

# The McLean News



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## Deadline For Filing Approaches

The deadline for filing an application for a seat on the City Council or a seat on the School Board is exactly a week away and no one has signed up.

Two alderman seats are up on the City Council and the mayor's seat. Joe Billingsley and Doyle Lee were elected last year for a one year term. Charlie McClendon has served as mayor for four years and is undecided if he will run for another term.

The three places on the School Board that are up for election belong to Bob Glass, J.D. Simmons, and Mike Darsey. The persons elected will serve a three year term.

March 30 is the deadline for a candidate to withdraw from the elections. Early voting by personal appearance begins on April 18 and the last day is May 1.

## McLean Elementary Students Enjoy Animal Projects And Exhibits

The second and eighth grade classes under the direction of teacher Lesa

Greer presented a Power Point program on animals last Friday morning to parents, board members, and other teachers.

Teams of one or two eighth graders and second graders used the computer, projector, skins,

and skulls to describe the animals and their habitats.

The project took several months for the teams to produce by introducing research methods to the second grade and mentoring skills to the eight graders.

See Program, pg.9



Clay Crockett tells about the animal of the beaver.

## City Council Approves Full Time Employment For Probationary Employees Mixon & Sherwood

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, March 12, 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, Jim McDonald, and Charles McClendon.

Others present: Fred Smith, Toni Bohlar, David Crockett, Ann Pierce, Mindy Reeves, Vonda Averett, Terri Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eggers.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The landfill still has one pit to finish covering, but waiting for 10 days of good weather before the work can begin.

No progress has been made on the painting of the street signs. The council asked Fred to find someone else or another method of getting the signs painted.

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. However, a letter will be sent out to each customer here in McLean by the Cable company giving them several listings of new channels that could be added to our present system and asking the customers to pick 4 and return their choices to the

cable company. David Crockett came before the council to ask

the City to move his gas meter closer to his business in Alanreed. At this time it is approximately 150 yards away and should there ever be a leak in his line it would be a lot of line that would have to fix. The council asked Fred to check into what it would cost for the City to do that and they asked Mr. Crockett to check into getting an easement from Bill Pitts for the line to go through his property, and the council would discuss this again at the April meeting.

Vonda Averett with the Chamber of Commerce informed the council that the Chamber only has 3 active members now and they are almost out of money. Their question to the council was "since the Chamber was allowed the use of the building by the City to rent out the offices there, that if the Chamber should fold, what would happen to the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's office that are now there." The council informed her that the City would check with their attorney to see if they could stay in the building by paying utilities only with no rent and this item will be put on next months agenda to be discussed further after more information is received. Vonda informed the council that the "last chance" letters were being sent out to

the citizens and businesses to come to the COC meeting on March 19. If no one showed an interest then the COC would fold and the

Chamber will attend the next City Council meeting to bring it's decision.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eggers came before the council to ask them for a street light on the corner of Wheeler and the I-40 service road. They own the property there and there are no lights along that service road and it is extremely dark. The cost from Southwestern Public Service to put a light there would cost approximately \$600.00 and then around \$4.75 a month for a light there. The council explained that since there were no residences at that end of the street they didn't feel they could justify putting a street light there. Mr. Eggers said that he would pay the cost of the light if the City would put it there or preferably in the alley. The council informed Mr. Eggers that they would check with S.P.S. to see if they would put a light in his alley and bill Mr. Eggers monthly for the cost.

Doyle Lee brought it to the council's attention that one of the City's vehicles was not properly marked and due to the exempt status of the vehicles, they needed to be marked as a City vehicle. The council asked Fred Smith to see

that this was done in the next 4 weeks.

Doyle Lee also said that due to the fact that at last months meeting the Mayor had asked the employees and the council to think about ways to cut back expenses that he didn't feel that we needed to use part time help. His opinion was that with four full time employees that they should be able to handle what needed to be done. The council asked Fred not to use any part time help unless necessary and to train Bill Sherwood to use the maintainer.

Fred Smith brought to the council's attention that Allen Mixon and Bill Sherwood's probationary period was over and that he would like the council to consider hiring them full time. He said that their performance during this period had been satisfactory. The council agreed to hire them full time with a \$100.00 a month raise.

No action taken on the bill collection policy since no information had been received from the attorney yet.

The council voted to pay all bills.

The Mayor called for executive session at 7:00 p.m. Discussion was held concerning the City vehicles.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:05 p.m., with no action being taken from executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

## REMINDERS

**PIONEER STUDY**  
Club will meet today at 2:00. Mindy Reeves will serve as hostess.

**HIGH SCHOOL Golf**  
Meet in Clarendon will be held on March 19 and March 20.

**ONE-ACT PLAY**  
goes to district on March 22.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
Celebration is March 17 and 18 in Shamrock.

**JR. HIGH AND H.S.**  
track meet on March 23 and 24.

**LITTLE DRIBBLERS**  
tournament in Samnorwood on March 23 and 34.

**SIGN-UP FOR A seat**  
on the City Council or the School Board. Deadline is March 21.

**COMPUTER Classes**,  
on March 22 at 1:30 p.m., Ellen will begin teaching beginning computers at the Library for free. Limited space, so call the Library at 779-2851.

**MCLEAN 4-H**  
Clothing Project will meet at 4:30 p.m. on March 20th at the Methodist Church.

**CHAMBER OF Commerce** will hold a special meeting on March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

**PTA** will meet on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

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

**BRIEFS**

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**McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**

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March 18 - Faris Jake Hess, Jim McDonald, Karen Williams, Bob and Anita Thompson (A), Billie and Angie Billingsley (A).

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March 20 - Caroline Cole.

March 21 - Linda Haynes, Miranda McMordie, Martin Graham.

**Obituaries**

**ISABEL BALEY COUSINS**

**PAMPA-** Isabel Baley Cousins, 91, died Monday, March 5, 2001, in McLean.

Services were held Monday March 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Cousins was born in Wheeler County to Edwin Baley and Lula Stewart Baley. She graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon College and Baylor University. She married S.A. Cousins at Clarendon in 1934. The couple then moved to McLean where they remained. Mrs. Cousins taught elementary school at the Bairfields Community, Borger and McLean before retiring.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school classes in the children's department many years and held many offices in the women's society as well as volunteering many hours at the McLean Care Center.

Mrs. Cousins was preceded in death by her sister, Kity Ruth Eudy, and her husband S.A. cousins who died in 1997.

Survivors include a sister, Helen Perry of Gulf Breeze, Florida; Four nephews and six nieces, Sam Lowry of

Clarendon, John Eudy of Canyon, Al Perry of Rancho, N.M., and Penny of Oklahoma City, Ed Perry of Gulf Breeze, Florida, Janice Meyer of Austin, Sara Rhea of Amarillo, Nona Turpen of McLean, Sue Cross of Detroit, Tx, Barbara Beck of Colorado, and Virginia Perryman of Houston.

The family suggest memorials be to First United Methodist Church, McLean, TX 79057.

Jess Ward Griffin

**DONNA-** Jess Ward Griffin, died Tuesday Jan. 16, 2001.

Memorial services were held Jan. 23, 2001, at Casa del Sol Resort, Val Verde Road, in Donna with the Rev. Henry Lee Griffin of Canyon Lake and Rev. David Ward Griffin of Llano officiating.

Mr. Griffin graduated from Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth in 1941. He earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Methodist University. He retired in 1981 as associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

He was a member of the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Exchange Club, the Masonic Lodge, and the Shrine Temple and AMBUCS of Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Marie; five children, Carol M. St. John of Fort Worth, L. Jane Stewart of Avon,

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Wade Griffin Jr. of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Penny Jenene Bagwell of Austin; four siblings, Wilma Arlen Bradshaw of Donna, Howard Lee Griffin of Canyon Lake, J.J. Griffin of Crosbyton, and Jo Ann Hillman of Weatherford; and numerous grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to be to Tribute Scholarship Fund at Texas Wesleyan University office of advancement, 1201 Wesleyan Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76105.

D. Lyman Stubblefield

**AMARILLO-** D. Lyman Stubblefield, an Amarillo attorney, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2001. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Stubblefield was born in Amarillo and graduated from Tascosa High School in 1959. He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1963 and graduated from SMU Law School in 1966.

In 1970 he joined the Amarillo West Rotary Club, was past president and received Rotarian of the Year in 1988. He was active in the HOST and Teen Challenge Programs.

Mr. Stubblefield also was a longtime member and past president of the American Dairy Goat Association and a member of the National Rifle Association.

He was married to Judy Ginn in 1965 at Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Shannon Ann Edwards of Troy and Emily Lynn York of Amarillo; two sisters, B. Kay Brummier of Dallas and B. Elaine Smith of Houston; and four grandchildren.

Verna Biggers

**SHAMROCK-** Verna Biggers, age 92, died February 26, 2001.

Services were held Wednesday, February 28, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in McLean, Texas. Brother Joe Jernigan assisted by Pastor Brian Quisenberry officiated. Burial was held at Hillcrest

Cemetery in McLean, Texas.

Mrs. Biggers was a homemaker and had lived

in McLean for 70 years. She was born in Earlen 45 County, Texas to JC and Margaret White. She was a member of First Baptist Church of McLean. She married John Biggers in 1932 at Whitt, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1979. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry Eagle in 1979.

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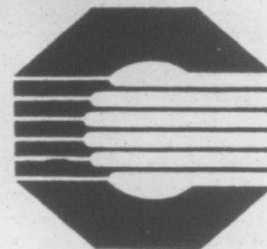
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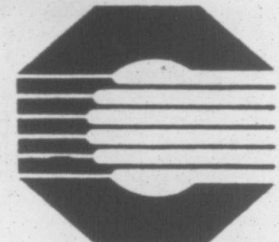
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## Alanreed Church News

By Jeanette Fish  
The Alanreed Baptist Church will be 100 years old in 2004. Services are on Sunday mornings

McLean School Menu  
March 19-March 23

Monday breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Mini corn dogs, squash, salad, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday breakfast: Pancakes, ham, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Taco salad, meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday breakfast: Blueberry muffins, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday breakfast: Breakfast bars, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Sloppy joes, onion rings, veggie sticks, pickle spears, fruit bars, milk.

Friday breakfast: Cinnamon roll, toast and jelly, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, strawberry cake, milk.

now and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday night. There will be plans announced at a later time regarding the 2004 celebration. Jim Bible is the preacher. His wife Vonnie is missionary for the handicapped in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. The members have been working on the building for the last 3 years and it is really beautiful on the outside and inside now. Jim Bible has done a great deal of work. Truckdrivers are welcome and during a revival meeting in October, Robert Bruce reports that there were twelve decisions for Jesus and three baptisms. The Sunday morning Bible class is studying the book of Luke now. The church invites visitors to any and all services.

### PROGRAM

The second graders also presented a presentation of the dinosaur they had made. Techniques for excavation and research were shown to those present.

Songs about dinosaurs were performed by the students under the direction of music teacher, Judith Watkins.

## McLean Care Center News

Sunday activities began for the residents with Sunday school with the Methodist Friendship class. In the afternoon they attended Church services with Reverend Brian Quisenberry and congregation of the First Baptist Church.

Activities this week include nail and care, bingo on Monday, and crafts and dominoes on Tuesday. Resident council was held Wednesday morning by the residents. In the afternoon some watched a movie, while others played dominoes. Thursday was beauty shop and bingo in the afternoon. Friday morning we had nail care and dominoes in the afternoon.

We have two new residents. J. Miller is from Pampa and Vera Amerson is also from Pampa.

Willie Wheeler is in the hospital. Back from the hospital are Glynda Martin, Ruby Key, Johnny Mertel, George Orrick, and Helen Simmonds.

We regret the loss of two residents Isabel

Cousins and Lawrence Kurtz.

The March birthday Party will be Friday March 16 at 2:30 p.m. Birthday people are Irene Packam and Robert Williams. Come help your friends and family celebrate this occasion.

Saturday morning, weather permitting, we are going to the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Shamrock. Anyone wishing to go with us to help with the residents can contact Billie Kingston at 779-2469.

### More Reminders

ILL OR RECOVERING  
Virginia Dalton, Darlene Hankinson, and Bill Reeves.

COUNTY CLUB  
Dance will be held on March 24 from 8:00 - 11:30 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS  
Luncheon will be on March 20th at Noon. Everyone is welcome to come and please bring a covered dish.

Ashley Russell was top cookie seller for her Brownie troop, selling 169 boxes of cookies.

## Little Dribblers Play In Tourney

The Little Dribblers teams participated in a tournament at Ft. Elliot last week.

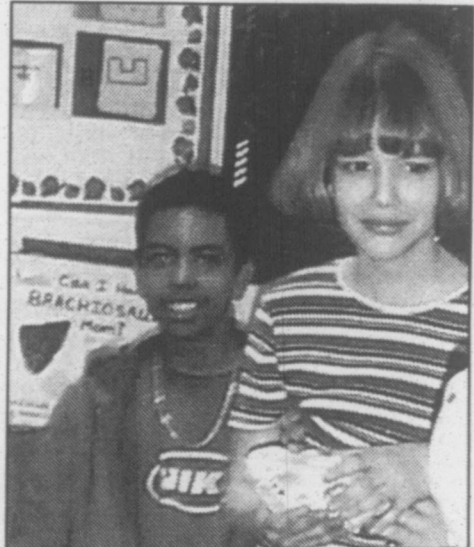
The K-2 grade girls team won first place by defeating a Ft. Elliot boys team. The team has an impressive record of 7-0 for the season so far.

The K-2 grade boys team won third place.

The fourth grade girls placed third and the third and fourth grade boys won consolation.

The Kindergarten through sixth grade girls and boys teams will participate in a Samnorwood tournament on March 23 and 24.

The McLean tournament will be March 30 and 31.



Sarah Shackleford explains the skull of her animal as her partner, eight grade Antonio Montoya looks on.

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Truck Parking Food

Shamrock's 2001  
St. Patrick's Celebration

Friday, March 16th  
6:45 PM Kick-Off Banquet Featuring the Motifs (formally the Velasquez Brothers)

Saturday, March 17th  
9:00 AM Arts & Craft Show  
10:00 AM Donage: Beard Contest at the Judges Contest on Main Street  
10:30 PM Parade  
11:00 PM Parade Entrance Luncheon  
12:00 PM Carnival  
Books Open at 11:30 AM  
Starts at 12:30 PM  
Team Roping at Rodeo Grounds  
12:00 PM Colleen Luncheon  
12:30 PM Motorcycle rally & Poker Run at the Community Center  
1:00 PM Car Show at the U-Drop Inn  
4:00 PM Miss Irish Rose Contest  
7:00 PM Gospel Singing  
8:00 PM Youth Rally  
9:00 PM Dance (Featuring the Motifs)

Sunday, March 18th  
12:00 PM Arts & Craft Show  
12:00 PM Carnival  
1:30 PM Team Roping-Brashears-Arena  
1:30 PM Lad n' Lassie Pageant  
2:00 PM Bull Buck Out end up with expedition Bull Fight Following Bull Buck will be a Bull Fight Expedition featuring World Champion Bull Fighters



Cesity Cadra recently crowned Miss McLean will be competing in the Miss Irish Rose Contest to be held at the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Shamrock this weekend. She is a senior at McLean High School.

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## Alanreed News

By Jeanette Fish

Billy, Shawn, Tory age 7, and Andrew age 2 were in Orlando, Florida this past weekend. Dixie, Shawn's mama has not heard any results yet.

Gouge Eye (Alanreed) Archery Club will hold their usual meet at Gary McFalls on Saturday March 31st and also every first Sunday. Last meeting had forty one attending. Sid and Orville Keese are the organizers.

Julianna (Crockett) Burnett, Haley age 5, and Hunter age 2, have gone to Houston during Spring Break to visit her husband's, Jay Burnett, parents. Jay works at Warner Electric in Pampa.

Back Stage Western Band, formerly known as Southern Star, is playing in Shamrock Friday night and Texola on Saturday night. Former members Ronny and Bobby Tidwell moved to Nashville, Tennessee and are working as electricians and pursuing their music there. Former member Bobby Richardson works at Tarpley's Music in Pampa and installs music systems in churches. Jessie and Clay Cooper did the sound for several years. Kenny Hipp of McLean does the sound. Dan Fish plays lead guitar and sings, Ryan Swanson plays bass guitar. John McMordie sings and plays the guitar as does Ray Kirkland. Dewayne from Borger is the drummer.

### IT'S A GIRL!

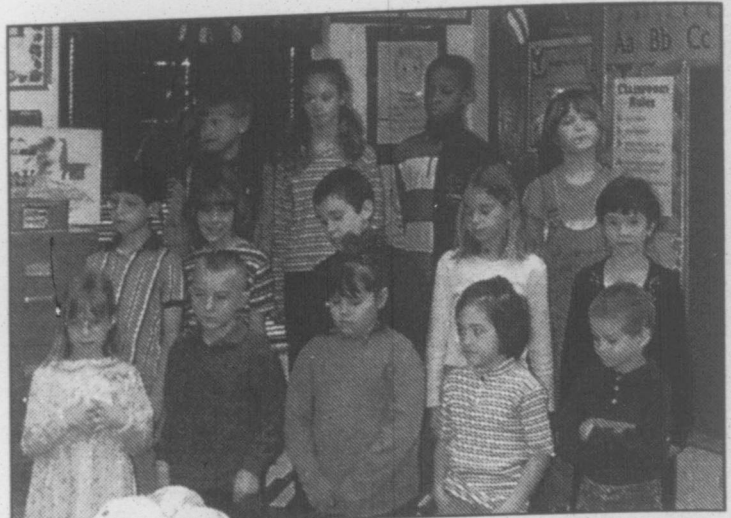
Big sister Ashley Byron is excited to announce the arrival of baby sister, Autumn Brooke. She was born on March 2 at 12:03 a.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Autumn weighed 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Her proud parents are Brian and Kelly Byron of Alanreed. Grandparents are Jimmy and Janice Cates of Booker, Texas; Gary Byron of Wakeman, Ohio; and Pat Riddle of Independence, Kansas.

Saturday night, Dan, Sasha, Ashley, Taylor, and Parker Daniel Fish went to Amarillo to visit Sasha's sister and family Billy, Jennie, and Blakeney Terry. They ate out at Chilli's and visited the Old Navy store. They also attended an Ice Hockey Game. Afterwards, the Fishes spent the night with the Terry's, who recently bought a new house in Amarillo. Jenni works as a teacher's aide and Blakeney works at Champs, a sporting good store in Amarillo.



Jay Dorsey of Alanreed son of Oran and Ruby enjoys his computer when he feels well. He has a lot of problems with allergies. Oran has a lot of problems with arthritis. He hasn't decided if he will plant a garden this year or not. Some one from Pampa brought Oran some medicine called "Blue Stuff" and he said he believes it is helping. Ruby said she will find out where it can be bought.



The Third Graders sing their dinosaur songs.

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**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**  
Rev. 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

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Thursday, March 15, 2001



Shelby gets a sip of juice from her Mom after she gets a little too much insulin in her blood.

## Groom's One Act Play, "Steel Magnolias" Earns A Bow

Groom High School was proud to present its UIL One Act Play performance to the public last week.

"Steel Magnolias" is a play by Robert Harling that was made famous after it was produced as a motion picture. As a movie it garnered several Academy Award nominations as well as many other awards and recognitions. The film featured an ensemble cast starring Sally Fields, Dolly Parton, Julia Roberts, Darral Hanna, Olivia Dicaucus, and Shirley McLain.

While Groom's ensemble cast may not be as well known, they are very talented according to last weeks audience.

Frances Britten plays

the part of Annelle Dupuy-Desoto, the new beautician who's first husband leaves her high and dry. She begins working at "Truvs" on an important day for the group and as it turns out for her as well.

Truvy Jones is played by Liz Vega. Truvy is the Beauty Shop owner. The play centers around her shop and the relationship formed between the patrons.

Macie Britten plays Clairee Belcher former first lady of the township. She and her friend Ouiser represent a slightly older segment of the circle.

Jessica Bates does a fabulous job playing Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie. The play opens on her wedding day preparations.

her battle with diabetes plays a central part in the story.

Mlynn Eatenton, Shelby's mother, is played by Brooke Britten. She is a Southern mother who shoulders much of the responsibility for the well being of her family.

Ouiser Boudreaux, played by Courtney Sustaire is an old Southern battle axe who's rough exterior is her only shield to her tender heart.

Assisting the actors are their fine stage crew Michele Stephens, Karri Britten, and Marci Babcock.

Alternates are Stephany Frazier, Penny McMahan and Joanea Horn.

Directors of the

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"I don't have a good side!" says Ouiser, played by Courtney Sustaire.

## Open Meetings Workshop Well Attended In Spite Of Scheduling Conflicts

The city council meeting was called to order by the Mayor on Thursday, March 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance included Joe Homer, Mayor; Ellis Stapp, Alderman; W.H. Ollinger, Alderman; Kenneth Weller, Alderman. Visitors included: Pat Ashford, David Brown, Nathan Wieberg, Donna

Burton, Jigger and Sandra Britten, Kathleen Barkley, England, Joyce Hutsell, Rosa Bilderback, Anita Urbanczyk of White Deer, Marcus Norris of Amarillo, Lee Ann Pittard from Classic Cable, and Mary Sue Lyles.

The Mayor recognized Marcus Norris, City Attorney from Amarillo, who gave a presentation

about the increase in price of the service without any added programming or upgrading of the Groom system and about the delays in repairing the system when the programming goes off the air. Ms. Pittard told the council that she would look into the difference in cost and programming delivered to

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## Deadline Approaches For Place On Ballot

With less than a week to go for candidates to sign up for school board and city council, no new candidates have applied for the city council positions. Terms are expiring for Kenneth Weller and Mary Margaret Brooks as well as Mayor Joe Homer. Mayor Homer and Councilman Weller have filed their intent to seek

re-election, leaving Mrs. Brooks' seat open. If no one were to run for that position, Mrs. Brooks would retain it.

Groom I.S.D. has several people interested in the 3 expiring terms, to date, five people have applied for the three slots. They are Jigger Britten, Cliff Britten (incumbent), Lonny Brown, Mike Friemel, and Ron Kuehler. These

seats are currently held by Cliff Britten, Dennis Babcock and a year old vacancy formerly held by Brad Rogers.

Anyone who is interested in serving may apply at the Groom City Hall Office or at the

Groom I.S.D. Business Manager's Office until close of business on March 21. The election is scheduled for May 5.

## COMMUNITY CALENDER

LEFORS will host a track meet for Junior High Athletes on Friday, March 23.

ZONE ONE-ACT Play competition will be on March 20 at Lefors.

DISTRICT ONE-ACT Play will be in Clarendon on March 22.

HIGH SCHOOL Lefors Track Meet will be held on March 24.

INTERESTED IN Education or Civic Responsibilities? Sign up for a place on the ballot for Groom ISD School Board or Groom City Council, beginning on Feb. 19, at the School Business Office or City Hall.

KEEP GROOM Beautiful Cleanup Scheduled for May. Volunteers Needed! If you are interested in participating in or sponsoring this project, please contact David or Lanna Brown 248-7926. Date to be determined at organizational meeting. More information coming very soon.

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## Local Happenings

**Brandi Eschle.** Madison, Baily and Leighton of Flowermound and Beverly and Jim Ingram of Amarillo visited in the Glynn D Harrell home Monday.

### It's A Boy!

Jimie Ray was welcomed to the Leven family on March 8, 2001 by proud parents Lewis and Sabrina Leven and brothers and sisters William, Heather, Ellen, Katie, and Cassie.

He weighed six pounds, six 1/2 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Monty and Sandie Schafer, and Herman and Barbara Leven or Groom. Greatgrandparents are Robert McPherson of Pampa and G.W. and Mary Ella Schafer of Groom.



### It's A Girl!

Lindy and Jack Craft, of Clarendon, proudly announce the birth of their daughter Charlotte Ann "Chardy" Craft. She was born Thursday, March 8, 2001, at 2:23 a.m. weighing 4 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces, and was 17 3/4 inches long.

She is welcomed by her grandparents Bill Craft of Clarendon, and Wayne and Adela Kotara of Groom. Her Great-Grandparents are Wallace and Flois Bichsel of Panhandle.

**Card of Thanks**  
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Seth Ritter, Gary Friemel, & Players

### PLAY

production are Aimee Fields and Leslie Crowell.

The group will compete in zone competition on March 20.

### Welcome No. 15 & Counting

Glynn D and Sybil Harrell welcomed their fifteenth great grandchild with the birth Tuesday, March 6, 2001 of Keston Kyle of Austin. Grandparents are Glynda Eschle of Lubbock, Johnny Eschle and Mr and Mrs. Clayton Wolf of Arlington. Other children are Elysa and Camden.

Groom School Menu  
 March 19-March 23

**Monday breakfast:** Cold cereal, muffins, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Mexican pile on, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, pears, graham crackers, milk.

**Tuesday breakfast:** Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, ranch style beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, and milk.

**Wednesday breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, hash brown potatoes, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, tator tots, pickle spears, peaches, and milk.

**Thursday breakfast:** Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk.

**Friday breakfast:** Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Sandwiches, ham, bologna, or tuna, pork and beans, pineapple, chips, and milk.

## Sheriff's Report

There are 5 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of March 5 through March 11, 2001. Currently there are 12 persons incarcerated in this jail and 9 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrest made this week include:

Christopher Shouse, age 24 of Cartwright, OK-Failure to appear on DPS Warrants.

Manuel Martinez Jr, age 26 of Perryton, TX-Driving while intoxicated-1st offense.

Justin Mattiza, age 21 of White Deer, TX-Public intoxication.

Curtis Matlock, age 42 of Pampa, TX-Revocation of probation on injury to a child.

Melvin Foote Jr, age 33 of Sherman TX-Possession of a firearm by a felon.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DISTRICT UIL**  
 Competition will be on March 26 and 27.

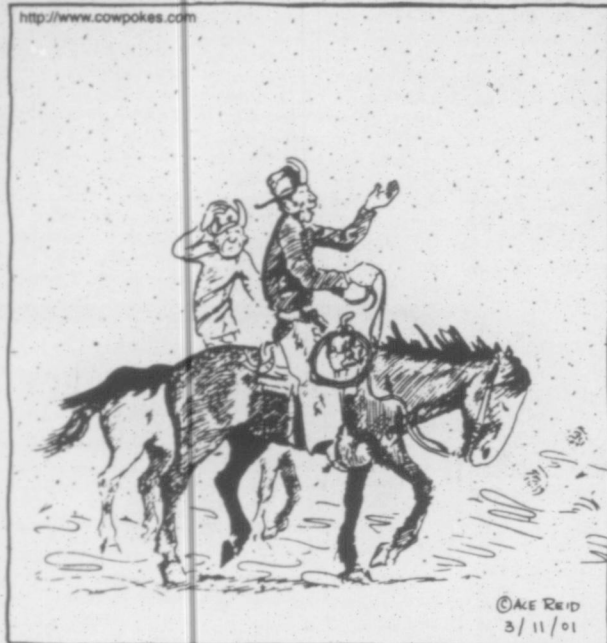
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**DISTRICT UIL** will be on March 26 and 27 at Clarendon.

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### Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

March 15 -  
 March 16 - Lonny Brown.

March 17 - Daniel Paul McLaughlin, Don Case, Mrs. Jerry L. Thornton, Mrs. Michael F. Britten, Kim Lewellen, Matthew Wilson, Tiffany Gilson.

March 18 - Joe David Brown, Michael Britten, Todd Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Friemel (A).

March 19 - Sam Gabriel Thomas, Kay Burke, Judy Bland.

March 20 - Mrs. C. Wayne Stroope, Vernon Baggerman, Mrs. Johnny C. Brumley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack West (A).

March 21 - Kenneth Babcock, Kay Case, Kay Lynn McLaughlin.

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## Board Approves Teacher Contracts For 2001-02

In their regular monthly meeting on March 6, 2001, school board members in attendance were Dennis Babcock, Clifton Britten, Kelvin Ollinger, Barry Fields, Tim Case, and Tony Britten.

Visitors attending were Tony Treadwell, Mark and Tammy Bivens, Jiggs Britten, Curtis Downs, Gary Friemel and Donna Burton. The only comment during the open forum came from Mark Bivens as he suggested that consolidation with Grandview-Hopkins ISD might be a topic for future discussion.

Superintendent John Wilson discussed the results of the energy study from Energy System Laboratory of Texas A & M University. A more comprehensive report will be available soon.

Groom School Board members unanimously voted to offer contracts to the following teachers: Leslie Crowell, Marcia Davis, Aimee Fields, Shirley Fields, Mindy Heuerman, Pam Hutsell, Steve Hutsell, Janetta Lamb, Susan Noack, Brad Rainer, Karen Reid,

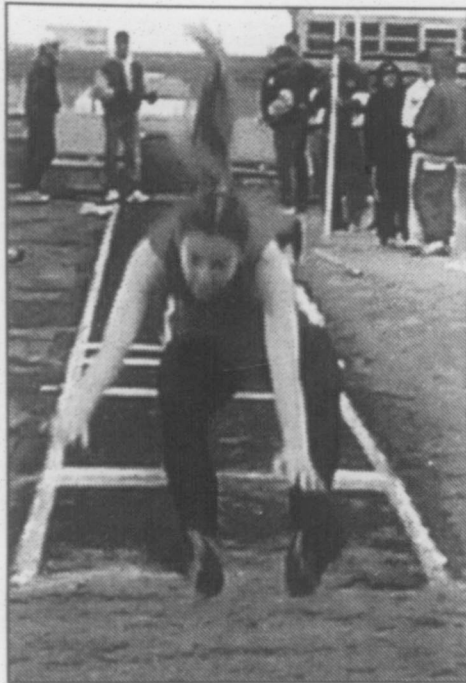
Larry Roskens, Chris Sumrall, and Terri Wilson. Contracts were previously offered to Charles Burk and Larry Porter. A contract was not offered to Leatrice (Reck) Nelson who is retiring.

In other personnel matters, the board discussed the contract offered to Mr. Charles Burk after reducing the Vocational Agriculture program to 1/2 time. Mr. Wilson explained that he had visited with Mr. Burk and he (Burk) needed a little more time to investigate some retirement and social

security issues. The board felt this was a reasonable request.

The board went into executive session at 7:20 to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. They returned at 7:45. No action was taken.

Text books were adopted for the 2001-2002 school year. Current bills were approved for payment. Business Manager Joyce Hutsell presented the budget analysis and energy report.



## Tony Britten Family Honored

This week, March 12-18, is American Field Service Host Family Recognition Week. It is the time when AFS, the world's oldest and most diverse exchange organization, recognizes families who have embraced the global concept by opening their homes to AFS high school exchange students the world over.

In Groom, Kristin Johansen of Norway is learning about American tradition and culture while we are learning more about her country.

AFS honors the Tony Britten family for hosting. Thanks also goes to the teachers,

administrators, and community for meeting and working with these exchange students in our effort to encourage more peace through understanding worldwide.

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## CITY

Groom as compared to other systems the size of Groom.

A request from Jim Huckert to make improvements to the building he rents from the City was tabled until the next meeting since Mr. Huckert did not attend the meeting.

Flora Glyn Hammers was appointed as the Election Judge and Mary Sue Lyles as the Absentee Voting Judge for the May 5 General Election.

The Animal Control Contract with the City of Pampa was renewed.

The Mayor gave a report on the progress of the wells that the City is developing. The permits

for the monitoring wells around the sewer plant have been approved by the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, but no actual on site work has been done. A test well for the new water well funded by the Community Development Grant has been drilled. The engineer was not pleased with the results of this well and another test well will be drilled closer to the projected well site as soon as weather permits.

The minutes of the February 13 meeting were read and approved as read.

The bills and financial statement were approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school, the Bible says, "Thou Shalt not kill, Thou Shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself" And we said, O.K.

Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem. And we said, an expert should know what he's talking about so we won't spank them any more.

Then someone said teachers and principals better not discipline our children when they misbehave. And the school administrators and no faculty member in this school better touch a student when they misbehave because we don't want any bad publicity, and we surely don't want to be sued. And we accepted their reasoning.

Then someone said, let's let our daughters have abortions if they want, and they won't even have to tell their parents. And we said, that's a grand idea.

Then some wise school board member said, since boys will be boys and they're going to do it anyway, let's give our sons all the condoms they want, so they can have all the fun they desire, and we won't have to tell their parents they got them at school - and we said, that's another great idea.

Then some of our top elected officials said it doesn't matter what we do in private as long as we do our jobs. And we said, it doesn't matter what anybody, including the President, does in private as long as we have jobs and the economy is good.

And then someone said let's print magazines with pictures of nude women and call it wholesome down to earth appreciation for the beauty of the female body. And we said, we have no problem with that.

And someone else look that appreciation a step further and published pictures of nude children and then stepped further still by making them available on the Internet. And we said, everyone's entitled to free speech.

And the entertainment industry said, let's make TV shows and movies that promote profanity, violence and illicit sex. And let's record music that encourages rape, drugs, murder, suicide and satanic themes - nobody takes it seriously anyway, so go right ahead.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, classmates or even themselves.

Undoubtedly, if we thought about it long and hard enough, we could figure it out. I'm sure it has a great deal to do with.

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Submitted By Diane Brusio

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## Commissioners Approve Promotions

On March 12, 2001, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Carson County, Texas met. Those present included the following: Hon. Lewis W. Powers, County Judge; Mike Britten, Commissioner, Pr. 1; Kenneth Ware, Commissioner, Pr. 2; Jerry Strawn, Commissioner, Pr. 3;

Kevin Howell, Pr. 4. The court heard the annual report from the McLellan Creek Soil Conservation District. The district was represented by Shawn O'Neal, Ed Dittberner, Joyce Hoffman, Tommy Kay Powers, Bobby Pool and Office Manager John Wimberly. Wimberly discussed the county's

allotment for CRP acres. Carson County is around 7000 acres short of the maximum allocation. The report was approved.

The motion was passed to pay all claims including a \$5,300 disbursement to the soil conservation.

Sheriff Gay Robertson asked the court to approve two promotions in his department. Robertson asked that Ray Davis be elevated to a Chief Deputy and James Bank to Field Sergeant and for their salaries to be increased to those position levels. These openings were created by

the March 30, 2001 retirement of Fred Herrick. The motion was passed to approve the promotions effective April 1, 2001.

The court discussed the purchasing of a clip for the sheriff's office. Robertson said the clip was purchased for a hand gun carried off duty by Fred Herrick. Officers are required to be equipped with a gun while not on the job. Judge Powers and Auditor Jacqueline West sought an attorney general's opinion concerning the acquisition. The motion to approve the purchase was passed, and the clip will remain with the county and further stated

that no personal acquisitions can be made through county accounts.

Discussion was held concerning personal purchases made through county accounts. Commissioner Strawn said it was illegal and not to be allowed.

The court opened bids from Yellowhouse Machinery and West Texas Equipment for a road grader for Precinct #2. The motion was passed to accept a bid of \$130,500 with a guaranteed 5-year price of \$79,500, which is a net of \$51,000, for JD Model 67CH.

Judge Powers discussed the option of appointing a temporary coroner for the county in the event that no justice of the peace was available. No action was taken at this time.

A caliche contract with Don Beck was presented for approval in Precinct #2. The motion was,

passed, which will result in an increase from 45 cents to 50 cents per yard.

Discussion was held concerning the insurance recommendations for the kitchen in the county ag barn. No action was taken at this time concerning the cook stove top and ventilation.

Judge Powers presented a thank you letter from Charles Barkley for the support of the county officials in the Carson County Junior Livestock Show.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper reported that 95.77% of the county's taxes have been collected as of February 28, 2001.

The court signed a proclamation from Texas Ag Secretary Susan Combs declaring National Agriculture Week March 18-24.

The court adjourned until March 26, 2001.

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The crib will be set up in the front foyer of the First Baptist Church. Rebecca and Hannah will be showered with gifts on Thursday, March 22. At 7:00 p.m. during the Ladies RefresHer.

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## Girls Win Gold, Boys Silver

Groom track fans were awed last week with the fabulous job done by their athletes in last week's annual track meet.

Groom high school girls sailed past all their competitors, scoring 193 points. Silverton was second with 89 points, 3rd place went to Miami with 73, 4th Hedley with 71, 5th Letors 69, 6th Chillicothe 68, 7th Higgins 64, 8th San Jacinto 62, 9th Trinity 60, 10th Channing 58, and 11th Sannorwood with 4.

In the girls 3200 meter run, Jill Britten took 2nd and Joaquina Horn took 3rd.

Nichole Barnett earned 1st place in the 800 meter run with a time of

2:49.5. In the 1500 meter dash, Amanda Conrad placed 2nd.

Staci Britten won the 300 meter dash with a time of 66.00. Amanda Martin placed 3rd. In the 1000 meter hurdles race, Kristina Davis won the event with a time of 52.56. Caren Howard placed 5th.

Brittany Martin placed 4th in the 200 meter dash.

Kristina Davis won the triple jump with a leap of 43.02 feet. Amanda Conrad placed 5th.

In girls' high jump, Candace Bohr was 1st with a jump of 4'4 1/2 feet. Staci Britten and Caren

Howard followed close behind placed 3rd and 4th respectively.

Laurissa Noack placed 2nd in the Shot Put and Jennifer Jenkins placed 5th.

Davis and Conrad dominated the Long Jump with Kristina Davis taking the lead with a jump of 15.08. Amanda Conrad placed 2nd. In the Discus competition winning with a throw of 103.02 feet.

Nobody could stop the Tigers on their relay races, winning all three competitions.

Krisenjae Davis, Candace Bohr, Staci Britten and Amanda

Conrad won the 400 meter relay with a time of 54.42.

In the 800 meter relay, Kristina Davis, Nichole Barnett, Amanda Conrad and Candace Bohr earned the gold with a time of 4:57.46.

Amanda Martin, Candace Bohr, Nichole Barnett, and Staci Britten won 1st in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:42.15.

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS RESULTS

The Tigers also had an impressive day, missing out on 1st place by only 22 points. Miami won the event with 145 points. Groom was 2nd with 123, Chillicothe placed 3rd with 63 points, 4th was Hedley with 62, Letors was 5th with 49, Channing placed 6th with 44 points. Silverton was 7th with 23, 8th went to Sannorwood with 12, 9th Silverton JV with 10, Trinity Fellowship was 10th with 7 points. San Jacinto and Higgins also competed.

Russell Conrad earned the gold in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:13.05.

In the grueling 3200 meter run, Luke Pachovsky placed 6th.

Bobby Ratteree placed 3rd in the 110 meter hurdles.

In the 400 meter dash, Doug Fields placed 6th.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Bobby Ratteree placed 2nd.

Clay Ritter placed 2nd in the 200 meter dash.

Russell Conrad won the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:26.71.

Groom dominated the triple jump with Clay Ritter placing 1st with a jump of 41.08 feet. Dewayne Gray placed 2nd.

Clay Ritter won the High Jump with a leap of 9'10". Bobby Ratteree placed 6th in the same event.

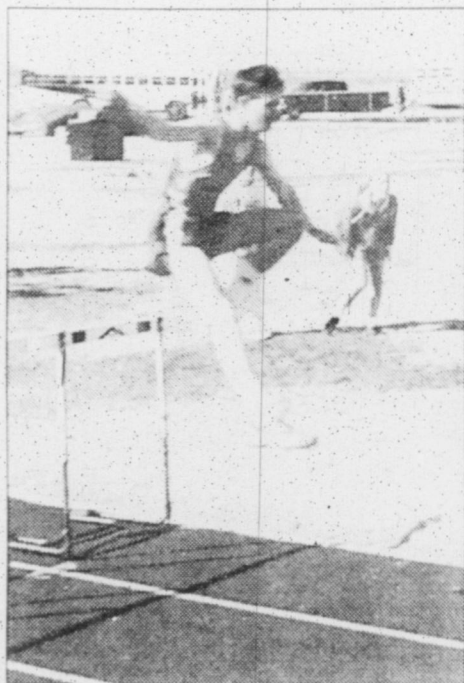
Dewayne Gray earned gold in the long jump with a leap of 19.02 feet.

Groom's boys' relay teams controlled the races, just like the girls did. Groom's 400 meter relay team consisting of Dewayne Gray, Clay Ritter, Clay Britten, and Garrett Britten won with a time of 46.43.

In the 1600 meter relay, Groom took the gold with a time of 3:42.65. Members of the relay team are Dewayne Gray, Clay Ritter, Clay Britten, and Garrett Britten.

### JUNIOR HIGH RESULTS

Groom's junior high track teams did not place as high in the standings as fans have come to expect, but remember, these are very small teams competing against larger competitors.



Bobby Ratteree sails over a hurdle at the Groom Meet.



Laurissa Noack is all business when it comes to the discus. Her hard work paid off with a first place medal.

12th, 2nd Letors 104, 3rd Hedley 78, 4th Silverton 62, 5th Chillicothe 55, 6th Sannorwood 44, 7th San Jacinto 32, 8th Trinity 24, 9th Groom 19, and 10th Pringle-Morse 18.

MacLorie Homen placed 5th in this 800 meter run.

In the 100 meter dash, Ashley Jackson placed 6th.

Sharrri Britten placed 4th in the 400 meter dash.

In the 200 meter dash, Magan Rivers placed 1st.

Garrett Britten placed 4th in the 200 meter dash.

In the 400 meter dash, Russell Conrad placed 1st.

placed 6th.

### JUNIOR HIGH BOYS

Junior High Boys placed 9th over all with just two boys competing. Hedley won the meet with 111, 2nd was Chillicothe with 106, Sannorwood was 3rd with 77, 4th Silverton B 60, 5th Pringle-Morse

53, 6th Channing 52, 7th Silverton 29, 8th Letors 23, 9th Groom 14, 10th San Jacinto 7, and 11th Trinity 2.

Kelby Noack placed 2nd in the 3400 meter run.

The boys' shot put getting Ross placed 2nd.

In the 1000 meter hurdle race, Groom placed 2nd.

## Public Opinion Poll

Dear Residents of Groom ISD and Grandview-Hopkins ISD,

In light of reports to our local area concerning the possibility of a merge between the two schools, The News-Argus is conducting a public opinion poll. Please check the statements and indicate whether you own thoughts and offer your own comments.

Yes, I think it is a good idea for the Groom School Board and Grandview-Hopkins School Board to explore the possibility of a merge between the two schools.

No, Grandview-Hopkins would not be in favor of any discussion concerning the merger of Groom and Hopkins schools.

### Other comments concerning this subject

I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

Groom Independent School District

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Please clip and return to the Groom News office, P.O. Box 488 Groom, TX 79039. You may clip it under the door after hours, if necessary.

Your name may be revealed prior to 24 hours.

Results of the poll will be posted in a future issue.

## If You Ask Me... And Nobody Did!

By Donna Burton

Well, it just goes to show you that about the time you think you know how the Groom area residents will react to something, they will fool you completely.

I really thought I was going out on a limb with my editorial last week concerning the Groom and Grandview Hopkins school. I figured that I would get a few phone calls, some hate mail or at the very least a snotty remark from someone during coffee.

Complaints are something that an editor

comes to expect. However, I was shocked when criticism came not from that editorial, but a little filler that I put in when ever we have a small space... "Pray for Rain!". I didn't think the Texas Panhandle ever wanted to turn down rain, unless it was in the middle of harvest. Boy, was I wrong!

All I can say is .... Beware... the Power of the Press!

(P.S. For those who would really like to shut me up... I suggest that you "Pray for Donna to win the Lottery!")

## Area Obituaries

**BERNICE M. BROWN AMARILLO** - Bernice M. Brown, 87, of amarillo, died Thursday, March 8, 2001.

Services were Monday at N.S. Griggs & Sons Pioneer Chapel with the Rev. Alan Williamson, pastoral care at Park Central Retirement Community, officiating. Burial was in Vega Memorial Park Cemetery at Vega.

Mrs. Brown was born in Hamilton, Kan., and raised in Vega. She married Graham Bell in 1935. He died in 1951. She married Rex Brown

in 1952. He died in 1995.

Mrs. Brown was a bookkeeper for Amarillo Hardware. She also worked at the hospital in Groom. She lived in amarillo for many years before moving to Jericho in 1960. Mrs. Brown returned to Amarillo in 1998. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include a stepdaughter Lee Ann Mitchell of Amarillo; a sister Elsie Vetsok of Amarillo; and two grandsons, Danny of Fritch and Barry of Jericho.

## 2001 Severe Weather Workshop Scheduled For April 7th

The Amarillo National Weather Service and the Amarillo Department of Emergency Management will host a Severe Weather Workshop on Saturday, April 7, 2001. Local television stations KVII-TV, KFDA-TV, KAMR-TV, and KCIT-TV will co-sponsor the event. The workshop will be held at the Civic Center in downtown Amarillo and is open to the public, free of charge. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m., presentations begin at 8:00 a.m., and the workshop ends at 5 p.m.

An exciting program is on tap for this years event. Dr. Greg Forbes, Weather Channel Severe Weather Expert will be on hand, along with one of the most experienced and well known storm chasers, Mr. Warren Faidley. Other highlights include a session on "The May 3rd Oklahoma City Tornado Outbreak, by Mr. Jim Purpura of the Norman, Oklahoma forecast office, Mr. Dan McCarthy from the Storm Prediction Center, will discuss the "National Severe Storm Watch Program." A panel discussion composed of our local TV Meteorologist is also part of the agenda, with 30 minutes set aside to answer your questions!

The day will begin with concurrent sessions. In the auditorium, a basic spotter training course will be held from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Meanwhile, in the Meeting Room, several topics geared to

Emergency Managers and to the media will be presented beginning at 8:00 a.m. These topics include a presentation on the Hydro Program of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, the Long Term Weather Forecast, E M W I N , and StormReady. This session will end with about 30 minutes for questions and an informal discussion of the topics presented.

Several booths will also be available to visit. As many as 20 organizations are expected to staff booths, including the Amarillo NWS, Amarillo Emergency Mgt., American Red Cross, Amateur Radio Operators, local TV stations, and many of the speakers and vendors who have donated resources to make the event a success.

Anyone interested are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please call the Amarillo National Weather Service at 806-335-1121.

## Celtic Group To Perform

The Gem Theatre will be wearing the "green" for St. Patrick's Day on March 17th when the Celtic (Irish) group from Ft. Worth, Texas come back to the Gem. So make your plans now to enjoy an evening with the delightful group from Ft. Worth whose Celtic music and interesting stories about Claude were such a hit with Gem patrons two years ago. show are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under twelve. As always, back row balcony is \$5.00. Call "Doc" for your reservations now at (806) 226-5409.

## Statewide Poll Finds Support for Teachers Pay Raise and State Paid Insurance

On Monday, Austin Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos discussed the findings of a recent Scripps Howard Texas Poll. The poll, which surveyed 1,000 Texans, accumulated information concerning public school teacher and school employee health insurance.

According to the poll, 87 percent of participants felt a better benefit

program is needed. State employees and employees of state colleges and universities receive fully funded coverage and half-cost coverage for dependents. A similar program has been proposed for public school employees.

Eighty-five percent of respondents also supported public school pay raises.

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