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Reminder

Accident Claims Life Of McLean Student

SCHOOL WILL be dismissed at 1:40 on Thursday, March 28. There will be no school on Friday the 29th or Monday, April 1.

THERE WILL be an Easter Parade at 2:30 on Saturday, March 30 at the Care Center.

THE HIGH School Golf Team will be traveling to Hidden Hills in Pampa for a tournament there on April 1. The District Golf Tournament will be on April 8 at the Pampa Country Club.

THE END OF the 5th 6 week period for school will be April 12, leaving one more 6 week period before school is out for the summer.

SENIOR CITIZEN luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 2 at the Senior Center. Bring a dish and bring a friend.

EASTER EGG stuffers wanted. There will be an egg stuffing at 7:00 p.m., Friday the 29th at Trinity Baptist Church. All help is welcome. Call Amanda Crawford for more details at 886-6251.

FIRST BAPTIST Church will hold the Silent Lord's Supper Drama, Thursday night, March 28th at 7:00.

METHODIST Church will have it's Good Friday Communion Service at 7:00.

LITTLE Dribblers K-2 grade boys and girls will have a scrimmage, Thursday at 4:30.

THE MCLEAN Area Chamber of Commerce is going to have their first "Clean Up McLean Day" on Saturday, March 30. They will be starting with the two downtown blocks of Main Street. Bring gloves and clean-up supplies. For more information call Katie Warner at 779-2212.

EASTER EGG HUNT on Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. at the Park.

A tragic accident on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 took the life of Kaid Shaller, 11, of Lefors. Kaid lived in Lefors and attended school at McLean Elementary. The accident occurred on Texas 273 at FM 2473 commonly known as "Nine Mile Crossing." Kaid was riding home from school with his father David.

The head-on collision injured David Shaller and Donna Montgomery. Mr. Shaller was treated and released from Pampa Regional Center after overnight observation. Ms. Montgomery is still

under medical care at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

5th Grade Remembers Classmate

In a memory ceremony, Kaid Shaller was laid to rest on Saturday. Services were held at the Briarwood Church in Pampa, where Kaid worshiped, ending with Kaid being laid to rest here in McLean.

Misty Hannon, Kaid's 5th Grade teacher said that it seemed fitting Kaid lived in Lefors, went to school in McLean and worshipped



in Pampa and all three communities were there, helping to support Kaid's family and saying goodbye.

Mrs. Hannon says she will never forget Kaid or this class. They are great kids and he was

very special.

On the night that Kaid died, Mrs. Hannon went to each of her students homes to tell them of the tragedy. She didn't want them to be surprised with the news the next day. She said as a class, this

has drawn them closer together and has forced them to mature. The Thursday and Friday after the accident they flew the school flag at half mast. Now they are working on getting a

See Class, pg. 10

Board Asks For Written Agreement Concerning Band Instruments

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 21, 2002. Board members present were John Holland, Toni Bohlar, Neal Odom, Mike Darsey, Joe Riley and Billie Ward. Others present were Superintendent, Bob Downs, Blaze Herring, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Margaret Milam, Bill Layman, Steve and Kelly Bowlin, Bill Anderson, Ben and Mindy Reeves, Andy Simpson, and Eric Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by John Holland. Mike Darsey gave the opening prayer.

A motion was passed to accept the approved regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2002.

Mr. Downs' recommendation to the Board was to pay for the Jr. FFA members' travel expense incurred during the recent stock shows. The old policy was not clearly stated on the subject of funding. Mr. Downs also recommended changing the policy before next year which would state that the funding for travel would not be available for extra curricular activities,

except for competitive contests above District level. Mr. Downs went on to explain the students in FFA were competing in stock shows on a more individual level, and that some budget cuts had to be made because the school had a budget deficit over \$1 million during the past five years. A motion was passed to pay for the Jr. FFA travel expenses incurred this year.

Mr. Downs distributed copies of an old band instrument inventory and a current list of instruments on loan to Pampa Middle School to the Board members for discussion. Mr. Downs recommended leaving the instruments where they were for now. There was a concern about not having a written agreement drawn up between MISD and Pampa, at the time the loan was made. The Board recalled that it was an executive decision, made verbally by Mr. Griffin. There are still a few pieces of band inventory in storage. The Board wants a written agreement to be signed by the two schools, and they expressed their gladness that Pampa could use the band instruments as a learning tool. A motion

was passed to leave the loaned instruments in the Pampa school.

Three teachers are currently receiving an annuity paid by MISD for \$151 per month, instead of taking the portion of health insurance provided by the school. Mr. Downs recommended that these annuities be reduced to \$83.33 per month/per employee, or \$1000.00 per year, due to the state-funded insurance plan to take effect beginning September 1, 2002. A motion was passed to make this change on the teachers' annuities.

Delinquent cafeteria bills were discussed as there has been very little collection on the old bills sent out by the lawyer. The Board decided to talk with Ken Fields to see if it would be economically feasible to pursue further action. All accounts for this year are now current within a two-week billing period.

The Board had to vote for two members to represent the Region 16 ESC Board, and the ballots were marked and returned to the Service Center.

A motion was passed to approve the Financial Reports A, B, and C. Mr. Downs explained that

about 50% of the budget has been expended.

A motion was passed to approve the to pay the February bills as presented, and to sign the corresponding checks.

Mr. Downs stated that the DEC visit was scheduled for May 19, 2003, and would take about one week. A team from TEA at Austin will be sent to perform the audit. They will talk with Board members, staff, and the public. They will examine all federal programs, district and campus plans. Some paperwork will need to be in order, and preparation will begin this summer.

MISD received letters from Warren Chisum and Rick Perry regarding the confusion of the tax exemption status of travel trailers. Last session the legislature passed two measures regarding the tax status of travel trailers. Proposition 14 (HJR 44) was approved by the voters in the constitutional election last November. HB 2076, the proposition's enabling legislation, intended to clarify that travel trailers are not subject to property taxation. Despite clear intent to restrict a taxing district's ability to tax trailers, questions are now being

raised as to whether the language adopted sufficiently addresses all situations and makes it absolute that no travel trailer is subject to property tax. Sponsors of this bill have all stated that their intention was to eliminate taxes on travel trailers, and will hopefully be resolved during the next legislative session. The Legislature could opt to require any travel trailer taxes collected during this year, to be refunded next year, however, nobody can say for sure if the refunds would come from state revenue or local school district revenue. The Board is encouraged to meet with their local appraiser to discuss this problem, and another alternative would be for the Board to make a decision not to collect the tax. Gray County Appraisal District will appraise the travel trailers, and the Board is interested in finding out this appraised value. No action was taken.

Billie Ward entered the meeting in session at 7:48 p.m. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Return to open session came at 9:05 for voting

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McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries
March 28 - Louise Watson, Jesse Swafford, Linda McDonald, Andy Ritchie, Mark Smith.
March 29 - Linda McDonald, Martha Smith.
March 30 - Jim and Terri Adams (A).
March 31 - Martha Parker.
April 1 - Dick Everett, Emma Jean McDonald.
April 2 - Wendi Stump, Diane Roosa, Wendi Ketcherside, Stephen McAnear, Brown Crawford, Don and Cynthia Hauck (A).
April 3 - Charles Williams, Cecil Back.

CARD OF THANKS

A very special thank you to everyone in McLean for their support, prayers, and food. The food was abundantly given and we thank you very much. I have some dishes left over with no names on them. Please call me at 779-3231 and I will be glad to get them back to you.

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 Roy & Mary Richardson
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Services Held For Area Residents



KAID SHALLER
 LEFORS- Kaid Shaller, 11, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002 in McLean.
 Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 23, 2002 at Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, and Karen Putman, children's minister, officiating. Burial was held at the

Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Kaid was born September 21, 1990, in Pampa. He attended McLean Elementary School. He was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa where he was involved in youth activities and was a member of Royal Ranger Class at the church.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Alta June Shaller.

Survivors include his parents, David and Irene Shaller of Lefors; a sister, Taylor Shaller of Lefors; his grandparents, Steve and Heidi Phelps of Pampa, Ted and Jo Shaller of Clarendon and Lou and Elaine Brandy of Waterflow, N.M.; and his great-grandmother, Laverne Jones of Waterflow.

The family suggests memorials be to Briarwood Family Life Center, 1800 W. Harvester St., Pampa, Texas 79065.

CLYDE BLOCKER
 Clyde L. Blocker, 78, died Thursday, March 21, 2002.

Services were held on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with Ken Higdon of Sunray officiating. Burial was held at 3:00 p.m. at the Kelton Cemetery in Kelton.

Mr. Blocker was born March 24, 1923, in Wheeler County, the first of six children of L.B. and Othello Blocker. He attended school in McLean.

He lived in Dimmitt, Tulia and Dumas where he moved in 1972, doing many different jobs in his life. He served in the Army from 1943 to 1946 and participated in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1954; his mother in 1980; a brother, Roy Gaines Blocker; and a sister, Betty Louise Blocker in 1938.

Survivors include two sisters, Cora M. Jordan of Amarillo and Idella Crum and husband, Raymond, of Dumas; a brother, Claude R. Blocker and wife, Lillian, of Amarillo; three nieces; a nephew; four great-nephews; and two great-nephews.

The family suggest memorials be to Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation Activity Fund, 302 E. Second Ave., Dumas, Texas 79029.

RELIA AYERS

MCLEAN-Relia Ellen Sharp Ayers passed away Tuesday evening at the McLean Care Center. The memorial for her long life were held on

Thursday, March 21, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of McLean. A burial was followed in the family plot at Hillcrest Cemetery. The Brother James Martindale and

pastor Brian Quisenberry officiated.

Relia was born September 17, 1908 in Jackson Co. Arkansas to Sam and Shell Sharp. The Sharp family moved to McLean in 1927 from Tuckerman, Arkansas. Relia married Jack Ayers in Pampa, Texas in 1976. She was the mother of daughter, Norma Harris, who was born in 1949 and died in 1967. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam, in 1973 and Shell, in 1978, her youngest brother, Jack, in 1950, her nephew, Val, in 1967, her aunt, Safronia Pettit, in 1996, and her husband, Jack, in 1993.

Relia worked for many years as a cook for restaurants in and about McLean and Shamrock. She was well known for her down home cooking, especially her pies. At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of the McLean First Baptist Church and attended faithfully as long as she was able. She also enjoyed being with her friends as a member of the 20th Century Club. Relia had a zest for living and a love of life that made her willing to try almost anything once. At age 77, she traveled to Austin to serve as a model for her great niece who was taking her state cosmetology test, and she thoroughly enjoyed the experience. She and her aunt, Safronia Pettit loved

to eat out, go shopping and attend church activities together. She will be missed by all who knew her. There will never be another quite like her.

Relia is survived by her brother, Arnold and her "best girl friend" and sister-in-law, Wanda, of McLean, a step-son, Ed and Lucille Ayers of Jonesboro, Arkansas, a nephew, Norman Ray Sharp of Midland, a niece, Peggy and Duwaine Baer, of McLean, three grand nieces, two nephews and three great-grand nieces and nephews.

Drawings Held For Place On Ballots

How candidates names are placed on the ballot is determined by lottery. The names were drawn

on Thursday, March 21.

For Alderman, there are three seats up. The order of the candidates on the ballot will be 1st. Joe Creed Lamb (I) 2, Mindy Reeves 3, Jim McDonald (I) 4, Daniel Eggers 5, and Doyle Lee (I).

For school board there are two seats available. The candidates and their order on the ballot is 1. Steve Bowlin, 2. Franke Worsham, 3. Linda

Syfrett, 4. Ronnie Ferguson, 5. Ella Mae Reyna.

School Board

purposes to renew contracts of certified teachers.

A motion was passed to hire all certified teachers for the 2002-03 school year, based on the salary schedule to be determined. The following teachers were rehired by unanimous vote, with the exception of Joe Riley abstaining to vote because of his spouse being included in the list. They were: Renea Chambers, Jimmy Hannon, Janet Glass, Misty Hannon, Lesa Greer, Tami Hargrove, Bill Layman, Jacque Riley, Eric Smith, Judith Watkins, Shelli Long, Jessica Russell, Bobbi Stalls, Nancy Woodard, Sandra McLain, Andy Simpson, and Kristi Tidwell.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who voted in the Gray County Republican Primary election on March 12. a special appreciation to those who voted to abolish the office of Inspector of Hides and animals from future ballots. When action has been taken to do away with office, I will submit my resignation. A promise made is a promise kept.

Thanks to you all,
 Bill Reeves

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4-Hers in the Clothing Project displaying their walker carriers are (front): Zachary Odom, Caleb Crawford, Jack Odom, Nicholas Odom, John Haynes, (middle) Emory Crawford, Tammy Syfrett, Kristen Odom, Travis Fish, Meagan Alexander, Samantha Krueger, Brooke Seymour, Amanda Fricks, Sheri Haynes, (back) assistants Betty Morgan and Shelly Henderson.

McLean 4-H Does Sewing Project

By Zachary Odom
The McLean 4-Clover 4-H sewing project has been meeting every Monday since February 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Betty Morgan, Shelly Henderson and Sally Seymour assist the leader, Beverly Odom.

At the first meeting, beginners sewed on paper first while those with sewing experience made heart or football shaped beanbags. The football shaped bags were lots of entertainment for the

guys.

On February 18, Emily Elliott from Pampa presented the lesson on fabric and fashion design. We looked through catalogs and found clothing that we liked. Then we drew it on a person. I found a pair of Addidas shorts and a shirt that I used for my example. Then we had to make changes on our choice. Emily showed us several different designs on fabric. We also divided up into groups and created a hat. It

was fun. I learned a lot about fashion and style.

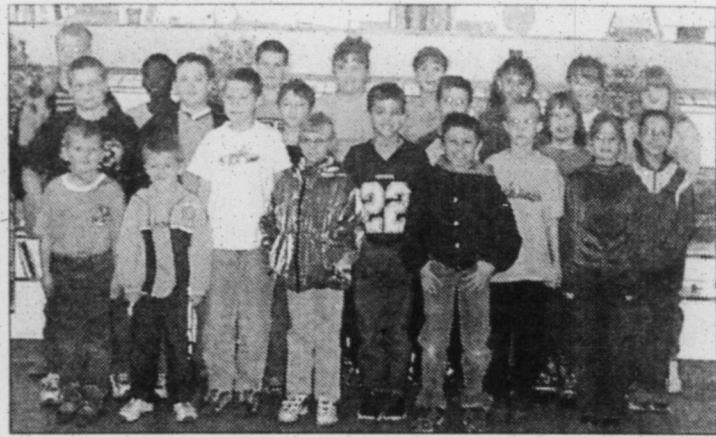
We spent our next two sessions working on walker carriers for the nursing home residents or elderly relatives. Making the bags for special people was a very meaningful community service project. Kristen

Odom helped our mom teach us about color analysis. Now we know which colors look good on our skin tones.

Knowing how to buy quality jeans was the subject of our last session. We also studied natural and man-made fibers and saw examples of many different kinds of fabric. Then we got to create and sew a bag out of old blue jeans. We decorated them with iron-on boots, stars and fish.

On March 16, Betty and Beverly took six girls on the clothing field trip to Amarillo. Several 4-Hers from Lefors and Pampa also participated. Brooke Seymour, Sheri Haynes, Kristen Odom, Amanda Fricks, Tammy Syfrett and Samantha Krueger learned about consumer decision-making when buying a garment. They visited Whispers, K-Mart and chose a specialty store and a department store in Westgate Mall. Tours of the Creative Needle and Powerhouse Screen-Printing completed the field trip.

The McLean clothing project group will tour Pat Stubbs sewing room on March 28. The last meeting will be on April 1 to complete papers for the county fashion show.



Students of the Week for March 18 - March 22: Kindergarten-Trae Hannon; 1st Grade-Stormy Manns; 2nd Grade-Jordan Herring; 3rd Grade-Sami Staton; 4th Grade-Stephen Williamson; 5th Grade-5th Grade Class; 6th Grade-Travis Fish; 7th Grade-Justin Dillman.

McLean Care Center News

Along with our regular activities, we have had several volunteer activities.

Wednesday afternoon, March 13th, we had the Methodist Ice Cream Social. Our birthday/St. Patrick's Day party was held Friday the 15th. The birthday people were Irene Pakan and John Fry. Decorations, favors,

and refreshments were all given. Betty Morgan and Archie Cooper furnished entertainment. Volunteers helping were Betty Lowe, Mary Dwyer, Margie Fish, Brenda McLain, Melba Marcum, and Nita Masses. I appreciate you all so much.

Tuesday, March 19 the residents attended the Church of Christ social in the morning. A new activity Tuesday afternoon is Bible class. P.J. Sells is very gracious to give her time to put this together each week and direct the class. Thanks P.J.

Buddy Payne came to entertain with his music Wednesday afternoon. We always enjoy Buddy's singing.

This Friday, March 29 at 9:00 a.m., the residents will meet to color Easter eggs and will hunt them at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon, we need several volunteers to help with each activity. If you have some free time come join the fun.

Saturday at 2:30 p.m. will be the Easter Parade. We need your children to come dressed in their

best to the parade for the residents. The residents have made bunny jars for each child. Refreshments will be furnished and served by the Trinity Baptist members, also the Easter Bunny will be there.

Happy Easter



McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
779-2548
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 & 7 pm
(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
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Children's Church, Sunday: 7:00 p.m.

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PIOPER STUDY CLUB
The Pioneer Study Club met March 21 in Jerry Corbin's home.

The meeting was brought to order by President Ruth Trew. Roll call was by Jerry Corbin. Nama Webb gave the treasurer report. Pat Stubbs announced that Ruth Trew has been selected as one of the most outstanding women in the Texas Panhandle. She will be honored at a banquet in Amarillo at a later date. Ruth showed one of the senior class laundry bags. The bags were assembled in Pat Stubbs' fantastic sewing room, by several diligent club members, earlier in the week.

Brian Smitherman will be the speaker at the Senior Tea.

Ruth Trew brought the program on the history of Old Route 66.

Easter refreshments were served on a cold winter day to: Ruth Trew, Lynn Reeves, Mindy Reeves, Beverly Odom, Babe Brown, Betty Morgan, Mary Dwyer, Jerry Corbin, Nama Webb, Pat Stubbs, Ruth Magee, Tice Taylor, Wanda Lamb, Margaret Grogan, Mary Lou Glass, and Zelda McClellan.

Museum Board Elects Officers

The McLean/Alanreed Area Museum group met March 19, 2002 for a regular board meeting. Topics included the election of officers and board of directors for the coming year and plans for the up-coming Centennial Celebration.

Officers are: Delbert Trew-chairman; F.J. Hess-past chairman; Wayne Woods-vice chairman; Lynn Reeves-treasurer, and Mickey Jackson-secretary. The board of directors include, Ruth Magee, Marjorie Fish, Laverne Back, Letta Mae Hess, Ruth Trew, Billy McKee, Leland Myers, and Dorothy McKee who is also museum manager. Garth Thomas was named honorary director, Dick Crockett was named school liaison contact, and L.M. Watson was named archival assistant.

The museum will host and sponsor the Old Timers Reunion held during the Centennial Celebration on June 15.

Also planned is a "Good Old Boys" gathering as well as a Bra Factory Reunion. For more information call Delbert Trew or the museum.

Commissioners Meet With D.A.

The Gray County Commissioners met in Special Session in Pampa on March 1, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were: Richard D. Peet, County Judge, Presiding; Commissioners, Joe Wheeley, Pr. #1, Jim Greene, Pr. #2, Gerald Wright, Pr. #3, and James Hefley, Pr. #4; and Susan Winborne, Clerk of the Court.

Dr. Louis Haydon addressed the Court. He stated that he did not know the outcome of the National Pig Development's application with the TNRC.

A request from the Lefors Fire Department for \$1000 to be paid out of the Civil Defense line item was approved.

District Attorney Roach introduced Sandy Carr, Victim's Assistance Coordinator to the Court. This new office is autonomous and will be housed in the District Attorney's office. This position will continue as long as the grant from Attorney General's Crime Victim's Division supports it.

District Attorney Roach told the Court that Chapter 59 of the Code of Criminal Procedure addresses contraband that is seized. The D.A. must file a forfeiture suit.

County Auditor Morris asked District Attorney Roach if he had any objections to her auditing the forfeiture account. DA Roach said no. Asked why the funds were not deposited in the Gray County depository bank, DA Roach explained that his office covers five counties and the First State Bank-Pampa Branch, where he deposits the funds is located in the same building as his office.

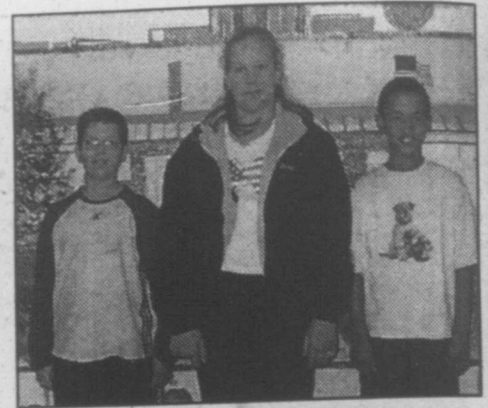
DA Roach having been summoned by the County Judge to Court with concerns about his budget said that he did not appreciate his reputation being maligned in the newspaper. He said that he would continue to come to Court and defend what he is doing in his office.

CLASS

memorial of blue rock, shaped like a cross.

Mr. Crockett, the school principal said the whole school took the news hard.

Kaid was a well liked, exceptional boy. Mr. Crockett had counselors and clergy standing by at the school. They didn't have class on that day. They just spent time together.



WINNERS CHOSEN

The Pioneer Study Club Judging Team has chosen the winners of the Centennial Art and Essay Contest.

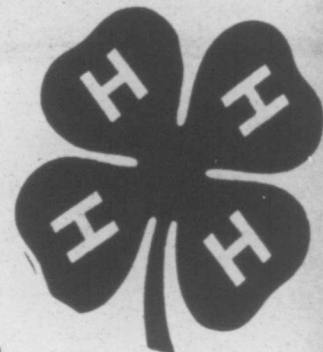
The Art Contest first place went to Nicole McClendon, 2nd place went to Justin West, 3rd place went to Clay

Crockett. Ashley Byron received Honorable Mention.

For the Essay Contest, Samantha Krueger received 1st place, Travis Fish won 2nd place, and 3rd place went to D.J. Menefield.



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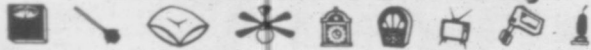
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- Jay Dee & Becky Fish
- E.H. Brainard Estate
- Joe & Betty Skipper
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Political Calendar

The Groom-McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on Nov. 5, 2002. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till they are eliminated by the Primary election or the final election in November.

DEMOCRAT

For Carson County
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1
Bill Hinson

For Carson County
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Boneless Ham
 1 LB. **2\$00**

HORMEL BLACK LABEL ASSTD.
Bacon
 1 LB. PKG. **2\$69**

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Community Calendar

THE ELEMENTARY Music Department will perform this morning, Thursday, March 28th at 10:00 am in the school auditorium.

NO STORY HOUR until April 6. Kenny Shultz will be the guest.

Don't mess with Texas
TRASH-OFF
April 6, 2002

CONTACT DAVID or Lana Brown for your **FREE** plastic mulch film for planting your spring garden and flower beds. Compliments of "Keep Texas Beautiful." Annual Clean Up Day is April 6. Volunteers are needed!



Cross To Hold Services

Sunrise Services will be held on Easter Sunday at 7:00 am with Jim Bible of McLean presiding.

Tuesday Prices At Attebury Grain Co.

Wheat.....\$2.45
Milo.....\$3.21
Corn.....\$3.56
Soybeans..\$3.78
Sunflowers..\$7.55

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School Board Cuts Programs & Positions Due To Financial Crisis

It was an extremely solemn group that met last week in the Superintendent's office for the March School Board meeting. All knew that some difficult decisions were about to be made. Groom School trouble began several years ago with a sharp decline in state funding for state

mandated programs and a decline in its own student population. The situation took a dramatic turn for the worse beginning last year when the Board cut two programs (Band and Ag) to half a day and combined the Superintendent and Principal jobs, in an effort to save money.

The ax fell again when Groom School learned that the state was expecting us to raise and additional \$300,000 to meet our budget needs for 2002-2003 this year. Groom School Board members were again faced with difficult decisions. After several meetings to work out where and how the board could cut the budget, the Trustees were ready to make public their decisions last Thursday night.

Mike Friemel moved to

accept the recommendations made by Superintendent Noack as outlined in this letter to the board.

"I just don't see how we have any other choice," said Mike Friemel, who is just completing his first year on the board.

Tony Britten seconded the motion and the decision was unanimous. The letter contained the following recommendations:

1. Eliminate one custodial position.
2. Reduce the Business Manager from a full time to a part time position. (The Business Manager's salary will also be cut in half, which will be around \$20,000 per year.)
3. Eliminate one bus route.
4. Eliminate the part time librarian.

These recommendations are for non-contracted employees. These changes will be effective as of June 30. According to Superintendent Noack, all the details of how these positions will be changed have not been completely worked out. In the instance of the Business Managers position, a schedule will have to be worked out to insure that

the person is there in critical times such as payroll and taxing periods as well as a schedule that will enable the day to day business of the school to continue without too much delay.

In Noack's letter to the board, he also recommends reducing the coaching staff by one member, eliminating the entire Ag and Band programs. Contracted personnel reductions that will occur under the "Reduction in Force" will include non-renewal of contracts by Coach Brad Rainer and Ag Teacher Charles Burk. The Band teacher, Larry Porter has submitted his letter of resignation to the board and it was approved at this meeting. Therefore, his job would not fall under the RIF requirements.

Because Brad Rainer is also an elementary P.E.



It's Easter time! "After the egg huntin', it's time for the egg eatin'" according to K'Leigh Thornton who is just experiencing her first Easter. However, K'Leigh found these eggs a little too "plastic" for her palate.

4 Candidates Vie For 2 School Board Seats

Groom ISD found several last minute candidates signing for places on the ballot as the deadline approached last Wednesday. Incumbents Kelvin Ollinger and Tim Case decided to seek another

term of office. Case will be asking voters to let him serve a third term while Kelvin will be vying for his second. A couple of new faces will be campaigning for your vote. They are Alvin "Al" Adams and

Sabrina Leven. Adams has been a resident of the City of Groom for 7 months. He lives across the street from the Church of Christ in the new trailer home. Mrs. Leven is a

See Candidates, pg. 6

Council Discusses New Truck Storage Building With Fire Dept.

The Groom City Council met in regular business session with the following members and visitors present: Mayor, Joe Homer; Aldermen, Ellis Stapp, W.H. Ollinger, Don Case, Forrest McLaughlin, and Christ Welch; visitors, Judge Lewis Powers, Tony Treadwell, and Mary Sue Lyles.

Judge Powers explained the purpose of HB 1445, City-Council Agreements on Subdivision Regulations. The bill, passed by the legislature last year, provides that a city and a county may not both regulate subdivisions in an extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). The ETJ for Groom is 1/2 mile outside the city

boundaries. Judge Powers presented three options for regulating ETJ: 1)the city would have the power to regulate the ETJ, 2)the county would have the authority to regulate the ETJ, 3)one joint office would be formed to authorize regulatory

authority. Chris Welch moved and Forrest McLaughlin seconded the motion to enter into an Inter-local Agreement with the County that would give the City the authority to regulate any subdivisions that are located within the ETJ of the City.

A motion was made and seconded that at the April meeting, the Council will consider proposals from the

Carson County Tax Collector and Carson County Appraisal District on the cost of collecting the City taxes.

A motion was passed to honor a request from the Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa, Texas to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The Council approved a request from GEDC to increase the GEDC Homebuyers Assistance Budget by \$5000.

Tony Treadwell, Fire Chief for the Volunteer Fire Department, met with the Council to discuss with them the needs of the Fire Department for more storage space for the fire trucks. The Fire Department would like to build a metal building on

the lot between the water tower and the house at 211 Broadway. The Council asked the Fire Department to bring plans for the building and some prices to them for the April meeting. The City is going to look into the cost and feasibility of turning the old Clinic Building into a Fire Hall. With this information, the Council will be able to make some decisions at the next meeting.

A motion was passed to accept the Animal Control Contract with the City of Pampa and to approve the increased fees, from \$4.00 to \$8.00 per animal for handling any animal that we take to them for disposal.

A motion was passed to write off the following

past due accounts: Treats Operating-\$191.77 (uncollectible), Lavinia Otts-\$79.82, Rudy Rodriguez-\$78.18, and Jackey and Susan Mears-\$13.84. These past due accounts will be kept on file and if any of these persons should ever move back to Groom, these bills will be collected before water service will be extended to them.

The minutes of the Feb. 11 meeting were approved as presented.

A motion was passed to pay all bills. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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**Groom Birthdays
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March 28 - Clinton
 Adam Babcock, Billy
 Dan Hughes.

March 29 - Bill
 Ellington.

March 30 - Kenneth
 Jackson, David Fields,
 Cody Conrad.

March 31 - Melissa
 Anthony, Ed England,
 Michael Thomas, Angela
 Reed Beddingfield.

April 1 - Linda
 Fields, Allie Hoyt,
 Charles Bowers, Sarah
 Hutsell, A.J. Newsom,
 Cody Babcock.

April 2 - Mrs. Albert
 Britten, Dustin Babcock.

April 3 - Troy
 Treadwell, Mrs. H.L.
 Mansel, Sharon Jones-
 Britten, Renee
 Weinheimer, Mr. and
 Mrs. Bobby Burgin (A).

Local Happenings

Mary Kay Johnson of
 Fort Worth had lunch
 with Helen Witt Sunday.

Bill Redus of Los
 Angeles, California,
 LaVesta Barnett and
 Helen Witt had dinner at
 the Dairy Queen Monday
 evening. They are
 classmates of '33.

Voting Sites Named For Run- Off Election

Early voting for the
 April 9, 2002 runoff
 election begins Monday,
 April 1st in the Carson
 County Clerk's Office.
 Voting by personal
 appearance will be
 conducted between 8:00
 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00
 p.m.-5:00 p.m. through
 Friday, April 5th.

The polls will be open
 Tuesday throughout the
 county for runoffs in both
 the Republican and
 Democratic Parties. The
 Democrats will be voting
 on the U.S. Senator race
 between Ron Kirk and
 Victor Morales. Democrat
 polling places will be
 Pr. #101-St. Mary's
 Church-Groom; Pr. #102
 and Pr. #401-Antler Gym-
 White Deer; Pr. #103,
 201, 202, and 301-County
 Library-Panhandle; Pr.
 #302-Alvin and Betty
 Jones Home-506 Pawnee-
 Fritch; Pr. #402-school-
 Skellytown.

Republicans will vote
 county wide on three
 separate judge positions
 for the court of criminal
 appeals. Place 1 is
 between Tom Price and
 Tim Taft; Place 2 is
 between David Richards
 and Paul Womack; Place
 3 is between Cathy
 Cochran and Guy
 Williams. Elizabeth Ray
 and Dale Wainwright will
 face off for the Justice
 Positon, Supreme Court,
 Place 2. Three precincts
 also will be voting on a
 runoff between Randy
 Elliott and John Ray
 Corley for Justice of the
 Peace, Place 4. These
 precincts will be voting
 at the following places:
 Pr. #102 and #401-high
 school library-White Deer
 and #402-City Hall-
 Skellytown. Other
 polling places for the
 Republicans include Pr.

polling places for the
 Republicans include Pr.
 #103, 201, 202, and 301-
 War Memorial Building-
 Panhandle. Voting for
 Pr. #302 will be at the
 Thelma Dugan Home-
 Santa Fe Trail and Macy
 Drive-Fritch. Pr. #101
 voters will cast their
 ballots at the Groom
 Community Center.

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 Classes will be from 1:00
 - 4:00 p.m. on the two
 Saturday afternoons. Fee
 for the class is \$12.50
 per person for each class,
 and students may attend

either or both of the
 classes.

Ralph Duke, the artist
 of the month in the Art
 Gallery will conduct the
 classes. Although Ralph
 is a professional
 photographer, this class
 is geared toward the
 amateur, with special
 emphasis on taking
 landscape and family

photos.
 At the first class,
 March 30, Ralph will
 talk about cameras, film,
 how to get the best
 results using your own
 camera, and his favorite
 subject "the magic of
 light." The second class,
 April 6, will cover the
 elements of composition
 and what makes a good
 photo. Class members
 are encouraged to bring
 their own photos for
 personal, "one on one"
 help and advice on how
 to get better images at
 their next photo
 opportunity.

Call either Al Goodin
 at 226-4341 or Emily
 Heckman at 944-5582 for
 more information.

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Saturday, March 30 & Saturday, April 6
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Co Commissioners Hear Reports On Renovations

The honorable Commissioners' Court of Carson County, Texas met in pursuant to adjournment on March 25, 2002 with the following members and officers present: Hon. Lewis Powers, County Judge; Commissioners, Mike Britten, Pr. #1, Kenneth Ware, Pr. #2, Jerry Strawn, Pr. #3, and Kevin Howell, Pr. #4. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion was passed to pay all claims. Added to the list of regular claims were \$624 to Gray's Wholesale Tire Company for tires in Pr. #4 and mileage reimbursement to commissioners' school for Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell, \$204 each.

Judge Powers informed the court that the kitchen heater in the ag barn has gone out. Minor damage occurred to the plumbing. Some plumbing has been repaired. Faucets will have to be replaced in the wash area.

The court recognized Treasurer Jeannie Cunningham for continuing education hours. Judge Powers made the motion to accept the 5 hours that are required for investment officers on the Public Funds Investment Act. The motion was seconded and carried.

Commissioners considered interlocal agreements with the City of Panhandle and Skellytown for extra territorial jurisdiction. The cities will seek approval from the county before final acceptance can be made on outlying property within a certain radius of each city. A motion was passed to accept these terms.

Sheriff Gary Robertson informed the court of the balance of the asset forfeiture fund, which is \$1783.99. A motion was made and accepted to approve the report.

Sheriff Robertson also reported on the renovation of the property evidence room in the courthouse. A motion was made and accepted to accept the completed project.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cospers discussed a proposal with the court

that would give tax relief to charitable organizations if accepted first by the state comptroller's office. The option became available January 1st after new legislation. A motion was passed to allow the organization to petition for the relief.

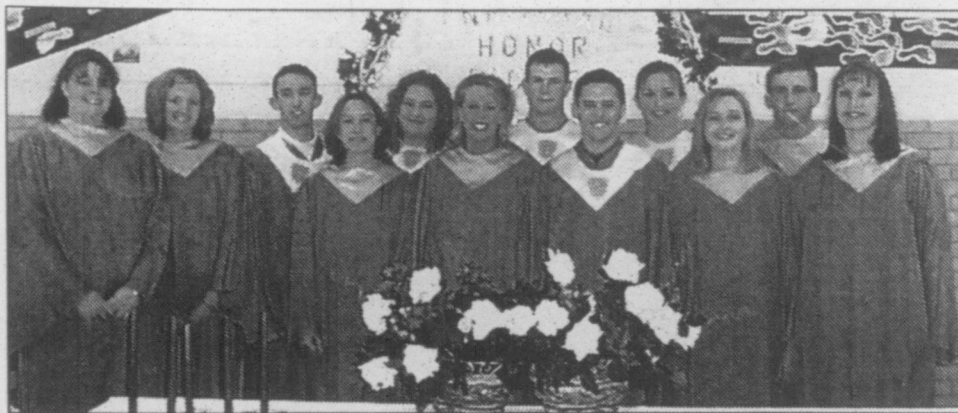
Cospers also asked the court to accept the sale of property in Skellytown. Butch Henderson gave a bid of \$100 for a piece of land located on Lot 7, Block 28 Old Town, Skellytown. A motion was passed to approve the sale and place the property back on the tax roll. Cospers stated that the property had been off the tax roll for two years.

County Extension Agents Jody Bradford and Jeanene Montgomery presented the court for approval the hiring of Jerri-Lynn Throgmorton for secretary of that office. A motion was passed to hire Throgmorton, effective April 1, 2002 at a level 21C. Commissioner Howell voted against the hiring because of indifference in the starting salary.

Representatives with Conseco Insurance Company asked the court to consider letting their company offer supplemental insurance to county employees. The company will return in July or August at which time insurance coverage will be reviewed.

Thank you correspondence was read from Wyatt Britten and the McClelland Creek Soil and Water Conservation District. Britten thanked the court for the support to the County Livestock Show Association. The soil and water conservation district also thanked the court for continued support to that district.

The court adjourned until April 8, 2002.



Honor Society Installs New Members

The Groom Chapter of the National Honor Society held their annual installation of new members and officers last week.

New members are

seniors Nichole Bohr, Cassie Ashford and Krisanne Davis. New junior members are Doug Fields, Jessica Bates, Jill Britten and Laurissa Noack.


Members are selected based on academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities and other criteria.

Current members are

Garrett Britten, Carri Britten, Wyatt Britten, Candace Bohr, and Luke Pavlovsky. Mrs. Janetta Lamb is the sponsor of the organization.

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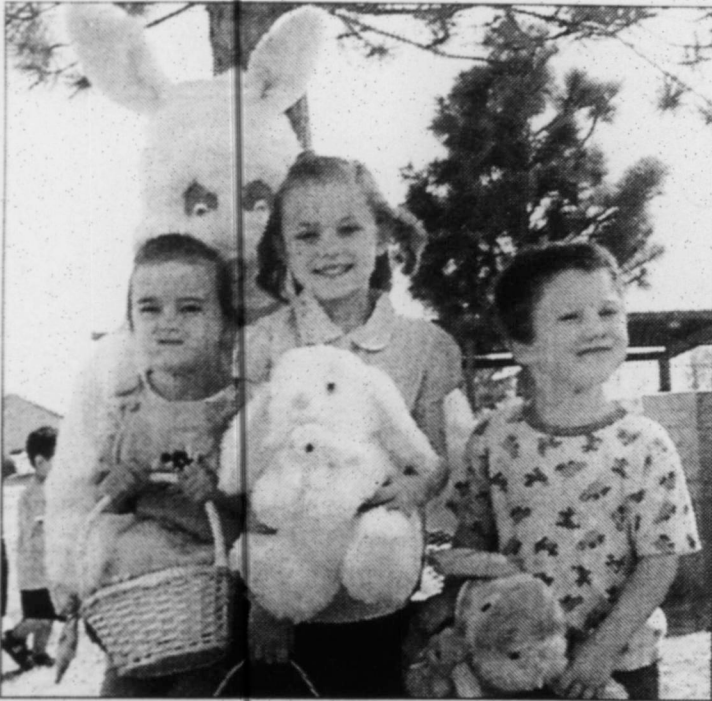
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Will Weinheimer checks out his foot after the hunt.



Easter Egg Hunt Held

The Alpha Mu Xi held their annual Easter hunt on Sunday with the weather co-operating for a nice change.

Children from pre-school to 3rd grade had a great time finding lots of eggs and prizes.

Winning the big prizes this year was (pictured above) Megan Ruthardt, Molly Stewardt, and Nat Roskens. Another child won but got away before the ladies could get her name. Congratulations to all the "hunters" and thanks to the ladies for all their efforts.

High School Tennis Team Competes At Wellington

Groom's high school tennis team competed in a meet at Wellington last week. Brin Burgin and Lanie Britten placed 4th in girls doubles. Lance Ollinger and Clay Britten were beat in the quarter finals by the team that eventually won the meet in the boys doubles competition.

Cody Bivens tied for 3rd place in boys singles. Amanda Conrad advanced to the quarter finals but was defeated in the first round.

Also competing were Stephanie Fraith, Candace Brinn, Nichole Bernhart, Jessica Brant, Lanie Britten, Shawna Wyatt, Britten, and others. The team was competing in the District 10 meet in April.

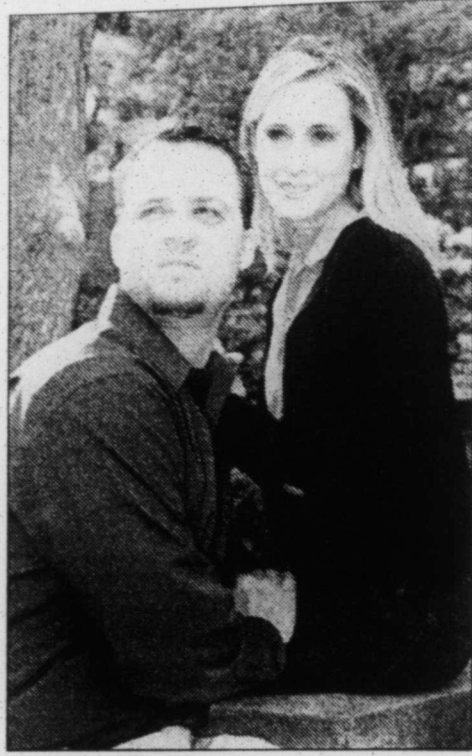
Lori Britten and Jason Johnson To Exchange Vows In June Ceremony

Mr. & Mrs. James Crow of Panhandle, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Britten of Groom and Mr. & Mrs. Mike Johnson of Pierre Part, Louisiana are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Lori Jayne Britten and Jason Thomas Johnson.

Nuptials are planned for June 15, 2002 in the First United Methodist Church of Panhandle.

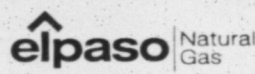
Lori is a graduate of Panhandle High School. She attended Amarillo College and is currently attending West Texas A & M University in Canyon. She is currently employed with Britten Enterprises, Inc., of Amarillo, Texas.

Jason is a graduate of Fritch High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. He received a Certificated of Teaching from West Texas A & M University of Canyon and is currently employed with the Canyon Independent School District, Lakeview Elementary.



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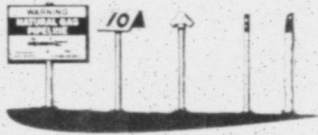
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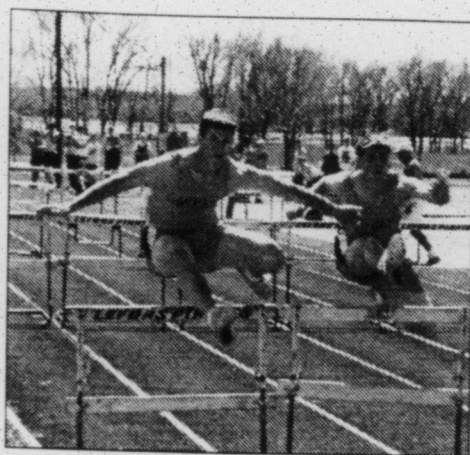
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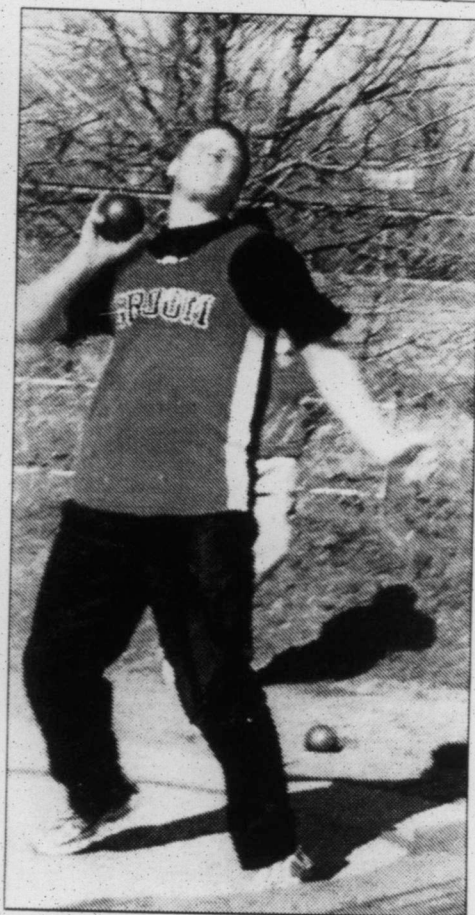
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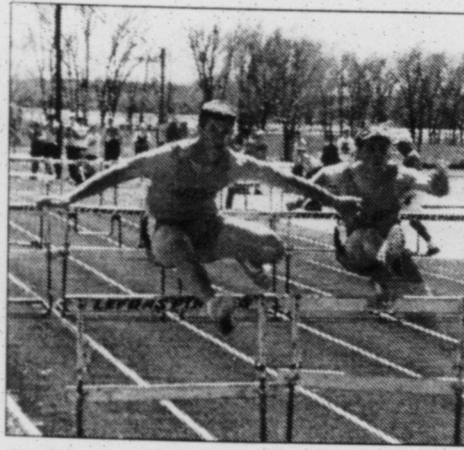
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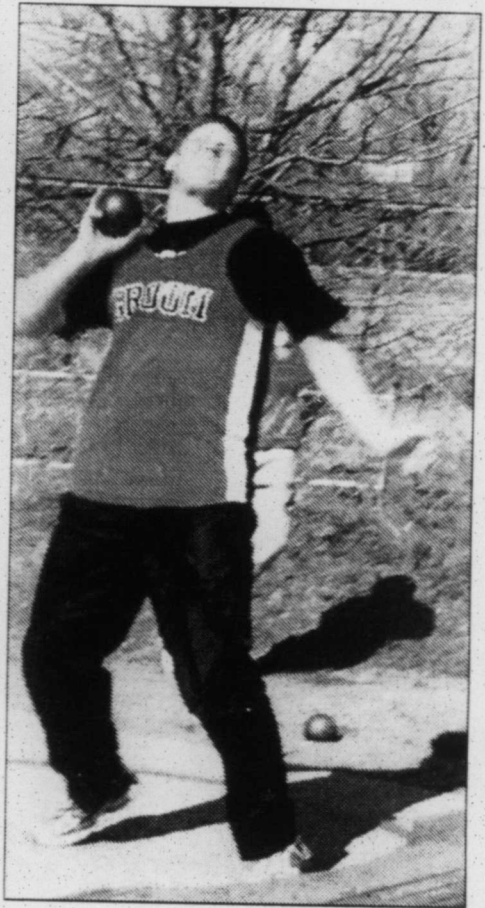
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teacher it would also appear that the Elementary P.E. program will be affected, however, according to the Noack, all elementary teachers are certified to teach their own P.E. classes and that is what they will have to do in order to meet state requirements.

One elementary teacher, Anna Knoblock, had tendered her resignation and there will be no plans to replace her.

Superintendent Noack states in his letter to the board that these cuts will save the District approximately \$97,575.00. The board had resolved to cut \$150,000 to \$200,000 from the schools budget. So other cuts may be forth coming.

Board member Barry Fields made the motion to not renew the probationary contract of Girls Basketball Coach Shannon Fisher, in the best interest of Groom Schools. The motion was unanimously approved.

In other business: the board approved minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, and special meetings of February 18 and March 7.

The technology plan was approved for 2002-2005. The plan outlines goals and objectives for this program.

Textbooks approved by the state of Texas were adopted for 2002.

The 2002-2003 school calendar was approved. Due to the new legislative requirements, some holidays have been shortened. While it could

still need adjustments the following is the schedule passed by the board:

- School Calendar
2002-2003
- Aug 13-16 - Teacher comp, work day and in-service days.
 - Aug 19 - School Begins
 - Sep 2 - Holiday
 - Oct 14 - Holiday
 - Nov 27-29 - Holiday
 - Dec 23-Jan 1 - Holiday
 - Jan 2 - Teacher work day
 - Feb 17 - Holiday
 - Mar 10-14 - Holiday
 - Apr 18-21 - Holiday (Apr 21 will be snow day)
 - Apr 26 - Holiday
 - May 9 - Holiday (May 9 will be a snow day)
 - May 26 - Holiday
 - May 30 - Teacher Work Day
 - May 30 - Graduation
 - May 31 - Teacher Comp Day

Charitable Organizations were granted tax exempt status, however, there are no organizations that meet these qualifications in the District at this time and the board can change their policy at any time, if they so choose. Churches are not in this classification.

The board offered contracts to the following teachers for the year 2002-2003: Pam Hutsell, Marcia Davis, Steve Hutsell, Aimee Fields, Shirley Fields, Susan Noack, Larry Roskens, Lisa Roskens, Janetta Lamb, Leslie Crowell, Larry Reid, Karen Reid and Susi Thompson.

The school board will meet again on Thursday

night for a public hearing concerning the implementation on personal property tax (i.e. tax on cars, boats, motor homes in the Groom School District). Please attend to let the school know how you feel on this subject.

CANDIDATES

Groom School graduate and will be asking voters to write in her name on the ballot. She is a lifelong resident of Groom and lives in the City of Groom with her husband, Louis and their children.

The City of Groom will not have a need for an election having only two sign up for the terms that are expiring. Ellis Stapp and Don Case have decided to seek the offices they now hold.

The News will invite the school candidates to tell voters why they are running in a future story. The election will be held on May 4, 2002.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- Here are some Web sites you may want to watch: Arlington tourism information at www.stayarlington.com.
- USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at www.fsis.usda.gov.
- Specialty Equipment Market Association at www.enjoythedriver.com.
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Entrance Exam Scheduled At Clarendon College

Clarendon College vocational nursing has scheduled the pre-entrance exam.

Candidates submitting applications in vocation nursing for the 2002-2003 school year must pre-register for one of the exam dates. Clarendon College campus will offer the exam April 5 and 6 at 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. both days. The exam will also be offered at the Pampa Center on April 12 and 13 at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The exam will last approximately three hours and the cost is \$30.00. To pre-register please call 806-874-3571 for the Clarendon Campus and 806-655-8801 for Pampa.

For more information about the vocational nursing program or the pre-entrance exam, please contact Sharron Rust at 806-874-3571.

New Resource & Development Areas Named

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently designed 20 areas in 17 states to receive technical assistance for conservation and environmental enhancement as part of its Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program.

The areas were selected through a competitive process based on local needs and proposed actions. These areas will benefit from increased conservation of

natural resources, economic development and enhanced standards of living," said Agriculture Secretary, Ann M. Veneman.

RC&D areas are locally led by grassroots councils comprised of volunteers, civic leaders and locally elected officials. RC&D projects provide practical solutions for community development, land and resource conservation, environmental enhancement and water management.

USDA, through the Natural Resource Conservation Service, provides technical assistance in the form of a coordinator for this program. The

throughout the nation. New areas in Texas are the Hill Country and Rio Grande-Nueces RC&Ds. For more information about the RC&D program contact The North Rolling Plains RC&D Office in Pampa at (806) 669-0312.

coordinator serves as a point of access to USDA programs and services that help the RC&D council address locally identified issues and achieve its objectives.

A number of other USDA agencies also work with designated areas on a wide variety of activities, including the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, Food and Nutrition Service; Forrest Service; and Rural Development.

Projects currently underway in the 438 existing RC&D areas include ones that reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, enhance wildlife habitat, create jobs and businesses, protect heritage sites, improve sewage treatment and other projects that improve the quality of life in rural communities.

With the addition of the 20 new areas, there will be 368 RC&Ds

Groom School Lunch Menu

- April 1 - 5 Breakfast**
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- Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.
- Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk.
- Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk.
- Friday: No School
- Lunch**
- Monday: No School
- Tuesday: Soft tacos, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, milk, yogurt.
- Wednesday: BBQ on a bun, french fries, oranges, pickles, onions, milk.
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