

# The McLean News



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Logan Sparling and Mark Smith won Reserve Grand Champion.



Randi Riley and Nikki Hefley won Reserve Grand Champion. More Science Fair pictures next week.

## Science Fair Deemed Success

The McLean Elementary, Junior High, and High School held their Science Fair Friday April 6th. The students worked in pairs or groups to complete their project. Approximately 100 students participated in this year's fair.

The students were divided into grade levels for the judging. Each level received awards. There were awards for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. For the Elementary and Junior High level, there was also an overall award. The groupings were first and second, third and fourth, fifth and sixth, seventh and eighth, and high school.

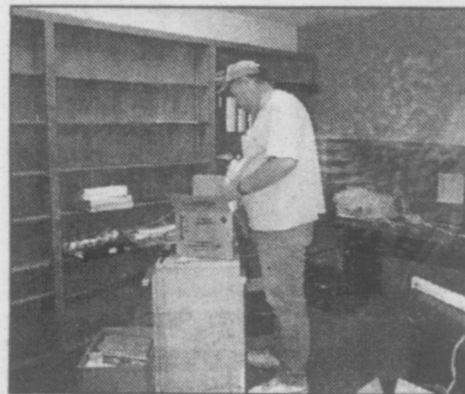
The judges interviewed each group of participants. They looked for originality and whether or not the project caught your attention. They asked if mom and dad did their project. The judges also looked for use of scientific method or meaningful purpose (can the conclusions be made from the data of the experiment?). Overall

presentations was also taken into consideration. The students could earn up to twenty points in the above areas.

The judges are from Groom and have about 30 years combined experience in scientific research.

The winners of this year's Science Fair are: 1st and 2nd grade, Grand Champion-Bradley Howard, Zachary Seymour, and Clay Crockett with "How Raindrops are formed" and Grand Champion, Reserve-Taylor Fish with "Static Electricity"; 3rd and 4th grade, Grand Champion-Amber Staton with "Needs of Plants" and Grand Champion Reserve-Kortney Smith with "Crystal Formation"; 5th and 6th grade, Grand Champion-Travis Fish with "Which antacid works the fastest" and Grand Champion Reserve-Mark Smith and Logan Sparling with "Making of Perfume."

Overall winners for Elementary were Grand Champion Amber Staton and Grand Champion see Science Fair, pg 9



The Gray County Sheriff's office and DPS office for McLean moved to the offices next to the bank Monday, April 9th. It will be an added security for the bank and will position these officers in the center of town.

## REMINDERS

**LIVESTOCK** Booster Appreciation Dinner tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Gerald Tate Agriculture building.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** Luncheon is scheduled for Tue. April 17th at 12:00. Bring a dish and a friend.

**SILENT** Communion Service is tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

**EARLY VOTING** by personal appearance will start Apr. 18th. You may cast your vote for school board at the McLean ISD Business Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Votes for Mayor and City Council may be cast at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**KINDERGARTEN** Pre-Registration will be on April 18th, 19th, and 20th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please come to the Teachers' Workroom with birth certificate, shot record, and social security card.

### 2ND ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER TO BE HELD

The second annual Alanreed Baptist Day of Pray will be held on May 19th beginning at 10:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. A covered dish luncheon will be held. Preachers, speakers, musicians from Texas, Oklahoma, and all through the area will be speaking.

**PTA BAKE SALE** is on April 12th.

**MCLEAN CARE** Center Easter Parade is on April 14th at 2:30 p.m.

**DISTRICT GOLF** will be held in Pampa on April 16th.

**CITY WIDE** Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the park.

**EARLY DISMISSAL** from School Friday April 13th at 12:30 p.m. No School on Monday April 16th.

**DEVIL'S ROPE** Museum Wire Show and Birthday Party will be held on April 19th, 20th, and 21st at the Museum.

### GROOM BOYS'

Basketball First Annual Charitable Track Meet will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Groom High School Track. Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Divisions include Pre K to 6th Grade. Events include baseball throw, long jump, jump rope, 50m dash, 100m dash, and 400m relays. Contact Brad Rainer at 248-7971 or 248-1203 for more information. Need not be from Groom to participate.

**COMET CLEANERS** will do Free Pickup-Tues. and Free Delivery-Thurs. at Elizabeth's in McLean. Call 779-2445 for info.

## City Discusses Street Light With Concerned Citizens

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, April 9th, 2001 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Joe Billingsley at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Joe Creed Lamb, Doyle Lee, Joe Billingsley, Bob Martin, and Charles McClendon. Jim McDonald was absent.

Other present: Tim Bohlar, Ann Pierce, Mindy Reeves, Vonda Averett, Dan Eggers, Lawrence Burnside, LaVon Watson, June Suggs, Brian Quisenberry, and Marvin Conners.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Progress report on the landfill was tabled until next month when the City Superintendent can be present to give a report.

The street sign report was tabled until next

month when the Superintendent will be present.

No action was taken on the cable franchise agreement due to the fact that the revised agreement has not been sent to the council by the cable company yet.

Lawrence Burnside with Texas Municipal League presented their proposal to the council for the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance stating that he thought they had better coverage for less money. The council informed him that some of the councilmen would take this proposal to the next firemen's meeting to see what their option is and they would make a decision at the special meeting they would be having the first part of May.

David Crockett's item was tabled until next month when he would be present at the meeting.

Dan Eggers had approached the council at

the last meeting concerning a street light on the corner of Wheeler and the I-40 access road. The City checked with S.P.S. and they will not bill the customer directly. Mr. Eggers told the council that he would reimburse the City for the cost of putting the street light there. Mr. Eggers is to make his request in writing to the City for the street light stating where he wants the street light to be located and the amount that he would reimburse the City. Reverend Brian Quisenberry asked the council about placing a street light in front of the church where the handicapped parking is located at the west end of the church on Hwy 66. The council told him the City would check with the Dept. of Transportation to see if their approval is needed to do this and will also check with S.P.S. to see what the cost would be

to put a light on the existing pole.

No action was taken on the Carol Weiss item since she was not present at the meeting.

Vonda Averett with the Chamber of Commerce informed the council that the Chamber now has new officers. Mindy Reeves is the President, Bill McKee, the Vice President, Butch Warner, the Secretary, and David Rieff the Treasurer. The new Chamber does not want to use the building and the Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol moved their offices to the Bank building Monday April 9th, so the only thing left in the building is the McLean EDC. The McLean EDC will be responsible for the utilities for the present time. Vonda Averett, Terri Adams, and Diana Roosa would like to keep the Haunted House things in the hospital part of the see City, pg 10

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thank you to all parents, coaches, officials, and the School Board for making Little Dribblers a success.

**ORDINANCE #276**

An Ordinance to the City Council of the City of McLean, Texas, clarifying rules, regulations, and penalties regarding public utilities passed and approved on its first and final reading April 9th, 2001.

**LOAVES & FISHES**

Mary Bybee and Paula Wall have been volunteering their time to coordinate the Loaves and Fishes program since October of 1998. As of the end of 2000, they had served over 20,000 meals. These ladies with the help of volunteers from local churches prepare and deliver 35 meals per day, five days a week.

There is no charge for these meals and the only qualification necessary to receive meals is need. Having meals delivered to our Senior Citizens is not only a good way to provide them with good nutrition, it also provides a smiling face and a daily visit.

The program purchases food from the food bank for 14 cents per pound. They receive can goods and sometimes fresh produce. They do not receive much meat from this source. In addition to the food bank, they receive donations from local members, such as The McLean Feedyard, Pucketts Grocery, and Red River Steak House. The school children help by collecting can goods.

Loaves and Fishes would happily accept your donations of food or cash and they have plenty of storage space for meat or anything else you would like to donate.



Loaves and Fishes Volunteers Paula Wall and Mary Bybee.

**CORRECTIONS**

From two weeks ago, the 4th grade girls Little Dribblers team won six games this season not just one as stated. Good job girls!

From last weeks paper, Reo Dennis's name should be included in the picture for one-act play.

Jennifer Greer and Kendall Newton played doubles in the District Tennis tournament in Pampa on April 2nd.

**Thought For The Day**

The quality of people's lives is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor

**TRINITY YOUTH GARAGE SALE**

The Trinity youth and parents had a wonderful day for their garage sale last Saturday. There was a good turn out of people to work and people to buy. Twenty three youth were rewarded for their efforts Sunday night. They were treated to a trip to the Pampa Harvester Bowling Alley for an evening of Christian music and bowling, complete with black lights and all the trimmings.

**Services Held for Local Woman, Fayette Bell Barker**

**Fayette Bell Barton**  
MCLEAN- Fayette Bell Barton, 90, died on April 7, 2001.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 11, 2001 at the United Methodist Church in McLean. Rev. Thacker Haynes officiated.

Mrs. Barton was born to Will and Fannie Taylor Copeland on Sept. 23, 1910 in Gray County, Texas. She was retired, having worked in several floral shops, Montgomery Ward in Pampa, and as museum curator of the Alanreed-McLean Area Museum during later years. She was a member of the United

Methodist Church in McLean. She lived in McLean most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aubrey Barton and Daughter, Sybil Joyce Bates.

Survivors include: two grandsons, David Bates of Winthrop W. Australia and Bill Bates of Rhonert Park, CA.; one niece, Shela Snyder of Warrensburg, MO.; two nephews, Russell Prather of Oklahoma City, OK.,

and Morris Turner of Amarillo, TX.

The family request memorials be to BSA Hospice of Amarillo.

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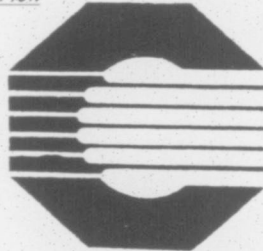



June Suggs, Receptionist

**Dr. Craig Shaffer**  
Medical Director

**Congratulations**  
**To Science Fair**  
**Winners & Participants**

<p><u>GRAND CHAMPIONS</u></p> <p>Bradley Howard Zachary Seymour Clay Crockett</p> <p>Amber Slaton</p> <p>Travis Fish</p> <p><u>OVERALL ELEMENTARY WINNERS</u></p> <p><u>GRAND CHAMPION</u> Amber Slaton</p> <p><u>RES. GRAND CHAMPION</u> Travis Fish</p>	<p><u>RES. GRAND CHAMPIONS</u></p> <p>1ST &amp; 2ND GRADE Taylor Fish</p> <p>3RD &amp; 4TH GRADE Kortney Smith</p> <p>5TH &amp; 6TH GRADE Mark Smith Logan Sparling</p> <p><u>JR. HIGH WINNERS</u></p> <p><u>GRAND CHAMPION</u> Krista Smith &amp; Russell Anglin</p> <p><u>RES. GRAND CHAMPION</u> Lindsey Ruiz, Connie Vega, Savannah Williamson</p>
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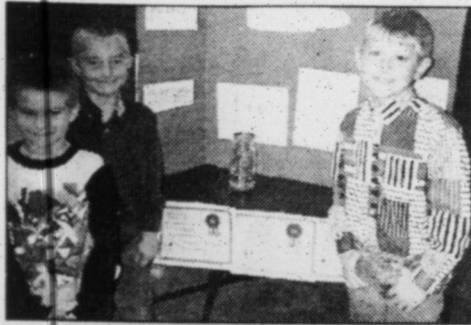




**McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**  
**April 12** - Virginia Dalton, Aline Winegeart.  
**April 13** - Lela Kennedy.  
**April 15** - Ilene Barker, Vernee Bowling.  
**April 16** - Sammy Don, Haynes, Misty Magee, Hannon, Janet Glass, Dale Steel, Mark Tate.  
**April 17** - Mickey Jackson, Cheryl Smith, Carl Dwyer, Frank Sparling, Skee Burkes.  
**April 18** - Ruth Trew, David Hutchison.

**55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE**

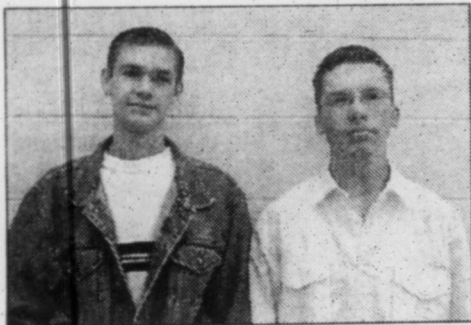
The VFW Auxiliary of Post 8565, McLean sponsored an AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course April 3rd and 5th at the Devil's Rope Museum. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wardlow of Shamrock were the instructors. Those attending were: Laverne Back, Mary Dwyer, Dick and Effie Lou Everett, Jake and Leta Mae Hess, Garth Thomas, Jim and Jean Gilmore, J.C. and Linda McAnear, George and Louise Watson, Bill and Billie Kingston, Delbert and Ruth Trew, Mary Groves, Laverne Brooks, Mayorie Fish, Davie Gyison, and Joe Cotter of Amarillo.



(Top) Science Fair 1st and 2nd Grade Grand Champion was Bradley Howard, Zachary Seymour, and Clay Crockett.



(Middle) Science Fair J.H. Grand Champion was Krista Smith and Russell Anglin.



(Bottom) Science Fair H.S. Grand Champion was Will Frost and David Swafford.

**SCIENCE FAIR**

Reserve Travis Fish. Junior High winners were: Grand Champion-7th graders Krista Smith and Russell Anglin with "Cow's Eye," and Grand Champion Reserve-7th graders Lindsey Ruiz, Connie Vega, and Savannah Williamson with Generator. High School winners include: Grand Champion-Will Frost and David Swafford, Reserve Grand Champion-Randi Riley and Nikki Heffley, and Honorable Mention-Drew Barker. Elementary participants were: First grade-Jack Odom and Taylor Fish; Second Grade-Nicole McClendon, Ashley Byron, Erin Vassey, Sami Stator, Staci Smith, Holly Phillips, Katy Acuna, Bradley Howard, Zachary Seymour, Clay Crockett, Timothy Jeffries, and Jacob Azazza; Third grade-Amber Stator; Fourth grade-Kortney Smith, Suzanne Howard, Emory Crawford, and Tammy Syfrett; Fifth grade-Jacob Connors, Stephen Ingle, Travis Fish, Mark Smith, and Logan Sparling; Sixth grade-Chisum Smith and Brandon Phillips. Junior High participants were: Seventh grade-Russell Anglin, Gene Glazener, Dustin Kirkland, Nicholas Odom, Joshua Pendleton, Robert Peterson, Keith Raines, Lindsey Ruiz, Kevin Smith, Krista Smith, Connie Vega, and Savannah Williamson; Eighth grade-Nick Jones, Tyler Hanes, Andy Ritchie, Terrance Fite, Lucas Seymour, Chloe Smith, Leann Rogers, Zane Richardson, Ashley McClendon, Allison Hill, Mitchell Steward, and Antonio Montoya.

**Easter Egg Hunt To Be Held**

Just a little about our city wide Easter Egg Hunt. It all came about one day at the old Cowboy Cafe. A few of the coffee drinkers were sitting around and began to brain storm when what happens...the decision was made that McLean should have an Easter Egg Hunt. The job was dedicated to Amanda Crawford to spread the word, and figure out how to plan a city wide hunt. Now we are on our 8th annual hunt. A warm heartfelt thanks goes out to those coffee drinkers. The children have a wonderful time. Thanks to all the merchants that donate to the hunt, and volunteers that help stuff the eggs. We could not do it without you. This year the egg stuffing party will begin

at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. You need not have experience, on the job training will be available. This year's sponsors include: Wood Turbine Group, McLean Care Clinic, Elizabeth's, Lamb Funeral Home, McLean Feed Yard, B and B Racing, C and H Supply, Germania Insurance, Pucketts, all of you wonderful people who will be at the egg stuffing party. Trinity Baptist for letting us use their building each year, and most of all to Christ for without his sacrifice we would not have Easter at all. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the McLean City Park. Two Golden Eggs to be found in each age group.

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)**

To the Registered Voters of McLean Texas  
 (A los votantes registrados del Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 5,  
 (Se da aviso por lo presente que los lugares electorales siguientes se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de mayo)

for voting in a General election to 2 Aldermen & a Mayor & proposition to change a sales tax to 48.  
 (Para votar en la presente elección general para elegir a dos miembros del ayuntamiento y una proposición para cambiar un impuesto de ventas del 48.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES):  
 Lovett Memorial Library  
 102 N. Main  
 McLean, Tx. 79057

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
 (El voto en adelantado se recibirá en persona de lunes a viernes en):  
 City Hall 220 N. Main

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2001 (date):  
 (entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m. de los días 19 de abril, 2001)

and ending on May 1, 2001 (date):  
 (terminando el 1 de mayo, 2001)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:  
 (El voto en adelantado además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de la manera):

Date/Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours/Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
 (Las solicitudes para votar por correo deben ser enviadas por correo aéreo a):

Tom Bohler  
 (Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación en Adelantado)  
 P.O. Box 9  
 (Address) (Dirección)  
 McLean, Tx. 79057  
 (City) (Ciudad)

Applications for ballot by mail may be received by mail at the office of the clerk on:  
 (Las solicitudes para votar por correo pueden ser recibidas por correo aéreo en la oficina del secretario de la votación en adelantado):

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**Pokemon 3**  
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 Friday thru Saturday 3:15 7:45 and 9:50p m  
 Sunday 1:15 3:15 and 7:45  
 Monday thru Thursday 5:15 and 7:50

**Spy Kids**  
 Rated PG  
 Friday-Saturday 3:45 7:15 and 9:25p m  
 Sunday 1:45 3:45 and 7:15p m  
 Monday thru Thursday 5:45 and 7:20p m

**Heartbreakers**  
 Rated PG-13  
 Friday and Saturday 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 3:30 and 7:00p m  
 Monday thru Thursday 7:30p m

**Down To Earth**  
 Rated PG-13  
 Friday and Saturday 10:00p m  
 Sunday 1:30 p.m.  
 Monday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Admission:  
 \$3.50 per person. Matinee Shows starting before 5:00  
 Children 3-11 or Senior citizens \$3.00 Adults \$5.00  
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## PTA Hears Weather Program

The McLean PTA held a meeting on Tuesday, March 27th in the school cafeteria. Shawn Bybee read the minutes from the last meeting and Stacey Smart gave a report on the budget. Amy Herring invited Cam Moore from News Channel 7 to give a program on weather and weather safety.

After the weather program, PTA business was discussed. This business included the upcoming bake sale on April 12th, which will be held at the Bank. All members will be asked to donate two baked goods or \$10.00 to go towards funding scholarships for seniors at graduation.

A nominating committee for next year's officers was also formed which will include Shatrel Richardson, Janet Glass, Heidi Syfrett, and Dick Crockett.

Amy Herring and Shawn Bybee mentioned the possibility of buying gift certificates for the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

The McLean PTA has agreed to pay for one night's stay for Shelley Long and Renea Chambers to go to a LIPS conference in May. The McLean PTA wants to show support to our teachers and this is one of the ways we can do that.

The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1st in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. and will be a school board forum. Parents, Teachers, and the McLean community are invited to attend, so you can make an informed decision when you vote on May 5th.

The candidates are Mike Darsey, Billy Joe Skipper Jr., Terri Adams, Toni Bohlar, and Floyd Skipper. There are three positions open for this election and we are hoping you will attend the forum to see what each candidate has in mind to bring to our school board.

## CITY

building and asked the council's permission to run the Haunted House again next year and they would be responsible for the insurance and the rest of the proceeds would be donated to a charity. The council agreed to this request. The new Chamber will not have offices at this time. They have literature put at the museums and will have a phone that will be answered at the museum.

McLean EDC will remain in the clinic building until the May election and after the election, the council will decide on what to do with the EDC and the building based on the election results.

Bill Collection Ordinance #276 was approved on its first and final reading with the stipulation to change item 1(d) on page 5 to read that city utility service will be terminated instead of water service will be terminated.

Employee Health Insurance is tabled to the special meeting the first of May until the employees look at the proposal and state their preference.

Discussion was held concerning citizens complaints to the council members. The council was in agreement that any citizen has the right to talk to any council member about any issues of concerns that they might have and the council member has the right to decide how they will handle that concern. They were also in agreement that the general practice would be to invite the person with the concern or complaint to the next council meeting to present their concerns. If they could not make the next meeting, they could state their concern or complaint in writing. The complaint or concern can be anonymous, it does not have to be signed by the citizen.

Spring Clean-up will be the first two weeks in May. Small items will be picked up at the barrels-no large items, no appliances, furniture etc. The landfill will be free to citizens with a City utility bill on Saturday May 5th and 12th, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. No roofing, construction materials, hazardous or toxic waste, or anything containing oil will be accepted and no refrigerators or freezers unless they have the certified sticker indicating that the freon has been removed by a certified licensed person. Containers that have had herbicides or pesticides can be accepted if the containers are triple rinsed.

The City shop needs a new overhead door, the council decided to have Ganell's in Pampa put the

new overhead door in at a price not to exceed \$1000.00.

The council set the date for the special meeting to canvass the election results to be on May 8th at 5:15 p.m.

The council voted to pay all bills excluding the Fire Dept.

The motion was passed to pay the Fire Dept. bills.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

## REFLECTIONS/EPA RECEPTION HELD

The Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers District 16 Reflections/EPA Reception was held Monday night in the Grand Ballroom at the Radisson Inn hotel in Amarillo.

Six McLean students were honored for their work in the EPA Poster contest. This year's theme was "Remembering the Past, Protecting the Future."

Kindergartner, Cassandra Ingle was awarded for participation. She is the daughter of Gerome and Judith Ingle. Britnie Cooper, a first grader and daughter of

Clay and Tracie Cooper, won first in that grade. Brock and Kristie Crockett's son, Clay who is a second grader won first in his grade level.

Tucker Adams won first in the third grade level. He is the son of Jim Bob and Terri Adams. Kristen Odom, daughter of Neal and Beverly Odom won first at the fifth grade level. Doug and Sally Seymour's daughter, Brooke, won first in the sixth grade level.

Britnie's, Clay's, Tucker's, Kristen's, and Brooke's posters will now be forwarded to the state competition where they will compete at that level. Any one advancing from state will go on to compete in nationals.

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## Obituary

**Sharon Diane Smith**  
AMARILLO- Sharon Diane Smith, 58, died Sunday, April 1, 2001.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday April 3, in the San Jacinto Assembly of God. Rev. Veral R. Smith of Phoenix and Melvin Suttle, pastor of San Jacinto Assembl of God, officiated. Burial was held at 2:00 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Mrs. Smith was born in Pineville, Ky. She attended Tucson High School and Amarillo College. She married Ronnie Dale Smith in Amarillo on Oct. 13, 1962.

She was a writer of gospel music, "By Faith Alone" and "Time On My Knees." She was a registered nurse and instructed nursing "clinicals" at Amarillo College. She was a member of San Jacinto Assembly of God. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mary Lou Vallejo of Amarillo; three sons, Dale Wade Smith of Dallas, Bert Clay Smith of Louisville, Ky., and Eric Wayne Smith of Amarillo; and two sisters.

## 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 am  
Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm  
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

**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  
James Mantooth 779-3207  
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm



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When: Every Sunday At 7:00 p.m.

New: Children's Church Ministry, 7:00pm Sunday

Sponsored By: Red River Cowboy Ministries

For more information call: Bill or Jerry Billingsley at 806-779-2456 or Mike or Leslie Darsey 806-779-2956

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## Ettes Win District Track Meet, Tigers Gain 2nd

Groom Athletes traveled to Miami last week to compete in the District Track Meet. The top 4 winners in each event competed in the Area Track Meet yesterday, Wednesday April 11th. Results will be available for that meet next week.

Groom Girls easily outdistanced the rest of the teams winning the meet with a total of 198 points. Second place was Hedley with 94 points; 3rd went to Miami with 93; 4th Higgins with 57 points; 5th Lefors with 30; 6th Follett with 29; 7th Fort Elliot with 28; 8th Allison with 16; and 9th went to Samnorwood with 10 points.

Laurissa Noack placed 1st in the discus with a throw of 99'6/12".

Candace Bohr won the high jump with a 4'8" leap. Staci Britten placed 2nd and Caren Howard placed 5th.

In the long jump competition, Krisanne Davis won with a jump of 15'83/4". Amanda Conrad placed 2nd.

Two girls will compete in the shot put in area. Jennifer Jenkins placed 3rd and Laurissa Noack placed 4th.

Krisanne Davis took top honors in the triple jump with a 33'21/2" jump. Amanda Conrad placed 5th.

Lauren Crowell and Jill Britten placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the grilling 3200 meter run.

Nichole Barnett won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:44:11.

Groom's 400 meter relay team of Krisanne Davis, Candace Bohr, Staci Britten, and Amanda Conrad brought home gold with a time of 53.76.

In the 400 meter dash, Staci Britten won gold with a time of 65:59. Amanda Martin was 4th and Brittany Martin was 6th.

Krisanne Davis, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, and Amanda Conrad won 1st place in the 800 meter relay with a time of 1:57:06.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Krisanne Davis see District Meet, pg 4

## "Keep Groom Beautiful" Campaign Scheduled For Saturday May 12

A meeting was held last Thursday evening at the Dairy Queen with the following interested people attending: Nathan Wieberg, Buddy Weller, Jigger Britten, Mary Sue Lyles, Lanna and David Brown.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with the clean up project. If interested in helping, please contact any of the above mentioned individuals. Currently we have approximately 20 volunteers to help with these efforts. We would like to see about 30 to 35 individuals. We strongly encourage teenagers to participate. This community service would apply on scholarship applications.

As of January 22, 2001, Groom has joined over 300 Texas Proud Communities as a provisional member of the Keep Texas Beautiful Program. In order to fully establish this

committee, several tasks have to take place. Currently the committee is still being established. We need 8 to 11 members on the committee of which we currently have four: Sandra Britten, Bill Homer, David and Lanna Brown. We desperately need 4 to 7 more members so the initial training can take place by the Outreach Director, Cecile Carson from Denton, Texas.

Keep Texas Beautiful recognizes the efforts made by individuals and groups to enhance their community and to protect the environment. There are many benefits for our community. With a community effort, our town has an opportunity to participate in the Governor's Community Achievement Award.

If you have questions or are interested in the Committee efforts, please contact David Brown.



2001 Alpha Mu Xi Annual Sorority Easter Egg Hunt Winners.

## Local Children Enjoy Annual Egg Hunt Sponsored By Alpha Mu Xi

Approximately 125 children gathered at the park on Sunday afternoon to participate in Alpha Mu Xi Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

A special appearance was made by the Easter Bunny and he handed out Easter eggs, listened to Easter wishes, and posed for pictures.

Brooklyn Kerlee earned the prize for pre-school. Molly Stewart found the prize egg for K-1; Tyler Babcock located the prize egg for 2nd-3rd grade.

The Grand Prize Winner was Brady Painter.

## Spring Storm Hits Area

With snow and ice just a little over a week ago, Spring let area residents know that it's time had come last Friday! The

first real storm of the season arrived with winds of up to 70 miles per hour and lots of hail ranging in size from dime sized to golf ball sized depending on where you were in the area.

A possible small twister did some damage

north of town, ripping off a roof, breaking windows, and generally throwing a lot of things around.

Several pivot sprinkler systems were damaged by the high winds. Reports were heard of turned over 18 wheelers and damaged roadway signs.

Approximately 20/100ths to 1/2 inch of rain fell in the area. The whole storm passed through Groom in about 15 minutes.

## Bike, Car Collide At School

Anytime a bicycle and car collide the results are traumatic. Two Groom ISD students are very well aware of that fact today, after what could have been a devastating accident for both of them.

As school was getting out last week, a bicycle rider and a pick-up had a collision. Luckily for both parties, the pick-up was moving slowly and the only real damage was frayed nerves, bumps, bruises, and a damaged bicycle.

According to witnesses, the bicycle rider actually veered into the truck's side. The driver was ticketed for not wearing a seatbelt according to law enforcement officials.

With the arrival of spring, many bicycles will be out on the streets. Perhaps now is a good time for parents to remind their children of bike safety rules.

Reinforcing those regulations concerning which side of the street to ride, crossing intersections, and riding at twilight could mean the difference between having a good time or coming to a tragic end.

Last month, school children were presented helmets and given a bike safety course hosted by the Groom EMS. Groom School officials were very happy that the accident was not worse and said they would be monitoring the parking areas and would admonish those who break the rules. They have no plans at this time to amend their policies concerning students driving on school property or bicycle riders.

Everyone is encouraged to be careful and slow down in front of the school in the mornings, at noon, and when school is dismissed.

## COMMUNITY CALENDER

**THE REGIONAL** Tennis Meet will be held in Levelland on April 23 & 24.

**ALPHA MU XI** would gladly accept and appreciate the return of the plastic eggs from the easter egg hunt or extras you would like to dispose of after the holiday, contact any sorority member.

**COACHES NEEDED** for summer league baseball! Call Tim Case at 248-7290.

**CHOWLINE IS** meeting every Tuesday at noon in the Community Center.

**THE ATHLETIC** Banquet in Groom is scheduled for May 17th.

**THE GROOM** High School prom is set for April 21st.

**THERE WILL BE** no school on April 13 & April 16 for Easter Vacation.

**WE DESPERATELY** need your help. We must have 12 people to make an EMT class. Please Come Saturday to the Community Center at 1:00 p.m. Call Charolet Whately for more information.

**A KINDERGARTEN** round-up will be held on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten room at Groom School. This event is for 2001-Kindergarten students. For more information contact the school office at 248-7474.

**GROOM BOYS'** Basketball First Annual Charitable Track Meet will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Groom High School Track. Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Divisions include Pre K to 6th Grade. Events include baseball throw, long jump, jump rope, 50m dash, 100m dash, and 400m relays. Contact Brad Rainer at 248-7971 or 248-1203 for more information. Need not be from Groom to participate.

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**CITY HALL** will be closed on Friday.

Correction! William Leven is a freshman of G.H.S.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank and express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness and generosity by the friends of Ora Lea Garmon. Your friendship eased our sorrow at her passing.  
 The Garmon Family

**CITY AND SCHOOL** Election will be held at the school on May 5.

Anyone interested in being a Rural Carrier Associate contact Postmaster Doris Kuehler at the Groom Post Office.

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## Local Happenings

Hal, Melody, Lauren, Kaytlynn, and Britian Simpson of Amarillo were in Groom to visit Melody's parents and grandparents, Jim & Donna Burton, Allie & Norris Hoyt, and Al Alward. They enjoyed a nice BBQ and a couple of great easter egg hunts.

Jiggs and Janie Britten recently attended the District 9A Tennis Tournament at Midland College in which their son, Tracy was coaching the Grady High School Team.

Tracy's athletes took 1st & 2nd in the boys single contest, 1 & 2 in Boys Doubles, 2 & 4 in Girls Singles, 1 & 2 in Girls Doubles.

They will attend the Region II Conference A at Hardin Simmons University later this month.

### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

April 12 - Rodney Bohr, Evelyn Ollinger, Brandon Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruthardt (A), Becky and Greg Martin (A).

April 13 - Craig Howard, Caroline Grace Britten.

April 14 - Mrs. George (Jigger) Britten, Jr., Leslie Crowell, Allison Eatmon, Jennifer Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Ollinger (A).

April 15 - Gary Don Babcock, Chance Bowers, Collin Bowers.

April 16 - April 17 - Keith Andrew Britten, Karri Britten, Louis Vega.

April 18 - Krista Gayle Johnson, Kim Brumley Bates, Louis Vega.

## Food For Thought

Why is it that a person with an hour to kill usually spends it with someone who can't spare a minute?

## Cross Activities Scheduled For Easter Week

Easter events are planned for the Cross at Groom. On Holy Thursday, Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa will hold a service at 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday something will be going on from noon to 8:00 p.m. Praise, worship, and music will consist of activities throughout the day. At noon a Rosary will be recited lead by Bishop Yanta of Amarillo, from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 3:30. He will give the message of the "Last 7 Words" and pray the Stations of the Cross.

Musical worship, prayers, and preaching will continue throughout the evening by numerous groups, preachers, and gospel singers.

On Sunday, a sunrise service will be given by the Dampiers of McLean and Dwight Dennis of Pampa.




## Schacher Wins Spelling Bee

Brittney Schacher, daughter of Daniel and Mary Jo Schacher of Lazbuddie was the Palmer County Junior Spelling Bee Champion. She is eleven and attends Lazbuddie Elementary School and is in the 5th grade. She participates in UIL, art, and science contests. Her hobbies are reading, playing piano, and riding horses. The junior county camps were recognized at a luncheon in Canyon on Saturday.

Brittney is the granddaughter of Bill and Norma Jean Homer of Groom.

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## Samantha Allison and Jarret Weinheimer Plan June Nuptials

Sam and Kathy Allison of 208 Maple in Panhandle are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha to Jarret Weinheimer.

Weinheimer is the son of Patrick H. and Maggie Weinheimer.

The couple will be married June 2, 2001 in St. Theresa's Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is a graduate of West Texas

A&M University in Canyon with a degree in Elementary Education. She is teaching math at Sam Houston Middle School in Bryan, Texas.

The prospective groom will graduate from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas in May with a degree in Agribusiness. He will be employed by Cargill Grain in Fairmont, Minnesota.



Samantha Allison and Jarret Weinheimer.

The white trumpet lily, which blooms naturally in springtime, was brought here from Bermuda. They are often called "Easter Lilies" because they bloom around Easter time.



## Concert Band Gets II's In District Spring Contest

Groom's High School Concert Band attended competition at Boy's Ranch last week. They received II ratings in concert and sight reading.

Band Director Larry Porter was very pleased with their performance.

then performed site reading on music they had never seen before.

"March of the Irish Guard", "Wild Wind Overture," and "Sea Song Trilogy" were their selections for concert.

The group will perform a spring concert on May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

"Considering where we began the year, I think they did a wonderful job," he said. "The judging was very strict this year and I think the kids have come a very long way."

The group performed three concert pieces and

The high school band will travel to Oklahoma City in May for an end of the year trip. The 5th and 6th grade band will travel to Wonderland in Amarillo for their end of the year party.

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### Groom Tennis Teams To Compete At Regional Meet

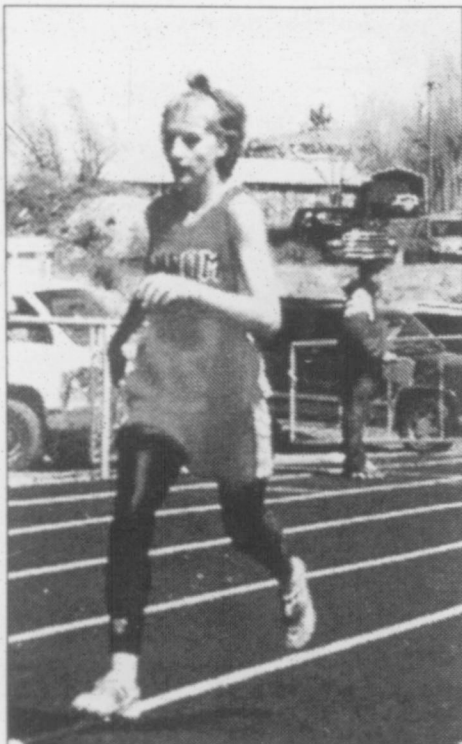
Groom's tennis team attended the District meet last week and will have some players going on to the Regional meet in Levelland on April 23.

The girls doubles team of Lauren Crowell and Brin Burgin won 1st in the competition after beating the team of Mick and Zyback of Fort Elliott. Groom's team of Candace Bohr and Nichole Barnett placed 3rd.

Russell Conrad placed 2nd and will be attending the Regional Meet after splitting sets with Andrew Johnson of Lefors.

Competing, but not advancing were Lance Ollinger and Clay Britten, Grant Weinheimer and Dewayne Gray, Wyatt Britten, and Stephany Fraser.

Groom's junior varsity team also competed. Girls doubles team of Lainie Britten and Kristen Johannson won their bracket. Cody Schaffer won the boys singles in JV. In boys doubles, Cody Babcock and Brett Britten placed 2nd.



Nichole Barnett is just one of many Area qualifiers after the District Track Meet held in Miami last week.

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During the Middle Ages in Europe, people would take a long walk after Easter Mass in their new clothes. This tradition eventually became what is known as the Easter Parade.

### DISTRICT MEET

placed 1st with a time of 52:10. Caren Howard placed 5th.

Jill Britten placed 2nd, Lauren Crowell placed 3rd, and Lainie Britten placed 5th in the 1600 meter run.

Groom also won the 1600 meter relay race with a time of 4:33:31. Members of the team are Candace Bohr, Amanda Conrad, Nichole Barnett, and Staci Britten.

In the boys meet, Groom narrowly lost to Miami with total team points of 137.5 to Miami's 161.5. Fort Elliot was 3rd with 60; 4th was Follett with 55; 5th place was Lefors with 53; 6th was Hedley with 45; 7th was McLean with 18; 8th was Allison with 10; 9th was Higgins with 9 points; and 10th place was Samnorwood with 4 points.

Groom brought home gold and silver in the triple jump with Clay Ritter leaping 42'5". Dewayne Gray was 2nd and Russell Conrad was 5th.

Cody Bivens tied for 2nd place in the high jump. Bobby Rattarree tied for 6th place.

Dewayne Gray was 3rd in the long jump. Cody Bivens was 5th.

Luke Pavlovsky qualified for Regionals in the 3200 meter run with 3rd place. Wyatt Britten placed 5th.

The 400 meter relay team of Clay Britten, Dewayne Gray, Clay Ritter, and Garrett Britten placed 1st.

Russell Conrad brought home gold in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:16:43.

In the 110 meter hurdles, Lance Ollinger placed 5th.

Garrett Britten placed 3rd in the 100 meter dash.

In the 400 meter dash, Clay Britten placed 2nd.

Dewayne Gray was 3rd and Clay Ritter was 4th in the 200 meter dash.

In the 1600 meter run, Russell Conrad was 2nd and Luke Pavlovsky placed 3rd.

The boys 1600 meter relay team placed 1st. Members of the race team were Clay Britten, Dewayne Gray, Clay Ritter, and Garrett Britten.

Again, the top 4 go to the Area Meet. Regional contest will be held in Levelland on April 27th and 28th.

### JR HIGH DISTRICT MEET

Groom Junior High Athletes competed in the District Track Meet last week.

Kelby Noack had a good day winning the 2400 meter run. He placed 5th in the 200 meter hurdles and 6th place in the 1200 meter run.

Chance Barkley placed 4th in the 200 meter hurdles.

Jeff Rios placed 6th in the shotput.

Also participating were Carter Wilson, Adam Britten, and Frank Leven. In the girls meet, Magan Bivens placed 2nd

in the high jump. Shari Britten placed 5th in the 400 meter run.

Gailyn Drewery placed 5th in the 1200 meter run.

Katy Britten and Ashley Jackson also competed. Malorie Homen prepared for the competition but was ill and could not attend.

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Britian Simpson has a little discussion with the Easter Bunny about some egg deliveries.



Roni Michele, Brady, and Mason Miller are lined up and ready to go.

- A-B Honor Roll:**  
 4th Grade-Trent Britten, Trevor Friemel, Andrew Thompson, and Brittany Weinheimer.  
 5th Grade-Chad Barkley and TJ Moraniec.  
 6th Grade-Thane Barkley, Brandi Baté, and Blaine Britten.  
 7th Grade-Sharri Britten, Kelby Noack, and Carter Wilson.  
 8th Grade-Ashley Jackson.  
 9th Grade-Lorri Britten, Caren Howard, Britteny Martin, Calvin Schaffer, and Owen Weinheimer.  
 10th Grade-Cody Babcock, Brett Britten, Brin Burgin, Amanda Conrad, and Lance Ollinger.  
 11th Grade-Karri Britten, Clay Ritter, and Hugh Weinheimer.  
 12th Grade-Skye Brown, Michele Stephens, and Kristina Tjarks.

**Card Of Thanks**

Dear Sorority Ladies,  
 Thank You so much for having the Easter Egg Hunt and getting the Easter Bunny to come to Groom! We had a lot of fun!  
 Thanks again,  
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**Groom 5th Six Weeks Honor Roll**

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| <b>A Honor Roll:</b><br>4th Grade-Brett Friemel and Bailee Ruthardt.<br>5th Grade-Michaela Roskens and Matt Wilson.<br>6th Grade-Karla Howard, Kecia Howard, and James Reid.<br>7th Grade-Katy Britten Gailynn Drewery, and | Malorie Homen.<br>8th Grade-Chance Barkley, Magan Bivens, and Adam Britten.<br>9th Grade-Clay Britten.<br>10th Grade-Jessica Bates, Jill Britten, Lauren Crowell, Doug Fields, Amanda Martin, and Laurissa Noack.<br>11th Grade-Cassie | Ashford, Nichole Barnett, Candace Bohr, Garrett Britten, Wyatt Britten, Krisanne Davis, and Luke Pavlovsky.<br>12th Grade-Marci Babcock, Brooke Britten, Macie Britten, Kristin Johansen, and Courtney Sustaire. |
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**Groom School Lunch Menu**

- March 16 - 20  
 Monday No School.  
 Tuesday breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna, salad, fried okra, fruit cocktail, bread-sticks, milk.  
 Wednesday breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, pears, graham crackers, milk.  
 Thursday breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, peaches, cheese zombies, milk.  
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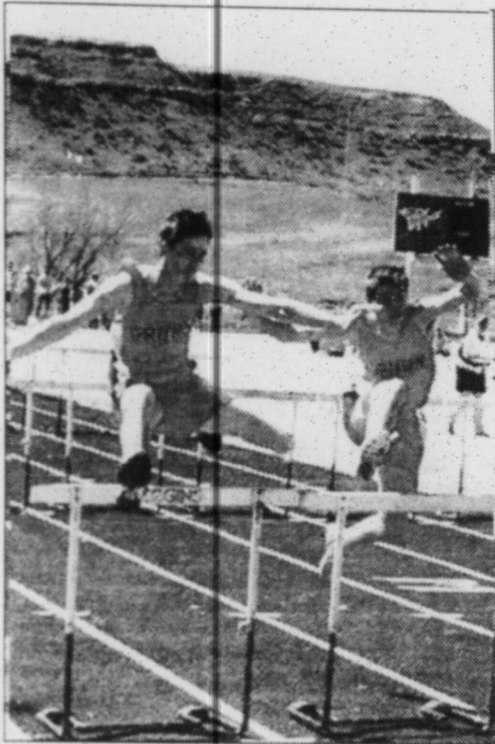
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Carson County Panhandle City Commissioners met on April 20th with the following present: Hon. Lewis W. Powers, County Judge; Mike Britten of Pr. #1; Kenneth Ware of Pr. #2; Jerry Strawn of Pr. #3; Kevin Howell of Pr. #4. Minutes of the March 26, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The motion was carried to pay all claims.

The motion was passed to approve the purchase of a new WRT pull type roller from Amarillo Machinery Company for \$10,000.

The court heard a budget request to fund the compactor and a road grader which was previously acquired for Precinct #2. A total of \$100,000 will be moved from the reserve funds to the equipment budget of Precinct #2. The motion was passed.

County Auditor Jacqueline West discussed other budget concerns. West said that the county is currently over allocations for autopsies. West said the FAA has approved the partial reimbursement of costs for two recent helicopter victims. FAA will pay

\$2500 of a \$3500 claim. Panhandle City Manager Chris Coffman, Mayor Les McNeill, and Fire Chief Roy Tarpley met with the court to discuss fire claims and the dispatching of a rescue unit with an ambulance runs. Coffman was asking the court to honor a contract between the two entities for fire calls along the Burlington Northern Railway. At one time, the rail company paid the claims. The court agreed to pay for the fire runs at \$350 per call. The court decided to let the ambulance attendant make the decision to dispatch the city's rescue unit for extraction or other emergencies.

The motion to pay 3 unpaid claims to the city for railway fires in 2000, in the amount being \$1050 was passed.

A thank you letter was read from Brad Britten to the county elected officials for the purchase of an animal at the County Livestock Show and Auction.

Carson County Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper reported that 96.31% of the county's taxes have been

collected as of March 31, 2001.

District Attorney Stuart Messer asked the court to approve a resolution for a crime victims's assistance grant. The motion was passed to support the proposition that would enable the DA's office to obtain money to pay the salary of the Crime Victim's director.

The court adjourned until April 23, 2001.

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