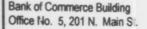
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The McLean News



Published Weekly Thursday, January 13, 2005



McLean City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Those present were Frank Warner, Teresa Simmons, Betty Taylor, Mindy Reeves, Jacque Riley, Toni Bohlar, Jim Adams, Allen Mixon, Gordon Madox and George Shaw

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Betty Taylor. All votes are unanimous

unless otherwise stated. The Council approved the minutes of the December 2004 meeting.

Gordan Madox came before the Council with the Auditor's report. He explained and discussed the audit at length with the Council. The Council approved the report for both the City of McLean and the Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Maddox did state to the Council that the EDC has not presented a budget. This must be done yearly The EDC is also required to give a financial st tement to the Council every six months. The Council voted to

appoint George Shaw to the vacant alderman's position. Mr. Shaw was pr sent and was sworn into th: council.

Rebecca Simmons and Mary Emma Woods resignations from the Library Board were accepted. Teresa Simmons and Tammy Morrow were voted in to the empty pc sitions.

The board accepted a bid of \$100.00 from Donna Pi yne for the tax property bil on Block 64, Lots 18-20

The board approved a le ter of credit for the la udfill for the amount of \$ 18,921.00.

The proposed garbage ordinance was amended and will be presented to the council at the next meeting. The new rates for out of town customers will be as follows: WEEKLY PICK-UP

1/2 Mile small dumpster - \$20.00 large dumpster - \$30.00 1 1/2 mile small dumpster - \$25.00

large dumpster - \$35.00  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  mile to 3 miles small dumpster - \$32.50 large dumpster - \$42.50 Business weekly

small dumpster - \$32.50 large dumpster - \$42.50 2xweek small dumpster - \$46.00 large dumpster -\$56.00

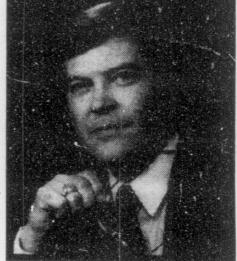
daily small dumpster -\$89.75 large dumpster -\$99.75 (small dumpster are 1 1/2 yards, large dumpsters are

3 vards) Jim Adams told the

Council that he had purchased a remanufactured engine for the pump jack at the Fowler gas well. The cost was \$3000.00. No motion was needed. The Council voted to approve a bid from Hawkin Communications of \$6994.00 for radios for the employees. The purchase will be for five hand held radios and three vehicle mounted radios. Two new computers

were approved for purchase by the Council. The City Hall's computer was purchased for the amount of \$1022.17. The billing program also had to be of \$1022.17. repurchased and upgraded and the cost is \$4730.00 plus installation expense. The computer for the warehouse was purchased for the amount of \$818.18. The Council voted to cash out CD 7083for the

See COUNCIL, pg. 10



# **District Attorney Rick** Roach Arrested On Federal Drug Charges

Richard Roach, District Attorney for the 223 Judicial District was was arrested on Tuesday morning at the Gray Courthouse County members of the F.B.I. and D.E.A. according to media contact Kathy Colvin who is with the U.S. Attorney General's office.

Colvin stated that Roach was arrested on a federal complaint under Title 21 of the Federal Code, Section 844A which in a nutshell says that he 'knowingly and willingly

THE TIGERS and Lady

Tigers will travel to

Silverton, Jan. 14. Games

THE MCLEAN Stock

show is Jan. 15 at the

Gerald Tate Agricultural

Center, beginning at noon.

begin at 5:00

was in possession of illegal methamphetamines."

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The next step according to the law enforcement official will be that he official will be that the must appear before a judge for an official reading of the charges. The for an official r the charges. government will then have 30 days to indict him on the charges.

As for the status on Gray County criminal cases that are pending, according to County Judge Peet, the

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# Lady Cubs Win McLean Invitational Tournament

### By Coach Butler

The Lady Cubs pushed their overall team record to 11-1 with a sweep in the McLean tournament.

In the first game, the Lady Cubs face a big San orwood team. Good team defense and passing propelled the lady Cubs to a 48-16 win.

DaShae Tolleson led all scorers with 11 points while Lexi Menefield scored 10.

In the second game, the lady Cubs played a very tall Groom team, however the Lady Cubs were able to run past them by a score of 34-15. Lexi Menefield led all scorers with 16 points.

Finally, in the championship game, the Lady Cubs faced a very aggressive defensive minded Lefors team. The Lady Cubs brought their "A" game with tenacious defense as they held Lefors te only four first half points on way to securing a 35-15 victory. The leading scorer was Ashley Byron with 11 p ints.

I am very proud of these young ladies and the in provements they have n ade with their passing and ball handling this s ason. We focus on findamentals daily in practice and we are b ginning to see the results o the court.

We try to focus on passing and defense and I think our kids are starting to get as excited about making a good pass as they are scoring a basket.

When we get to the point that we are making good, crisp, unselfish passes consistently, then we will enable ourselves to have S BCCESS.

The next game for the Lady Cubs will be at See TOURNEY, pg. 9



Ashley Byron helped led her Lady Cub team to victory by putting two points on the board against the Groom Cubbettee.

THE PTO will meet Cubs will travel to Kelton, tonight in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

REMINDERS

TIGER BLANKETS are available. Ask a high school student for details

PICTURE RETAKES for basketball will be Friday, January 14.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to e-mail your news, you may do so to itts@centramedia.net

THE CUBS and Lady

Jan. 17 at 6:00 p.m.

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 13 - Lana Stump, Bill Heasley, Delinda Simpson, Don and Rita Jo Crockett (A). January 14 - Tucker Long, James Mantooth January 15 - Anna Morris, Brenda McLain. January 16 - Dan Eggers, Ben Reeves. January 17 - Mrs. Vernon Luther Kennedy,

Cesily Cadra. January 18 - Wanda Hindmen, Larry Wallis. Thompson, Pat Bailey, Chester Bohlar.

# Letter To The Editor

#### Dear Editor:

Although I live in Pa m Springs now, I worked along Route 66 in San Bernadino for 15 years and fell in love with the historic road. I have an idea for a board game that combines the things people love best about Route 66 cars, towns and memories.

I need over 100 pictures of cars for the Route 66 years, 1926-1985, for the game. The cars can be in any condition - from seum pieces to rusted hulks. I'm hoping your readers can help me out. If selected, a photo of their collectable car will beco ne part of a board game. Five winners will be picked at random from the selec ed

January 19 - Brenda

photo entries to win a free game

Please ask your readers to send a current photo of their car (no people pleasejust a picture of the car. like you'd use if you were going to sell it), along with a self addressed stamped envelope to: Kay Adkins, 1002 E. Tamarisk Rd., Palm Springs, CA 92262. Photos will not be

returned and will become my property. Owners of selected cars will be asked to sign a photo release, giving me permission to have full use of the photograph entered. Enteries must be post marked before February 15, 2004

I can't wait to see the

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# McLean Lunch Menu

LUNCH

Tuesday:

Milk

Thursday:

Crisp. Milk

Fruit, Milk

Correction

Friday:

Brownies, Milk

Salad, Jello, Milk

Monday: BBQ On Bun,

Potato Salad, Baked Beans,

Wednesday: Chicken Tetrazzini, Salad, Green

Beans, Texas Toast, Fruit,

Chili and Cheese, Tator

Tots, Pinto Beans, Apple

Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles,

Onions, Potato Wedges,

Antonio Montoya and

Philip Jones should have

been listed on the 90 or

above honor roll last week.

Adams.

Ferguson, David Fuller,

Bobby Richardson and Chet

were Leslie Darsey, Jaylene

Watkins and Toni Bohlar.

Ronnie

Others present

Good job guys!

Pizza, Corn,

Burritos with

Hamburger,

Chicken

January 17 - 21 BREAKFAST

Monday: Monkey Bread, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk Breakfast Tuesday:

Burritos, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, juice, Milk Wednesday: Muffins, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Breakfast Pizza, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday: Cinnamon Rolls. Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk

pictures your readers have to send! I'd also love to hear any memories of favorite places and experiences on old Route If there are any 66. questions, e-mail me at carcrazygame@aol.com. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Kay Adkins

# Board Meets In Special Session

Terri

Bohlar.

The McLean ISD Board of Trustees met in a board requested special session on January 10 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the **Business** Office

Those present were board members Billy Bybee, Marshall Hanes,

The board opened the meeting with the invocation led by Eobby Richardson. The board then went directly into executive session to discuss Superintendent Eric Smith's contract. The board returned to open session at 6:38 p.m. Chet Bohlar made a motion to not offer Eric Smith a pay increase. Motion was econded by David Fuller. All approved. Bobby Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Terri Adams. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m



LITTLE DRIBBLE SCHEDULE

Ft. Elliott Jan. 22 Samnorwood Feb 10-12 McLean Feb. 17-19 Wheeler Feb. 24-26 Shamrock March 11-12 Revised

### McLean Junior Livestock Stock Show To Be Held At Gerald Tate Ag Barn

### By Tamara Loya

On January 15, 2005 the McLean FFA will be holding its annual livestock show. The show will start at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. The show will take place at the Gerald Tate Agriculture Center.

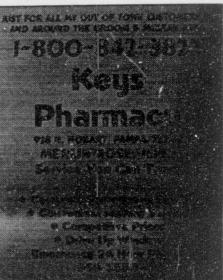
There will be 20 pigs in the show. Kutter Anderson will be showing four burrows in the show. Kevin and Mark Smith have three burrows they will be showing. Suzanne Howard, Logan Sparling, Jamie Daniel Lee, Sanderson and Ethan Smith all have two burrows each. Amanda Loya and Jesse Parks both have one

#### burrow.

Anthony Ruiz will be showing his two goats. Tanner Cadra has two steers along with two lambs.

We would appreciate your support if you would come out and see them as they prepare for the County Stock Show next weekend.

Earthquakes, Floods, 9-11 Can it happen here? Jeremiah 23:22 2nd Chronicles 7:14 JB.



# MCLEAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Church of Christ** 4. & Clarendor 779-2548 Sunday Bible School 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. & 6 p.m., Wed. Bible Class 7:30

embly of God 4. & Ma Morning Warship 10:45 Children's Church 7:00 p.m. Wednesday-Family Night 7:00 p.m. Children, Youth @ 5:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00 Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1. Pastor Kelly Raymond 779-2175 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 2nd & G Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Sunday Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5:00 p.m. 2. & Gray Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

> Heald United Methodist Church Kellerville Road Sunday 9:15 a.m.

**Trinity Church \$03** Commerce Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207 Sunday worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groupe-Sunday-5:00 p.m. Solid Rock Youth & Sonshine Children's Ministry Wednesday 6:00 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.



McLean Student of the Week for the Week of January 3 - 7, 2005: Kindergarten, Shyann Price and Su Price, 1ª grede - Colten Morris, 2ª grade - Shelby Passmore, 3ª grade - Cody Azazi, 4ª grade - Zach Morrow, 5ª grade - Saber Bohlar, 6ª grade - Sami Staton, 7ª grade - Sierra McDonald

# **Reeves Receive Plague For Community Service**

By Mindy Reeves

There were 27 members and guests at the January 4, 2005, meeting of McLean's Young at Heart group. Amanda Crawford, Peggy Simpson, and Shelly Overturff with Accolade gave free blood pressure checks

Anita Seaney was back with us

Board of Directors President Mary Dwyer conducted a short business meeting. She congratulated Ben Reeves, Venus Wright and James Troy on their January birthdays. Secretary-Treasurer Mindy Reeves read the minutes from the previous meeting and gave a financial report.

Mary Dwyer presented Mindy and Ben Reeves 

with a small plaque and thanked them for what they have done for the Young and Heart group and the community.

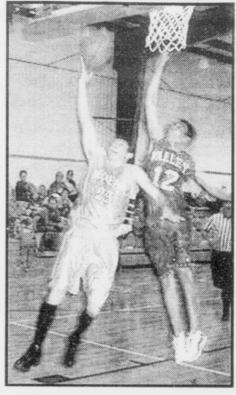
were elected. Mariorie Fish will be President, Betty Heathington and Mary Dwyer vice-presidents, and Mindy Reeves Secretary-See MEETING, pg. 10

### McLean **Tigers Tip Off District** Play Against Valley

The McLean Tigers began district play on Friday, January 7 against Valley. The final score was 51 - 63.

"We basically got out rebounded in the second half," stated Coach Farmer. "Our defense was pretty good most of the game, however we had a hard time boxing our opponent out. We gave up too many second and third shots." Farmer went on to say, " if you give a team that many chances to score they will beat you. We're ready to fix the problem and keep on rolling." Tyler Hanes scored 15

points. Manden Conklin scored 13 and Zane Richardson added 9 points. James Alexander put 6 Thursday, January 13, 2005-THE GROOM NEWS-Page 9



Senior James Alexander goes up against a Valley Patriot in the first district game of the se

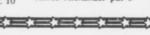
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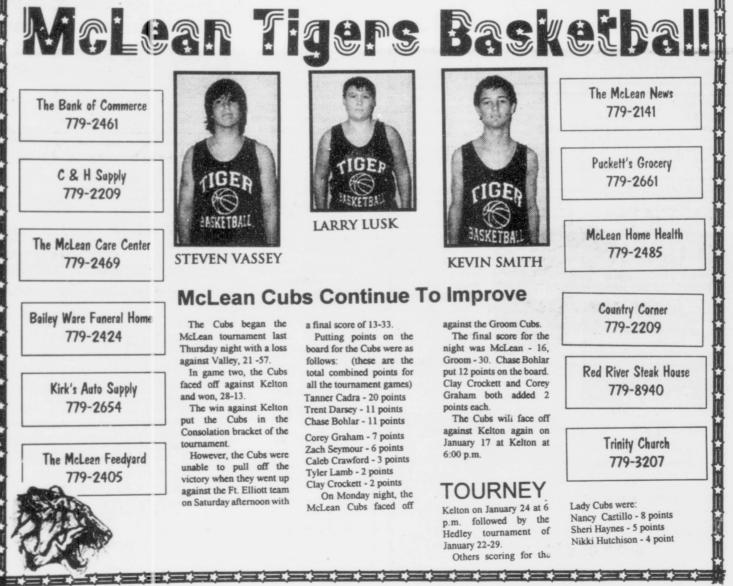
points on the board. Jayme Welch scored 4. Lucas

Jacob Tolleson scored 1.

Seymour added 3 and

New officers for 2005



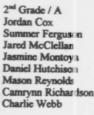


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# McLean Elementary/Junior High Honor Roll

1ª Grade / A Lexus Brown Andrew Bybee **Bailey Herring** Andrew Ingle Samantha Long Tanner Smith **Daniel Wells** Jordyn Wooldridge

1ª Grade/ A/B Shaylynn McDonald Nathan Raymond Nicholas Raymond Colton Seaney



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade / A/B Dezaray Blaylock Breanna Campbell Cody Crockett Jose Keever Shelby Passmore

Chris Walker 3rd Grade / A Shelby Adams Braxton Cooper

Kendalyn Richardson

Jacie Ketcherside Jordan McLain Ian McMordie Bryan Payne Oscar Rodriguez Ethan Smith

#### 3rd Grade / A/B Cody Azazzi Hayley Burnett Tristan Davis **Daymon Flores** Kaleb Perkins Sierra Sanderson

4th Grade / A Miranda McMordie

4th Grade / A/B Shiloh Brown Lizet Cardenas Starlette Herrera Kelby McClellan Zachary Morrow **Kirstie Perkins** Kendra Richardson

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5th Grade / A Tori Bybee Jordan Herring Jace McLain Becca Reyna Ashley Russell

5th Grade / A/B Jamie Alvarez Saber Bohlar Britnie Cooper Rebecca Reyna Rudy Rodriguez Rena Smith Patricia Valles Mariah Wooldridge

6th Grade / A Nicole McClendon

6th Grade/ A/B Ashley Byron Tanner Cadra **Clay Crockett** Lynda Fortune Casey Graham Christopher Hampton Bradley Howard Tyler Lamb Robert Morrow

Sami Staton Erin Vassey Dakota Greenwood 7th Grade / A Nancy Castillo Lisa Ellis Haylea Harper Sheri Haynes Sierra McDonald David Passmore 7th Grade / A/B Tucker Adams Caleb Crawford **Donielle Creed** William Eldridge Lyndsey Ellis Garrett Giffin Alexis Menefield Cody Morris Jessica Skipper Amber Staton

Zachary Seymour

### MEETING Treasurer. Butch Heathington and Ben Reeves were elected to the

two openings on the Board of Directors. Ben Reeves played a couple of songs for the group on his saw. Our next potluck luncheon meeting will be January 18.

John Haynes - 12 points Zach Richardson - 10

Jayme Welch - 9 points

Trey Skipper - 6 points

Cole Dampier - 4 points Daniel Lee - 4 points

Logan Sparling - 3 points Matt Applewhite - 2 points Kevin Smith - 1 point

### Tiger JV is 4-1 for the Season

points

The Tiger J.V. boys really put one on the Valley J.V. on Friday, January 7 with a win of 51 -25.

"They played an excellent game," stated Coach Farmer. "It was a good win for them. They are now 4-1."

Scoring for the team

# COUNCIL

amount of \$7,844.00 minus the penalties. This money will pay for the computers and installation expense.

In other business, Jacque Riley told the Council that she had asked Linda Haynes to help write and update the Employee Policy and Procedure handbook. Mrs. Haynes will be placed on next month's agenda. Mindy Reeves expressed

her concern over the water tower leaking. Jim Adams explained that Water Tower Maintenance would be in McLean in approximately three weeks

The Council voted to pay

Items that the Council tabled were internet policy for the library and garbage

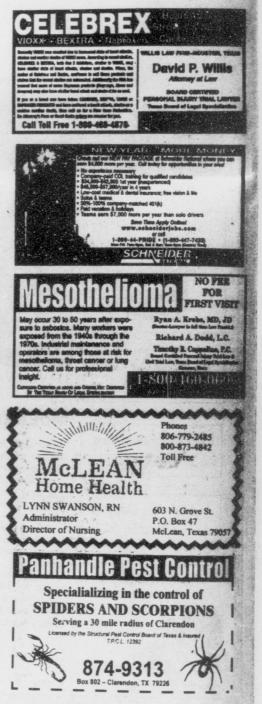


Tanner Cadra uses his defensive skills during the McLeen tournament against a Groom Cub.

# ROACH

District has an assistant District Attorney that is very competent and capable, Lynn Switzer. "She has been v "She has been very active in handling most of

the cases in Gray County," he said. The News could not reach her office for comments as of 4:00 on Tuesday





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**RILEY EARNS** HONOR ROLL SLOT AT COLLEGE

Randi Jo Riley was named to the Dean's List Southwestern at Oklahoma State University i n Weatherford for the 2004 fall semester. She has a GPA higher than a 3.5.



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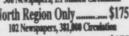
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# Son of Local Woman Deployed

Brandon Oliver, son of Cindy Erwin, was deployed with the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division out of Fort Hood, during the 1st week of January, to the front in Iraq. Brandon is a 25 year old Army Specialist who will be working with the 56<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Infantry Division guarding supply lines.

His mom, Cindy Erwin, and his step-dad, Steve Cary, went to Fort Hood for a deployment ceremony in late December. Cindy works for the Rt. 66 Steakhouse and Steve is employed by J&T Trucking (Thornton).

Brandon graduated



Army Specialist Brandon Oliver

from H gh School in mom will be sending care Breckenridge, TX., but packages over about once now calls Groom his a month during his expected 12 month home base. He is joined by 3000 fellow troops, also head d to Iraq. His deployment. Anvone

# Ag Pen Issue Clarified

The Groom School Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 14, 2004. The following members were present Clifton Britten,

Seth Ritter, Tony Britten, Rodney Bohr, Ron Kuehler and Tim Case. Member Tony Rocha was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Terry Stevens, Neal Brown and Curtis Downs.

Minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved.

During open forum, Mr. Stevens expressed a desire to start a tradition of beginning each school board meeting with a There were no prayer. objections.

Mr Case asked Mr. Stevens when the contract for depository See SOLDIER, pg. 2

Groom ISD is to be renewed. Mr. Stevens will check and report at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Stevens informed the Board about the changes to the agenda order on Board meetings from now on.

Neal Brown of Region 16 ESC presented a quarterly report on the school budget and general fund expenditures. The Board discussed investment opportunities for school funds.

In the General open meeting the board discussed the TASB update 74. The update was approved.

Tammy Case was named the Food and Nutrition Coordinator. Tim Case obtained from voting.

Superintendent Stevens discussed with the Board

Community Calendar

the Superintendent 's Evaluation instrument and how the AEIS reports would be added as soon as TEA make it available.

Stevens reported that Mrs. Kennedy had indicated that she would not be coming back next year as she was expecting a child. He indicated to the board that they will be losing a very dedicated teacher and would regret her Her official leaving. resignation is pending.

The Comprehensive School Reform grant the school had applied for was denied by TEA.

A letter concerning the dissolution of the Panhandle Information network was presented. The superintendent

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# City Awards Bid For Street Sealcoating

A bid opening for scal coating the City streets was held at 7:00 p.m on Monday, Dec. 13, 2004. prior to the regular City Council Meeting. Those present were Justin Scarth, engineer with Brandt Engineering, Clint Cornell from E.D. Baker construction and Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary. The bids were City tabulated and scored to

be present at the regular meeting for approval. The-regular meeting of

the Groom city Council was called to order at 7.30 P.M. with the following present; Mayor Joe Homer, Aldermen Don Case, Chris Welch, Weller, Doug Kenneth Kling and visitors Justin Scarth of Brandt Engineers; Rick Prather

director of Groom EMS; Grady M Iton of White Deer EI1S; Richard Wuest, Mayor of White Deer, and Mary Sue Lyles, City Secretary.

Justin S arth, engineer with Braudt Engineers, presented the bid tabulation totals for 2005 seal coating the streets on the west half of Groom. There were 3 bids received: E.D. Baker with a bid of \$60,400.00; G.W. James with a bid of \$50,544.80; and Lewis Construction with a bid of \$53,152.00 Chris Welch moved and Don Case seconded the motion to a ward the seal coating bid to G.W. James Construction who presented the low bid. The motion carried. Don Case moved and

Kenneth Weller seconded the motion to enter into an agreement with the school regarding the use of a city street. Over the years, animal pens for FFA and 4-H have been built by the school on property controlled by the city. The land has

been platted for a dedicated street, but the street has never been opened. A contract between the school and the city was drawn up to verify that the school has the right to the use of the property. The contract will be signed and will remain on file in the city office, until such time as it is revoked. The motion carried.

After a closed session, longevity pay for employees was approved

Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

The financial report was approved and bills were approved for payment.

Grady Milton, White Deer EMS director, made a presentation to the council regarding the need to attempt to set up a county wide EMS Doug Kling district. moved and Kenneth Weller seconded the motion to support resolution to go to the Carson County Commissioners Court and ask them to begin the process that would set up a city wide EMS district. The meeting was adjourned.

Samnorwood, there on January14. They will January14. They will play Valley there on January 18. THE TIGERS and

**GROOM TIGERS &** 

Tigerettes will play

Ettes will play Silverton, there, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, January 7th

**GROOM TIGERS** and Ettes will play Hedley here at 6:30p.m. Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

A FINANCIAL AID seminar will be held for prospect college students and their parents on Jan. 20 at 7:00 P.M.

Inesday World Cotton Prices Carson County Gin 3361

THERE WILL be no school at Groom ISD on January 21 & 24 for students. Teachers will have a work do on the 21.

**GROOM JR. HIGH** basketball teams will play Silverton at Groom on January 17.

THE GROOM Arena Association will have their next meeting January 11 in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Any interested is welcome Anvone attend.



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# Card of Thanks

We want to extend a very big THANK YOU to all who thought of us during Fied's hospital stay and passing. We cannot begin to tell you how much each act of kindness meant to us. We appreciate the prayers, words of encouragement, visits, telephone calls, cards, flowers, memorials and food. The out pouring of love has been truly overwhelming. It is great to live in a community where everyone is like family. Again, thank you

The family of Fred Brown Juanita

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# Local Happenings

Doris Kuehler is a "Granny on the Go!" Her new address is 7704 Reward Place, Amarillo, Texas 79119-7318. You can phone her at 354-2933 She invites all her friends to come by and visit!

IF YOU HAVE loaned pictures to The Groom News for any reason, please pick them up.

Donations to the **Groom Volunteer Ambulance Department** 

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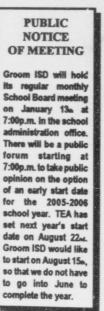
MARTIN NAMED TO HONOR ROLL Amarillo College has

released it's honor rolls for the fall semester. Students must earn a grade point average highter than 3.6 and be enrolled with 12 hours or more in academic courses. From Groom is Amanda Martin, daughter of Kenny and Melanie Martin.

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wishing to add to his care package can get a list of needed items from his mom. Generally soldiers need baby wipes, toothpaste, socks, batteries, non-perishable food items, hand sanitizer, and deodorant. The family asks that you keep Brandon and them in your prayers as they face this separation as best they can.

BSA HOSPICE offers Grief: What to Expect, a one hour informational session designed to help bereaved individuals understand the grief process. Sessions are presented the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held in the Hospice Facility, 800 N. Summer in Pampa-mornings from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend at no charge. For more information call BSA Hospice (806) 655-6677 toll free (800) 658-6985



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 13 - David A. Cockrell.

January 14 - Bill Musser, Daniel Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin L. Ollinger (A)

January 15 - Mrs. Jerry Dee Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Jigger Britten. (A)

January 16 - Bailee Rae Ruthardt, Macee Rocha.

January 17 - Mrs. Herman Leven, Curtis Lamar.

January 18 - Aimee Lyles Bussard.

January 19 - Kecia Lea Mays, Alicia Marie Hosley, Danny Ashford.

# Groom School Breakfast and Lunch Menu

The Groom Cafeteria will be serving the following for the week of January 17-21 BREAKFAST MENU

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice & milk

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk. Wednesday: Breakfast

burritos, fruit, juice, & milk. Thursday: Biscuits,

gravy, bacon, juice & milk

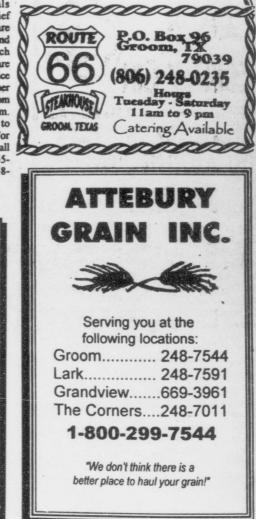
Friday: No School LUNCH MENU Monday: Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk, chocolate no-bake cookies.

Tuesday: Frito pie, pinto beans, fruit cocktail, graham crackers, & milk.

Wednesday: Bar-B-Que Beef on a Bun, potato wedges, pears, pickle spears, and milk Thursday: Stuffed

Baked Potato, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, milk and sherbert.

Friday: No School



# January Is School Board Recognition Month

GROOM - Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Groom ISD is joining other district across the state to gratefully acknowledge their commitment to our communities and school.

Texas benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local board members of Texas." said Groom Superintendent Terry Stevens

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"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement public education," Mr. Stevens said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education. Evens though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment or their part."

We proudly salute these education education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and

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service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Mr. "These Stevens. individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to the continuing success of our students and school."

The men serving Groom ISD are: Clifton Britten, Tim Case, Ron Kuehler, Tony Britten, Tony Rocha Rodney Bohr, and Seth Ritter.



# BOARD

presented a chart showing the playground funds during this years fruit and meat sale. Future plans for the playground were discussed.

A letter thanking Groom for the hospitality shown during the playoff games was presented from Wheeler ISD

Mr. Stevens discussed the contract that Groom ISD signed with the City of Groom concerning the AG Barn. Mr. Stevens presented to the board a grievance that a local citizen had with Mr. Stevens over who called the Carson County. Sheriff's office. Stevens reported that upon

investigation that the man had called the Sheriff not the woman. Stevens stated that he hoped this would take care of any more problems so that students of Groom ISD could use the pens for the purpose they had been built. Steven state that we are just trying to teach the kids respect and responsibility fro animals and hopes that this will

owned by the late Fred

end any more problems. A discussion was held concerning the next years school beginning date. By law, it has been set for Aug. 22. If Groom ISD were to start at that time, it would be difficult to end the semester by Christmas. A waiver would need to be applied for by in order to start school by August 15.

Stevens present to the Board the 2004 Gold Performance Ratings. Groom School received the second most acknowledgments of schools with the Exemplary Rating.

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Brown and his wife, Victory Angus Show held Juanita, exhibited another on December 31. QLC winner at the 2005 Structure H438 earned

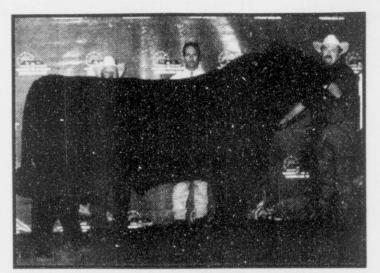
> Groom School Counselor Cathy Potts, announced that she will host a seminar on January 20, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Distance Learning Lab concerning College Financial Aid.

Questions will be

financial need. so it is . very important to investigate all the opportunities.

Senior

All high school students, parents, or anyone who is considering the possibility of returning to college are invited to attend Cathy Potts in her office at Groom School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A \$100 scholarship will be awarded to a senior whose parent attends this meeting.



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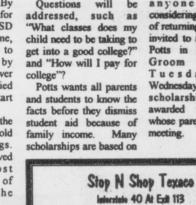
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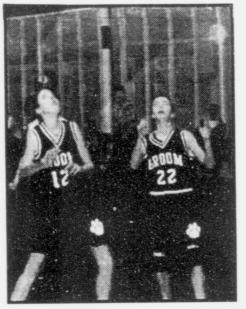
# Junior Boys and Girls Earn Third Place At Tournament



# Ettes Play Two Difficult Games

Groom High School Girls Basketball teams played a pair of difficult games last week. In their first match up against Fort Elliott on December 17. Kyra Stevens lead the scoring with 10 points. Kacie Galyean added another 3 and Jan Ratterree 2. The final score with 15-65.

On January 7 the girls faced off with Silverton. Sharri Britten was high point with 7. Kyra Stevens added another 6. Kacie Galyearn contributed 5 and Michaela Roskens added The final score was Groom 20, Silverton 72.



Rachael Hopkins and Maddie Wieberg go in for the rebound at the McLean Tournament.

The girls won their

game against Kelton 42

Ashley Murray were high

The Junior High boys and girls both placed 3rd the McLean to 10. Korri Britten and in Tournament last week

each scoring 10 Rachel Hopkins contributed 9. Stacy Schick added another 6 Alannah King and Maddie Wieberg scored 4 and 3 respectively.

The girls lost to McLean 34 to 15. to Rachel Hopkins led the scoring with 9 points. Maddie Wieberg contributed 4 and Ashley Murray added another 2. The Ettes won against

Valley 31 to 29 in their third game of the tournament. Rachel Hopkins played a great game scoring 19 points. Korri Britten added another 7. Ashley Murray contributed 4 and Maddie Wieberg added 1.

The girls lost their final game of the tournament to McLean with a score of 27 to 15. Rachel Hopkins was high point with 10 points. Korri Britten added 3 and Alannah King contributed

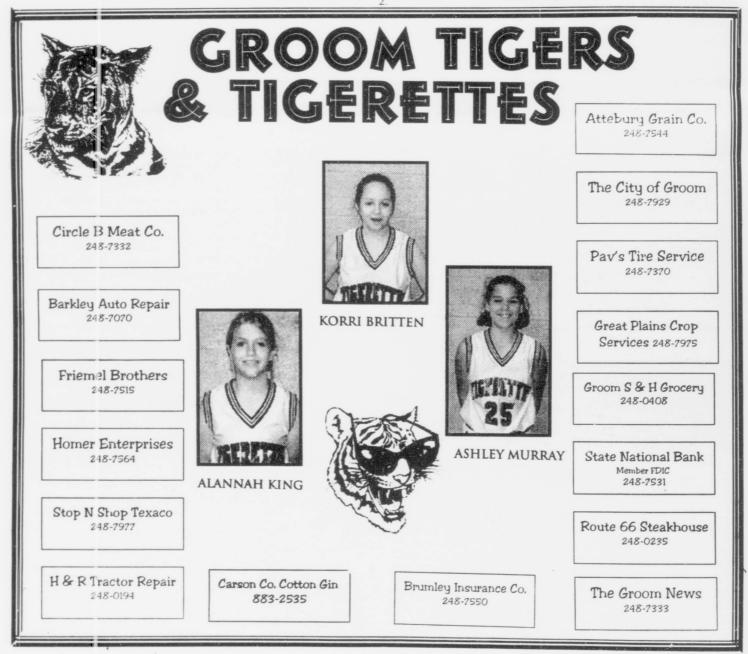


Blake Galyean drives for the basket during the tournament

first game of the tournament, which was against Kelton, with a score of 44 to 4. Josh Kelly was high point scoring 11. Blake Galyean contributed 9. Eric Torres added another 8. Brett Friemel scored 5. Tyler Babcock

The Cubs won their added 4. Trevor Friemel scored 3. Tyler Case and Kelton Weller each contributed 2 points. The boys lost their

game against Valley 55 to 15. Eric Torres was high point with 7 points. Josh Kelly scored 4. See BASKETBALL, pg. 5



# Groom School Announces First Semester Honor Roll

All " A" 3rd Six Weeks Fourth Grade Clinton Galycan, Alexandria Ragsdale, Caleb Jackson, Sara Kelly, Amy Weinheimer, Macee Rocha, Tanner Case, Brody Britten, and Kyler Barkley.

Fifth Grade: Rebekah Roskens

Sixth Grade: Michael Kelly, Maddie Wieberg, and Jacob Torres

Jeshaiah Roskens

Eighth Grade: Joshua Kelly, and Brett Friemel.

Tenth Grade: Blaine Britten

Twelfth Grade: Adam Britten

"A-B" Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks Fourth Grade: Tanner Case and Victoria Moraniec

Fifth Grade: Suhani Bhakta, Neva Corley, Hali Bohr, Trent Murray, and Chris Homen.

Sixth Grade: Myles Friemel, Samantha Clendennen, and Tanner Britten.

Seventh Grade: Ricky Fehr, Ashley Murray, Tyler Case, and Tyler Babcock.

Eighth Grade: Blake Galycan, Ben Thompson, Kelton Weller, and Trent Britten.

Ninth Grade: Catherine Thompson, Michaela Roskens, Chad Barkley, and Kendall Weller.

Tenth Grade: Laura Leven, Kacie Galyean, and Thane Barkicy. Eleventh Grade:

Sharri Britten Twelfth Grade:

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All "A" Semester

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Barkley, Blaine Britten, & Kacie Galyean.

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"A-B" Honor Roll

1" Semester Fourth Grade: Tanner Case, Victoria Moraniec, & Jerry Stegall.

Fifth Grade: Cheyene Adams, Suhani Bhakta, Hali Bohr, Neva Corley, Chris Homen and Trent Mur av

Sith Grade: Tanner Britten, Samantha Clendennen, Myles Frienel, and Maddie Wieberg.

Seventh Grade: Tyler Baboock, Korri Britten, Tyler Case, Ricky Fehr, and Alannah King Eighth Grade: Trent Britten, Blake Galyean, Benj umin Thompson, and Kelt in Weller. Ninth Grade: Catherine Thompson and

Ken all Weiler. Tenth Grade: Lauren

Leven. E eventh Grade:

Blake Galyean and Trevor Friemel each added another 2. The Cubs won their final game against

Samnorwood 39 to 26. Josh Kelly was high point with 12 points. Brett Friemel scored 11 Blake Galyean added 6. Trevor Friemel scored 5. Tyler Babcock added another 4 and Ben Thompson scored 1.

The Cubs The Cubs played McLean last Monday night. Groom won with a final score of 30 to 16. High point was Blake Galyean with 13 points. Brett Friemel added 6. Trevor Friemel and Eric Torres each scored 4. Tyler Babcock added another 2 and Josh Kelly scored 1.

(Above Right) The Ettes have a defensive posture during the three games they played over the weekend. (Below) Eric Torres puts one up for the Cubs.



# **Tigers Win Match Against** Ascension Academy

The Groom Tigers won Chance Barkley added 10 Ascention Academy 1. Tuesday evening with a score of 41 to 22. Thane Sharri Britten Twelfth Grade: Barkley was high point game to Silverton 43 to with 16 points. T.J. 27 last Friday night. Moraniec contributed 14.

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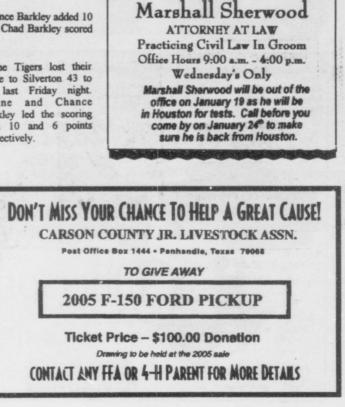
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their game against and Chad Barkley scored

Thane and Chance Barkley led the scoring with 10 and 6 points respectively.



Tanner Case gets low as he plays a very good defensive game at McLean





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Fourth Grade: Kyler

Fifth Grade: Rebeka Roskens

Kelly, & Jacob Torres Seventh Grade:

Seventh Grade: Jeshaiah Roskens

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Tenth Grade: Thane

Twelfth Grade: Adam

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# 2005 Program EQIP Sign Up In Progress

The time to apply to the 2005 Environmental Qualities Incentive Program (EQIP has Unsuccessful come. applicants in 2004 should come in and apply if interested, as a 2004 application will not automatically be rolled over to the 2005 program. The dendline to make application has not been announced, but will likely be around February 28th.

Practice eligible for cost-share assistance through this program includes construction of diversion, terraces, and waterways, planting cropland to grass, crossfencing on rangeland, and livestock water development with new wells, pipeline and tubs, Practices eligible for cost-share on irrigated cropland ( must have a 2

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In 2004 through the EQIP program in Carson County, over \$248,000 was awarded to

landowners and operators.

Application can be made at the USDA-NRCS office in Panhandle at 221 Euclid Street. Call NRCS at 537-3533, ext 3 for more information, or to make an appointment to com in and sign up for the program.

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# Carson County Sheriff Reports Thefts In Groom

Sheriff's Report 01/10/05 Over the last few weeks we have been kept busy transporting prisoners around the county. Deputies Trevor and Roland McGill traveled to Los Angles the week after Christmas. They returned with a subject who had jumped bond from our jurisdiction. Sgt, Heath Cates transported a prisoner downstate to prison on Thursday the 6th.

Also last week I picked up a prisoner that was being released from prison in Detroit and transported him back to our jail. On most instances when we transport someone a long distance, the bonding company reimburses the county for the trip.

As of Monday morning we were housing 21 prisoners in the county jail. There were 8 arrests made last week. They break down as follows: Possession of Marijuana -

3, Possession of a Controlled Substance - 2, DWI - 2, and Public Intoxication 1.

Deputy Trevor McGill and myself responded to a train pedestrian accident that occurred west of FM 2373 near Pantex. An Amarillo man who had been servicing railroad equipment in the area was struck and killed by an eastbound freight train. Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler pronounced the victim deceased at the

scene and ordered an autopsy. The incident is classified as an accident.

Deputy McGill also took a report of alcohol poisoning near Groom at 3:00 am Saturday morning. A young woman had been to her bachelorette party in Amarillo and apparently consumed large quantity of alcohol. She was treated and transported by Groom and Panhandle EMS.

### Crop Producation Clinic To Be Held

Texas Panhandle Crop Production Clinic sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International & Texas Cooperative a.m. and will continue Extension will be held, until 3:00 p.m.

Friday January 14 at the Carson County Ag. Barn. This program will begin with registration at 9:30

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