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Readers Earn Cash And Do A Good Deed For Community

In the past the 6th - 8th grade accelerated readers have raised points from reading. In return for those points the students earned cash which was donated to the Special Olympians.

This semester, the students decided to change the focus of their goal to a more local project.

Due to the high cost of heating prices, the students chose to help pay someone's city utility bill.

The students realize that there are some who have to choose between medications or paying their city bills and the students wanted to help.

This six weeks, the students raised and gave a check to the City of McLean in the amount of \$117.39.

Good Job A.R. Students and thanks for making a difference in the lives of others!



City Secretary, Toni Bohler accepts a check from Tori Bybee, Amber Staton and Nicole McClendon who represent the 6th - 8th Grade Accelerated Readers who raised money by reading to help pay someone's city utility bill.

May 13th Election Approaching.....

Three City Council Alderman Seats And Two McLean I.S.D. Board of Trustee Seats Open

May 13th is just around the corner. On that day, three alderman seats will be open on the McLean City Council and two seats will be open for the McLean I.S.D. Board of Trustees.

The city council alderman positions that up for election are currently being held by Mindy Reeves, Betty Taylor and Teresa Simmons. Mindy Reeves is the only one at this time who has signed up for re-election.

On the board of trustees,

the seats are currently being held by Marshall Hayes and Billy Bybee. No one has signed up to run at this time.

Dates to sign up for the elections are from February 13 to March 13. The election will be held on May 13, 2006 at the Lovett Memorial Library.

To be eligible to run, a person is required to have lived in the district for six months for the board of trustees and must have lived in the city limits for six months for the council.

Devil's Rope Museum Preparing to Re-Open After Winter Break

by Davie Gipson

Winter is supposedly over now, although it was rather hard to tell winter ever got here this year. The museum will be reopening March 1. The hours are again from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

The museum will be celebrating it's 15th anniversary on April 6 - 8 with the annual barbed wire show. The museum will open at 8:00 a.m. on those

days and close at 4 p.m. We invite everyone to come celebrate with us on those days. There will be lots of things to see besides wire. The ladies will display their collections.

There will be lots of tall tales told as well as some true stories.

If you are thinking of a spring garage sale, this would be a good time to have it as these people are avid garage sale and junk store patrons.

The Kazart Klass artist will again show their paintings beginning the first of March. Their paintings will be for sale. This show will be mostly of their western art.

E-mail business was good while we were closed. The rental of the community room was brisk also as we have three wedding receptions booked as well as a couple of school functions.

Reminders

BOYSCOUT Pinewood Derby, March 6.

PIONEER STUDY Club meets today.

THE Immunization Clinic date has been changed to March 6 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Elementary Building.

TRINITY 3 on 3 Basketball tournament will be held on March 4. Call Mike Maxwell at 779-3207 to sign up or for more information.

ALAN REED Community Association will meet Saturday, March 4, 2006 in the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Pot Luck meal followed by a guest speaker. Debra Doebele, a Physical Therapist will present a program on prevention of and care of physical injuries. Come bring you family and friends for an informational and enjoyable evening.

PRAY FOR RAIN!!

DATES TO File for School Board or City Council, February 13 to March 13.

SPRING BREAK March 13 - 17.

MCLEAN RED Hat Ladies will meet at the Red River Steak House, on Monday March 6 at 11:30 a.m.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2 - David Swafford, Robin Smith, Allison Hill, Joel Wilson.
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 - Mary Ann Carpenter, Paden Lane Watson.
March 8 - Lorene Brown, Billie Kingstone, Joe Billingsley.

McLean School Menus

for the week of March 6 - 10

BREAKFAST
 Monday: Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk
 Tuesday: Muffins, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
Wednesday: Biscuits & Gravy, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Thursday: Breakfast Burritos, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk
 Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday: Beans & Franks, Macaroni & Cheese, Texas Toast, Fruit, Milk
 Tuesday: Nachos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Grapes, Milk
 Wednesday: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Hot Rolls, Milk
 Thursday: Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Veggie Sticks, Jello, Milk
 Friday: Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

Free Board Training Available For Perspective School Trustee Members

(AMARILLO, TX) — Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 2, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center (5800 Bell Street, Lecture Hall, Amarillo). The workshop will provide

interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees. The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6248, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org/candidates for other dates and locations.

Casting Your Vote

Voters will be casting their ballots at the Lovett Memorial Library for both the School Board and the City Council in the May election.

The Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation Donate Heating And Air-Conditioning System To Young At Heart Building

There were 31 guests and members at the February 21 Young at Heart potluck luncheon. Olivia Aquirre and Irmgard Merez joined everyone for lunch. Tammy Johnston with McLean Home Health did blood pressure checks. President Marjorie Fish

publicly thanked the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation for the new heating and air conditioning systems. It is wonderful to have a first class system. The Young at Heart is currently trying to sell our the gas heater for \$175. It has a thermostat and works well. Tickets are still on sale for the quilt raffle. Marjorie stated the couple from Fritch that bought the buildings tin ceiling tiles finished removing them last week, and the back room looks better already. Appreciation goes to Janelle and Rex Peacock's for their initial sweeping and cleaning. The YAH is seeking a grant to replace the ceiling tiles and fluorescent lights in the front part of the building next. Gaye Whitehead spoke about voter registration and related issues. Susan Windburne demonstrated the new voting machines and discussed the March 7 election. The next meeting will be March 7 with Julie Ferguson speaking about the Angel Food Program.

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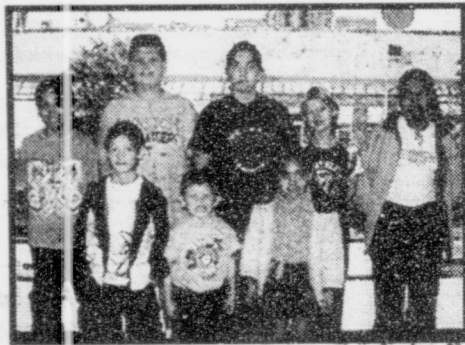
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K-2nd Grade Girls Play In Last Little Dribbler Tournament



The 5th & 6th Grade Girls Little Dribbler Team won second place at the Shamrock tournament.

The McLean K-2 girls started out well in the Wheeler Tournament. Their first game was against Shamrock on Thursday night, in which they walked away with a winning score of 8 - 4. Scoring for the Lady Tigers were Samantha Long and Kearston Tolleson, each with 4 points.

After their win against Shamrock, the girls went on to play another game on Thursday night against the

Wheeler Andis team. The Lady Tigers received another win with scoring by Kearston Tolleson with 6 points, Lexus Brown with 4 points, Bailey Herring with 1 point and Samantha Long with 3 points for a game-ending score of 14 - 2.

On Saturday, however, the Lady Tigers encountered a tough team when they played another team from Wheeler. The Lady Tigers were outscored 1 - 14, with Samantha

Long being the lone scorer for the girls.

The second game on Saturday also gave the Lady Tigers a loss as they played Shamrock Knight for a final score of 4 - 19. Kearston Tolleson was the only girl to score in this game.

The girls have had a fun season of Little Dribblers with coaches Danielle Jones and James Alexander.



Parker Fish proudly holds the American Flag as his classmates give the salute during the Pre-K Rodeo Roundup.

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Tiger Track Schedule

March 9	Lefors	Cubs
March 10	Lefors	Tigers
March 24	Stratford	Cubs
March 25	Stratford	Tigers
March 31	Miami	Cubs
April 1	Miami	Tigers
April 7	Panhandle (District)	Tigers
April 12	Panhandle (Area)	Tigers



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MCLEAN GOLF SCHEDULE

Feb. 27-28	Wellington
March 6	Clarendon
March 20-21	Shamrock
April 3	Pampa (District)

Tennis

April 11-13	Amarillo (District)
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MCLEAN TIGER SPRING SPORTS



Haynes Celebrates 75th Birthday

On Saturday, Feb. 25, family and friends of John M. Haynes celebrated his 75th birthday with a reception in the fellowship

hall of First United Methodist Church in McLean. His actual birthday was Feb. 20. Shown at the church are John M. and Joyce Haynes.

MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon

Pastor Jim Reyna 779-2548
Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday night Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st

Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray

Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

Heald United Methodist Church

Kellerville Road
Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Trinity Church Railroad Street

Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
Wednesday 6:00
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life 119 E. 3rd

Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135
Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.

MHS Students Participate In Pantex Science Bowl

Saturday, February 18, 2006, four students from McLean I.S.D. participated in the annual Pantex Science Bowl on the campus of WTA&MU. The contest, with a

Jeopardy format, is a team competition where science questions ranging from general science to physics and math are answered.

McLean competed against schools from

private to 5A districts from the south plains area such as Amarillo High, Lubbock High, Lubbock Dunbar to name a few.

Winning two of the four morning contests was not sufficient to participate in

the final round of 16 in the afternoon competition.

Representing McLean were Seniors, Kevin Smith, Lindsey Ruiz, and Keith Raines along with Junior, Brooke Seymour. A fun time was had by all.

5th And 6th Grade Boys Finish Little Dribbler Season in Wheeler And Samnorwood Tourneys

While the rest of the McLean Little Dribblers teams were competing in Shamrock's Tournament, the 5th & 6th grade boys traveled to Samnorwood to play against Ft. Elliott, Samnorwood and Lefors.

The boys saw Lefors in their first game and won with a score of 23 - 13. Scoring for McLean were George Patterson with 2 points, Jordan Herring with 17 points and Jace McLean with 4 points.

On Saturday, the first match-up was against Ft. Elliott. The McLean team fought hard, but came up with a loss of 30 - 33. Scoring in this game were George Patterson with 4 points, Jordan Herring with 18 points, Matthew Richardson with 4 points and Dalton Richardson with 4 points.

The last game of the tournament was against the team from Samnorwood. Scoring was George Patterson with 5 points, Jordan Herring with 16 points and Dalton Richardson with 6 points. However, it was not enough to beat Samnorwood and the boys lost 27 - 32.

Members of the McLean team also include Braden Hambright, Zachary

Morrow and Stormy Manns who also contributed on the floor. The 5th & 6th graders

are coached by Mike Maxwell.

In the Wheeler Tournament, the McLean 5th & 6th grade boys met up with the Samnorwood team for their first game. Despite good defense and a hard working offense, the boys lost to Samnorwood 15 - 17. Scoring against Samnorwood were Braden Hambright with 2 points, Stormy Manns with 2 points, Jordan Herring with 7 points and Jace McLean with 4 points.

On Saturday morning the 5th & 6th grade boys competed against Ft. Elliott in what would be their last game in the tournament with a loss of 21 - 24. Scoring for McLean were George Patterson with 1 point, Jordan Herring with 8 points, Matthew Richardson with 4 points, Jace McLean with 6 points and Dalton Richardson with 2 points. Zachary Morrow also helped out in the team's efforts. The boys have had a great time and have learned a lot with Mike Maxwell as their coach.

Board To Consider Waiver For Start Date

The Board of Trustees of McLean Independent School District is considering the application for a waiver to start the 2006-2007 school year on August, 2006.

Input from the

community is welcome concerning the calendar for the upcoming school year. Current law states that schools must start in the week of August 21, unless a waiver has been approved by TEA.

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Catfish Nuggets
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89¢

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State Representative and County Treasurers Races Hotly Contested



Anette Carlisle



David Swinford

Local Elections are heating up in the upcoming primary races to be held next Tuesday. Usually in this sparsely populated area we don't say that someone is "serving a term", we say they are "taking a turn."

Two races in particular have gathered interest in the District and in the County. First is the 87th District State

Representative race between incumbent David Swinford and challenger Anette Carlisle. A school finance bill is at issue between the two candidates and how best to proceed to insure representation of the Texas Panhandle. Swinford, the Dumas native has a background in education as a former teacher and school board member. Carlisle is a

current member of the Amarillo School Board. She is also interested in how best to serve the students of the Texas Panhandle.

In the Carson County Treasurer's race 4 Republican candidates are vying for a place on the November ballot. Denise Salzbrenner, Leasha Hobbs, Veronica Hammer Willburn and Virgil Frick will ask voters to choose between them to face off with Democrat Dea Schroeder in November.

Denise Salzbrenner is a White Deer resident of 26 years. She would like to serve you as Carson County Treasurer. She is currently employed by Cabot & IRI Credit Union, where she serves as General Ledger Manager, a position that gives her the background to become a dedicated steward for Carson Counties financial interests. She and her husband Robbie have raised two daughter in Carson County and are

involved in many activities in the area.

Leasha Hobbs is asking for your vote on March 7 for County Treasurer. Hobbs has served Carson County as a program assistant in the USDA Farm Service Agency. She took a short leave of absence to be a full time mom and help her husband run Hobbs Heating and Air, Inc. She currently is employed by Carson County for the Texas Cooperative Extension. A life long resident of Carson County, she is active in the community and would be highly qualified to serve if elected.

Veronica Hammer Willburn is a lifelong resident of Carson County. She has many years of a accounting experience by working with a P.A. and a C.P.A. firm and for nearly 16 years at St. Ann's Nursing Home. She is currently serving as Deputy Clerk in the Carson County

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Denise Salzbrenner



Leasha Hobbs



Virgil Frick



Veronica Willburn

Local Voters Should Be Prepared For Changes In The Way Ballots Are Cast

Groom voters will be going to the polls on Tuesday March 7 in the primary elections. This year the Republican Party and the Democratic Party will hold their elections together in the same building, due to the new laws concerning having the computerized balloting available to all. Voters will have to declare whether they wish to vote democratic or republican. They will be considered a member of that party through the duration of the voting year. (Which will usually end in November.) Another words, if you vote Democrat this next Tuesday and then later, two republican candidates need to have a run-off election, anyone who voted in the Democratic

Primary could not vote in any Republican party primary race.

Just because there is a computerized ballot available, does not mean that you must use it. You may choose to use a paper ballot, although they do look a little different this year. You will be asked to color in the ovals with a black pen by the candidate of your choice.

On the Republican ballot, voters will be asked to choose from the following for the following offices:

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES ONLY

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District 13
Mac Thornberry

Governor
Rhett R. Smith
Star Locke
Larry Kilgore
Rick Perry

Lieutenant Governor
David Dewhurst
Tom Kelly

Attorney General
Greg Abbot

Comptroller of Public Accounts
Susan Combs

Commissioner of General Land Office
Jerry Patterson

Commissioner of Agriculture
Todd Staples

Railroad Commissioner
Buck Werner
Elizabeth Ames Jones

Chief Justice, Supreme Court - Unexpired Term
Wallace Jefferson

Supreme Court, Place 2
Steve Smitt
Don Willett

Supreme Court, Place 4
David M. Medina

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6
Nathan Hecht

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8, Unexpired Term
Phil Johnson

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
Tom Price
Sharon Kelley
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7
Barbara Parker Herzy

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Community Calendar

SPRING BREAK at Groom ISD will be March 13-17.

EARLY VOTING in person continues in the Primary Elections (mostly county and state positions) until March 3. Vote at the County Clerk's office in Panhandle.

GROOM ISD's National Honor Society will hold their annual induction of new members and installation of officers on March 20.

ST. PATRICK'S Day will be celebrated on March 17. Watch this paper for information on area celebrations.

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The family of Helen Witt would like to express their deepest heartfelt thanks to the many who visited, gave food, contributed at the Grocery Store or just came by and said a few words of comfort. This place really is Mayberry and we will forever remember you and the happy memories of

Groom, Texas.
 Dan Witt, Lynell Witt Peck and Jay Witt

Student Honors

Cody Babcock, son of Gary and Cindy Babcock, was named to the Frank Phillips College President's Honor Roll for having a 4.0 GPA for the 2005 fall semester.

VOTE ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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Birthday & Anniversaries

March 2 - Kenny Schultz, Kenneth Ray Burger, Tommy Head.
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 - Sadie Elizabeth Vincent, 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, Shonda Ruthardt.

Please help us keep the Birthday List up to date. Call 248-7333 with additions or changes!

School Board Calls For May Elections

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly meeting on the above date at 7:00 P.M. in its usual place in the school administration offices with the following members in attendance: Clifton Britten, Tony Rocha, Ron Kuehler, Tony

Britten, Rodney Bohr, Curtis Downs, and Kathleen Barkley. Mr. Stevens was also in attendance. No guests were present at the meeting. (Unless otherwise noted, all votes on motions were unanimous.)
 After a prayer by Mr. Stevens the meeting was

called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. C. Britten.
 Motion by Mr. C. Downs and seconded by Mrs. K. Barkley to approve the minutes for the January regular monthly meeting. Motion passed.
 Motion by Mr. C. Downs and seconded by Mr. R. Kuehler to accept the minutes for the Special Meeting of January 26, as corrected. Motion passed.

In Open Forum Mr. Rocha asked about considering re-stripping the school parking lot this summer for next year basketball season. Mr. Stevens will check into it.

In Regular Business: Motion by Mr. R. Kuehler and seconded by Mr. T. Rocha to approve TASB policy update 77 as presented. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. T. Britten and seconded by Mr. R. Kuehler to approve Resolution number 01-06 for early voting as presented. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. R. Bohr and seconded by Mr. T. Rocha to amend the budget in function 13 by an increase of \$2000.00. Motion passed.

Mr. C. Britten announced the hours of Board Training for each Board Member for the previous year.

Mrs. Barkley - 16, Mr. Bohr - 2, Mr. T. Britten - 5, Mr. C. Britten - 12.75, Mr. Downs - 21, Mr. Kuehler - 7, Mr. Rocha - 7, and Mr. Stevens - 22

Motion by Mrs. K. Barkley and seconded by Mr. C. Downs to approve a resolution calling for May 13, 2006 elections to fill the terms presently held by Mr. T. Britten and Mr. T. Rocha at the designated voting location. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. T. Britten and seconded by Mr. R. Kuehler to approve the Groom ISD Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan. Motion passed.

Mr. C. Downs discussed with the Board, concerns about the SBDM and the community involvement with decision making in the school district. Mr. Stevens

assured the Board that more community involvement would be included in the SBDM meetings.

Under Personnel: Motion by Mr. C. Downs and seconded by Mr. R. Kuehler to accept the resignation of Michele Kelly as Special Ed teacher, effective at the end of the year. Motion passed.

Mr. Stevens discussed with the board some of the problems that schools are facing with Highly Qualified status and special education teachers.

Motion by Mr. R. Kuehler and seconded by Mr. C. Downs to adjourn. Motion passed.


Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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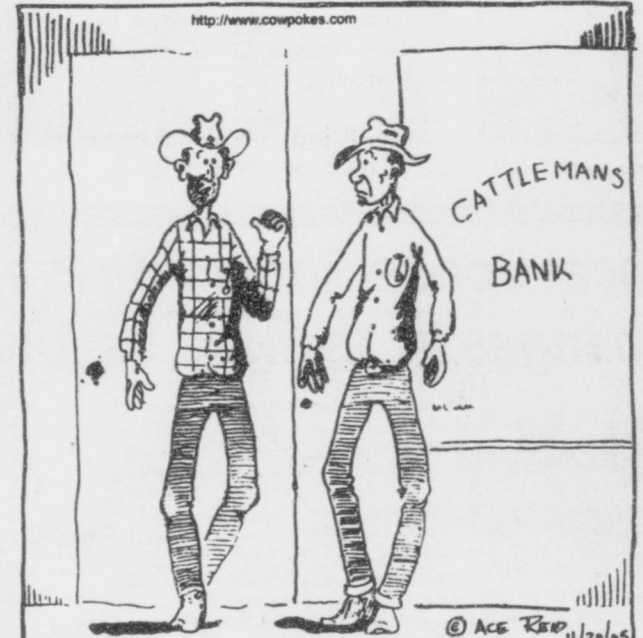
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Terry Keel

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Bob Craig

State Representative, District 87
David Swinford
Anette Carlisle

Chief Justice 7th Court of Appeals District
Brian Quinn

Justice 7th Court of Appeals District Place 2

Mackey K. Hancock

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District Place 3
Walt Weaver
Pat Pirtle

County Judge
Lewis Powers

County Clerk
Celeste Bichsel

County Tax Assessor-Collector, Unexpired Term
Jackie Lewis

County Treasurer
Denise Salzbrenner
Veronica Hammer
Wilburn
Leasha R. Hobbs
Virgil E. Frick

County Chairman
Charles Kincade

2006 Republican Primary Ballot Initiative Requiring Picture ID to cast a ballot in the State of Texas
For or Against

Protect Private Property from being taken for economic purposes
For or Against

A Spending Cap for all governmental bodies in Texas to limit any annual increase in spending to the combined increase of population and inflation, except for additional

spending authorized by a vote of the people for official state of emergencies declared by the federal or state government.
For or Against

An Appraisal Cap to limit homeowners property tax increases of appraised value for all homestead to be reduced to 5% for less.
For or Against

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

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Barbara Ann Rodnofsky

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Rashad Jafer

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Adrian De Leon
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Fred Head

Commissioner of General Land Office
Valinda Hathicox

Commissioner of Agriculture
Hank Gilbert
Kocacoe Melton, Jr.

Rail Road Commissioner
Dale Henry

Justice Sapreme Court Place 2
William E. (Bill) Moody

Preaiding Judge Court of Criminal Appeal
J.R. Molina

County Judge
Jackie West

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County Treasurer
Dea Schroeder

minimum wage raised above the current level of \$5.15 per hour.
For or Against

Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1
Bill Hinson

Do you support the restoration of Texan's full rights to a trial by jury in civil cases
For or Against

County Chairman
Janet Grange

Precinct Chairman Precinct 101
Nila Burgin

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Democratic Initiatives

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Groom School Menus

Groom School Breakfast and Lunch Menu for the week of March 6 - 10

Breakfast

Monday - Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk

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

Wednesday - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk.

Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, juice, and milk.

Friday - Do-nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, and milk.

Lunch

Monday - Mexican Pile On, corn, lettuce &

tomato, pineapple, graham crackers, and milk

Tuesday - Frito Pic with chili and cheese, pinto beans, applesauce, graham crackers, and milk

Wednesday - Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, tator tots, pickle spears, and milk

Thursday - Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, pears, cheese zombies and milk

Friday - Sandwiches, Ham, bologna, tuna, vegetables, beans, peaches, pickles spears and milk

Builder Discuss With G.E.D.C. Floor Plan Specs For New Homes In Groom

The Groom Economic Development Corporation held it's regular monthly meeting with the following present: members Joe Rae Richardson, Chris Welch, Jamie Bowen, Lisa Roskens, Rick Prather and Mary Sue Lyles. A visitor Davis Ford or Accent County Homes Builders, Ltd. was also in attendance.

Mr. Davis discussed with the GEDC members about building spec homes in Groom. He presented some floor plans that he uses and showed pictures of the work that he does. Chris Welch moved and Rick Prather seconded the motion to table this item until the next meeting when more information

will be available for discussion.

It was discussed that BWTX had donated a metal building to the Baseball Park to be used for restrooms and storage.

The building has not been utilized at this time because it needs to be constructed and the concrete pad that it will sit upon needs to be enlarged. Joe Ray Richardson had a quote from Bobby Reining, Reining Concrete and Construction for \$3300 which will include adding onto the existing pad and constructing the metal building. Lisa Roskens moved and Rick Prather seconded the motion to use the \$3500 Community Programs budget to fund the slab and footing and to put up the building furnished by BWXT at the Baseball Park. Volunteers will be needed to finish the work inside the building after it is put up.

Efforts will be made to purchase some lots in Groom.

Minutes were approved as was the financial report. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

RACE

Clerk's office. She has experience with all facets of financial reporting including tax returns, payroll, retirement funds, budgeting and day to day

accounting procedures. She and her children are active in church, school and community events. She would bring knowledge of the working of county business and accounting experience to the office if elected.

Virgil Frick would also bring a wealth of experience to the office of County Treasurer and is asking voters to consider him for a place on the ballot in November. Frick has worked as an accounting specialist at the ASARCO, LLC, Amarillo Copper Refinery

for 37 years. He is responsible for accounting, tax reporting, auditing procedures and budgeting. He served in the U.S. Air Force and is a member of VFW in Panhandle. Mr. Frick is an active volunteer with the Boy Scout organization.

All the candidates are highly qualified to serve and have met the requirements to be considered for a place on the November General Election Ballot.

Most of the other races will not be decided until November when Democrats and Republicans will face off on opposite sides of the ballot to decide who will serve. Keep watching The Groom News for all the election coverage and results. We will do our best to keep you informed!

Subjects Arrested, Drug Seized

Amarillo- Five subjects were arrested in three separate incidents yesterday on Panhandle highways after drugs and cash was found inside their vehicles.

The first seizure occurred at 10:30 a.m., when a 2001 Dodge pickup traveling eastbound on I-40 near Wildorado was stopped for a traffic violation. After consent to

search was given, troopers discovered 20 Kilos (19,999 Grams) of Cocaine hidden inside a false floor of a trailer being pulled.

Arrested and booked into the Oldham County Jail in Vega were 27 year old Zenaida Quintana of Phoenix Arizona and 28 year old Jose Luis Quintana Jr., also of Phoenix. The

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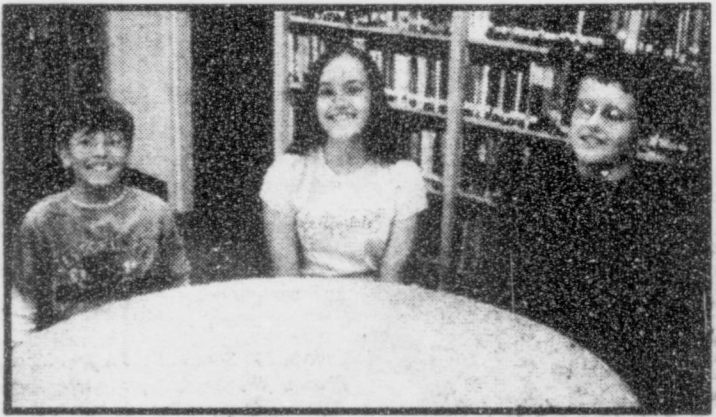
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Groom Students Win Carson County Spelling Bee!

Groom School students competed in the Carson County Spelling Bee last week. Virginia Froese (center), an 8th grader, won the event and was named Carson County Champion Speller and will go on to represent Groom School in the Regional meet to be held in the West Texas A & M Branding Iron Theatre in Canyon. Virginia is the daughter of Cornelius and Mary Froese. Tyler Case represented Groom's 7th grade class in the competition. He is the son of Tim and Tammy Case. Tanner Case won the junior competition. He will be recognized at the regional event in Canyon. He is in the 5th grade and is also the son of Tim and Tammy Case.

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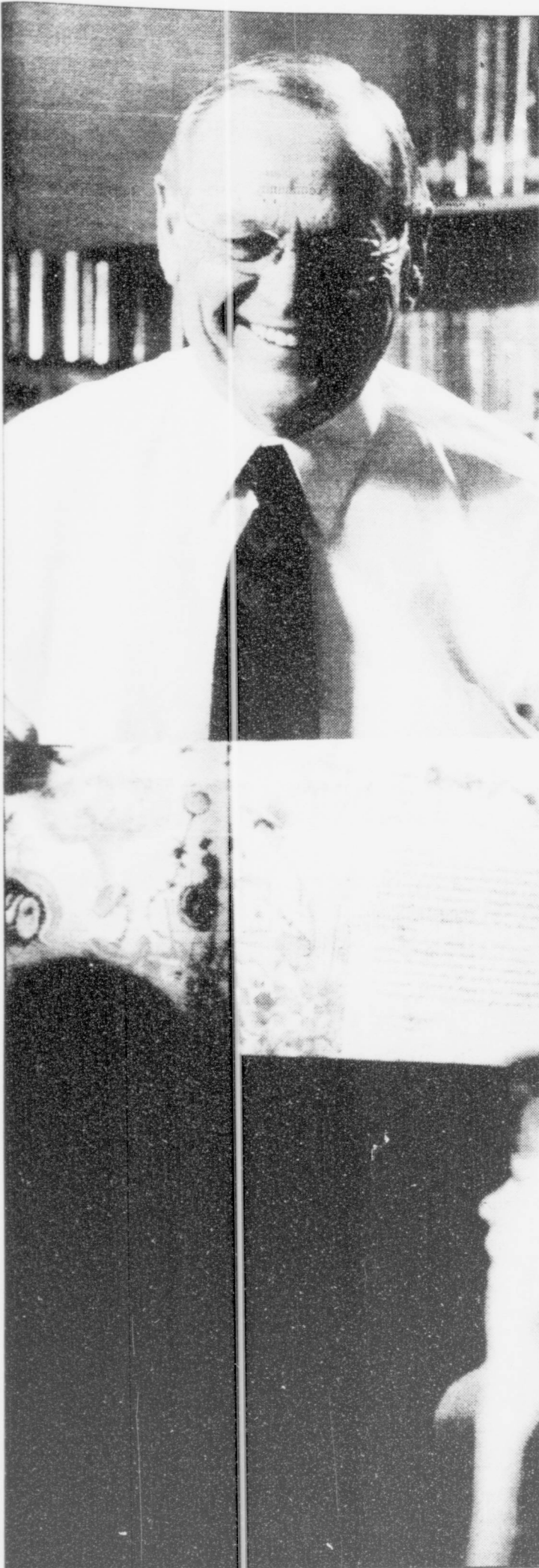
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Area Obituaries

MARIA T. LOZANO

Groom - Maria T. Lozano, 84, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006.

Services were on Monday in the Iglesia Christiana with Ray Ramos, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Memorial park in Amarillo.

Mrs. Lozano was the widow of Antonio Lozano. She was a member of Iglesia Christiana, where she volunteered her time. She is remembered as a compassionate and giving woman.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Celia Barquera, on Jan. 31, 2001.

Survivors include six sons, Antonio Lozano Jr. of Payne Springs, George Lozano of Cedar Hill, Fred Lozano of Arlington, Jose L. Lozano of Harlingen, John Lozano of Lockhart and Jerry Lozano of Taylor; five daughters Ernie Lozano of Frisco, Gloria Martinez of Rowlett, Letty Evans of Groom, Sylvia Tenorio of Frisco and Blanca Rodriguez of Amarillo; a

brother Cecillo Contreras of San Bernito; a sister, Simona Contreras of Conroe, 39 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

JOEL WILSON

Joel Wilson, 66 of Amarillo died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006.

Services were at the Cox Funeral Home on February 27 with Rev. Paul Burwash of the First Baptist Church of Happy conducting the service.

Mr. Wilson was born March 2, 1939 in McLean. He was raised there and graduated from McLean High School. He

was a veteran from the US Army. He moved to Amarillo from McLean in 1957. He married Peggy Pope in 1982 in Amarillo. He worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone for 40 years before retiring in 1995. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife. He loved the mountains and going to the horse races. He loved being "Grandpa" to his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Wilson of Amarillo; two sons, Roger Wilson and wife Carman and Ronnie Wilson and wife Tina, all of Amarillo; two stepsons, Chris Pope and wife Kendra of Amarillo; & Kevin Pope and wife Shelly of Springtown; three sisters Marion Spear of Denver, Ann Norton of St.

Petersburg, Fla. and Grace Glenn of McLean; two brothers Robert Wilson of Lynchburg, VA. and David Wilson of Las Vegas; 8 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, and a great granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment.

DRUGS

Cocaine has an estimated value of \$1,119,944.00. The load was believed to have originated in Phoenix and was headed to Miami Florida.

The next bust occurred at 10:53 a.m., 7 miles west of Groom on I-40 in Carson County. Troopers stopped a 1998 Lincoln Town Car traveling eastbound for a traffic violation. After consent to search was given, 1 pound of Methamphetamine was found hidden inside the

lining of an ice chest located in the back seat.

Arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle were 30 year old Sergio Carrillo of Garden City Georgia and 20 year old Rosalio

Rodriguez Barraza also of Garden City. The Meth has an estimated value of \$36,288.00. This load originated in Phoenix Arizona and was headed for Garden City Georgia.

The third seizure of the day came at 12:30 p.m. near Dalhart on U.S. 54 in Hartley County. Troopers stopped a 2001 GMC Yukon traveling westbound for a traffic violation. The subject, who was wanted, was arrested on an outstanding federal warrant.

Troopers later found \$252,660.00 hidden inside the lining of the empty chest. The money was vacuum sealed in plastic and wrapped in rubber bands.

NOTICE OF ELECTION MARCH 7, 2006

To the registered voters of the County of Carson,

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2006 for the Primary Election. The Primary Election is to vote on State and Local Candidates.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

Precinct 101	St. Mary's Hall - 411 4 th , Groom
Precinct 102 & 401	Antler Gym - 6 th & Doucette, White Deer
Precinct 302	Panhandle High School, 106 W. 11 th Panhandle
Precinct 402	Community Center - 308 2 nd Street, Skellytown
Precinct 103 & 301	Panhandle High School - 106 W. 11 th , Panhandle
Precinct 201 & 202	War Memorial Bldg, 500 Main St., Panhandle

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Carson County Clerk's Office in Panhandle between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning February 21, 2006 and ending March 3, 2006.

To request a ballot for early voting by mail please contact the clerk's office at 537-3873 or write to Celeste Bichsel, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 487, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

The first day the clerk's office can receive an application for ballot by mail is January 9, 2006. An Application for ballot by mail must be receive no later that the close of business March 7, 2006.

Issued this the 24 day of January, 2006.

s/ Lewis W. Powers
Carson County Judge

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