home or away. It is also a good idea as to have a plan to meet somewhere should communications and power be interrupted.

The following are some frequently asked

questions concerning tornadoes and super cell storms;

Do Mobile homes attract tornadoes? No, mobile homes are just not built to withstand the wind velocity of even small, weak tornadoes. Even strong, straight line winds do much damage to these kinds of dwellings that many times are blamed on a tornado.

Should you open windows in a house to equalize the pressure? Chances are you are just wasting valuable time opening windows. If a tornado hits, it will blast the windows open anyway.

Cars are the last place you want to be in a tornado. Most people know this, but another place that you do not want to be is under an overpass or bridge. It is better to drive away from the storm if you can. Traveling in right angles from the storms direction of travel will usually get you safely away from it, rather than trying to out run it. If the storm is over taking you it is better to get your vehicle safely off the road and get into a low sturdy building, low spot or ditch. Try to cover yourself with something to protect your skin from flying debris. Floor mats or a blanket from your car is better than nothing.


Use common sense when planning activities. Having a plan and being aware are your greatest assets.

For more information about Severe Weather Awareness Week, see the Governor's Division of Emergency Management Web site: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem and the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters, Fort Worth, Web Site: www.srh.noaa.gov

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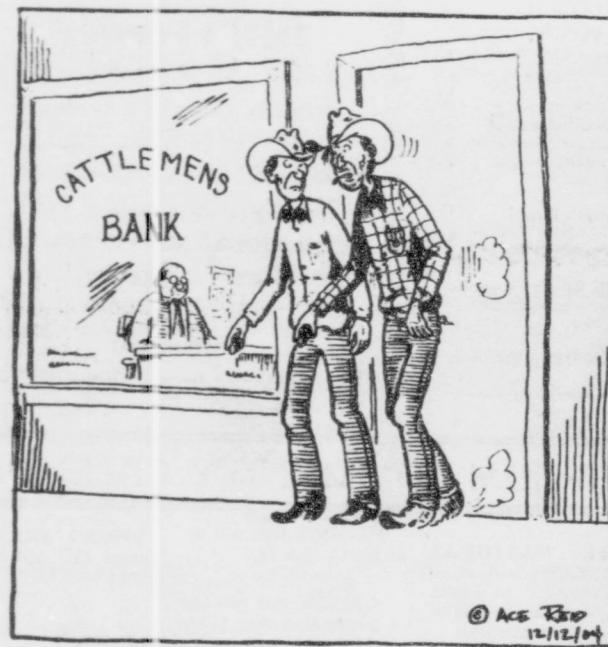
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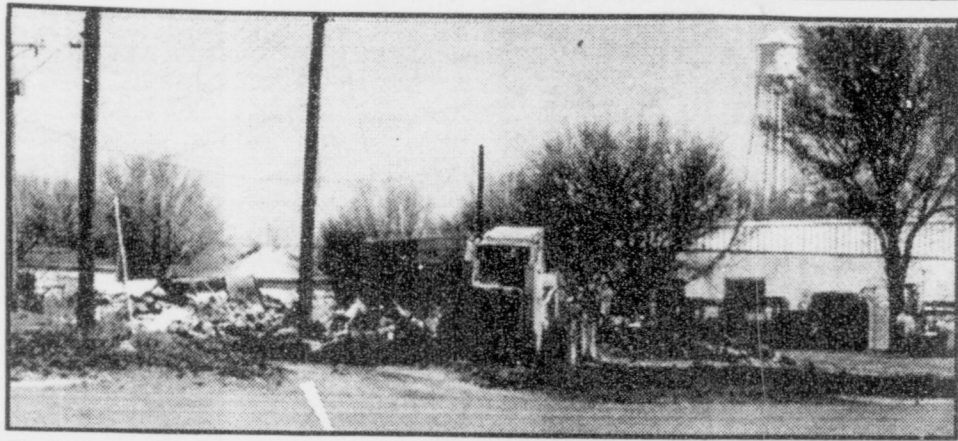
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Groom School Cafeteria Menu

LUNCH MENU
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Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk.
Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk.
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice & milk.
Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

Lunch:
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, choc. cake & milk.
Tuesday: Burritos with chili, bean dip, fruit cocktail & milk.
Wednesday: BBQ beef on a bun, potato wedges, pickle slices, pears & milk.
Thursday: Soft tacos, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, yogurt & milk.
Friday: Fish or steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, sherbet & milk.



The Old Route 66 Courts are now just a bittersweet memory! Property owner Joe Rae Richardson has successfully cleaned up the once over grown abandoned motel site. The place was much photographed by passers-by, but in later years had become an eye sore and home to trespassers like skunks, mice and racoons. The property was demolished, then burned, then hauled away.

Groom School Honor Roll

All A's

Fourth Grade Kyler Barkley Tanner Case Clint Galyean Caleb Reyna Sara Kelly Alexandria Ragsdale Macee Rocha Amy Weinheimer	Eighth Grade Joshua Kelly
Fifth Grade Rebekah Roskens	Ninth Grade Chal Barkley Michaela Roskens
Sixth Grade Michael Kelly Jacob Torres Maddie Wieberg	Tenth Grade Thane Barkley Patrick Britten Kacie Galyean Twelfth Grade Adam Britten Friedrike Roessner
Seventh Grade Ashley Murray	GROOM A/B HONOR ROLL Fourth Grade Brody Britten Victoria Moranic

Brady Painter	Eighth Grade Brett Friemel Blake Galyean Ben Thompson Kelton Weller
Fifth Grade Cheyene Adams Hali Bohr Taylor Fields Christopher Homen Jacey Little Trent Murray	Ninth Grade Christopher Sater Katie Thompson Kendall Weller
Sixth Grade Tanner Britten Samantha Clendennen Myles Friemel	Tenth Grade Brandi Bates Laura Leven
Seventh Grade Tyler Babcock Korri Britten Ricky Fehr Jes Roskens	Eleventh Grade Sharri Britten Frank Leven
	Twelfth Grade Chance Barkley



Groom Students Win Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest

McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored their annual conservation poster contest for all 5th graders in the county this year. Students from

White Deer, Panhandle, and Groom participated in the yearly contest. This year's theme was "Celebrate Conservation".

Programs were presented in each school about the theme, rules, and regulations of the contest. Students were made aware of what the United States has to celebrate. They learned how to recognize and encourage the continued growth of our knowledge so that we may wisely use and conserve our natural resources. Winners and runner-ups were selected from each school. Trophies and ribbons were presented to first and second place winners. The first place winners, their parents, and teachers will be invited to the Soil Stewardship Banquet in April. Groom Winners were Rebekah Roskens 1st place and Suhani Bhakta 2nd place.

The district appreciates the cooperation and interest of each school and their

teachers. Teachers were Becky Knoke, Janie Haiduk, Marilyn Grisham, Gail Bennett, and Tim Schisler.

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Groom Tennis Team Travels To Tournament

The Groom Tennis Team traveled to Amarillo to compete in a tournament held at the Austin Tennis Facility. All the Groom players won their first round matches.

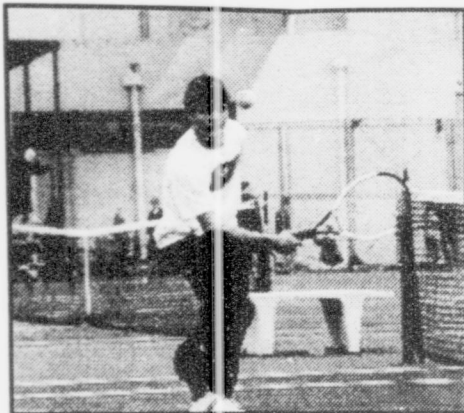
Javier Caro won 2 matches in the Varsity Boys singles.

Thane Barkley won the consolation bracket in Varsity Boys Singles.

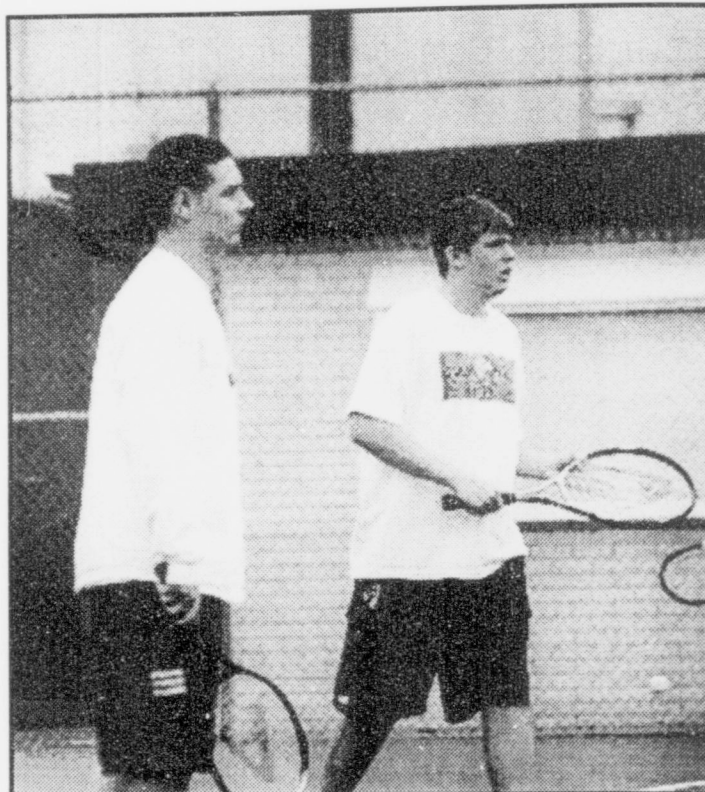
Brandon Jenkins played in the JV Singles match.

In the doubles competition Brandie Bates and Kyra Galyearn competed in Girls Junior Varsity Doubles. Chad Barkley and Kade Brown competed in Boys JV doubles.

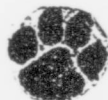
Adam Britten and Chance Barkley also competed in the Varsity Boys Doubles meet.



(Above) Thane Barkley performs a strong backhand return.
(Below) Kade Brown lines up a good serve at the meet in Amarillo.



Kendall Weller and Seth Schick pair up to compete as a doubles team.



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Groom Sparks Beat White Deer

The Groom Sparks, coached by Michelle Bohr and Heather Cole, lost a white knuckle match last weekend against Panhandle Purple team. Maddie Wieberg lead the scoring

with 12 points. Bekah Roskens added another 8, Hali Bohr contributed 7. Cassandra Graves, and Cheyenne Kosechata each earned 2. Neva Corley and Sophie Leven were valuable help in the

defensive game.

That afternoon, the Spraks beat White Deer B. 36-13. Maddie Wieberg sored a whopping 23 points to lead the scoring. Neva Corley added another 8.

Bekah Roskens added antoher 6. Hali Bohr scored 5. Cheyenne Kosechata, Cassandra Graves, and Sophie Leven provided defensive support.

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Carson County Sheriff, Tam Terry's Weekly Report

As of Monday morning we were housing 22 persons in the county jail. Presently we have holds on an additional 17 persons who are being held for various reasons in other jurisdictions. There were 13 persons arrested last week.

On Sunday 02/20 @ 4:00 PM Trooper Brassfield arrested two men from Lubbock on warrants out of Lubbock county. The men were stopped at the 95-mile marker on I-40. Later in the day @ 5:30 PM Trooper Esqueda stopped a car on I-40. The vehicle was searched and a 24-year-old California man was placed in custody for possession of a controlled substance. Deputy McGill and I responded to the report of domestic violence in Groom on Sunday evening. Upon arrival we found that no assault had

taken place and the husband had left the residence. Apparently there had been an argument and some threats had been made. We stood by until the wife was able to leave the residence.

Trooper Bridges arrested a 31 year old California man on Monday at 11:25 PM. The man was stopped for a traffic violation at mile marked 97 on I-40. After a search of the vehicle the subject was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

At 2:20 AM on Tuesday Deputy Armstrong stopped to check on a suspicious vehicle that was parked in

the eastbound rest area between Panhandle and White Deer. The vehicle was parked facing the wrong direction in the only no parking zone in the rest area. There were 2 males and a female sitting in the vehicle smoking marijuana when Deputy Armstrong walked in. All three were

subjects were arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. They were all from Lavern, Oklahoma.

While on routine patrol Thursday evening @ 11:30 Deputy Brassfield observed a vehicle driving on the county roads east of White Deer. When he tried to approach the vehicle it attempted to avoid him. Deputy Brassfield stopped the vehicle at the intersection of county road CC and 16. Two 26-year-old Amarillo men occupied the vehicle. Both were drinking and were in possession of several firearms. In addition to

several shotguns and a rifle, both men had handguns on their persons. While there is nothing illegal about having a rifle or shotgun in the vehicle, it is illegal to carry a pistol without a permit. Both men were placed under arrest for having the handguns on their person. This is another example of our efforts to slow down the illegal activity that has been taking place in the county.

On Friday morning Jail Sgt. Russ and I picked up a 27 year old female prisoner at the Harrison County Jail in Gulfport, Mississippi. This subject had been arrested in Carson County for transporting a large quantity of marijuana. She was released from jail after making bond and then failed to show up for court as required. The Mississippi Highway Patrol stopped her on I-10 and subsequently held her on our warrant. While it is our responsibility to return her to this jurisdiction, the bonding company is required to pay for the expense of the transport.

On Saturday morning @ 1:20 Deputy Brassfield responded to a call reporting theft of cash in Fritch. A 21-year-old Fritch female was placed in custody for the offense. Also on Saturday at 1:00 AM Trooper Davis placed a 20-year-old Amarillo man under arrest for DWI. The stop was made at the 102-mile marker on I-40. There were several other minors in the car with this young man. They were issued citations for alcohol related offenses. Trooper Davis later released them to their parents.

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March 4, 2004 was a day like not other, Jesus came from Heaven to get my mother.

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 I am an angel dove flying with the birds.

To many, she was known as "Granny" and "Mrs. B"
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Commissioners Hold Meeting

The Carson County Commissioners met on February 28, 2005 with the following present. Judge Lewis Powers, Commissioners Mike Britten, Kenneth Ware, Jerry Strawn, and Kevin Howell.

Minutes from the February 14th and 21st meetings were read and approved.

\$5,300. was approved for the annual contribution to the Soil and Water Conservation District. Shawn O'Neal, mark

McKiernan and John Wmberly with the Soil and Water Conservation submitted an annual report to the court and thanked the Court for its annual contribution. The report was approved.

The Court approved a proclamation for Severe Weather Awareness Week presented by Emergency management Coordinator, Brenda Vermillion.

Jeannie Cunningham, Treasurer, presented the court with her report. She also submitted a certificate for 8 hours of continuing education she received from the B.G., Young Institute. Her report and education credits were acknowledged.

Discussion was held concerning the Tax Assessor -Collector position. Jackie Lewis was approved unanimously for the position. She was sworn in at 8:15 on March 1 in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

The Court approve a motion to allow Lewis to

take applications for the vacancy in the Tax Office. Court was adjourned until march 14, 2005.

Emergency Farm Loan Application Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Perryton, Mike Heck, Farm Loan Manager said today.

Gray County, Texas was designated as a primary disaster area due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain that occurred on January 1, 2004 and continuing.

Also eligible under the same weather condition because they are contiguous are the counties of Armstrong, Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler in Texas.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production due to the disaster to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Applications for loans under these emergency designations will be accepted until October 3, 2005 but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S.

citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

For further information, contact Mike Heck, the area Farm Loan Manager, at the FSA office in Perryton at (806) 435-6597. ext. 2 or go by the office at 800 N. Main, Suite D, in Perryton, TX. The office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL" MAY LOWER THE PROPERTY TAXES ON YOUR FARM OR RANCH LAND

Texas law allows farmers and ranchers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity value" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops and livestock - not its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE? If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to the Carson County Appraisal District by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2005 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty.

DO YOU NEED TO REAPPLY ANNUALLY? If your land already receives agricultural productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

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806-537-3569

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE GROOM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Proposed Lighting Project for City Park

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Lighting Project for City Park. The hearing will be held on the 3rd day of March, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. In the meeting room of the Groom Economic Development Corporation offices at 101 East First Street, Groom, Texas 79039. All interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing.

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WHO MUST FILE A RENDITION? You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

ARE THERE ANY ADVANTAGES TO YOU? Yes, the advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2004. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2005.

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE? The last day for filing 2005 renditions is April 15. Call the appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

WHERE DO YOU FILE? File renditions at the:

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