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Local Candidates Speak Out On Important Issues For McLean

In preparation for the May 5th election, The McLean News continues the candidate profiles.

JOE RILEY FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Joe Riley is also a long time resident of McLean. He attended school in McLean and graduated in 1974. He graduated from West Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and is a certified teacher and counselor. He is knowledgeable of the education system in general and is willing to listen. It is his desire to have the best system possible for the children of McLean.

"A successful school must have open lines of communication," Riley said, "a positive learning atmosphere and students, faculty, parents and a community that is dedicated to the best possible learning environment that includes academic, extra curricular, social awareness, and cultural values."

MIKE DARSEY FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Incumbent Mike Darsey has lived in the McLean School District all of his life. He and wife Leslie have two children Melissa and Trent. His father is Les Darsey of McLean and his mother Roberta Darsey, lives in Amarillo.

Mike attended school in McLean before earning a B.S. in Business from Texas Tech University. "Even though the ground work for the 'New Gym Project' was already started when I was previously elected, I am still proud of our new gym and proud to have been part of it" he said.

His degree in business, his honesty, open mindedness, and fairness give him a good background to serve as a school board member.

"My past term on the board has given me knowledge on the business side of school operations, and I have learned a great deal about education. I am very proud of our

school's exemplary rating on the TAAS testing the last two years. If elected, I will be fair, honest, and any decision I make will be in the best interest of our school as I see it."

BILLY JOE SKIPPER JR. FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Billy Joe Skipper Jr. is running for the School Board. McLean has been his home all his life. Together with his wife Pam, they have 3 children in school, sons Dusty Moody and Trey Skipper and daughter Jessi Skipper. A family friend, Ryan McAllister also lives in their household. His parents are long time residents, Betty & Joe Skipper.

"I feel there needs to be less emphasis on the TAAS test," he commented, "There is too much teaching of TAAS and not enough basic teaching of the three R's."

He would also like more attention be paid to students who learn at a slower rate.

"Give them extra help so that they can keep up instead of being shut out or sent to Resource," he continued.

Skipper feels that he would be a good representative of the district because he has 3 kids in school and wants to try to make sure that they and all the other students get the best education they can get.

LINDA SYFRETT FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Linda Syfrett has been a resident for 21 years in McLean. She and her husband, Jack have two daughters Heidi and Tammy, and two grandsons Daniel and David.

"My reason for running for the school board is not to go in with the idea to change things, but to go in with the idea to help improve a great school we already have. We have wonderful teachers, administrators, and staff in both the Elementary as well as the High School," she

commented. "We Need to do everything in our power to keep our school in this special community. I would like to see that our High School Students have every opportunity to go to college and be prepared to do so. If they do not choose college, to offer them vocational classes so they are prepared to make a good living after graduation."

Syfrett is a concerned and active parent in her children's lives. She is a good listener and promises to weigh both sides of a situation before making a final decision.

"I have had one daughter graduate from McLean and have at least 31 more years of education ahead of me. I have served as an officer in PTA and have a greater understanding of the elementary curriculum and operation of our school."

Syfrett currently is serving on the leadership board at McLean ISD.

FLOYD SKIPPER FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Floyd Skipper is seeking election to the McLean School Board. He is married to Nancy, his wife of 40 years. They have two children, Leslie Darsey and Carla Russell, both of McLean. He has two grandchildren, Trenton Darsey, a 4th grader; and Ashley Russell a 1st grader.

Skipper would like to see the highest quality of service obtained for McLean students. He feels his ability to make friends easily, level headed and good decision making skills will help him be a good school board member.

"If elected, I would like to see the living conditions and safety of all students in McLean ISD improve," commented Skipper. "I would listen to all sides of a problem and come up with the best solution possible for all interested party's. The Public

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Pinewood Derby Held For Cub Scouts

The McLean Pinewood Derby for all cub scouts and boy scouts was April 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Seventeen participants raced their individually

designed pinewood cars on a special derby track. Organized by local cub master L. H. Webb, the boys did a great job. All the boys then had

the opportunity to participate in the Santa Fe Council race on April 21st in Pampa. Those results are not available at this time but McLean had a successful showing.

COUNCIL HOLDS INTERVIEW

The City Council of McLean in a special session Monday, April 16, 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: Bob Martin, Doyle Lee, Joe Lamb, Joe Billingsley, and Charles McClendon.

Others present were: Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, and Ann Pierce. Discussion was held concerning personnel issues. Jim Bob Adams was asked to come in for an interview.

The Mayor called an executive session at 6:15 p.m. The council interviewed Jim Bob Adams. Discussion was also held concerning other personnel.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

The motion was passed to place an ad for a working foreman and/or employee(s) in Amarillo, Pampa, and McLean newspapers through Sunday, April 22nd.

The council adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

REMINDERS

MCLEAN LANDFILL will be closed to the public until further notice.

SENIOR CITIZENS Luncheon will be on May 1st at 12:00 p.m. Come and bring a dish.

PTA SCHOOL Board Forum has been changed to Mon. April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

DEBATE ON THE "A" and "B" controversy related to the EDC will be held May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the McLean library.

VFW AUXILIARY will meet May 1st at 7:00 p.m. There will be an installation of officers. Everyone is encouraged to come.

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.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet May 3rd at the home of Nama Webb. Meet at the bank parking lot at 1:30 p.m. to carpool.

WEATHER Permitting there will be a Sunday scramble on April 29th, starting at 1:30 p.m. May 1st will be the weekly Tuesday night scramble beginning at 6:00 p.m.

COUNTRY CLUB Dance is on April 28th from 8:00 - 11:30 p.m.

WALK FOR LIFE will be held on May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Contact Luann Mantooh for details.

DONT FORGET TO Vote on May 5th.

RABIES Vaccination Clinic will be held on Sat. May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Vet Clinic.

DEADLINE FOR TOP O' Texas Scholarship applications is Friday, April 27, 2001.

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

MHS ANNUAL DINNER THEATER

The annual MHS Dinner Theater will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2001. The students will perform the UIL One-Act Play, "Yes Means No" and a short scene from "Antic Spring" for the audience. Mexican pile-on dinner will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Devil's Rope Museum. Tickets are \$6.50 now and will be \$7.50 at the door. See Randi Riley, Brad Sawyer, Teddra Simmons, Shane Estes, Nikki Hefley, Chase Barnes, or Katrina Routon to purchase early tickets. Come support and enjoy an evening of entertainment by our fine young people.

It's A Boy!

Dylan Scott Ellis was born April 17, 2001. He weighed 8 lbs, was 5 1/2 ounces and is 20 3/4 inches long. He is welcomed by proud parents Richard and Stephanie Ellis. Grandparents Keldon and Rita Ellis and Arnold and Rebecca Baten all of Pampa. Three big sisters, Kristin, Lisa, and Lyndsey.

Obituaries

MARGARET GRAY

DENTON-Margaret Johnston Gray, age 90 of Denton died in Ft. Worth Hospital Sunday, April 22, 2001.

Margaret was born in McLean, Texas on March 19, 1911 to Scott and Willie Johnston.

She married Jack A. Gray in 1928 and made their home in the Panhandle area before moving to Denton in 1941, where he was an active military and private flight instructor. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son Major Jimmie Gray.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star #259 and mother advisor of the Denton Rainbow Girls. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Cole Chapel of the First United Methodist Church. Her son Dr. Jack A.

SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 30 - MAY 4

Monday Breakfast: French toast sticks, peanut butter, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Cheese burgers, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, brownies, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Yogurt, graham crackers, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Fish nuggets, tarter sauce, seasoned potatoes, hush puppies, cole slaw, apples and caramel sauce, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Steak fingers, french fries, gravy, corn, TX toast, fruit, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, fruit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Sack lunch, pickle spears, chips, fruit, milk.

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Gray Jr. and Rev. Richard Dunagin of Lake Highlands United Methodist Church officiated. Burial was held at the Roselawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Jack A. Gray Jr. of Denton; a daughter, Joyce Gray Seifert of Ft. Worth; eight grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

The family suggest that memorials be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761-5186.

PAULINE BURNETT

MCLEAN-Pauline Burnett, age 85 died Tuesday April 17, 2001.

Services were held Friday, April 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in McLean. Rev. Thacker Haynes and Rev. Dean Williamson officiated. Burial was held at the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Mrs. Burnett was born to Edgar Meroney and Dora Pilgram Meroney May 20, 1915 in Princeton, Texas. She had worked as a nurse's aide before retiring. She had lived in McLean for 40 years and was a member of the United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd in June of 1989, a daughter, Pam Phillips in

April of 1991, and her son-in-law, Carl Henley in August, 1984.

Survivors include four daughters; Lana Stump of McLean, Gwen Henley of Lubbock, Sandra Bush of Amarillo, and Linda Weeks of Lawton, OK; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be sent to the Carl Henley Memorial Fund, % Randy Stalls, Rt. 1 Box 79, McLean, Texas 79057.

LOUELLA HALL

PILOT POINT-Louella Saunders Hall, age 80 formerly of McLean, died Tuesday, April 17, 2001.

Services were held Friday, April 20, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. at the

Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean, Texas.

Louella Hall was born to Ora V. and Guy Saunders February 17, 1921 in Robert Lee, Texas. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She attended Pampa High School and Abilene Christian College.

Survivors include three daughters; Charlene Bridges of Collinsville, TX, Janelle Burch of Denton, TX, and Donna Hulsey of Macon, GA; a son, Jim Hall of Denton, TX; a brother, George F. Saunders of Forgan, OK; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

The family suggest that memorials be made to Ann's Hospice.

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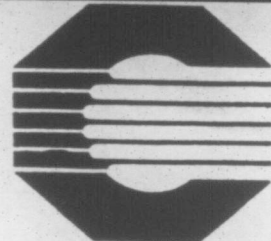
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Ed & Doris Bailey Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. E.M. "Ed" and Deloris Bailey will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this week. Mr. Bailey and the former Deloris Jane Pound were married on April 29, 1951 in Oklahoma City, OK. The couple presently live in Friona, TX and will be honored with a reception given by their children at Calvary Baptist Church on Saturday.

Mr. Bailey is a retired printer and was a former owner and editor of the McLean News. Mrs. Bailey worked alongside Mr. Bailey running the McLean News and later Bailey Printing in Friona, TX. The couple had six children: Denise Hill, Matthew Bailey, Patsy Bailey, Mark Bailey living in Amarillo, TX, Kathy Southerland in Paradise, TX, and Carolyn Nelson, Bedford, TX. There were 14 grandchildren: Valerie Shortridge, Jennifer Farmer, Alicia and David Hill, Mits Williams, Kristi Sexton, Allen Bailey, Bradley, Chad, and Shelly Southerland, Sara Finch, Veronica and Terrence Fite, and Erin Bailey. They had five great-grandchildren, Kayla, Eric, and Kristen Shortridge and Berkeley and Brynne Voran.

MCLEAN 5TH 6TH WEEKS HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Torr Bybee, Jordan Herring, Rebecca Reyna, Ashley Russell.

Second Grade: Nicole McClendon.

Third Grade: Sheri Haynes and Caitlin Mantooth.

Fourth Grade: Emory Crawford, Trenton Darsey, Jamie Sanderson, Dashae Tolleson, Arelly Vega.

Fifth Grade: Travis Fish and Kristen Odom.

Sixth Grade: Erin Bailey, John Haynes, Samantha Krueger, Courtney Lamb, Tamara Loya, Brandon Phillips, Brooke Seymour.

Seventh Grade: Russell Anglin, Nicholas Odom, Savannah Williamson.

Eighth Grade: Ashley McClendon.

A/B HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Jamie Alvarez, Kalyn Averett, Devin Chambers, Britnie Cooper, Daniel Jeffries, Trent McAnear, Kelby McCellan, Jack Odom.

George Patterson, Rudy Rodriguez, Rena Smith, Chase West.

Second Grade: Katy Acuna, Jacob Azzazi, Ashley Byron, Clay Crockett, Holly Phillips, Zachary Seymour, Staci Smith, Sami Stator, Erin Vassey.

Third Grade: Tucker Adams, Nancy Castillo, Daniel Connors, Caleb Crawford, Lisa Ellis, Lyndsey Ellis, Mark Smith, James Krueger, Amber Stator.

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Even McMordie, Tammy Syfrett.

Fifth Grade: Jacob Connors, Autumn Dillman, Kristin Ellis, Stephanie Henson, Stephen Ingle, Matthew Jeffries, Kaci Maddox, Casey Phillips, Mark Smith, Logan Sparling, Lacey Wallis, Lucas Webber.

Sixth Grade: Justin Dillman.

Seventh Grade: Thomas Glazener and

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McLean Elementary Jr. High Students of the Week April 16-20: Kindergarten Nathan Branley, 1st Grade Kalyn Averett, 2nd Grade Nicole McClendon, 3rd Grade Dakota Greenwood, 4th Grade Nikki Alvarez, 5th Grade Matthew Jeffries, 6th Grade Kay Taylor and Amanda Fricks, 7th Grade Krista Smith, 8th Grade Antonio Montoya.

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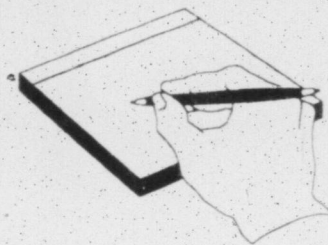
Melissa Krueger was recently named outstanding student in Speech and English at Clarendon College.

ELECTION

opinions and the opinions of my fellow school board members would all agree on any approvals or rejections applying to MISD. I would like to see more programs of interest to all students, not just sports minded ones. I will do my utmost to achieve harmony and contentment among fellow members of the school board and public. I will listen with an open mind to all suggestions and come up with the best possible solutions."



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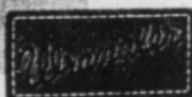
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Mike Haynes Wins Third In National Contest

Mike Haynes, a 1969 graduate of McLean High School, was notified April 16 that he had placed third in the national 2000 Amy Writing Awards program. Haynes is the son of John M. and Joyce Haynes of McLean.

The award was given for Haynes' column that appeared in the Amarillo Daily News on May 25, 2000. The column was titled, "TV, film makers might finally be catching on." It described an episode on the tv series, "Judging Amy" and other shows and how in some cases, Christianity finally

is being depicted in a respectable light.

Haynes entry was one of almost 1,000 submitted to the Amy Foundation in Lansing, MI.

Haynes had received a letter in March informing him he was one of 15 national finalists. The third-place award includes \$4,000 cash prize.

The 15 winning entries will be published in the annual Amy Awards booklet and on the internet at amyfound.org.

The Amy Awards program promotes scriptural writing in secular publications. Amy Foundation President Jim Russell said in a letter that Haynes' column was being honored "for its thought-provoking, skillful presentation of biblical truth, reinforced with scripture, in a mainstream, non-religious publication."

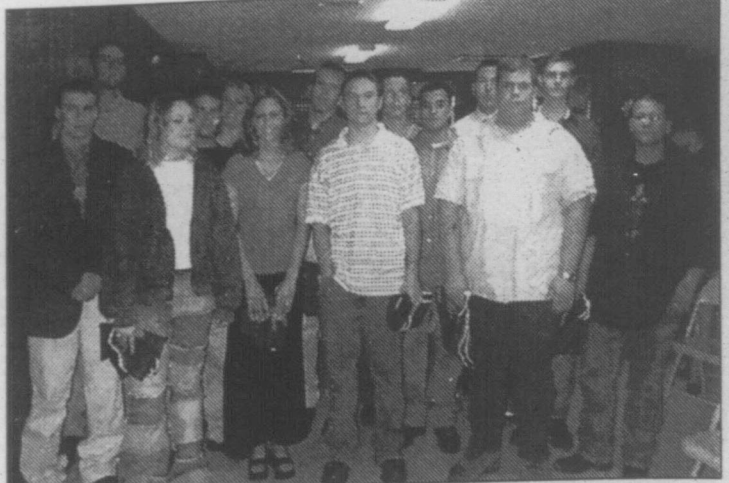
"Any writing ability I have began with the excellent education that I received at McLean," Haynes said. "Of course, Mrs. Vera Back was a big influence in teaching English. She and other teachers made us do our homework and learn the basics."

"And most parents back then, including mine, supported those teachers."

"The column that won probably isn't any better than a lot of writing in the Amarillo paper; it just happened to be what the Amy Foundation was looking for."

"I would tell any young person the best preparation for learning to write is reading everything you can get your hands on, whether it's the newspaper every day, magazines, books, and even some things on the internet. That way you can see how the good writers do it, and I'm still trying to figure that out."

Haynes has taught journalism at Amarillo College for 10 years. He and his wife Kathy attend Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo and visit the McLean United Methodist Church when they can.



Pioneer Study Club Holds Annual Tea For Seniors

The pioneer Study Club honored the MHS 2001 Seniors with a Senior Tea, Sunday, April 22nd at the Church of Christ Annex.

Beverly Odom, president, introduced seniors, families, faculty, club officers, and members. Pat Stubbs and Barbara Bode presented the graduating seniors with initialized denim laundry bags made by club members. Coach Blaze Herring accepted a \$100 scholarship, from club treasurer Jerry Corbin, to the National Honor Society for a graduating senior.

Ruth Trew, vice-president, introduced quest speaker, Mike Darsey, McLean resident and former graduate of MHS. Mr. Darsey enlightened the seniors with a poem that he had written about their life from kindergarten to the present. He also encouraged the seniors to do their best and be what they want to be. He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to live kindness and to walk humbly with your God-Micah 6:8.

The graduating seniors, parents, guest, and club members were served delicious refreshments of cookies, fruits and dip, veggies and dip, finger sandwiches, and pineapple punch. Table was

appointed with beautiful flowers from Jerry Corbin and Wanda Lamb.

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The next club meeting will be May 3rd with Nama Webb as hostess.

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Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
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United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
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Sun. Sr High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
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All applications submitted as well as the action of the Carson County Commissioner's Court in regard there to shall be governed by Chapter 116 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, which governs depositories for county public funds.
Lewis W. Powers
County Judge

THE GRANDVIEW-Hopkins Independent School District will be taking applications for an elementary teaching position. If interested, call 669-3831 for an application. Applications for the position will be received through May 25, 2001. The District is also seeking bus drivers.

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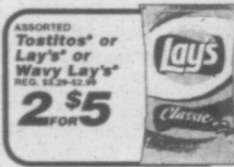
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Local City, School Candidates Gear Up For May 5th Election; Early Voting Already Underway



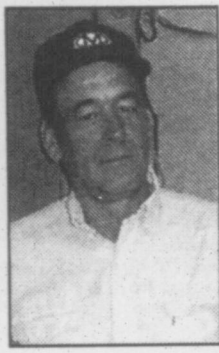
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Kenneth W. Weller



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Chris Welch

Early voting began last week by personal appearance for the City Council and School Board Elections. May 5 is election day and much interest has been aroused in the two local elections.

JOE HOMER FOR MAYOR

Joe Homer is Groom's candidate for Mayor. He has no opponent this term. He and his wife Barbara are life long residents of the area. They have raised four sons in Groom, Tony, Darryl, Robert, and Stanley.

Homer is a second generation Mayor following his father's (Al Homer) footsteps. This will begin his 3rd term as Mayor.

Chris Welch, Forrest McLaughlin, Rick Prather, and Kenneth Weller (I) are vying for two seats on the City Council.

CHRIS WELCH

Chris Welch is the son in law of Bill and Joan Musser. He and wife, Robin are building a new home in town. They have a son, Trenton.

Chris has a B.S. in Computer Information Systems which he obtained in 1992 after attending East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas.

"I enjoy working with people and for people. As a supervisor at Corporate Systems, I lead and support my team daily. I feel those same leadership skills will be a great asset as city councilman," he said.

If elected he would like to help resolve the outstanding water well issue and help promote the City of Groom by

working with GISD and attract new families here.

"My families and I have made a commitment to this town by relocating here and building a new home. The people of this town have accepted our family and made us feel apart of the community. If elected I would serve the city faithfully and to the best of my ability."

RICK PRATHER

Rick Prather has lived most of his life in Groom. He graduated from Groom High School in 1976. He and his wife, Sharon raised one son in Groom, Jason, who is now married.

"I would like to find some way to attract business to Groom and help promote our existing businesses to grow and survive, if I am elected," commented Prather.

Prather is currently a member of The Groom Economic Development Corporation and would like a chance to serve on the decision making council.

"I believe that it is important to listen to both sides of an issue before rendering an opinion," he said. "My reason to run for office is that Groom and it's people have done a lot for me and my family over the years. I just want to try and return the many good things that I have experienced."

KENNETH W. WELLER

Kenneth W. Weller is completing his first term on the Groom City Council. He has been a resident of the city for 25 years. He and wife, Christi have two sons,

Kendall and Kelton.

"I take my role seriously because Groom is my home. For the past 2 years I have tried to represent the people of Groom to the best of my ability and would be honored to continue my service to the community," he stated.

Weller would like to see the water well project through to completion. He is honest, up front and willing to listen to all sides of an issue or an idea. He possesses the same conservative family values that Groom's residents pride themselves on.

FORREST MCLAUGHLIN

Forrest McLaughlin has lived in Groom the past 27 years. He and his wife, Patti raised two sons, Paul and Scott, here. Scott is married to the former KayLynn Britten.

McLaughlin has a master degree in Engineering Technology from WTAMU and works at Pantex. He served on the council previously.

If elected, he would like to help resolve the issues with the new water well and continue to improve city services by qualifying and obtaining additional grants.

"I am satisfied with the way the city council has managed the city business. I am approachable and open to new ideas," he said. "I have a good education with experience in business and industry and would like to see the quality of life that Groom is known for keep improving along

See Candidates, pg 4

Athletes Prepare For Regional

Groom regional qualifying athletes will be competing in Levelland this week.

On Friday, April 27th, Candace Bohr and Staci Britten will compete in the high jump competition at 8:30 a.m.

Krisanne Davis and Amanda Conrad will compete in the long jump at 10:30 a.m.

Running prelems begin at 3:00 p.m. with Groom girls competing in the 400 meter relay. At 4:10 p.m., the girls will race in the 800 meter relay.

At 4:25 p.m., Staci Britten is scheduled to run in the 400 meter

race. The 1600 meter relay will begin at 5:30 p.m., both Groom's girls and boys teams will compete.

On Saturday, April 28, Krisanne Davis will kick off the days activities with the triple jump at 10:30 a.m. At 1:45 p.m., Russell Conrad and Nichole Barnett are set to compete in the 800 meter run.

Athletes attending the meet are: Clay Britten, Garrett Britten, Clay Ritter, Dewayne Gray, Russell Conrad, Krisanne Davis, Candace Bohr, Nichole Barnett, Amanda Conrad, Amanda Martin, and Staci Britten.

COMMUNITY CALENDER

GROOM HIGH SCHOOL will present "Golden Groom Awards," a variety talent show on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Admission is free.

ELEMENTARY TRACK Meet will be held on May 5.

GROOM ISD WILL hold its awards assembly on May 9th and 10th. May 9th will be the Elementary Awards beginning at 8:00 a.m. May 10th will be the Junior High and High School Awards, also starting at 8:00 a.m. Both events will take place in the High School Auditorium.

PRESCHOOL STORY hour will now be held every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

ANY CHILDREN who will start Kindergarten in the fall may play T-Ball. Contact Kathleen Barkley at 248-7070.

TEENAGE AND adult volunteers are still needed for the Keep Groom Beautiful Clean Up Day scheduled for May 12th. Contact David and Lanna Brown at 248-7926.

BASKETBALL Camp will be held on June 4th-7th for K-9th grade boys and girls. Registration will be on June 4th. The boys and girls grades K-5 will attend camp from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day. Boys and girls grades 6-9 will attend camp from 1:30-4:30 p.m. each day. Call Brad Rainer or Chris Surrall for more information at 248-7971.

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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Local Happenings

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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 Whitley for more information.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer attended the Aggie Muster with Travis and Brenda Appel in Amarillo Saturday night.

The Aggie Muster is held on April 21st each year. They recognize all the deceased Aggie students and former students of the past year. Randy Matson was the guest speaker.

Easter weekend was busy at the home of Bill and Norma Jean Homer. Visitors were Travis and Brenda Appel and Joan Kling of Amarillo, Daniel and Mary Jo Schasher, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi, and Justin of Lazbuddie, and Doug and Joannie Kling of Groom. An Easter egg hunt was held on Sunday morning and a barbecue in the afternoon.

Brooke Britten Qualifies For State UIL In Two Events

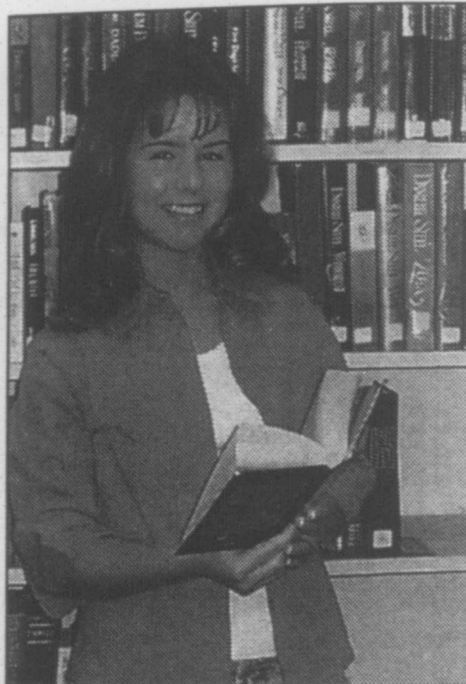
Brooke Britten will represent Groom High School at the State U.I.L. Meet to be held May 3-

See Brooke, pg 4

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

DEADLINE FOR TOP O' Texas Scholarship applications is Friday, April 27, 2001.

MOTHER'S DAY is on Sunday, May 13th.



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In addition to the musical entertainment, there will be cash door prizes for some lucky stockholders. We will all enjoy the Ambassador's fabulous prime rib with all the extras and good company throughout the evening.

Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting will consist of a director election, president's report, and chairman's report. We hope to see you this year at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West in Amarillo on April 28, 2001.





FIRST RITTER GIRL IN 20 YEARS

Sydney Lee Jordan was born on April 18, 2001 at 12:55 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs and 2 ounces. She was 20 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Seth and Melissa Ritter. She was welcomed home by brothers Hayden and Carson.

Grandparents are Tony and Mary Treadwell, Lynn and Sharon Jones-Britten, and Troy Ritter. Great-grandparents are Jack and Juandell Ritter-Bivens, Betty and Troy Treadwell, Bobby and Darlene Jones, Jim and Carolyn Moranic, and Janie Moranic.



Steven Wortham Named To National Honor Society

On April 19, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Highland Park Auditorium, Pete and Fay Wortham attended the National Honor Society induction ceremony, where their grandson, Steven Wortham was inducted into the National Honor Society. Steven Wortham is the son of J.B. Wortham and is an A Honor Roll Student.

Who's Who

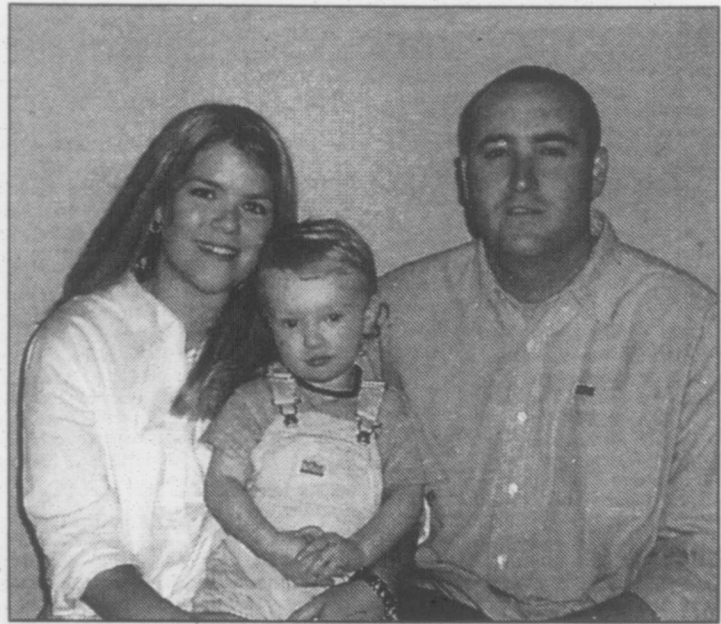
The 2001 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will include the name of three students from Clarendon College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editor of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

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Ms. Dara Whatley of Groom was honored this year.



Groom Welcomes New DPS Officer & Family

Groom welcomes new residents Rusty and Ashlea Nesbitt formerly of Corpus Christi to Groom. Rusty is the newest DPS officer to move to the Groom area and will be partnered with longtime trooper Gary Davis.

Rusty and Ashlea have a very handsome 19 month old son, Brayden Parker, who pretty much rules the roost.

Rusty was a nine year veteran with the Coast Guard before following in his fathers footsteps and joining the Texas Department of Public Safety.

He enjoys hunting and fishing when he can work it into his busy schedule. He grew up in Kerrville and has family in Lubbock.

Ashlea lived at Pampa for many years where her father, L.B. Volves worked for Celanese.

Her mother grew up in White Deer and was a Kotara. Ashlea did hair and nails professionally before Brayden came along. Now she has a full time job running

after him. She loves antiques and is always on the look out for a special find.

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The 46th annual Barbecue Dinner sponsored by the St. Theresa Catholic Church is set for Sunday, April 29, 2001 in the Church Parish Hall.

The all-you-can-eat meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with adults eating for \$6.00 and children six and up eating for \$3.00. Children under six eat free. The meal will include barbecue beef, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, bread, and apricots.

A Country Store will feature many homemade items and barbecue meat to go will be on sale. There will also be several activities, such as, a Cookie Walk and a Children's Activity Room (face painting, etc.)


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CANDIDATES

with our property values." McLoughlin's philosophy is that elected official should have an attitude of service, be approachable by citizens on issues and ensure access to information about city business.

"I am committed to these values and will be active in improving the future of Groom," he said.

Six candidate are competing for the three seats on the Groom ISD School Board of Trustees.

LONNY BROWN

Lonny Brown is a life long resident of the Groom area. He and his wife, Susan have been married for 26 years and have two children daughter Kori is 20 years old and attends WTAMU and son Kade is 12 years old and attends Groom School.

Lonny attended Groom High School, Clarendon College, and Tarleton State University.

"I believe that I will be an asset to the School Board for several reasons. As a former student and lifelong resident, I have a vested interest in the continuation of our school," he said. "I want the best quality education for my children and your children and will do my utmost to see that we get this for our kids. I am not afraid to speak up if I disagree with the majority and am willing to listen to the people to find out what they feel the best way to handle any given problem would be."

"I also have the unique

perspective of having a parent who has worked within the school system and is being retired this year. Input from all sources, such as parents, students, taxpayers, and employees will guide me to make decisions that we all can live with."

Lonny believes that everyone, young and old alike should feel that they have a voice as to what happens with the future of the center of our community, Groom School. He also feels that as a board member, he would need to do his own research on problems the school faces in an effort to find solutions that fit our budget, without sacrificing our students educational opportunities.

CLIFTON BRITTEN

Clifton Britten is also a Groom School graduate and lifelong resident. He and his wife Susan have three children, Garrett, Jill and Adam. He attended West Texas A & M University.

"Having served one term on the Board, I am very aware of the difficult decisions our school faces," Britten commented. "If elected I will continue to strive to see that Groom ISD offers the best staff and curriculum possible to ensure that our students are given a quality education."

JIGGER BRITTEN

A 1979 graduate of Groom High School, Jigger Britten is a third generation Groom-ite. He and his wife Sandra have two children in Groom Schools, Trey a junior and Staci a sophomore.

Qualities Britten would bring to the table if elected would be open mindedness and common sense.

"I would like to focus on education that would better prepare our students with life skills.

I would like to help continue bringing the best possible education qualifying our students to go on to further their education in college and jobs of their choice.

Jigger Britten promises to be accessible to listen to all segments of the population on important issues and to become knowledgeable about his duties as a board member by attending the training offered.

CARLA KOETTING

Raised in Boise City, Oklahoma, Carla Koetting attended Panhandle State University and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in 3 majors, Business Education, English Education, and Secretarial Science. She is currently completing her 20th year in the field of education as an English and Business teacher at neighboring Claude High School. She is married to Mark Koetting and has 3 children Cady Wilson age 9 who attends Groom School; Carol Wilson, 15 and Cody Wilson, 17.

"Being a school board member is a position that I have yet to view education from. With 20 years experience, I think that it is evident that I would view situations on behalf of all students, based on professionalism, morality and virtuosity. I would try to be fair and honest when it comes to decisions of circumstance. I feel that continuity and consistency are two of the most important elements in dealing with school situations," she said.

She has no complaints with the Groom School District in area of needed improvements. She does feel that all issues need to be considered when dealing with the elimination of activities and programs benefiting the students.

"I realize the extent of expenses in dealing with these finances, but I also feel like the students we provide for will be the leaders of the future. Therefore, my main concern is to budget the funds to provide for the best educational standards that can be obtained without harming the future goals of the variety of students Groom accommodates. True, more students attending Groom would better fund this situation, but by eliminating too many of the activities and organizations offered to students would further decrease the desire to bring new students here, as well as, hinder

preparations for college."

Mrs. Koetting added that she believes that small towns provide an added extra that larger school systems cannot offer.

"Smaller school provide an extended supply of morals and values that students might not receive elsewhere. Personally, I would not want my own children to attend a larger institution, when I believe that with the correct leadership a small town facility can do a better job at providing it."

MIKE FRIEMEL

Mike Friemel is a former Groom graduate and attended West Texas State University. He and his wife Stephanie have three children; Brett 9, Myles 7, and Cole 1.

His parents are Roman and Neysa Friemel.

Friemel has a vested interest in the school system as a life long resident, owner and partner in a family business and having chosen to raise his family here.

"Being a past student of the Groom Independent School District, I felt I was given a strong foundation that enabled me to be successful as an adult. I continue to see this high standard of education demonstrated by administrators, teachers, and parents. I believe these standard begin with the integrity and character of a school board. The exemplary rating that GISD has already achieved is evidence of excellence in teamwork from the school board and school administration. With my background and personal interest in the district, I am certain that I can be a productive part of this team."

"With the recent concern of the future of GISD, I would like to work with the present school board members and superintendent to maintain the quality education the children of Groom are entitled to. Business is something of which I've had a bit of experience. I know that only when systems serve

those doing the work do we achieve efficiency and excellence. I would like to be part of a team that continues to serve students, staff, and community in an effective and efficient way."

RON KUEHLER

Ron Kuehler and wife Laura have one daughter, Lauren Elizabeth. He, like many of our other candidates, is a lifelong resident of the area. He graduated from Groom ISD and earned a B.S. degree in Agribusiness and Economics.

Kuehler's qualities that would make him a good school board member are his people skills.

"I have pretty good people skills and like working with people to find the best solutions," he said. "Even though I don't have any children in school yet, I hope to someday. Maybe the decisions I help make on the School Board will ensure that there is a school for my children to attend."

Local Happenings

Brooke and Macie Britten will be competing in the 4-H District Fashion Show to be held on Saturday, May 5th at Panhandle High School at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

BROOKE

5 at the University of Texas at Austin. Brooke will vie for medals in two events, News Writing and Poetry. Groom regional competitors placed as follows:

- Feature Writing: 5th Brooke Britten, and 6th Candace Bohr.
 - Editorial Writing: 6th Garrett Britten.
 - Headline Writing: 6th Lauren Crowell.
- Congratulations to Brooke and all the U.I.L. participants. Your hard work and efforts did not go unnoticed.

Five Arrested This Week By Sheriff's Department

There were 5 persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of April 16 through April 22, 2001. Currently there are 7 persons incarcerated in this jail and 11 additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions. Notice to all of you who use ammonia for legitimate purposes. Some have experienced theft of this because it is one of several dangerous substances used in creating methamphetamine (speed). Please take a few extra minutes each day to check your tanks and report anything unusual to the sheriff's department as soon as possible.

Arrest made this week include:

- Leslie Taylor, age 31 of Amarillo-DPS Traffic Warrants.
- Tron Stover, age 18 of Panhandle-Public Intoxication and Criminal Mischief.
- April Adams, age 40 of Skellytown-Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd offense.
- Nathan Tyler, age 35 of Abilene-Theft by Check.
- Rispey Suddath, age 23 of Amarillo-DPS Traffic Warrants.

Museum To Hold National Arber Day Celebration

The Carson County Square House Museum will conduct an Arbor Day Celebration at 2:00 p.m., Saturday at the museum in Panhandle, according to the news release.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has donated

a tree to be planted on museum grounds. The Carson County Historical Commission will dedicate the tree at 2:00 p.m.

There will be refreshments and Arbor Day crafts for children.

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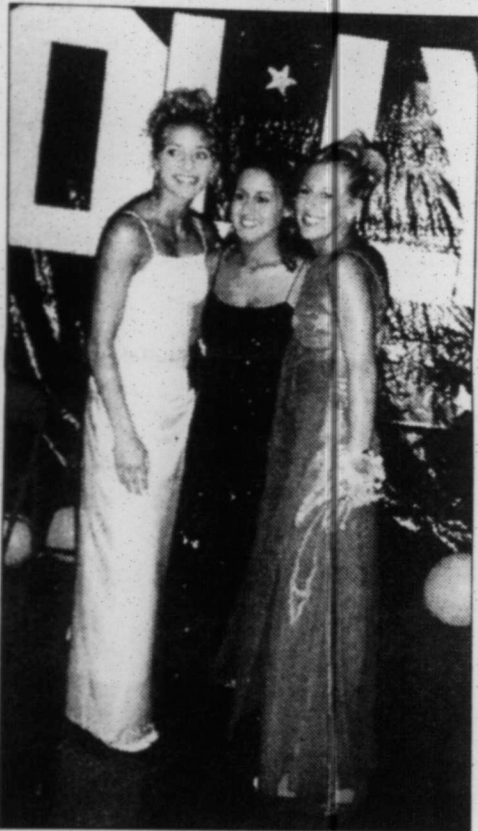
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Obituaries

COLLEEN BRITTEN
PAMPA-Colleen Jewel Britten, 76, of Pampa, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, in Amarillo.

Services were held Tuesday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom. Father Neal Dee officiated. Burial was held at the church cemetery in Groom.

Mrs. Britten was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Mathias Britten in 1978; two sons, Richard Val Britten in 1946 and Wallace Britten in 1998; a daughter, Stella Van Zandt in 1989; and granddaughter, Michelle

Black. Survivors include three sons, Wayne Britten, Wes Britten, and Wendell Britten, all of Amarillo; and two daughters, Susan Collinsworth and Dian Britten, both of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggest memorials be to the American Diabetes Association.

RUBY RAMMING
WHITE DEER-Ruby Lee Ramming, 90, died Wednesday, April 18, 2001.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 21, 2001. Her grandson, Chris Coffman, a layman at First Baptist Church in Panhandle, officiated.

Mrs. Ramming was born Oct. 5, 1910, in Wichita County. She

married Arnold John Ramming on July 20, 1929, in Lawton, OK. They lived in Wichita Falls after their marriage. In 1935 they moved to Groom, where they farmed until 1950, when they moved to a ranch at Hope, AR, and later moved to Pampa.

The Ramblings built and operated motels in Pampa, Memphis, Childress, Durant, OK, and Fredrick, OK. They retired and lived at their lake house on Lake Texhoma, Pottsboro; until 1980, when they moved to White Deer. Mr. Ramming preceded her in death in 1989.

Mrs. Ramming was a member of the Daughters of the Pioneers and the White Deer Senior Citizens. She also was preceded in death by a grandson, Keith Coffman, in 1996.

Survivors include a son and daughter in law, Rick and Nita Ramming of White Deer; a daughter and son-in-law, Nan and Richard Chavez of Ruidoso, N.M.; five grandchildren and their spouses, R.D. Ramming and Vicki Lynn Hillis, both of White Deer, Pamela Kay and Jeff Cartwright and Chris and Brenda Coffman, all of Panhandle, and Teri and Dennis Williams of Lefors; 11 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to White Deer Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 433, White Deer, TX 79097; or Gideons International, P.O. Box 5800, Borger, TX 79007.

Commissioners To Look Into Improved Facilities For Groom DPS

On April 23, 2001, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Carson County, Texas met in pursuant to adjournment with the members and offices present as follows: Hon. Lewis W. Powers, County Judge; Commissioners, Mike Britten, Pr. #1, Kenneth Ware, Pr. #2, Jerry Strawn, Pr. #3, and Kevin Howell, Pr. #4.

The minutes for the April 9, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The motion was passed to pay all claims.

Judge Powers discussed indigent claims. Powers said the county had approved a \$900 bill for a recent pauper's burial.

The motion was passed to allow a request from North Texas Gas Company to cross two roads in Precinct #1. The roads are county roads Y and X.

Commissioner Britten discussed with the court the possibility of replacing the DPS building in Groom. The commissioners will look into renting other buildings in that city or constructing a new

facility.

Judge Powers asked for approval on the hiring of Cory Lehman for the maintenance and grounds keeper for the courthouse. The motion to grant the recommendation was passed. Lehman's salary was set at \$18,079.32 effective April 11, 2001.

Approval was given on the resale of delinquent tax property in Skellytown. Judge Powers made the motion to allow Danny and Stephanie England to purchase lots 10-12, Block 22, New Roxana Addition for \$250.00. The motion was passed.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper met with the court for approval on measures for the 2001 tax year. The motion was passed to keep the optional homestead exemption at 20% and

discounts at 3% for October, 2% in November and 1% for taxes paid in December.

New Singles Club Holds First Meeting

The Panhandle Area Christian Singles held their first get-together last week with much success. Over 45 area singles from Panhandle, White Deer, Claude, and Groom attended.

The group was formed to give singles over 29 years of age a forum in which to meet, dance, and visit.

The next event will be held on May 19th at the First Christian Church in Panhandle. The event is smoke and alcohol free.

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MITCHELL PASSES AWAY MONDAY

The Groom News learned late Tuesday of the passing of Barry Mitchell of Jericho, on Monday, April 23rd.

Mitchell was injured in a car accident several days ago.

Summer Program To Raise Swim Admittance Fees To \$2.00

The Groom Summer Program meet recently for their annual organizational meeting. Donations are expected from the City of Groom, State National Bank, and Groom ISD in the amount of \$1,000 each. The Groom Lion's Club donation has yet to be determined.

Admission fee will be raised for the first time in 17 years to \$2.00. The increase will help defray the cost of ever rising energy costs.

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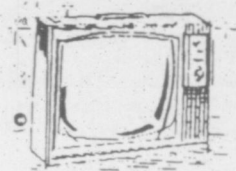
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