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Reminder

Voters To Decide City, School Races

SHOT CLINIC has been changed to May 7 from 1-3 at the Elementary School. If your child is starting Kindergarten next year and needs some booster shots you can get them at this time. It is also open to the community.

KINDERGARTEN Registration is coming up on May 1 & 2 at 2:30 p.m. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card.

SPRING CLEAN-UP will be May 6-10. The city will pick up items in the alley on the 6th. Only one trip will be made. The Landfill will be free that week to City residents.

FAMILY READING Night is Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the School Library.

DON'T FORGET to plan for the City Wide Garage Sale on Sat., May 25. This is a good time to get rid of a lot of good items that you no longer use.

AN IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be held in McLean on May 7 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the McLean School.

The McLean voters will be asked to go to the polls this Saturday to decide 3 seats on the City Council and 2 School Board Trustees.

Six candidates will vie for the 3 seats on the City Council. They are Incumbent Joe Creed Lamb, Jim McDonald and Doyle Lee. Challengers are Mindy Reeves and Daniel Eggers.

"I have been active in politics for many years in the San Jose area," said Mindy Reeves, candidate for City Council. "My husband Pat (Ben) and I moved to McLean in July of 1999 and have relocated our Biral Special Lubricants business to McLean. My main goal is to not raise taxes but continue to clean up the town and to continue to make the Town a better place to live."

Daniel Eggers is also running for City Council. "McLean is 100 years old. As a newcomer I believe I can offer a new perspective to the town," he said. "Sometimes some one not too close to the situation can see it in a different light. On Saturday, May 4, 2002 I ask that you consider

voting for me, Daniel Eggers, to on of your city councilmen. A new voice for a new century. If not for me, then vote for the candidate of your choice. It is your right, privilege and the responsibility to vote.

Incumbent Doyle Lee would like to continue his work as Alderman.

"I have enjoyed my last two years on the council. I have been working on several project with water and waste water I would very much like to see finished," he commented. "I am asking you for your vote on May 4th.

Joe Creed Lamb and Jim McDonald could not be reached for comment. Both men have served faithfully representing the voters of McLean. They would ask you to let them continue their work when you cast your ballot on May 4th.

Voters in the McLean School District will be asked to cast their ballot for two seats on the Board of Trustees. There are no incumbents seeking re-election this year. One seat was vacated by Don Dorsey's resignation. Billy Ward has chosen not to seek re-election. Those

See Election, pg. 9



SEVEN CROSS RANCH HONORED

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recognized L.H. and Nama Webb of Seven Cross Ranch in Gray County. Seven Cross Ranch has been in operation by the family since 1901 and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a recent ceremony in Austin.

Please Get your Noodlums Straight

By Ella Mae Reyna

While at the Texas Tech Archives, I found this letter printed in the McLean News Paper dated Feb. 6, 1914. The bottom of the page was destroyed so the very end wasn't legible and I was unable to read the name of the doctor who wrote it, but enough was there to enjoy it.

Please get it straight in your noodlums that some of you still owe me old bills, and that all humans need money, and that a doctor is just a human whether you think so or not. Some people seem to think he is one half owl and the other half jack ass; the owl proclivities making him prefer to be up at night instead of sleeping, and the jack stock he is supposed to possess enabling him to endure all kinds of hardships and live on half feed and hot air promises.

Some people prefer, it seems, to call a doctor, at night, when, if they had to go after him, they would not walk a hundred yards for him. It's awfully easy to ooze up to the wall and call a doctor over the phone, then jump back in bed and wait for him to come through the darkness and cold, and then expect him to come in looking pleasant. I want to tell you it's about as easy to practice

medicine and always be pleasant as it is to sit long in a Texas ant bed and look unconcerned.

About 95 percent of the night calls are useless, anyhow, if the patient is allowed to wait until morning, and a few home remedies are applied, nine out of ten will not need a physician by morning. People take too bloomin' much medicine anyhow, what some need is to be shot full of hot soap suds with an automatic squirt gun.

straight-I charge extra for night work, you bet your sox, and I charge extra for work in unusually bad weather in day time. Night means when the sun quits blinkin'.

The cost of living and prices in every line of business have advanced during recent years anywhere from one-fourth to double or more, all except the country doctor's fees. Beginning the first of 1914 I shall charge for day calls in town \$2.50 per call, and

Another thing-get it

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The McLean Cub Scouts recently visited The Bank Of Commerce In McLean. They learned lots a the way the bank takes care of our money.

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The McLean News

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries
 May 2 - Monta Jean Smitherman, Melba Harkins, Loyd Bowen, Butch Turpen, Clay and Julie Reynolds (A).
 May 3 - Loree Barker.
 May 4 - Marilyn Magee Money, Vernon Luther Kennedy.
 May 5 - Michael Barker, Lula Sheegog, Greg Henley, Don and Evelyn Sanders (A).
 May 6 - Mark Cadra.
 May 7 - Mrs. Harold C. Petty, Hunter Burnett,

Danny Simpson.
 May 8 - Johnnie Rigsby, Johnnie Hutchison, Jay Burnett, Cassie Jones, Bill McKee, Zach Richardson.



The first 18-hole golf course in the United States opened in Chicago in 1895.

Obituary...

Services Held For McLean Man

JESS "J.F." HARDIN
 Jess "J.F." Hardin, 92, of McLean, died on April 25, 2002.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, April 30 at the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Gulfport, Mississippi. Reverend Harold Payne, pastor, Bible Baptist Church will officiate. Arrangements were under the direction of Boxwell Brothers of Amarillo.
 Mr. Hardin, Born in

Hanna Oklahoma, had lived in parts of Texas before moving to Gulfport, where he lived about 20 years then moved to McLean this past year. He worked as a rancher and oil field hand.

Mr. Hardin married Fletty Bell in January of 1928 in Roy Springs, Tx. She died in 1997.

Survivors include a son, Bob Hardin of McLean; a daughter, Mellic Bauler of Gulfport, Mississippi; a brother Oscar Hardin of Waco; 2 sisters, Gladys Phillips of Morton, Tx and Ethel Feagin of Lubbock, Tx; 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.
 —Sarah Bernhardt

Val Marie Perry & Larry Dutcher Exchange Vows

Val Marie Gordin Perry and Larry D. Dutcher were married April 6, 2002 in Dumas, Texas. Justice of the Peace, Barbara Mulanax performed the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Dutcher wore a sleeveless dress of ecru crocheted lace. Attending the couple were the bride's daughters, Shelby Marie and Katie Jean, who also presented the rings.

The bride is the daughter of the Gary Gordin of Dumas, and Peggy and Duwain Baer of McLean. Grandparents are Arnold and Wanda Sharp of McLean. She is a homemaker and secondary education major at Amarillo College, Dumas, Cammus.

The groom is the son of Flossie Dutcher and the late Larry Dutcher of Guymon, Oklahoma. He is shift Captain and Educational Officer for the Dumas Fire Department and owner of Firehouse Trucking.

Out of town guests included Tracy Gordin of Canyon, brother of the bride, Sandy Metcalf of Guymon, sister of the groom, and parents Florence Dutcher and Peggy and Duwain Baer. The ceremony was followed by a cookout for the guests hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher and daughters, and members of the Dumas Fire Department. The couple will continue to make their home in Dumas.

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National Campaign Thanks Designated Drivers

(NAPS)—A recent poll confirms that Americans support the idea of the designated driver. The survey, conducted by Data Development Corporation, shows that 92 percent of the public endorses the designated driver concept as a good or excellent way to curb drunk driving. In addition, 122 million American adults have been a designated driver or been driven home by one.

For the fourth straight year, an interactive media promotion has helped increase awareness of, and reward consumers for their use of, a designated driver. As part of Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser Designated Driver Holiday Sweepstakes, Joey Brown of Greensboro, N.C., won a grand prize of \$20,000.

"Choosing designated drivers has helped lower the number of drunk-driving fatalities 37 percent in the last 20 years," says Francine Katz, vice president of consumer affairs for Anheuser-Busch. "Our holiday campaign was designed to make the idea of being a designated driver fun and deliver the message in a way that encourages consumers to use, or be, a designated driver. When it comes to road safety and alcohol awareness, we all make a difference."

During the campaign, nearly 160,000 people entered the sweepstakes. In addition to the grand prize, thousands of participants won Budweiser Designated Driver Thank-You Cards worth \$25.

Anheuser-Busch leads the alcohol beverage industry in the fight against alcohol abuse with national advertising campaigns and more than two dozen community-based programs to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking and promote responsible drinking among adults.

The national investment in advertising and programs to fight drunk driving is reinforced at the local level by hundreds of Anheuser-Busch's independent wholesalers across the country. Past wholesaler activities include: distributing nearly 5.3 million pieces of material to help parents talk to their kids about drinking; training more than 247,000 bartenders and wait staff in responsible serving

techniques; and providing 283,000 free cab rides home to bar and restaurant patrons. For more information on designated drivers and

responsible drinking programs, visit the Anheuser-Busch Consumer Awareness and Education Web site at www.beeresponsible.com.

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 Sunday Bible School 10 am
 Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
 Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main
 Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:15
 Sunday Evening 7:00
 Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.
 Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study
 2 Home Bible Studies

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
 Kellerville Road
 Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
 Interim Pastor John Denton 779-3207
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

Cowboy Church at Red River Steakhouse
 Cowboy Preacher - Kitchell Collins
 779-2456 or 779-2965
 Sunday Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.
 Children's Church, Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

McLean 4-H Members Have Interesting Program About Quail

By Zachary Odom, Reporter

The McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club met on April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ annex. President Nicholas Odom called the meeting to order. Mark Smith led the Pledge of allegiance and Zachary Odom led the 4-H pledge. Secretary Kristen Odom called roll and read the minutes of the last meeting.

The 4-H Club helped hide Easter eggs for the local hunt at the part on March 30. We voted to help the masonic Lodge pick up trash on the two-mile stretch of highway north of McLean. The date and time will be announced at the next meeting.

Clothing leader Beverly Odom reported that 6 of the 14 clothing participants entered the Gray County Fashion show in McLean at Trinity Baptist Church. Representing Gray County at District on May 4 in Borger will be Brook Seymour, Intermediate Casual Construction; Kristen Odom, Intermediate Dressy Buying; Emory Crawford, Junior Dressy Buying; Tammy Syfrett, Junior Dressy construction and Zachary Odom, Junior Casual Buying. Also participating was Caleb Crawford, Junior Dressy Buying.

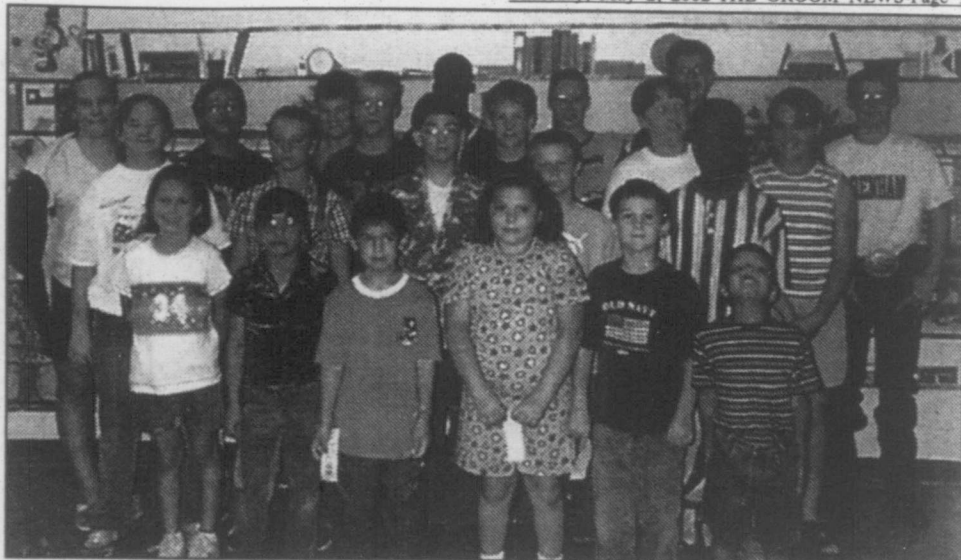
The Wonders of Washington (WOW) 4-H trip for Gray County is July 29 through Aug 4. Traveling from McLean will be Kevin Smith, Nicholas Odom, Kristen Odom, and Beverly Odom. They are finished taking bulb orders but are still selling candy bars as an ongoing fund raiser. A WOW meeting will be April 22,

at 7:00 pm at the annex in Pampa to make final fundraiser plans and to confirm the tour schedule.

The Livestock Appreciation Dinner to honor donors and to recognize stock show participants is April 11 at 7:00 pm at the Ag Barn. Project forms need to be filled out and turned in the Becky Fish to receive our bonus checks. Each person need to bring a dessert to the dinner.

Horse leader Sally Bohlar held a project meeting at 6:00 pm before the 4-H meeting. We learned a lot, she taught us about safety with horses, rules of safe and courteous riding and the parts of a horse leg. Our next meeting is on April 29 at the Church of Christ annex at 6:00 pm.

Justin Rader from Canadian gave the program on quail. He attended a leadership camp called the "Bobwhite Brigade" last summer near Haskell. He told us that they became a "covey" with 10 to 15 kids per group to learn about quail. He told us that only 4 out of every 100 quail survive. The are only 6 inches tall and weigh 6 ounces at maturity. The rainfall has a great influence on quail. The stay within the save 40 acres and can live up to 4 years. The Bobwhite and Blue are the 2 species that live around the Texas Panhandle. six species exist in North America. Justin told us an interesting story about tracking quail with transmitters. He said that transmitters were placed on several quail so each camper could track quail. One transmitter was found in



Aren't these a great looking bunch of kids! Wouldn't you like to know why they are all smiles? So would I! I know they did something good. We will all have to wait until Ella Mae comes back to find out! Somehow, we have lost the list in Groom that told us what these bright faces were smiling about! Sorry, kids.

Letter

a hawk; next and a previous year, inside a snake. How a quail shell is broken can determine what king of predator ate the egg, explained Justin. He closed his interesting presentation by suggesting that we provide feed for quail during drought and snow. A mounted quail that he showed up was his camp souvenir. Learning taxidermy was part of the instruction. This sounds like a really neat camp! In his quail poster display he had a really neat saying, "Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember, involve me and I understand."

New 4-H officer will be elected at the next meeting, which will be on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex. The Crawford family will be in charge of the program on CPR and first aid and the Bohlar family will bring refreshments.

Election

seeking to serve the district are Steve Bowlin, Frank Worsham, Linda Syfrett, Ronnie Ferguson, and Ella Mae Reyna.

"I have been involved in government for 15 years," stated Steve Bolin, "so I know how the process works. I feel this is where I can best serve the community. Children are where my heart is and I want to see the kids get the best education, the best there is. I have no axe to grind and no hidden agendas. I just want to take care of the kids."

Frank Worsham is a longtime resident of McLean. "I want to represent the taxpayers and hold down expenses but keep the quality education," he commented. "I believe it is going to take someone with financial experience to see us through these times and I have a lot of experience. Taxpayers need to be informed month to month on the financial situation at the school."

Linda Syfrett is also a longtime resident of McLean and looking forward to seeing her grandchildren attend school in McLean. "I feel keeping our school in our immediate community is the most important task," she said. "If I am elected I will do my best to serve on this school board, not only as an active citizen but also as a concerned mother and grandmother of future students."

"I have good strong values and I believe I can do a good service to the community and the school," stated School Board Candidate Ronnie Ferguson. "I have a daughter who will start school next year and another daughter coming up and I want the school to be here. I feel the school is in jeopardy and now is the time to act."

Ella Mae Reyna commented, "I am proud of the school in McLean and I feel my children have received a quality education here. I have a senior graduating this year and a junior besides

a daughter in the second grade. I also have a two year old and I want to see the kind of quality school we have now, when he gets into school. Changes have to be made, but I believe the quality of the school should and can remain. I want to help reach that goal. I believe strongly in volunteering and parental and community involvement."

Polls will open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. Don't miss the opportunity to make a difference in your community. Get our and vote for the candidates of your choice.

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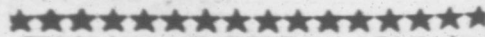
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\$1.00 extra, or \$3.50, for night calls. If I make two, three or a dozen calls on the same day, I make no reduction on charges, it's as much trouble to make one call

as another, and if you don't want to pay for extra trips don't belly ache for me to make them. Grant knows that if you leave it to me I will make as few as possible. Another thing, please get straight, I charge for prescribing over phone. Calls to the country are \$1.00 per mile, one way, except at night when an extra charge will be made, depending on the distance, weather, etc.

Now be sure you get this straight: cut it out and paste it in your hat when you ask me to "fix up" some medicine for yourself or folks, don't ask me what the medicine is worth and think, when you pay for the medicine, that you've paid all. I charge for my services and charge from one dollar up. I am not selling medicine, I am PRESCRIBING it, and I'm not dishing it out for nothing. I have very good health before I can here. Moreover, cheap doctors are, as a rule, like all other cheap commodities, not worth a darn.....

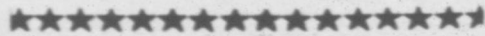
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MAY 4, 2002

You may vote for 0, 1, or 2 candidate(s) of your choice by placing an "X" in the square located beside the name of the candidate
VOTE FOR 0, 1, or 2 FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE(S)

- Steve Bowlin
- Frank Wexham
- Linda Syfrett
- Ronnie Ferguson
- Ella Mae Reyna



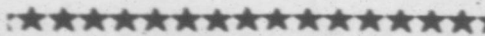
OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF MCLEAN, TEXAS
May 4, 2002

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- Joe Creed Lamb
- Mindy Reeves
- Jim McDonald
- Daniel Eggers
- Doyle Lee



Chloe' Smith
Named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Chloe Smith from McLean, Tx 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. The scholars are also eligible

for other awards given by the USAA.

Chloe Smith, was nominated for this national award by McLean High School. She 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.

The Academy selects All-american Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Chloe' Smith was also named a United States Nation Award Winner in Mathematics. She was nominated by her teacher, Jummy Hannon.

Chloe' Smith is the daughter of Dr. Gregg and Mitzi Smith of McLean, Tx. She is the granddaughter of T.J. & Joyce Smith of Olton, TX and Bryan & Bernice Dutton of Earth, Tx.

BOOKS WORTH READING

A Beacon Of Hope And Strength To The Nation

(NAPS)—At a time when our country needed the calming warmth of a mother's touch, Laura Bush stepped forward to offer just that. America's First Lady transcended party politics and national tragedy to become America's First Mother.

With *Laura: America's First Lady, First Mother* (Adams Media, \$19.95), biographer Antonia Felix has created a revealing, intimate portrait of the soft-spoken, down-to-earth woman who made *People* magazine's list of "The 50 Most Beautiful People in the World." In the book, readers will discover:

- How Laura Welch survived a youthful tragedy that marred her childhood;
- The delights and difficulties of being First Lady;
- The joys and challenges of raising high-spirited twins, Jenna and Barbara;
- Her passion for literacy—and how Americans can benefit from her programs; and
- Her personal mission as America's First Mother.

The book opens in Washington on the morning of September 11, with the First Lady getting ready to address a Senate committee about the need to improve early childhood education, then jumps back to Texas to present glimpses into her life, which



were gleaned from exclusive interviews with her mother, Jenna Welch.

Though Laura Bush was shy and reserved at first, everything changed on September 11. In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, Laura rose to the occasion, providing comfort and reassurance amidst what was perhaps the worst crisis we've ever faced—and she has since become a beacon of hope and strength to the nation.

In a clear, crisp prose, Felix has constructed an important biography that many believe will serve as a lasting tribute for a special woman for years to come.

Laura is available at bookstores, online, or direct from the publisher at www.adamsmedia.com.

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(NAPS)—If you're pining for the beauty and privacy that conifers can add to your yard, you may not have to wait as long as you think. There's a fast-growing tree that can quickly spruce up the place—even more, it grows readily in both sun and shade.

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Community Calendar



MOTHER'S Day is May 12th.

DON'T FORGET! The kindergarten round-up at Groom School will be held today at 7:00 p.m.

GROOM ISD High School Awards Assembly are scheduled for May 15 at 8:00 a.m.

GROOM SCHOOL will return to the regular bell schedule on Monday, May 6th. K-3 will be released at 3:10 pm, while 4-12 will be released at 3:16.

KINDERGARTEN through 4th grade will have a concert on May 14th at 6:00 p.m.

THE SPRING Jr. High and High School Band Concert will be held on May 16.

GREAT AMERICAN Clean up will be held on May 11 (Bad Weather Date is May 25). 8 am - 3 pm. Volunteers and team leaders needed. Lots of activities and prizes! Donations accepted for this event. Contact David or Lanna Brown for more information! Keep Groom Beautiful!

CITYWIDE Garage Sale in Claude, Saturday, May 11, starting at 8 am. 40 houses and 8 business included. Maps and Flyers available at Mighty's, Candle Country, Johnny's Hometown Foods, Keith's Service Center and West Texas Gas, Inc.

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Cemetary Earns Historical Status



Bud Schaffer acts as "Master of Ceremonies" during the celebration at the Jericho Cemetery.



A good sized crowd turned out on Saturday, bracing 35 mile an hour winds to dedicate the Texas Historical Marker with a ceremony at the Jericho Cemetery over the weekend.

The Jericho Cemetery

was first established in 1894 in the southwest corner of Donley county before Jericho was even a town.

The town of Jericho was established in 1902 as a station on the Chicago, Rock Island and

Gulf Rail line.

Bud Schaffer welcomed the group of descendants from pioneer families and other interested observers after the presentation of the colors by Groom Boy Scout Troop No. 429.

See Jericho, pg. 3

Voters Go To Polls This Saturday In Groom School Board Election



Tim Case

Groom ISD voters will go to the polls on Saturday to decide between 2 incumbents and 1 write-in candidate as all three will be vying for two seats on the Groom ISD Board of Trustees.

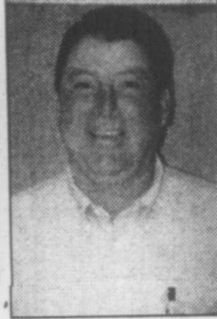
Tim Case has the most seniority of the three and is asking voters to elect him for a third term. Case is a graduate of Groom High School. He was raised in Groom and is the son of Don and



Sabrina Leven

Karen Case. He and his wife, Tammy have two sons Tanner and Tyler, both in elementary school. Tim is the sole owner of Great Plains Crop Service that is operated from his downtown offices in Groom.

"I would like the opportunity to continue serving on the Groom school board," stated Case. "The experience gained through the terms I have served will benefit



Kelvin Ollinger

the board in the years to come. The Groom school is an important part of the community and it would be a privilege to serve in this capacity."

Kelvin Ollinger, also a graduate of Groom High School, is seeking his second term of office. Kelvin grew up in Groom and is the son of W.H. and Evelyn Ollinger. He and his

See Candidates, pg. 4



Krisanne Davis Bound For State Track Meet

Krisanne Davis makes a "golden leap" as she wraps up Regional and prepares for State. See the story, page 4.

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Local Happenings

Card Of Thanks

Thank you to all who sent cards, flowers and prayers forme during my recent stay in the hospital. Maybe I am on the road to recovery. Louis and the entire Ruthardt family

Eloise Chaffin of Temecula, CA arrived Friday for a visit with Helen Witt.

Amarillo College Holds Honors Convocation

Amarillo College recently held it's annual Honors Convocation at the Amarillo Civic Center on April 21.

Receiving the Academic Excellence Awards for maintaining a 4.0 GPA with 15 to 29 semester hours included Garrett Britten, Evan Crowell, and Luke Pavlovsky.

Phi Theta Kappa Members were recognized. From the Groom area are Evan Crowell and Allison Eatmon.

Helen Witt returned last Monday night from a trip to Branson, Missouri. She and her granddaughter, Danese McGuire, flew to Kansas City and joined a bus tour to Branson. There were forty-two people from all over the United States on the tour.

They visited Silver Dollar City and nine shows including a showboat cruise with dinner and a show, Jim Stafford, Lawrence Welk, Shoji Tabuchi, Yakov Smirnov, the IMAX Theater and others. The entertainers came out to the bus after the show for a short visit.

She felt it was a wonderful way to see Branson.

Tami Ashford Named To Alpha Chi

West Texas A 7 M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society has announced the induction of 53 students during the spring semester.

Membership is by invitation only and is limited to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship, according to Dr. Duane J. Rosa, Alpha Chi faculty sponsor and director of the Department of Planning and Analysis at WTAMU.

Tamara Ashford, a senior management major from Groom was selected as an inductee. Tami is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ashford.

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Groom Area Celebrates Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 3 - Venita (A).
 Hickey, Betty Raye
 Brown Kotara, Morgan
 Britten, Mr. and Mrs.
 Rickey Shuck (A).
 May 4 - Barry
 Fields, Mrs. Robert
 Ledwig, LaTisha Leigh
 Garrison.
 May 5 - Stephanie
 Ollinger Tucker,
 LaVesta Barnett, Mr.
 and Mrs. R.J. Kuehler
 (A).
 May 6 - Mrs. Bill
 Britten, Billy J. Homer,
 Janath L. Ratterree,
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry
 Dee Schaffer (A).
 May 7 - Mr. and
 Mrs. Donald Burgin
 (A).
 May 8 - Tony E.
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 Michelle Bohr (A),
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Sun. 9:30 am: "Introduction & Common Themes"
 Sun. 10:30 am: "Children of Obedience" 1 Peter 1:13-16
 Sun. 6:00 pm: "God's People Identified" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Mon. 7:30 pm: "He that Would Love Life and See Good Days" - 1 Peter 8:8-12
 Tues. 7:30 pm: "In All things God Glorified" 1 Peter 4:7-11
 Wed. 7:30 pm: "Humbled Before God, Withstanding the Devil" - 1 Peter 5:5-9

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Cleo Nix gives a short history of her families ties to Jericho. (Right) Groom Boy Scouts honor the flag at the dedication ceremony.



Jericho

The boys lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. David Kelly of the First Baptist Church of Groom lead the audience in singing The National Anthem and Texas, Our Texas.

Several area people gave brief family histories and their association with the Jericho community. They included Cleo Nix, Barbara Latham, Jean Heisler, and a friend representing Melba Leathers.

Peggy Beckham, historian, told about the Historical marker text and gave the project acknowledgements and certificates of appreciation were presented by Jean Stavenhagen of the Donley County Historical Commission.

The first documented burial in the now historical cemetery is that of Mattie Ray who lived from 1850 to 1895. The second is that of 7 month old Garil Prest Schaffer who died in 1897.

Just reading the headstones and talking to some of the pioneer families is a history lesson in itself. The Cemetery is the final

resting place of victims of smallpox, influenza epidemics, military veterans and area pioneers. According to one descendent of these early pioneers, there is a man buried there that marched in Washington for President Lincoln.

The following is a list those who are at rest in the Jericho Cemetery:

Perry Rawlings, A.J. Rawlings (veteran), Madge Rawlings, Mildred Hamlin, William Glenn Hamlin Sr., Clyde David Hamlin, Roberta D. Hamlin, James Calvin Hamlin, Lee Harold Hamlin, Ruby Mae Hamlin, W.E. Tad Hamlin, Mila A Hamlin, Lela (Hamlin) Hunt, Joseph Weldon Hamlin (veteran), Sarah F. Hamlin, George T. Hamlin, Uncle Walter Hamlin, Tom Richard McDowell, Mrs. Bettie McDowell, Jimmie J. McDowell (veteran), J.L. Loftis (baby), Eva Harris Loftis, Leslie McDowell (baby), Charles Moore McDowell, R.C. McDowell (veteran), Curtis Calvin Schaffer, Oma McDowell Schaffer, Earl D. Shirey, Nova (Shirey) Schaffer, Cleo C. Schaffer, Kathryn I. Carver (mother), Harrison I. Carver, Arthur P. Brown, Alida A. Brown, George A. Shoop, Andrew J. Shoop, Cordelia C. Shoop, Andrew S. (Andy) Brown, Andrew David Brown, Linda (Brown) Luttrell, Ronnie Reed, K.C. Reed, Dr. Mary Evelyn Reed, Eula Eva Reed, Joe M. Reed (veteran), Baby girl Thomas (Frank Thomas), Violet Murray, Sadie Marie Glazener (baby), Rose McNabb, Eva Hurt, Jessie E. Hunt, Lillian Phillips, Ruby Hunt, Lloyd, D. "Nub" Littlefield (veteran), John Earl Williams, Julia Priscilla Williams, Chester S. Morgan (veteran), Mary (Morgan) Banta, Barry D. Mitchell, Rex C. Brown (veteran),

Guy Delbert Brown, Clarice Etta Brown, Berneal June Brown, Austin Carl (Henry) McAvoy, Mertie L. Schaffer, Claude C. Schaffer, Jimmie Schaffer, Ephrom Schaffer, Mary Ida Schaffer, W.T. Morgan, Infant Turner, Sidney Thomas Morgan, Jettie May Morgan, Albert A Morgan (baby), Florence Lee Morgan (Baby), Tom Ray (Veteran), Cary M Ray, Mary E. Schaffer, Alexander Schaffer (veteran), Allen Richard Schaffer (baby), Liza Schaffer (baby), Garil Prest Schaffer (baby), Samuel H. Palmer, Pearl (Tip) Ray, B.B. Ray, Mattie Ray, Floyd Ray, H.C. Turner, Alice R. Turner, Jake Still, and John Stanly Clark.

Groom School Lunch & Breakfast Menu

May 13-17

Mon: Cold Cereal, Muffins, Juice & Milk. Lunch- Fajitas, onions, green peppers, lettuce & tomatoes, peaches and milk.

Tues: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk. Lunch- Mexican pile on, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, graham crackers, & milk.

Wed: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice & milk. Lunch- Spaghetti, salad, applesauce, brad sticks, & milk.

Thurs: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk, and apple crisp.

Friday: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk. Lunch- Stuffed Baked potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread & milk.

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Atkins - Crowell Plan May Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Guinn of Memphis and Terry Huggins of Fort Worth, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Dawn Atkins to Sean Howard Crowell of Groom.

Nuptials are planned on Saturday May 18, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the

evening at The City Park in Memphis, Texas. A reception will follow at approximately 8:00 pm at the Legion Hall in Groom, Texas.

Amy is a 1996 graduate of Memphis High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University majoring in Hydrology

Engineering.

Sean is the son of Jerry and Leslie Crowell of Groom. He is a 1997 graduate of Groom High School and is involved in the family farming and ranching operations in the Groom area. The couple plans to make their home in Groom.

Candidates

wife Debbie have 3 children, Stephanie, Chris and Lance. Stephanie is a graduate of Texas Tech University and resides in Grand Prairie with her husband Toby Tucker. Chris is attending Texas Tech where he is a sophomore. Lance is a junior at Groom High School. Kelvin owns a farming and ranching operation in the Groom area.

"I am running for a second term on the school board because I am very concerned about the future of our school. I would like to see the reinstatement of the programs that have had to be cut this year," commented Mr. Ollinger. "I plan to work hard to achieve this plan. I feel that with the help of the community and the state legislation, Groom will turn this situation around. Our school is the center of this community. We are a proud and loyal community and I do not want to lose our school. I would like to thank all those that have supported me and other current board members in our

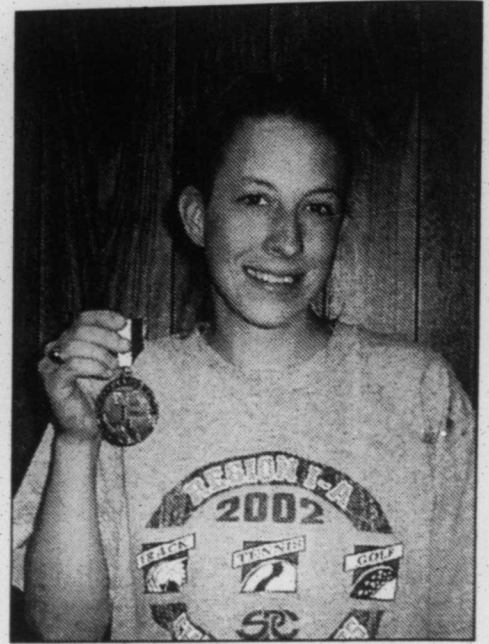
difficult decisions this year."

Sabrina Leven is the new comer in the political arena. She is a 1996 graduate of Groom High School and valedictorian. She grew up in Groom and is the daughter of Sandi and Monte Schaffer. She attended college for 2 years and is the mother of 6. Four children reside with her and her husband Louis Leven. Two children attend Groom school and 2 are still toddlers. Sabrina donates time to the volunteer ambulance service. Mrs. Leven is a professors assistant at Clarendon College 4 days a week and is returning to college this summer at West Texas A & M University.

"School is of the utmost importance to me," she said. "Seeing my children graduate from such an excellent school like Groom means so much. Please consider me for this difficult job," commented Mrs. Leven. "I think I could bring a new perspective to the all male board as well as help in diversify the board with my own experiences and background. I have a vested interest in the school and the community as the kind of place I want my young children to grow up and attend school."

Leven is a write in candidate. Her name is not on the ballot but will need to be written in, should you wish to vote for her.

Voting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 7:00 p.m. at the school business offices on this Saturday, May 4th.



Look Out, Austin! Here Comes Another Davis!

Krisanne Davis will be Groom's entry at the State track meet to be held in Austin on May 10 & 11. Krisanne won the long jump competition at Levelland's Regional competitions. She had a jump that measured 16'1.5". Her personal best is 16'7".

Krisanne is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Davis of Groom. She is a senior.

While our other regional qualifiers did not place for the State Meet, they did very well and earned points for their team. Krisanne Davis placed 4th in the Triple

Jump. Candace Bohr placed 5th in the High Jump, and Garrett Britten placed 6th in the 400 meter race. The girls relay teams for the 400 and 800 meter relays each placed 8th and made the final competition.

"I think the performance by Groom athletes was impressive," said Coach Shannon

Fisher. "Groom is such a small school and our region, Region I is the largest in the state. The athletes worked very hard and I am very proud of them."

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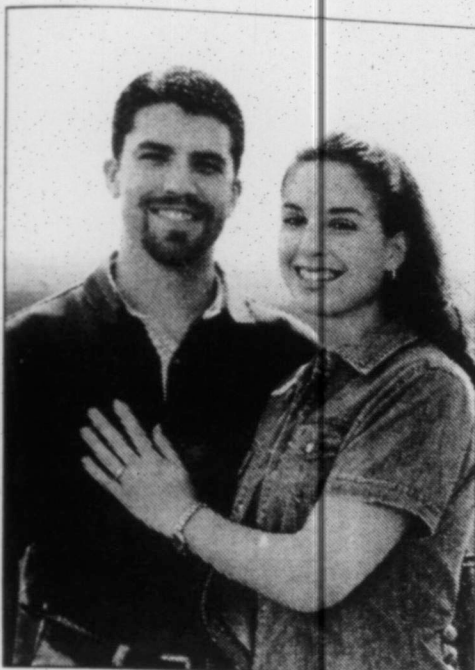
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Terry and Donna O'Dell of Archer City, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tierra Dawn, to Jacob Matthew Truette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Truette of

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Services Held For Sister of Local Man

Linda Crump Bacon, 56, of Amarillo, died Saturday, April 27, 2002.

Services were held Monday at the Schooler Funeral Home with

Wayne Smith pastor of the Victory Baptist Church, officiating. Mrs. Bacon married John Bacon in Groom on April 4, 1964. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Terry Bacon, in January 2001.

Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Paul Wilkerson of Amarillo, two sons, Randy Bacon of Amarillo, and Ronny Bacon of Canyon, a sister, Margaret Hott of Fort Worth, a brother, Richard Crump of Groom, and eight grandchildren.

Hutsell Art On Display In Claude

Five area artists are sharing the walls of the Museum Art Gallery in Claude this month. The works of Ralph Hutsell of Groom, Don Minnick, Sue Minnick, Sue Abbott and Darlene Holmes all of Pampa are blended together in an interesting and tasteful array.

The Texas plains of the Cowboy, the farmer, railroad builder and the oilfield worker are major influences shaping the life and work of Ralph Hutsell. The graphic art of photography and music were pursuits that kept him working and studying for 50 years. Photography instilled in Hutsell a desire toward canvas and painting. Retirement has given him the time to face new challenges.

Son Minnick has lived in Pampa most of his life. He always enjoyed the beauty of the Panhandle of Texas, but has now added the Manzano Mountain area in New Mexico to his artistic endeavors. While Minnick paints in both oil and pastel, his favorite medium is pastel.

A lifelong resident of Pampa, Lois Minnick became interested in art in Junior High. Later she studied with several well-known artists. Minnick works mostly with oil and pastel, on landscapes, still life, chickens and garden flowers. She was honored as Artist of the year by Pampa Fine Arts. Sue Abbott feels, "Life is what happens while you work for your dreams."

After attending college and school of floral design, working as an artist for a decal company and owning an embroidery business, she now has the chance to pursue her life long passion of painting. Abbott enjoys painting in the realistic style using

May Is Clean Up Month For The City Of Groom!

May is "Clean Up" month. The City of Groom is encouraging everyone to utilize the nice weather to spend time cleaning and fixing up their property.

The large dumpster behind city hall will be open for free public use from 8:00 to 4:30 daily.

If you have large or heavy items to dump the city employees may be able to help with the backhoe. Please call City Hall for more information.

Tree branches may be dumped on brush pile at the far north end of the practice field. Please do not cut across school

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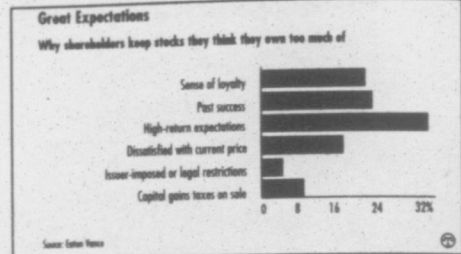
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National Survey Reveals Concern About Risks Of Stock Concentration

(NAPS)—A recent survey offers statistics that could prove important to investors. In response to heavy losses over the past year by some investors with concentrated stock positions, there is rising concern among shareholders about the risks associated with exposure to a single company's stock, according to results of the third annual investor survey released by Eaton Vance Corp.

The nationwide survey of investors, conducted by Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates between January 17 and 22, 2002, indicates that more than seven in 10 (73 percent) investors who have worked for a public company say they have received stock options or other types of stock compensation from their employers. More than half (53 percent) of investors who have worked for a public company say they currently hold company stock or stock options. Of those holding employer stock or options, 50 percent say that employer stock and options now represent a larger percentage of their total financial assets than five years ago, compared to 21 percent who say that the percentage of their financial assets held in employer stock and options has decreased over the past five years. Twenty-four percent of investors report that employer stock now represents more than 10 percent of the value of their investment portfolios.

Given recent trends in the market and the highly visible



collapse of Enron, it should not be surprising that investors are becoming more aware of single stock risk. Of investors holding employer stock or options, nearly four in 10 (39 percent) say they are concerned about having a significant financial exposure to the stock of their employer. An overwhelming 87 percent of surveyed investors agree that it is too risky to have a large percentage of their personal assets invested in the stock of any single company. More than four in 10 investors (41 percent) say their views about the risks of investing heavily in a single company stock have changed for the worse in the past year. Nearly one in five investors (18 percent) says he or she maintains greater exposure to a single stock than he or she considers to be prudent.

What is their reasoning for holding overly large positions in a single stock? The most popular answer among investors (31 percent) was high return expectations. Next, 21 percent do so because of past successes. In third

place (19 percent), "sense of loyalty" was named as the reason.

"The survey response indicates that attitudes about single stock risk are in the process of changing," said Thomas E. Faust Jr., Chief Investment Officer of Eaton Vance Management. "The demise of Enron, Kmart, Polaroid, Bethlehem Steel and a host of other public companies in recent months gives investors a valuable lesson in the risks of entrusting too much of their retirement nest egg to the fortunes of a single stock. In today's rapidly changing economy, even the strongest and best-managed companies face the risk of a decline in competitive position and stock underperformance over time. What's an investor to do? It's pretty simple—diversify. Like your grandmother told you, don't put all of your eggs in one basket."

* Eaton Vance Corp., a Boston-based investment management firm, is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EV.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

May 24 deadline is looming

Time is running out to sign up children for the Texas Tomorrow Fund during the 2001-2002 enrollment period.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund is a pre-paid college tuition program that allows parents and grandparents to 'lock-in' today's college tuition and required fees for their children and grandchildren.

To lock in this year's prices, applications must be postmarked or an online application submitted by May 24, 2002. To sign up, go to <http://www.texastomorrowfund.org> and download an application.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us)



The poinsettia is named for Joel Roberts Polk, an American diplomat.

NOTICES OF APPRAISED VALUE TO BE SENT TO PROPERTY OWNERS

State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. Around May 15, the Carson County Appraisal District will mail property owners letters showing their 2002 proposed appraised value.

Donita Davis, chief appraiser of the district, reminds property owners that the letter of appraised value is *not* a tax bill.

Davis emphasized the importance of this letter and the key information that it contains. "If an informal agreement cannot be made with the appraisal district, the property owner has the right to appeal to the Carson County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership, and other areas," she said. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest and a protest form.

What should a property owner carefully review? "Look at the proposed value for 2002," Davis said. "The letter states the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the current year." The letter also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last year's value, also.

Letters to property owners will also include "estimated" taxes. These taxes are based on the new taxable value and the taxing unit's tax rate from the prior year. Final tax amounts may vary from the "estimated" amounts.

Davis asks property owners to check the legal description and mailing address to be sure there are no mistakes. "If the letter has an old address, please let the appraisal district know. The post office forwards mail to a new address for a short time, and tax bills do not go out until October," Davis added.

A property owner is responsible for informing the appraisal district of the correct mailing address, and is also liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill that is not paid on time.

Property owners are encouraged to contact the appraisal district with any questions. Please call the appraisal district at 806-537-3569.

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