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Massachusetts Man Dies In Truck Accident

A Massachusetts man died after a fiery crash early Monday morning at the I-40 and FM 295 overpass.

Barry Foster, 39, of Brighton Mass. was pronounced dead at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo upon arrival. Alfred Smalley Jr., 32, of East Bridgewater, driver of the truck was listed in stable condition at the same hospital. He was reported to be suffering from smoke inhalation.

The 1994 GMC truck tractor rig, driven by

Smalley went off the interstate between the parallel overpasses and landed on FM 295. The truck burst into flames on impact. Neither man was wearing a seatbelt. Foster is said to have been in the sleeper section of the truck when the accident occurred.

The truck is reported to have been loaded with charcoal. It took approximately 12 hours to remove the wreckage from the underpass. The accident is still under investigation.

Loss To Sudan Ends Season. . .

Tigerettes Named Area Champions

The Groom Tigerettes gave a valiant effort in their match with Sudan in the Regional Tournament.

Several factors gave Sudan a leading edge aside from the psychological factor of Sudan being the defending state champion.

Injuries took the Groom team down several notches. Sheri Koetting had a pulled hamstring and was out of the game entirely. As a leading defensive player she was sorely missed in the starting line up. Misty Homen and Melanie Friemel were suffering from the lingering effects of Tuesday night's game against Vega. Both girls were not 100% when the competition began. Extremely rough play by Sudan did nothing but aggravate those injuries.

Coach Mitchell Davis also stated that about half the team was suffering from colds, bronchitis and other flu-like symptoms.

"I really admire the girls character," he stated, "they kept it a close ball game for the first quarter. Injuries and illness began to take their toll on the girls."

Foul trouble also plagued the girls. Kay Case, Groom's post, eventually



fouled out. Sandie Conrad also got in a little foul trouble.

The Ettes lost the ball 36 times to the quicker Sudan.

The biggest blow was suffered in the third quarter when Sudan scored 7 points in a row.

"Before we knew it, they had broadened the point gap to 15," said Davis. "We just

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Misty Homen and several others get the honor of cutting down the net.

Community Calendar

MARCH 13- 18 will be Spring Break for students in the Groom School.

THE SPRING BAND Concert will take place April 6th at the Groom School Auditorium.

4-H MEETING at 7 pm at the Community Center on Thursday, March 2.

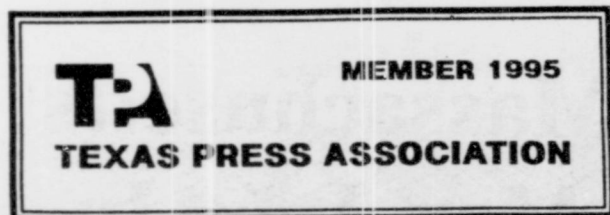
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Guests in the Glynn D Harrell home Sunday were Matthew and Melissa Mulkey of Dallas, Louise and Bob Mulkey and Jeremy and Sara-Allyson Hightower and Whitney of Panhandle.

Brian Baker of Alamogordo, New Mexico and Craig Baker of Groom enjoyed a weekend of skiing at Ruidoso's Ski Apache. Marie and Jess and Jo Ann Baker enjoyed watching the fun.

Local Happenings

Johnny and Glynda Eschle of Lubbock and their granddaughter, Madison Eschle of Lewisville, Louise Mulkey of Panhandle and Beverly Ingram of Amarillo visited in the Glynn D Harrell home Wednesday, February 21. The January birthday of Glynda Eschle was observed.

Burgin Awarded Golden Apple

Groom's Susan Burgin was recently the recipient of the Golden Apple Award presented by KFDD-TV.

Walt Howard, Channel 10's news anchor presented the Award to Burgin last Wednesday afternoon at Travis Elementary School in Pampa.

She was nominated for the award by Chris Stillwagon, parent of a student in Burgin's speech class.

"She has just done wonders for this little boy," she said, "...We found out when Nathan was two that he wasn't hearing well." Fluid collecting in his ears was the culprit and 6 months after tubes were placed in his ears he began to talk.

When he began his speech therapy, Nathan would hardly speak. Now, according to his mom, he never shuts up!

UMW MEET

United Methodist Women met at the church, February 21st at 2:30 for their regular meeting. Ruby Babcock gave the program. Everyone learned more about Deborah, of the Bible.

The following members were present: Shirley Lamberson, Pearl Banks, Ona Shaffer, Julia McGee, Ruby Babcock, Mamie Ritter, Sybil Harrell and Bertie Helton.

The World Day of Prayer meeting will be at St. Mary's on March 3, 1995 at 10 a.m.

Thank You Card

The family of Martha Patterson wishes to thank you for all the expressions of love and sympathy shown to us in our time of loss.

The prayers, flowers, cards, food and visits are appreciated.

Love,
 Dorothy & George Clark

Fields And Homer Qualify For State

For the fourth year in a row Stacy Fields and Stanley Homer have both qualified for State in piano. The pair competed with other pianists over the weekend in the Regional competition.

Stacy, the daughter of Shirley and Keith Fields, performed "Haydn Sonata #48 C Major."

Stanley is the son of Joe and Barbara Homer. He performed "Beethoven Sonata #8 - The Pathetique."

The State competition will be held on May 29 in San Marcus, the day after Stacy graduates from high school.

Ambulance Memorial Fund Donations

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Groom ISD Track Meet Schedule

- March 10-11 Groom Relay
- March 24-25 Miami Relay
- March 31-April 1 Wheeler Relay
- April 7 - District Jr. High White Deer
- April 8 - White Deer High School Meet
- April 13 - District Wheeler Meet

Lyles On Dean's List

One Wayland Baptist University student from Groom has been included on the fall 1994 Dean's List. This list recognizes students obtaining a 3.5 grade-point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

This student was Aimee Lyles, a senior English major, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lyles of Groom.

Marie Baker Earns 4.0

Marie Baker of Alamogordo, New Mexico, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Conrad of Groom, recently earned a 4.0 Grade Point Average and was on the Provost's List of Academic Achievement at New Mexico State University at Alamogordo for the Fall 1994 semester.

A student must be taking 9-11 credit hours and earn a 4.0 GPA to achieve this list.

United Methodist Youth

Thank everyone who made their Pancake Supper a big success!

Driver Safety Course Offered

A Driver Safety Course will be held at Clarendon College on Saturday, March 4, 1995. It will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the Administration Building. The fee is \$25.00. Please contact Clarendon College at 1-806-874-3571 for further information. Upon completion of this course, participants will be eligible for a 10% discount on their liability insurance for three years and dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of Peace. This course is offered by Clarendon College and USA Training Company, Inc.

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by Barry McWilliams

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Elected Officials Draft Another Clunker For School Finance

Editorial By: Donna Burton, Editor

The confetti has barely been cleaned up from all the election and inauguration parties and already our "wonderful" elected officials in Austin are literally trying to cut our throats.

Senate Bill 1, which has been authored by Senate Committee Chair Bill Ratliff, Republican of Mt. Pleasant, would theoretically shut down 400 - 500 of the state schools.

Under the terms of this "brilliant" piece of legislature any school with less than a population of 1600 students or a District Area of 300 square miles (Groom has 240 square miles) would lose state funds.

If this bill were to pass Groom would lose an estimated \$190,000. per year, about 33% of its budget.

According to business manager, Joyce Hutsell, Groom ISD has enough fund balance to operate for two years. After that . . . ?

What I want to know is what can these people be thinking. Someone needs to show them a map of Texas and point out that the Panhandle is still a part of it. While Dallas, Houston and Austin may be wall to wall people with a new

school district every few miles the whole western and northern portion of the state is sparsely populated, our kids are already riding

buses the maximum length of time.

Forget logic for a moment because obviously if you put Senator or Representative in front of your name, logic appears to go right out the window. Let's talk about results.

Haven't we proven over and over that kids get a better education in small towns. A much greater percentage of students from small districts go on to college than large ones. Of course, elected officials from larger places would argue that we don't have the outside influences like crime, drugs, gangs, etc. to contend with, therefore, percentages are not a true representation.

Horse Feathers! What we do have is parents and teachers who are willing to take responsibility for their children and students. If little Johnny gets to 7th grade and can't read, the finger we point will be at someone we know.

When our children misbehave we have a chain of responsibility to see that the problem is corrected. If a parent fails, the school

steps in, if the school fails, we have law officers ready to straighten the situation out.

There is no "unknown" passing the buck to some other "unknown". When there is praise for our children we all share in it and when there is criticism we all are held accountable.

I am sick to death of our elected officials in Austin forgetting what horse they rode in on. This kind of legislature takes up valuable time and money that could be spent straightening out a bunch of other stuff that's wrong with our government.

If they think Washington got a wake up call last November, wait till they see what happens if they pass this bill.

RAISE YOUR VOICE!

Let the elected officials know that we are not taking this lying down! Let your voice be heard!

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Coach Shirley Fields and Sheri Koetting discuss the plan of strategy for the Ettes in their match against Sudan.

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World Day Of Prayer To Be Observed

Women throughout the Groom area will gather at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on Friday, March 3, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. in observance of the annual World Day of Prayer service, sponsored by the Christian Mothers. This year's service, part of a global celebration observed by Christian communities throughout the world, has been prepared by Christian women of Ghana and explores the theme, *The Earth Is a House for All People*. A brunch will follow the service.

The 1995 service, based on the parable of the Prodigal Son found in Luke 15, tells the stories of Ghanaian refugees in their struggles to maintain their traditional extended families in the midst of national and community upheaval. Through prayer, song and symbol, the service calls participants to recognize

their interconnectedness as dwellers in God's world.

Founded in 1887 by Mary Ellen James, World Day of Prayer calls upon participating communities to join in "informed prayer and prayerful action," confessing "individual and national sins with offerings that fitly express the contrition." Offerings received from World Day of Prayer participants in the United States help support the Church Women United - the official sponsor of World Day of Prayer in this country - in its national and international witness.

Additional resource materials, and background information on the 1994 World Day of Prayer, may be obtained by contacting the national offices of Church Women United at 475 Riverside Drive, Room 812, New York, NY 10115, (800) CWU-5551.

Groom School Menu

March 6 - March 10
Breakfast:
 Mon: Hot cereal, cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk.
 Tues: Pancakes, sausage patties, peanut butter, juice, milk.
 Wed: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk.
 Thurs: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk.
 Fri: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
Lunch
 Mon: Chili cheese dogs, french fries, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tues: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, Reeses peanut butter cups, milk.
Wed: Pepperoni and cheese pizza, salad, cut corn, crackers, brownies, milk.
Thurs: Stuffed baked potato w/shaved ham and grated cheese, broccoli cuts w/cheese sauce, graham crackers, vanilla pudding w/cookie, milk.
Fri: Beef stew w/peanut butter & jelly pimento cheese and tuna sandwiches, mixed vegetables, cornbread, crackers, pears, milk.



Pee Wees End Season

GROOM BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

March 2 - Kenny Schultz, Kenneth Ray Burger.

March 3 - Dara D'Ann Whatley, Curtis Whatley, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burgin (A), Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Fields (A), Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope (A), Mr. and Mrs. Anthony C. (Tony) Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (Ed) Gray (A).

March 4 - Wayne Kotara, Mrs. Arthur Britten, Bruce Thornton, Eddie Neal Finck, Chandler Paul Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leven (A).

March 5 - Donald Burgin, Wayne Shaw, Tammy Bivens.

March 6 - Michael W. Fraser, Dedra N. Spear.

March 7 - Terri Rose, Mary Ann Koetting.

March 8 - Grant Weinheimer, Mrs. Raymond Ruthardt.

The 3rd and 4th grade boys Pee Wee basketball team recently closed their season with a 6-2 record. They were coached by Bo Burgin and Debbie Ollinger.

Members of the team are Clay Britten, Lance Ollinger, Doug Fields, Brett Britten, Cody Babcock, Blake Howard, Cody Schaffer, Richard Barkley and Bobby Kaiteree.

Following is a list of game scores and players shooting.

Groom 22 - Panhandle D 8
 Clay Britten 6, Lance Ollinger 4, Doug Fields 4, Brett Britten 4, Cody Babcock 2, Blake Howard 2.

Groom 30 - Pan. Gold 14
 Lance Ollinger 10, Doug Fields 8, Clay Britten 6, Blake Howard 4, Cody Babcock 2.

Groom 26 - Pan. Blue 12

Lance Ollinger, 14, Doug Fields 6, Clay Britten 4, Blake Howard 2.

Groom 17 - Pan. D 12
 Brett Britten 6, Doug Fields 5, Clay Britten 4, Lance Ollinger 2.

Groom 14 - Pan. Gold 10
 Lance Ollinger 7, Doug Fields 2, Brett Britten 2, Cody Babcock 2, Blake Howard 1.

Groom 21 - Pan. White 31
 Doug Fields 8, Clay Britten 5, Lance Ollinger 4, Brett Britten 4.

Groom 32 - Pan. Blue 17
 Doug Fields 11, Lance Ollinger 5, Blake Howard 4, Brett Britten 4, Cody Schaffer 4, Richard Barkley 2, Clay Britten 2.

Groom 18 - Pan. White 27
 Doug Fields 6, Lance Ollinger 4, Clay Britten 4, Brett Britten 2, Richard Barkley 2.

GHS Spring Golf Schedule

Boys

March 6 - Childress 9:30
 March 18 - Booker 9:00
 March 24* - Huber Country Club @ Borger 9:00
 April 1 - Shamrock 8:00
 April 12* - Huber Country Club @ Borger 9:00

Girls

March 10 - Childress 9:30
 March 17 - Booker 9:00
 March 24* - Phillips Country Club @ Borger 9:00
 March 31 - Shamrock 8:00
 April 12* - Phillips Country Club @ Borger 9:00

* Denotes District Meets.
 The Regional Golf Meet will be the week of April 24

in Levelland. The State Golf Meet will be May 8 and 9 in Austin.


For more information call the Athletic Phone #248-7971 or Coach Hughes 248-7314.

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Misty Simon To Wed Ty Sills

John and Marva (Morrow) Simon of Syracuse, Kansas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty d'Anne, to Ty Marvin Sills, son of Frank and Loretta Sills of Garden City, Kansas.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Syracuse High School. She received her dental hygiene degree from Amarillo College in 1993 and is employed at the office of Dr. Justin

Kohlhorst, Garden City, Kansas.

Her fiance is a 1988 graduate of Elkhart High School. He received his bachelors degree in physical education from Fort Hays State University in 1993 and is employed by U.S.D. 494 in Syracuse as a teacher and coach.

The wedding will be held June 9, 1995 at the First Southern Baptist Church in Garden City, Kansas.

Route 66 Named One Of Texas' Most Endangered Properties

AUSTIN - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) named U.S. Highway 66 (various sites) as one of Texas' 10 most endangered properties in 1995. These properties include some of the most architecturally and historically unique structures and neighborhoods in communities around the state. The announcement was made at a special ceremony during Preservation Day on February 22.

U.S. Highway 66 was the product of the grass roots movement for better roads and was one of the main arteries of the 1926 National Highway System. It started at the corner of Jackson Boulevard and Michigan Avenue in Chicago, stretched across

some 2,200 miles and three time zones, and wound through eight states before it dead-ended at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles. Hundreds of motor courts, motels, diners and cafes, filling stations, and curio shops were built along the road. The demise of Route 66 came slowly due to the huge interstate highways. As segments of new interstates were completed, the federal designation was stripped from 66 and shifted to the new highway. Today, Route 66 has become a memory, and many of the sites associated with the road have been demolished or are in poor condition.

By citing 10 examples of endangered properties each year, the THC, which is the state agency for historic

preservation, hopes to generate interest in the many threatened sites across the state. According to a study conducted by the THC, more than 500 endangered historic properties and archeological sites in Texas are falling into ruin or are being destroyed out of neglect, vandalism, and lack of knowledge of their significance.

Without a single source of rehabilitation funding many of Texas' landmarks may be lost. The Texas Preservation Trust Fund, a program of the THC, was established in the state treasury by the Texas Legislature in 1989 as an interest-earning pool of public and private monies. The Trust Fund enables the THC to accept donations from various sources, including federal and state grant appropriations, foundation and corporate grants, and gifts from private individuals and estates. In turn, the Trust Fund allows the THC to allocate funds in the form of grants and/or low-interest loans to worthy architectural and archeological projects throughout Texas.

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Top O' Texas CattleWomen offer Beef Gift Certificates to the public from a bank in your area. These certificates can be bought by anyone wanting a gift for that person who has everything. These certificates can be used by the recipient to purchase steaks or other beef cuts at their local market or they can be used to go out to their favorite restaurant for a steak or beef entree.

First National Bank of Panhandle, First Bank & Trust of White Deer, State National Bank of Groom, and First State Bank of Canadian handle Beef Gift Certificates in your area.

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Top O' Texas CattleWomen appreciate support from your local community. CattleWomen is an organization that works to educate and promote the beef industry. Beef Gift Certificates are one of the ways that they promote the beef industry by making them available to you.

Bradley's Goodbye

Today I have to say goodbye
To my family and my friends
My time on earth is over
It's come suddenly to an end.

I know that you'll feel sorrow
And I know that you'll feel pain
But look up to the heavens
And you'll see me again.

Mom I know you're crying
And questioning why
Mom, please stop your crying
And look up here towards the sky
You taught me how to love our Lord
And love him yes I do
I am with Jesus now
And we're now watchin' over you.

It ain't easy for us to say goodbye
It ain't easy lettin' go of the ones we love
But believe me, we'll meet again by and by
If not here, then somewhere up above.

It ain't easy for us to say goodbye
It ain't easy lettin' go of the ones we love
But believe me, we'll meet again by and by
If not here, then somewhere up above.

Dad I see your pain
That you are carrying inside
You also question why
Your precious son has died
You taught me how to work for the Lord
And that's what I'm to do
So look toward the heavens
And know it's true.

It ain't easy for us to say goodbye
It ain't easy lettin' go of the ones we love
But believe me, we'll meet again by and by
If not here, then somewhere up above.

Grandma and Grandpa
I know this is hard on you
But just remember
Some day you'll be here with me too
Now friends the time has come
To go our separate ways
It's alright if you wanna cry
I know we'll meet again some day.

I am with Jesus now
We're walkin' the streets of gold
I am with Jesus now
Hearing tales that have never been told
I am with Jesus now
Gazing right into his face
I am at home
This is our place.

I am with Jesus now
We're walkin' the streets of gold
I am with Jesus now
Hearing tales that have never been told
I am with Jesus now
Gazing right into his face
I am with Jesus now
Working hard to prepare your place.

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THANK YOU

There are no words that can express our gratitude for the outpouring of love that is being shown to all our families during this time of the loss of Brad, our son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend. Your love has been extended to us through so many ways. The prayers of everyone have touched our hearts, the comforting words, by being quietly by our side, the beautiful flowers, the many gifts given in Brad's memory, the visits, the wonderful food so kindly prepared and served to supply our physical needs, the lovely cards that say you care, the hugs and any other acts shown that may have been overlooked for one reason or another. We receive all this with grateful hearts. We may not know all of you by name but we know in our hearts your love is with all of us at this time.

We along with the other 6 families that suffer the loss of our children need prayer for Gods guidance to carry on from day to day and let the healing of our hearts begin. So please continue to remember all of us in your prayers daily.

Our prayer is that God will richly bless each and every one of you in special ways as you all have touched and blessed our lives with your love. This is our thank you to every one - God bless you.

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Obituaries

Ethel Alma McWhorter WHEELER - Ethel Alma McWhorter, 84, of Wheeler, died Thursday, February 23, 1995. Graveside services were in

the Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. M.B. Smith, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. McWhorter was born December 4, 1910 in Frederick, Oklahoma. She was married to Jim Rowan, who died in 1931. She lived in Panhandle until 1948, when she moved to Wheeler

and Shamrock. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, M.L. Rowan of Groom; a brother, Ed Trimble of Wheeler; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

James Everett Neal TUCUMCARI, N.M. - James Everett Neal, 58, died Friday, February 24, 1995. Services were in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Bowman, Baptist minister of Tucumcari, and the Rev. Abel Beccera, Baptist minister of Albuquerque, officiating.

Burial was in the family plot at the Groom Cemetery in Groom, Texas.

Arrangements were by Dunn Funeral Home.

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Carson Co. Sheriff's Report

By Loren Brand, Sheriff
There are currently eight persons incarcerated in the Carson County Jail.

Two Oklahoma men were arrested for various drug offenses dealing with methamphetamine, heroin and LSD. The men were originally stopped by Trooper Joe Longway of the Texas Highway Patrol and the investigation involved officers and agents from the Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division, Carson County Sheriff's Department and Drug Enforcement Administration.

A high speed pursuit originating with the Texas Highway Patrol on Interstate 40 ended in a two-vehicle collision in Panhandle. Three juveniles from Oklahoma and Minnesota stole gasoline from a convenience store in Groom and then took off at a high rate of speed when the Highway Patrol officers attempted to check them out. The pursuit was headed westbound on I-40 when the suspects made a turn to the north on U.S. 207 towards Panhandle. With speeds at or above 100 miles per hour a Carson County Sheriff's Department vehicle attempted to slow the suspects with a rolling roadblock, but the suspects passed the patrol car and continued north. The Panhandle Police Department had blocked U.S. 60 at the U.S. 207

intersection in an attempt to slow down or have any reasonable consideration for other motorists. The chase ended with the suspect vehicle running into the

front of a van driven by two Panhandle residents. One suspect was thrown from the vehicle while the other two had to be removed with the Jaws of Life. The two local residents suffered a broken foot, broken leg and one of the victims required surgery for damage to one knee.

Deputies are investigating threats of violence at a Conway business. The original problem stems from a previous business partnership or relationship in Amarillo.

The Carson County Sheriff's Department and Texas Highway Patrol responded to a referral call from the Suicide Hotline in Dallas. A despondent person stopped at a Conway business and called the hotline from a pay telephone. The hotline personnel referred the call to Carson County and we dispatched officers to handle the matter. Texas Highway Patrol Trooper Chris Ray and Sgt. Bill Schneider backed up the sheriff's department officer who was at the scene. The despondent person was referred elsewhere for professional help. A butcher knife with 8 inch blade was taken for safekeeping.

The McLean News



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\$10,000 Grant Recieved



Connie Flores accepts check for \$10,000.00 from her husband, Ruben Flores as Doyle Lee and Jerry McCarty look on.



Connie Flores is pictured here with the new ambulance and the check for \$10,000.00.

The McLean Ambulance Service recently received a ten thousand dollar grant from Burlington Resources Foundation, through Meridian Oil. The grant will be used to purchase an automatic external defibrillator which can be used by paramedics and technicians, alike. The electrical device, which acts like a jump-starter to the heart, is expected to cost most the amount of the grant.

Connie Flores applied for the grant. She learned of the grant through her husband, Ruben Flores, a Meridian employee.

In addition to the new equipment the ambulance

service also recently received a new 1995 Ford diesel ambulance purchased by Gray County. The new vehicle cost \$40,000, plus trade-in. The service was able to save about \$20,000, by using the "box" from the 1984 ambulance they used as trade-in.

The McLean Service now owns two ambulances. Both are equipped as mobile intensive care units. The volunteers average 9 to 10 calls per month, but many times make as many as 20 runs per week. They serve areas that include Gray, Donley, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Carson and Roberts Counties.

Hess Named MVP In District

Heather Hess was named Most Valuable Player for District 4 1A in polling conducted recently among the district's coaches. Hess, a junior at McLean High School, was the leading scorer for the Ladies.

Named to the First Team All District squad in boys' basketball was junior Ben Reeser. Juniors Blake Crockett and Monty Joiner were named to the Second Team All District. Joiner and Reeser also led the Tigers in scoring.

For the Ladies, senior Angel Harris and freshman Shaley Stalls were named to the First Team All District Squad. Harris was also chosen second alternate for the All Star game, which is reserved for seniors. Named to the Second Team All District were sophomore Kristina Carter and freshman Lori Hefley.

The teams are chosen by the district coaches, but the player's own coach is not allowed to vote for his or her own player.

Hess is playing her second year with the Ladies. She is a cheerleader, member of the National Honor Society, and is the current Miss McLean. Harris is also a cheerleader



and served as Miss McLean, 1994. She is a four-year letterman with the Ladies. Stalls, a standout with the Lady Cubs for two years, is playing her first year in the varsity. She is a Tiger cheerleader. Hefley, also a freshman, is playing her first year with the Ladies. She is also a cheerleader. Carter, who is the Tiger Mascot, is a two-year letterman with the Ladies.

Reeser, who is new to McLean High School, was also named to the all-district football team earlier in the year. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Crockett is playing his first year with the Tigers. Joiner, a three-year letterman, also participated in football for the Tigers.

Single Family Housing Loans Available

Rural Housing Loans for very-low and low income applicants are available through County Offices of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), August H. Hesse, III, FmHA County Supervisor, said today.

Home ownership loans may be used to buy, build, improve, or repair rural homes and to provide adequate water and waste disposal systems. Homes may be built on individual tracts or subdivisions. Funds may also be used to modernize homes - add improvements such as bathrooms, central heating, modern kitchens and other improvements. Borrowers may be an existing house and lot or buy a site on which to build a home. Loans may be made for up to 100 percent of the

See Loans, pg. 10

REMINDER!

TRACK MEET at Wheeler on Friday and Saturday for Jr. High and High School.

IRS FORMS and instruction booklets are available at Lovett Memorial Library.

A CITY WIDE reception will be held on Saturday, March 4th, 4 to 6 p.m. for Rev. Dean and Susan Williamson and children.

SPRING BEGINS March 21st. St. Patrick's Day is March 17.

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 1. Good Friday falls on April 14 and Easter Sunday is April 16.

TEXAS PUBLIC Schools week is February 27th to March 4, 1995. Plan to visit with the teachers who teach your children.

McLEAN Elementary, Jr. High and High School will have open house, March 2 at 7 p.m. This is Public School Week.



Eugene Galley and wife, Brenda enjoy an evening visiting with Billy Ward and other school board members.

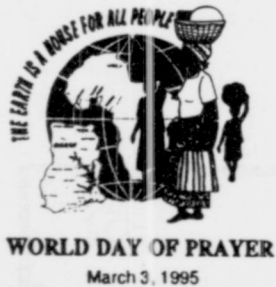
Mason's Hold Appreciation Dinner For Teachers

In conjunction with Texas Public School Week the McLean Masonic Lodge hosted a Teacher Appreciation Dinner last week.

The long standing tradition was begun by Mason's in Texas approximately 50 years ago to show their support for the teachers and education system.

School Board members, administrators, and staff members enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Shawn Crawford.

J. Boyd Smith was the Master of Ceremonies and welcomed the guests. Superintendent, Stanley Lamb, introduced all the teachers and board members in attendance.



McLean Briefs

Recent visitors in the home of Helen Black were her daughter, Jan Black Edwards of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and her granddaughter, Donna Edwards Garvere of Seattle, Washington.

Visiting Jodie Thomas and Velma Kinard on Saturday was Buddy and Lacy Thomas from Stratford, Texas. Lacy is visiting until Wednesday.

Mary Lou and Dale Glass visited her sister and family on Friday and Saturday at Spearman. On their way up they picked up their granddaughters Rachel and Sandi Kramer at Skellytown. They returned Saturday night.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2 - Teron Messer, David Swafford.

March 3 - Sherman Crockett, David Cook, Ann Pierce.

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

March 5 - Doris Hill, Trudy Myers, Jerry Corbin, Nona Turpen, Jason Thomas, Vickie Wallis, LaTonya Phillips.

March 6 - Chuck Pierce, Holly Crystal Myers, Sarah Holland, Lillie Knox, Ande Shank, Wanda Sharp, Linda Syfrett, John Dickinson.

March 7 - Murrell Emmitt Hill, Mary Davis, Lena Carter.

March 8 - Lester Bailey, Joe Bidwell, Lorene Brown, Billie Kingston.

Card Of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that supported and backed me for the job of superintendent. I will do this job to the best of my ability. I do want to thank the school board for having faith in me.

John Griffin

Alanreed News

By Lena Carter

Visiting at First Baptist Church Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Riley, Earl Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bible and Jim. Bro. and Mrs. Wells moved to Amarillo this past week. Jim will continue to work some with us which we appreciate.

Jim's grandson from Miami was involved in a motor bike accident and was in Northwest Texas Hospital at this writing.

Adelaide Weldon was to go in rehab in Amarillo this week. Our prayers are for her fast recovery.

Sid Keese and Brian Byron and friends were in Oklahoma again this weekend for archery contests.

Visiting the Robert Bruces during the weekend was grandson Paul and friend Daniel of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruce of Pampa.

Community Improvement meeting will be Saturday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited for a covered dish supper.

Robert and Shawn Bruce made a trip to Stephenville, Texas the first of the week.

McLean Care Center News

McLean Care Center welcomes a new resident, Sylvia McClellan from McLean, Texas.

Residents in the hospital are Teresa Richardson and Viola Davis. Both are in Wheeler and Mayme Hathaway is in Pampa. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Sunday Bro. Pat Andrews, pastor of the Church of Christ was here to hold a Worship service.

Monday the following residents played bingo: Kittie Hessey, Dick Wheeler, Adelle Walker,

Teresa Richardson, Annie Eudey, Leon Burch, Vernie Bowling, Norma McBee, Myrtle Allen, Beryl Halbert, Lorena Bailey, Eula Morrow, Noema Meroney and Polly Bennett. Our volunteer helpers were Betty Lowe, Loree Barker, Cliffie Heasley and Avalee Crockett. Bananas were furnished by the Lions club.

Tuesday morning the ladies from the Church of Christ were here to give the residents a social. Cookies and punch were furnished and served by Cliffie Heasley, Avalee Crockett, Mary Emma Woods, Louise Watson and Gladys Godfrey. In the afternoon Lena Carter and Brenda Mclain were here to assist the residents in dominos.

Those playing were Imogene King, Noema Meroney, Eula Morrow, Criag Morris, Lorena Bailey, Dick Wheeler, Norma McBee, Teresa Richardson, Leon Burch and Adelle Walker.

Wednesday was our Ladies auxiliary meeting. We welcome two new members, Brenda Mclain and Billie Jean Mason.

Inez Trostle was here to style the ladies hair Thursday and Saturday. Many of the ladies had manicures. Friday morning the following residents played bingo: Leon Burch, Eula Morrow, Teresa Richardson, Norma McBee, Annie Eudey, Thelma Hopkins, Ruby Ayers, Beryl Halbert, Myrtle Allen and Floyd Gatlin. Our winner was Eula Morrow.



Thank You Card

The family of John C. McClellan wishes to extend our gratitude to all who helped us through his brief illness and loss; the McLean EMS (Ford Smith, Robbie Sanderson and Bill Thomas), the staffs of the Shamrock Hospital and High Plains Baptist Hospital, Reverend Thacker Haynes, the Methodist Women's Group for the luncheon, the Methodist Church members, and all of our friends for helping us through our time of grief and sorrow. Your kindness, concerns and prayers will never be forgotten.

Sylvia McClellan and The families of: James D. McClellan, Otis L. McClellan, Edgar & Stella Lee, Donald & Sarah Cunningham, Bill & Mary Slaughter

Letter To The Editor

Dear Friends,
I got me out of McLean, because of my health and needing to be near some of my children. But, I did not get McLean out of me. I wait anxiously each week for the Groom and McLean paper. I read every word of it two or three times and wish it was longer.

I am very crippled with a broken bone in my back. I still go to Senior Citizens five days a week and to church on Sunday. Someone works for me and is taking care of shopping and laundry. I was glad for Jeanette Fish to write again in the paper. I love her and her writing, also Delbert Trew's when he writes. Also I am saddened at the obituaries, dear friends going on.

We are having the coldest weather this year, since I've been in Glen Rose. It is a very beautiful place to live. I've been here six years last September. I love it here. All Hello!

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Onie Gibson

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Obituaries

John Clay McClellan
John Clay McClellan, 65, died Thursday, February 23, 1995. Services were in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mr. McClellan was born in McLean. He married Sylvia Ann Grady in 1968 at Borger. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Korean War. He was a retired teacher and had taught welding at Wilmer-Hutchins. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Ann McClellan; and three sisters, Stella Lee of McLean, Sarah Cunningham of Amarillo and Mary Slaughter of Tomball.

McLean Ag Students Participate In Show

By Jaylene Watkins
Monday, February 13, two of McLean's FFA students traveled to San Antonio to participate in the San Antonio Stock Show. Lee Shaw took his Duroc pig and David Fuller took his Cross pig. Both

students made it through the weigh-in and sift on Wednesday. This is a great accomplishment for any participant of the stock show. Before the "sift" there were about 4100 pigs in the barn. Only 1500 pigs were actually able to be shown. Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17, Lee and David showed their pigs, but neither one made the sale. The students and Mr. Layman traveled home Saturday, February 18. They all had a great time and are ready to go again next year!

Beatrice McCracken Rodgers

CLARENDON - Beatrice McCracken Rodgers, 82, died Saturday, February 25, 1995.

Services were in Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. Chapel of Memories with Don Stone, minister of Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery.

Mrs. Rodgers was born in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. She moved to Clarendon from Alanreed in 1928. She married Thad Simmons Rodgers in 1938 at Panhandle; he died in 1992. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday school for many years.

Survivors include a daughter, Bonnie Ellen Rodgers of Las Cruces, New Mexico; a sister, Bonnie McCracken Harris Alanreed; and a brother, Durward McCracken of San Antonio.

The family requests memorials be to Citizens Cemetery Association.

McLean School Lunch Menu

March 6 - March 10
Breakfast

Mon: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

Tues: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk.

Wed: Hot cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk.

Thurs: Cream beef, toast, juice, milk.

Fri: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Pizza, corn, salad, cookies, milk.

Tues: Chicken noodle soup, ham & cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk.

Wed: Chicken spaghetti, English peas, buttered carrots, cornbread, butter, milk.

Thurs: Burritos/chili & cheese, salad, pinto beans, fruit, milk.

Fri: Corn dogs, french fries, pork & beans, cobbler, milk.

Magee Gives Program On Holy Land Trip To Egypt, Israel

The Deborah Group of Methodist Women met February 21st at the church.

Wilma Barker presided over the business meeting. Minutes were read by Mary Frazier and a treasurer's report was given by Loyce Sherrod.

Ruth Magee gave the program on her recent trip to Israel and Egypt. Bonnie Neil Fabian also made the trip. There were 40 Methodists from Northwest Texas Conference along with Bishop and Mrs. Alfred Norris on the tour. Two bus loads from the New Mexico Conference and one other bus load from other states made up the large group.

Ruth Magee reported that the country is densely populated and every available space is planted with gardens of vegetables and fruit trees. They have wide super-highways and big new hotels to take care of the tourists. By the year 2000 they expect to have as many as 4,000,000 tourists, which is their number one source of income. The many places of interest for Christians are well preserved and are visited daily. Special worship services at the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden Tomb were led by Bishop Norris, Rev. Lana Boyd, Rev. Steve Campbell, Rev. Jerry Moore and others in the group. Singing was led by Ellen Moffatt and one extra special song was sung by Bishop Norris, "There Is A Balm In Gilead" in a restored colosseum with perfect acoustics.

The bus ride from Jerusalem to Cairo was escorted by police cars to the border and after extreme security Egyptian police cars took them on to Cairo, after sailing across the Suez Canal.

Seeing the pyramids, the sphinx, the Nile River, camels, goats and sand everywhere, made dreams a reality. The group also visited a carpet making factory, papyrus shop, as well as the most famous Mosque in Egypt which has almost continuous times of prayer. The wailing from the Minarets calling the Muslims to prayer was heard five times daily. There are 14,000,000 people that live around Cairo so it is busy at all times.

A peaceful resort on the Mediterranean Sea made the last night restful.

Those attending the Deborah meeting were Fern Boyd, Mary Frazier, Wilma Barker, Loyce Murray, Mary Powell, Loyce Sherrod and Ruth Magee.

Honor Roll

90 & Above

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80 & Above

First Grade: Troy Pendleton, Justin Wehrenberg. Second Grade: Valerie Bradley, Terrence Fite, Tyler Hanes, Allison Hill, Lucas Seymour.

Mitchell Steward, Jeremy Tidwell. Third Grade:

Haley Bennett, Michelle Fuller, Dustin Moody, Traci Rigsby, Jami Seitz, Jay Wallis. Fourth Grade: Robert Brass, Brandi Fuller, Erin Lanfear, Tami Marsh, Sonny Northcutt, Jennifer Smith. Fifth Grade: Ashley Comer, Tanya Daniels, Randy Floyd, Sara Hall, Seresa Williams. Sixth Grade: Rachel Bennett, Steve Foshee, Will Frost, Terrell Hembree, Sarah Myers, Stephen Pierce, David Swafford, Lauren Williams. Seventh Grade: Brodey Carter, Amanda Cline, Jessica Fish, Pamela Greer, Ike Hanes, Christopher Hauck, Valerie Joiner, Derek Studebaker, Twila Williams. Eighth Grade: Scott Glass, Krista Hicks, Josh Swafford. Ninth Grade: Jennifer Barker, Lorin Hall, Bonnie Hauck, Krystle McClellan, Shaley Stalls. Tenth Grade: Shanna Dent, Jessica Rich, Tanna Shipman. Eleventh Grade: Randel Greer, Jill Hefley. Twelfth Grade: Josh Acuna, David Carr, Brad Dickey, Britten Shipman.

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8th at the Cowboy Cafe at 7 pm.

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National Honor Society Welcomes New Members

By Jaylene Watkins
The National Honor Society held its 1995 induction of new members February 23 at McLean's Country Club. Twelve new members were inducted. This included eleven students and one community member. Members were inducted based upon four qualities; Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service. Because of the long term representation of these four qualities, not only to the community, but McLean Schools, Carl Dwyer was the first honorary community member to receive the honor of being inducted into McLean's National Honor Society. The new

inductees included; out of the Sophomore class, Tammy Cole, Shanna Dent, David Fuller, Tiffany McLaury, Jessica Rich, Ashley Slagle and Kristi Tidwell; out of the Junior class, Jill Hefley, R.T. Payne, and Ben Reeser; and Brad Dickey out of the Senior class. The new officers of the 1995 NHS were also recognized. President, Heather Hess; Vice President, Jaylene Watkins; Secretary/Treasurer, Holly Jasper, and Sentinel, Shanna Dent. The United Methodist Women held the wonderful reception following the induction. Good luck and congratulations to all of the 1995 NHS members!

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appraised value of the site and the new home. Interest rates for this type of loan are presently 8.75 percent with 33 year terms. Monthly payments are subsidized with the amount of the payment dependent on the borrower's annual income. Homes will be modest in size, design, and cost but adequate to meet the family's needs. New homes average about 1,050 square feet of living area.

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Pay Your Child Support!

By Texas Attorney General Dan Morales

As we enter the legislative session, my office is recommending an important change in state child-support law. We believe that non-custodial parents who fail to make their court-ordered child support payments should have their professional and drivers' licenses suspended until they pay up.

Since 1991, our Child Support Division has collected more than \$1.4 billion from non-custodial parents. But even this impressive-sounding total is not nearly enough. There are still far too many children suffering unnecessary financial hardship.

Wage deductions have been one of our most effective tools for collecting child support. We owe

many thanks to the Texas employers who cooperate with our office by garnishing wages and notifying us when employees change jobs. But self-employed professionals, and people who change jobs often, call for a different solution when they are

delinquent in paying child support.

Other states have found that the mere threat of suspending a professional or driver's license is often all that is necessary to get the checks in the mail. For example, when the state of

Maine started its notification program, child support officials collected nearly \$13 million in the first 10 months.

Texas is a much larger state, and even better results can be expected here. If notification fails to get the desired result, we stand ready to take progressively more severe steps.

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