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Board Discusses Lose of District's Tax Base Due To Wildfires

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2006. Board members present were Chet Bohlar, Terri Adams, Marshall Hanes, David Fuller, Joe Riley and Toni Bohlar. Also present were Superintendent Jimmy Hannon, Dick Crockett, Leslie Darsey, and Dawn Roudybush. Newly elected Board Members Carey Richardson and Randy Eddleman were present to be sworn in. Billy Bybee was absent from the meeting.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

Terri Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Marshall Hanes gave the opening prayer.

There were no visitors present.

Motion by David Fuller, second by Chet Bohlar to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 18, 2006. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by David Fuller to approve the Special Meeting minutes of April 24, 2006, with 5 voting "FOR" and Joe Riley abstaining.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by Toni Bohlar to approve the monthly financial reports and to sign the corresponding checks. Motion carried.

Carey Richardson and Randy Eddleman were sworn in, and Dawn Roudybush issued their oaths. At this time the Board said their good-byes to Marshall Hanes.

Reorganization of the Board began with a motion by Toni Bohlar, and second by Chet Bohlar for Joe Riley as President. Motion by Terri Adams, second by Tom Bohlar for David Fuller as Vice-President and motion by Chet Bohlar, second by David Fuller for Toni Bohlar as Board Secretary. Motions carried.

Terri Adams briefed the new Board members about

policy online, ethics, the main purpose of the Board, and went over some things that the Board had accomplished in the past year. She stated that the Team of Eight had set Superintendent performance goals for 2006-2007. The Spring Workshop for Board members is May 17, 2006 in Canyon.

Mr. Hannon had received a report from Pat Bagley, Gray County Appraiser, with a breakdown of \$199,099.00 loss in the district's tax base due to the wildfires.

MISD received a federal grant for Hurricane Relief for 2 students in the amount of \$6000.00 to be used for classroom curriculum.

MISD has also received a grant for \$9046.75 for e-rate funding on telecommunications.

Mr. Hannon discussed the Undesignated Fund Balance reported as

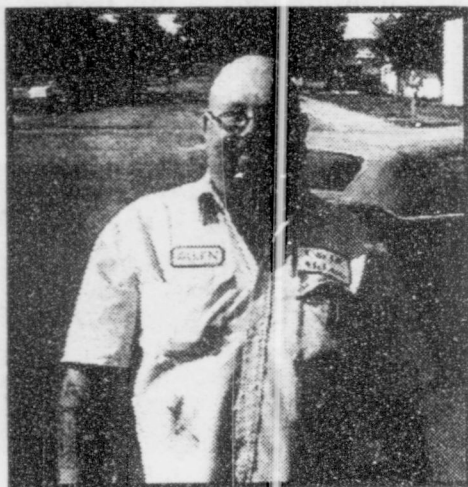
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Randy Eddleman and Carey Richardson take the Oath of Office at their first school board meeting on Monday night.

Bohlar Placed On Administrative Leave.....

Council Names Allen Mixon As Interim Director Of Public Works



The City Council of McLean held a special meeting at City Hall on May 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Those present were Bob Martin, Betty Taylor, George Shaw, Molly McDowell, Jim Adams, Toni Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Bill and Ronia Anderson, Butch and Katy Warner,

Colleen Steward, Mary Bybee, and Terri Adams.

Betty Taylor opened the meeting with the invocation.

Molly McDowell requested that she be allowed to speak before anything else was said. She began by reading a lengthy letter that she had

written regarding the employ relations that had been a concern for some time. In her letter she stated that she had been informed that Chet Bohlar had been placed on Administrative Leave and that she did not agree with the decision.

She continued reading her letter naming Chet Bohlar, Bill Anderson and Jim Adams and what he believed about them and the situation to be true.

After Ms. McDowell's letter, the Mayor informed the council that he had placed Chet Bohlar on Administrative Leave, under the direction of the City's attorney, due to allegation Bohlar made at the last meeting regarding another employee. The mayor then requested a special meeting for Friday, to discuss the disciplinary action that would follow. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 19 at 1:00

p.m. at the City Hall.

A motion was made by Betty Taylor and seconded by George Shaw to regretfully accept the resignation of alderman, Teresa Simmons. The motion passed unanimously.

The item to appoint a new alderman to the position was tabled until

the Friday meeting.

The next agenda item was to accept the resignation of Director of Public Works, Jim Adams.

At this time, councilman George Shaw stated that he had spoke with Jim to see if he would stay. He went on to state that Jim had said that there was a possibility.

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The council then asked Jim if had made a decision.

"I had a list to read and thought things could be salvaged, but after hearing the statements made at the beginning of this meeting, I don't think so," stated Adams.

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Local Reminders

KINDERGARTEN
Graduation - May 18 at 9 a.m. at the school auditorium.

MAY 19TH - No School.

JUNIOR HIGH
Graduation will be May 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation will be May 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist.

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THE FOOD FOR the Angel Food Program can be picked up on Saturday, May 20th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cowboy Church.

SPECIAL CITY
Council meeting will be held on Friday, May 19 at 2 p.m. in the City Hall.

JR. HIGH & Elementary Awards assembly will be held on May 24 in the New Gym.

PRE-K Registration will be on May 23.

ATHLETIC & Academic Banquet will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Devil's Rope Museum. Tickets can be purchased at the school business office, library or at the door.

McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 18 - Kathy Carter.
 May 19 - Maurine Foshee, Clay Gordy.
 May 20 - Zelda McClellan, Lee Ann Fecnsra, Dakota Watson, May 21 -
 May 22 - Jamie Barker Holden, Etoyle Nicholes.
 May 23 - Effie Lou Everett, Jimmy and Tammye Armbrister (A).
 May 24 - Bob Hardin, Erin Martin, Don White

McLean School Menus

for the week of May 24 - 28

BREAKFAST
 Monday: Cook's Choice, Milk, Juice
 Tuesday: Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Toast & Jelly, Fruit, Milk, Juice
 Wednesday: Cook's Choice, Milk, Juice
 Thursday: Cinnamon Rolls, Toast & Jelly, Milk, Juice
 Friday: Cook's Choice, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
 Monday: Cook's Choice, Milk
 Tuesday: Cook's Choice, Milk
 Wednesday: Cook's Choice, Milk
 Thursday: Cook's Choice, Milk
 Friday: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Tangerine, Milk



Bob And Janet Glass To Be New Editors

Bob and Janet Glass, longtime residents of McLean, will be taking over the editor's job of McLean News, June 1. Publisher Phil Miller said, "While I am very sorry to lose Terri Adams, who has done a wonderful job, I am very excited for the paper and the people of McLean to have the Glasses com aboard the staff of the McLean News. They should be big assests to the community". He continued, "I hope the community will get behind them and help support their efforts to maintain the high quality of news reporting that McLean is used to receiveing." Bob was raised in McLean and Janet has lived in McLean for over 30 years. Both are retired educators. They have a son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Andy, Kristi and Drew, who live in McLean. Their youngest son, Scott, is the butcher at Puckett's and is attending Amarillo College. Bob and Janet are excited about this new opportunity and will continue to produce the same excellent paper Terri Adams has edited. Please continue to help by bringing your news story to The McLean News office (next door to the bank) or e-mailing to janetglass@sbcglobal.net

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

A barn with 7 box stalls inside, with wash rack facility, to stable 7 horses njured in the fires. Due to the extensive nature of the injuries these horses suffered they will require continued veterinary supervision and a treatment program, for a minimum of at least 3 months.

ALSO

A large storage building that can house large amounts of cattle cubes, feeds, equipment and supplies for redistribution. Must be accessible for trucks to load and unload.

The Gerald Tate Ag Barn is currently serving as an Emergency Burn Center, Feed, and Supplies distribution center for the ranchers and anyone else affected by the fires.

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DEBBIE DALTON 779-3229
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 REBECCA SIMMONS 681-5858

Red River Steakhouse Bought By Will Frost

The Red River Steakhouse will soon have a new owner. Will Frost, who once worked at the restaurant will become the new owner.

The restaurant will go

back to it's original style in food focusing on steaks and catfish.

The restaurant will close for one week for cleaning and will re-open on June 1st.

Ten Commandment Monument Update

by Archie Cooper
 Since the Ten Commandments Monument was set up in McLean on February 19,

2006, the committee has been looking for an economical way to construct a beautiful approach way from the street to the Monument.

The decision on what we think will require the least maintenance, be beautiful and express a broad welcome has not come easy or cheap. Pampa's West Texas Landscapers submitted the lower bid of three that were submitted.

To remove old concrete, cut down a retaining wall and build a new one, make two steps up to the monument and put paved stones in the center will cost \$4,023.00 including tax. Work is due to start on May 18th.

The location is Old Route 66 West at Gray Street. Many people are stopping to take pictures.

The people have been so kind and generous. We need \$995.00 more to pay the bill and break our account. I think we should keep an account for future decisions. How can the Committe thank the people enough for their giving, for compliments and prayers?

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Students of the Week



For the week of May 8 to 12: Pre-K - Dillon Ellis, K-Rance Blaylock, 1st - Hunter Burnett, 2nd - Nick Raymond, 3rd - Dezaray Blaylock, 4th - Shelby Adams, 5th - Tony Blas, 6th - Saber Bohlar, 7th - Tyler Britt, 8th - Jessi Stipper

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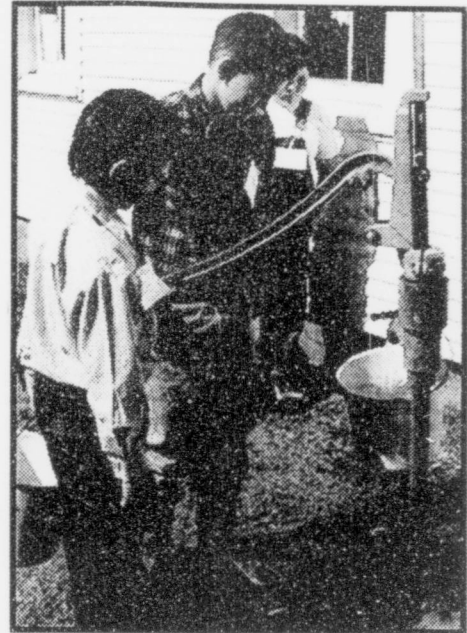
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4th Graders Visit 1910 At The One Room School House

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Above- The 4th graders get on the wagon for a photograph with Miss Tracy, the teacher in 1910. Left - Shelby Adams washes her hands in the basin with lye soap.



Ian McMordie waits his turn as Jordan McLain pumps water to drink for lunch and to wash their hands at the One Room School House.



CITY

resignation of Jim Adams, seconded by Molly McDowell. All in favor. At this time Betty Taylor made a public apology to Mr. Adams, stating that she was sorry for the way things were handled and Jim accepted her apology.

The council then made the motion and second with all in favor to advertise for a new Director of Public Works in the Amarillo and Pampa papers, with applications to be in City Hall no later than June 11, 2006.

The mayor then recommended Allen Nixon as the Interim Director of Works. Motion by Betty Taylor, second by George Shaw with all voting in favor. He will assume the position on May 23, 2006.

Questions were allowed from the audience at this time and Terri Adams asked Alderman Molly McDowell if she was aware

of the Open Meetings Act with regards to personnel and she stated that she was.

The mayor then asked Jim Adams to explain the gas systems audit. Jim told the council that they could receive up to \$12,000 in fines due to no operator qualification plan, no natural gas pipeline, public education and a liaison, the operation maintenance and emergency procedures manual is not up to date. Plus the pipeline safety

program fee check had not been sent to the Texas Railroad Commission at which Toni Bohlar stated she had not received the bill for it to be paid. At this time Betty Taylor stated that Jim had told the council that this needed to be done and he replied yes he had.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Famous Authors Come To McLean School

Last Thursday, the children of McLean Elementary and Junior High had the opportunity to meet and listen to two famous children's authors.

Storytellers, Dave and Pat Sargent weave

being very funny to being very scary.

The couples goal is to have positive reinforcement for children nonfiction writing so that the children believe it is real. Their stories go from

and to help them find their niche in the writing world.

After the story telling time, the children had the opportunity to buy the authors books and to have them autographed. One little girl even got the book

she had written autographed by the authors.

The Sargents are from Arkansas and are published by Ozark Publishing.

Girl Scouts Bridge To Next Level

On Sunday, May 7, 2006 in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church McLean Girls Scouts bridged to the next level of Girl Scouting.

The girls had a flag ceremony and sang "America the Beautiful," "Girls Grow Strong" and "Make New Friends".

Denise Bertrand, Five Star Girl Scout Council representative welcomed the parents and guests.

The Daisy Troop, Brooke Alley, Ariel Michalenko,

Maritza Retanan and Trista Greenwood walked across the bridge to become Brownies next year.

Brownie Troop #25, Dezeray Blaylock, Jordan Cox, Ashley Ferguson, Jasmine Montoya, Shelby Passmore, Camrynn Richardson, Kendalyn Richardson and Charlie Webb bridged to the Junior Troop.

Junior Girl Scout Troop # 128 bridged to the Cadette Troop. They are Britnie Cooper, Miranda

McMordie, Becca Reyna, Rena Smith and Moriah Wooldridge.

Denise Bertrand and Evelyn Shaw presented the leaders with a certificate of appreciation, World Trefoil

Pin, Leaders Girl Scout Pin, Insignia tab, membership guard, Adult position pin and a Thank You Girl Scout token. The adult leaders are Wanda Lamb, Connie Baten, Anna Jean Michalenko in the Daisy Troop; Petie Bullis,

Julie Ferguson, Nama Webb and Betty Morgan in the Brownie Troops; and Traci Cooper and Ella Mae Reyna in the Junior Troop.

The girls were then presented with their cookie incentives. Ashley Ferguson was the top seller for McLean.

Refreshments were served afterwards to parents and guests.

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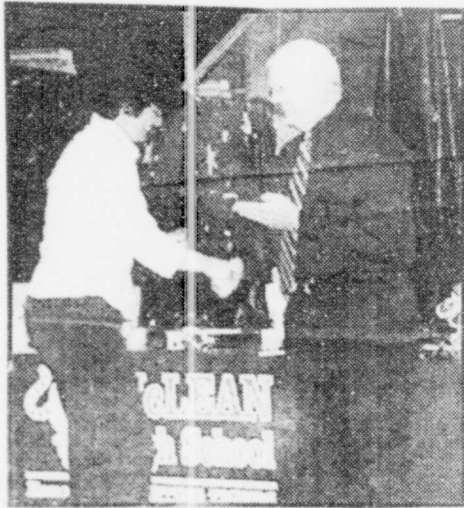
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Teacher Appreciation Dinner Held



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High School Principle, Rhonda Patterson presents Mrs. Russell a plaque at the teacher appreciation dinner.

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 Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 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.

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 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.
 Wednesday Choir 7:00 p.m.

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

Trinity Church Railroad Street
 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207
 Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.
 Life Groups-Sunday-5:00 p.m.
 Solid Rock Youth & Sunshine Children's Ministry
 Wednesday 6:00
 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday-7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Church & The Arena of Life 119 E. 3rd
 Ronnie Ferguson, Pastor - 779-2135
 Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.

BOARD

\$1,042,124.00 for the year ending August 31, 2005. He wanted some ideas from the board as to what they would like to use the funds for, whether it might be for Technology or Facilities. According to TEA the optimum fund balance for the District should be \$310,648.00, therefore the excess needs to be spent in the district or it will end up and have to be sent back to the state. Long-range goals could even be established. The Board requested that Mr. Hannon get some estimates as to the Technology needs first, and then improvements to the facilities.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Randy Eddleman will be mandatory for Districts to offer 12 hours of college credit to students attending High School in the year 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by Chet Bohlar, second by David Fuller to appoint Jimmy Hannon to the Regional Advisory Council for Region 16. Motion carried.

Under other business Mr. Hannon gave a legislative update of which the special session had adjourned. House bill 1 reduces the M & O by 17 cents, dropping the cap from \$1.50 to \$1.33. The state is guaranteeing to hold harmless whichever yearly revenue is better for the District from 2005-2006 or 2006-2007, including state to approve the Instructional Agreement for Early Admission/Concurrent Enrollment Classes Between Clarendon College and the McLean Independent School District. The purpose of

this agreement is to provide opportunities for qualified high school students to participate in early admission classes, concurrent or dual credit classes and to participate in Tech-Prep programs, all of which may allow the

student to receive both high school and college-level credit for successfully completing college-level courses. The program will target juniors and seniors who have passed TAKS. House bill 1 states that it

and local revenue Legislature is proposing teacher salary increases of \$2000.00, and has increased the equalized wealth determining Chapter 41 schools to \$319,000. They stated that for 2007-2008 school would start on the fourth Monday, and no early start waivers would be accepted. Mr. Hannon reminded the Board about the Athletic/Academic Banquet on Thursday, May 18th. It was decided to meet at 6:00 p.m. on June 19, 2006, for the next regular Board meeting to discuss the Budget.

Motion by Toni Bohlar, second by Chet Bohlar to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

The official minutes of the McLean City Council meeting were received too late for publication. The published minutes in this issue are condensed. The full version of the official minutes will be printed in the next issue in their entirety.



Superintendent, Jimmy Hannon addresses the crowd at the appreciation dinner and reads a poem in their honor. He expressed his gratitude to the teachers and each one was presented a gift of thanks.

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Lots 1 through 5, Block 42, Original Town of McLean."

Each bid will need to have 3 copies is separate envelopes, with the official description on the outside of each envelope. The envelopes will need to be brought to City Hall, 220 N. Main, or mailed to the City of McLean, P.O. Box 9, McLean Texas, 79057, before 5:00 p.m. on June 12th, 2006. Further information can be obtained at City Hall at the above address or by calling 779-2481. The bid amount plus the filing fee of \$20.00 will be required up front by the person that is awarded that property. The city reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities.

/s/ Tom Bohlar
City Secretary

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Groom's Route 66 Steakhouse To Close At The End Of Month

The news is officially out concerning the Rt. 66 Steakhouse and owner Will Frost and his mother, Carolyn, and dad, Gary. Will and family have operated the Groom Steakhouse the past three years and will begin operation of the McLean's Red River Steakhouse. Folks have come from all around the other towns to

eat the primarily featured steak and catfish. Owner Will Frost said, "We will close the Groom restaurant in about two weeks and work and clean the McLean restaurant. He added that plans are to open officially for business approximately June 1, 2006.

The plans are to close

the Rt. 66 Steakhouse in Groom with nobody as of yet to pick the operation and reopen under new leadership and cooks.

Frost stated, "More information is forthcoming as soon as I know more and after I visit with my lawyer and my accountant. Employees in

See Steakhouse, pg. 3

Matt Fields, Buck Babcock, Joe Rae Richardson Elected To City Council

Three newly elected aldermen will take the oath of office on Friday after

being elected to office in Saturdays City Election.

Matt Fields earned 90 votes from supporters to lead the candidates in ballots cast. Buck Babcock earned the second seat with

84 votes. Joe Rae Richardson will fill the 3rd seat with 43 votes.

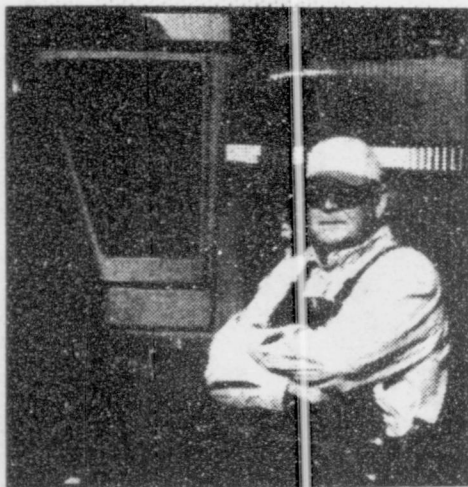
The rest of the balloting was as follows: Sharon Jones Britten - 36 votes, Ellis Stapp - 32 votes, Lee Barkley - 18 votes, Write In Clint Babcock 3 votes and Don Case 2 votes. (Clint Babcock and Don Case had asked voters to

not to consider them for office but had failed to ask that their name be removed from the ballot before the deadline.)

These newly elected officials will be joined by Aldermen Chris Welch and Kenny Weller and Mayor Joe Homer in conducting the business of the City of Groom.



Mother's Day Celebrations! "O.K. Girls! This is the pay-off for all the years of sleepless nights, unnumberable loads of laundry and unappreciated meals!" For JoAnn Britten it is pay-off time as she gets pampered by grown daughters who are now walking a mile in her shoes! (Please take note... JoAnn is actually sitting down!)



Amos Britten Honored At Conservation Banquet

Amos Britten was honored and presented a plaque by the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District as Resident Conservation Farmer of 2006 at their annual Conservation Awards Banquet. The banquet was held Thursday, April 27, 2006 at the first United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. Britten have been a farm family for 44 years, farming approximately 2,500 acres in southeastern Carson County. Amos is a lifelong resident of the county and still farms the family's land that includes the house where he was born. They are the parents of four children.

Mr. Britten has been a cooperater with the McClellan Creek SWCD for 30 years. His farming operation includes both dryland and irrigated acres where he grows a rotation that has included corn, soybeans, cotton, grain sorghum, wheat and hay.

Bobby euil Pool, Chairman of the SWCD presented a plaque to Susan O'Neal in memory

of Shawn O'Neal, past chairman of the McClellan Creek SWCD. Shawn had served as a board member since 2002.

Mark McKiernan was presented a plaque as appreciation for his service to the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District He has served as a board member since 2002.

This year's 1st place poster winners of the county, their parents and teachers were recognized and honored. Receiving engraved trophies for 2006 1st place winners were: Brade Bradshaw, Jordan Molnar, and Breanne Bonner from Panhandle, Payton Tyler and Sierrah Villarreal from White Deer; and Alex Ragsdale from Groom. The poster contest is held every year by the district for all 5th grade students in the county. First place poster compete in the area and state contest for additional rewards.

Entertainment was provided by Laura and Cullen Allen of Pampa. Dean Wyatt of White Deer catered the meal.

Community Calendar

COACH PITCH
Baseball team will play on May 29. Groom Junior High Cheerleaders will have a full concession stand. Go out and eat supper and support the team!

GROOM'S MUSIC
Department will hold their end of the year program for K-6, tonight, May 18 at 7:00.

MINOR LEAGUE
will play at home on May 12th at 7 p.m, two game in a row. A full concession stand will be available. Let them do the cooking and enjoy an evening at the Ball Park!



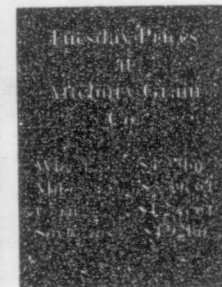
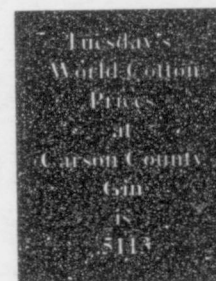
GROOM HIGH School graduation program will be on May 26 at 8:00 p.m. Junior High School graduation will be at 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL AWARDS
assembly will be held in the Groom High School Auditorium on Monday, May 22.



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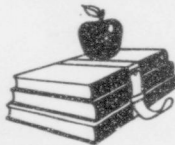
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LOCAL HAPPENING

Joe and Jean Miller of White Deer enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Rt. 66 Steakhouse in Groom with their son Phil and his wife Ruthie.

Norris Hoyt was released from the hospital last week as was Dorothy Weller. Herman Leven remains in the hospital.

Fire Ban Lifts By County Commissioners Court

The Carson County Commissioners Court met on Monday, May 15 and officially lifted the county-wide burn ban. Recent rains have lessened the danger of wild fires, although Commissioner Howell stated that extreme caution should still be

used. Judge Powers reminded all that any kind of controlled burn should be reported to the sheriff's office in advance.

The next meeting of the court will be on May 22. The commissioners met on May 5th in their regular meeting.

Panhandle Chamber Of Commerce To Hold Car Show

The Panhandle Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the first annual Panhandle Pair-A-Dice Car Show. The show, sponsored by Panther Pizza, will be held on Saturday, June 17th beginning at 10 am.

Events planned for the day include the Car Show from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., which will include all types of cars and Harleys as well. Winners in each category will be announced at 3:00

from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., followed by a dance featuring the music of Insufficient Funds from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m. in front of the Carson County Court House on Main Street.

Panhandle also features great restaurants, quaint retail shops and one of the best history museums in the state of Texas, so come spend the day in Panhandle!

For more information or entry forms, please call the Panhandle Chamber of Commerce at (806) 537-4325 or download an entry form at panhandletx.com.

p.m. Beginning at 3:30 p.m. will be a Burn-Out Contest on the bricks just off Main Street. A cruise on Main Street will be held

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 May 19 - John Bohr, Grant Weinheimer, Dusty Crump.
 May 20 - Carrie Sue Davis, Hali Bohr.
 May 21 - Johnny W. Brooks, Tom N. Britten,

Joannie Kling.
 May 22 - Shirley Jean Fields, Diane Bruso, Richard Barkley.
 May 23 - Charles A. Britten, Ray C. Britten, Courtney Head, Christy Painter.
 May 24 - Jayden Lambert, Dale Brooks.

Please help us keep the Birthday List up to date. Call 248-7333 with additions or changes!



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Groom School Menus

The following is the menu at Groom ISD for the week of May 22-26, 2006

Monday - Cold Cereal, muffins, juice and milk

Tuesday - Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice & milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk.

Thursday - Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, & milk.

Friday - Do-Nuts, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk.

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken Nuggets, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, milk and chocolate cake.

Tuesday: Corn Dogs, Macaroni & cheese, tator tots, fruit cocktail, pickle

spears & milk.

Wednesday: Soft Tacos, corn lettuce & tomatoes, milk & ice cream.

Thursday: Frotp (oe w/ chili & cheese, pinto beans, pineapple, graham crackers, & milk.

Friday: Bar-B-Que, potato Chips, and milk Applesauce.

Steakhouse

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Case No. 9528 GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS CHAVEZ GUADALUPE & CONNIE DELAPAZ

All of Lot Number Four (4), Block Number Two (2), Power Subdivision, a portion of Block Number Twelve (12), Original Town of Groom, Carson County, Texas

Case No. 9488 CARSON COUNTY VS TITSWORTH ALBERT D ESTATE

TRACT 1: All of Lots Five (5) and Six (6), in Block Number Sixty-Six (66), Original Town of Groom, Carson County, Texas

TRACT 2: All of Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), in Block Number Sixty-Six (66) of the Original Town of Groom, Carson County, Texas

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Britten's Lucky 13 Pay Homage To The Woman Who Made It All Possible!

Jo Ann Britten's 'Lucky 13' gathered to celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday with only 34 attending her day of pampering. After Mass, brunch was served to all. She celebrated with a very FULL house so it was probably for the best that only half of them could make it.

Those enjoying Mothers Day with Jo Ann were Mark and Nancy Britten, Charlie and Christina Straus, Sammy Britten, Kim Black, Chris and Lindsey Koenig, Donald and Nila Burgin, Brin Burgin, Cliff and Susan Britten, Adam Britten, Rickie and Rita Poor, Shaun Poor, Serena Twait, Ashli Poor and Brighton, Aubri Poor, Monica and Craig Howard, Caren, Karla, Kecia, Keeli and Conner Howard, Ted and Robynn Britten, Joanna and Branson Britten, Lucille Britten, and Art Britten.

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Junior High & Elementary UIL Contest Results Posted

Groom ISD hosted the Elementary and Junior High Annual District UIL Contest last week. Groom did very well as individual and as a team. The results of the individual contests are as follows:

DICTIONARY SKILLS

- Fifth Grade**
 1. Quentin Read Samnwd.
 2. Tanner Case Groom
 3. Clint Galyean Groom
 4. Tyler Barkley Groom
 5. Lacey Green Samnwd.

- Sixth Grade**
 1. Bekah Roskens Groom
 2. Jacey Little Groom
 3. Chris Homen Groom
 4. Clay Warner Lefors
 5. Dennis Sprouse Lefors
 6. Amber Shephard Lefors

- Seventh Grade**
 1. Jacob Torres Groom
 2. Michael Kelly Groom
 3. Maddie Wieberg Groom
 4. Shayley Morriss Lefors
 5. Roger Smith Lefors
 6. Taylor Overstreet Lefors

- Eighth Grade**
 1. Eric Torres Groom
 2. Virginia Froese Groom
 3. Tyler Case Groom
 4. Haley Smith Lefors
 5. Kara Davis Lefors
 6. Abby Andis Lefors

NUMBER SENSE

- Fourth Grade**
 1. Megan Ruthardt Groom

2. Paloma Contreras Kelton
 3. McKenna Britten Groom
 4. Chantelle Hampton

- Kelton
 5. Rebekah Cain Samnwd.
 6. Austin Barnett Samnwd.

- Fifth Grade**
 1. Caleb Reyna Groom
 2. Quentin Read Samnwd.
 3. Colten Helfer Lefors
 4. Spencer Nicholson Lefors
 5. Brady Painter Groom
 6. Brody Britten Groom

- Seventh Grade**
 1. Michael Kelly Groom
 2. Shayley Morriss Lefors
 3. Jacob Torres Groom
 4. Taylor Overstreet Lefors

- Eighth Grade**
 1. Eddie Chavez Kelton
 2. Alyssa Alvarado Kelton
 3. Tyler Case Groom
 4. PJ Franks Kelton
 5. Keely Callaway Lefors

CALCULATOR

- Sixth Grade**
 1. Taylor Ray Lefors
 2. Clay Warner Lefors
 3. Dennis Sprouse Lefors

- Seventh Grade**
 1. Shayley Morriss Lefors
 2. Monica Pairsh Lefors

- Eighth Grade**
 1. Ashley Primeaux Lefors
 2. Abby Andis Lefors
 3. Kimberley Ganzalez Samnwd.
 4. Ashley Woodard Lefors
 5. Gabby Garica Samnwd.

SPELLING

- Third Grade**
 1. Alana Shephard Lefors
 2. Trekas Ryan Kelton
 3. Eddie Boaz Lefors
 4. Logan Martindale

- Samnwd.
 5. Cheyenne Powell Kelton
 6. Nikki Putman Samnwd.

MATHEMATICS

- Sixth Grade**
 1. Bekah Roskens Groom
 2. Junior Mora Kelton
 3. Brody Calcote Kelton
 4. Dennis Sprouse Lefors
 5. Amber Shephard Lefors
 6. Jerra Speed Samnwd.

Seventh Grade

1. Maddie Wieberg Groom
 2. Taylor Overstreet Lefors
 3. Michael Kelly Groom
 4. Paige Lister Kelton
 5. Shayley Morriss Lefors
 6. Jacob Torres Groom

Eighth Grade

1. Alyssa Alvarado Kelton
 2. Kimberly Gonzalez Samnwd
 3. Eddie Chavez Kelton
 4. Virginia Froese Groom
 5. Jes Roskens Groom
 6. Ashley Primeaux Lefors

Maps, Graphs, and Charts

Fifth Grade

1. Quentin Read Samnwd.
 2. Sara Kelly Groom
 3. Elizabeth Merrell Groom
 4. Brody Britten Groom
 5. Tyler Neely Samnwd
 6. Tammye Lumpkin Kelton

Sixth Grade

1. Bekah Roskens Groom
 2. Taylor Ray Lefors
 3. Trent Murray Groom
 4. Jacey Little Groom
 5. Juniro Mora Kelton
 6. Story Pairsh Lefors

Seventh Grade

1. Taylor Overstreet Lefors
 2. Shayley Morriss Lefors
 3. Cameron Barnes Lefors
 4. Krystal Franks Kelton
 5. Paige Lister Kelton

Eighth Grade

1. Keenan Lott Lefors
 2. Eddie Chavez Kelton and Tyler Case Groom (Tie)
 3. None
 4. Virginia Froese Groom
 5. Trever Czubinski Lefors
 6. Shane King Groom

STORYTELLING

Second Grade

1. Alyssa Evans Groom
 2. Harli Jernigan Lefors
 3. Andrew Ingle Groom
 4. Keegan Bright Groom
 5. Blake Fry Lefors
 6. Cecilia Guerrero Kelton

Third Grade

1. Cari Weinheimer Groom
 2. Trekas Ryan Kelton
 3. Cheyenne Powell Kelton
 4. Alana Shephard Kelton
 5. Tiffany Palmer Lefors
 6. Thomas Meadows Kelton

Seventh Grade

1. Kelly Burrell Samnwd
 2. Shayley Morriss Lefors
 3. Cassandra Brown Groom
 4. Roger Smith Lefors
 5. Haley Kuehler Groom
 6. Myles Friemel Groom

Eight Grade

1. Ashley Murray Groom
 2. Shane King Groom
 3. Ashley Evans Groom
 4. Keely Callaway Lefors

SOCIAL STUDIES

Fifth Grade

1. Clint Galyean Groom
 2. Caleb Reyna Groom
 3. Brady Painter Groom

Sixth Grade

1. Seth Scully Lefors
 2. Trent Murray Groom
 3. Amber Shephard Lefors
 4. Clay Warner Lefors
 5. Jacey Little Groom

MUSIC MEMORY

Third Grade

1. Hayden Ritter Groom
 2. Rileigh Welch Groom
 3. Cari Weinheimer Groom

Fourth Grade

1. McKenna Britten Groom
 2. Vidal Ybarra Groom
 3. Megan Ruthardt Groom

Fifth Grade

1. Amy Weinheimer Groom
 2. Macee Rocha Groom
 3. Sara Kelly Groom
 4. Elizabeth Merrell Groom

Sixth Grade

1. Susie Bhakta Groom
 2. Bekah Roskens Groom

LISTENING

Fifth Grade

1. Alex Ragsdale Groom
 2. Quentin Read Samnwd.
 3. Macee Rocha Groom and Colten Helfer Lefors and Spencer Nicholson Lefors (Tied)

Sixth Grade

1. Joshua Cain Samnwd. and Sydney Armstrong Samnwd. (Tied)
 2. None
 3. Jerra Speed Samnwd.
 4. Susie Bhakta Groom
 5. Kate Porter Lefors
 6. Taylor Ray Lefors

Seventh Grade

1. Erin Fink Groom
 2. Samantha Clendennen Groom
 3. Monica Pairsh Lefors
 4. Sadie O'Brien Lefors
 5. Tanner Britten Groom

Eighth Grade

1. Tyler Case Groom
 2. Billy Corley Groom
 3. Lana King Groom
 4. Wakely Pairsh Lefors
 5. Trever Czubinski Lefors
 6. Seth Fry Lefors

CREATIVE WRITING

Second Grade

1. Jordan Goss Groom
 2. Kyle Warner Lefors
 3. Keegan Bright Groom
 4. Xavier Lund Lefors
 5. Harli Jernigan Lefors
 6. Kylie Pickering Groom

READY WRITING

Third Grade

1. Cari Weinheimer Groom
 2. Rileigh Welch Groom
 3. Eddie Boaz Lefors
 4. Alana Shephard Lefors
 5. Nikki Putman Samnwd.
 6. Logan Martindale Samnwd.

Fourth Grade

1. Emily Weaver Lefors
 2. Justana Tate Samnwd.
 3. Tycee Overstreet Lefors
 4. Katelin Weller Groom
 5. McKenna Britten Groom
 6. Megan Ruthardt Groom

Fifth Grade

1. Kyle Smith Lefors
 2. Quentin Read Samnwd.
 3. Amy Weinheimer
 4. Colten Helfer Lefors
 5. Sara Kelly Groom
 6. Alex Ragsdale Groom

Sixth Grade

1. Bekah Roskens Groom
 2. Victoria Kiker Samnwd.
 3. Clay Warner Lefors
 4. Neva Corley Groom
 5. Sydney Armstrong Samnwd.
 6. Susie Bhakta Groom

Seventh Grade

1. Maddie Wieberg Groom
 2. Roger Smith Lefors
 3. Haley Kuehler Groom
 4. Kelleena Burrell Samnwd.
 5. Michael Kelly Groom
 6. Shayley Morriss Lefors

Eighth Grade

1. Ashley Evans Groom
 2. Haley Smith Lefors
 3. Tyler Case Groom
 4. Keely Callaway Lefors
 5. Lana King Groom
 6. Christian Cook Lefors

SPELLING

Fourth Grade

1. Chantelle Hampton Kelton
 2. Angelica Lopez Kelton
 3. Ethan Johnson Kelton
 4. McKenna Britten Groom
 4. Rebekah Cain Samnwd.
 5. Katelin Weller Groom

Fifth Grade

1. Tyler Barkley Groom
 2. Quentin Read Samnwd.
 3. Colten Helfer Lefors
 4. Amy Weinheimer Groom

See UIL, pg. 5

When this Cowboy is done for the day, he rides as fast as his horse will carry him to the Stop N Shop Texaco. After tying his ride to the hitching post, he burst thru the swinging doors and asks for his favorite cold drink. Leaning back in his chair, he downs an ice cold A&W Root Beer. Later as he walks out, he tells the clerk, keep a Fanta Orange cold for me, I think tomorrow's gonna be another hot one.



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Gregory Scott Nelson, 23, of Amarillo, was arrested on May 10, 2006 by Trooper Oscar Esqueda on outside warrants. He was released on \$3,000 bond.

Patrick W. Gerber, 20, of Albuquerque, NM, was arrested on a felony charge of possession of marijuana and a misdemeanor charge of evading arrest detention by Trooper Mike Smith.

Sean R. McBroom, 23, of Albuquerque was arrested on May 11 by Trooper Mike Smither for possession of Marijuana more than 5 lbs and less than 50 lbs.

David Earnest McDannels, 61, of Lubbock, Texas was arrested for outside warrants including domestic violence by Trooper Gary Davis.

Tina Rena Howard, 34 of White Deer was arrested on outside warrants by Trooper Dennis Brassfield. She was released on \$500.00 bond.

Timothy Shane Weaver,

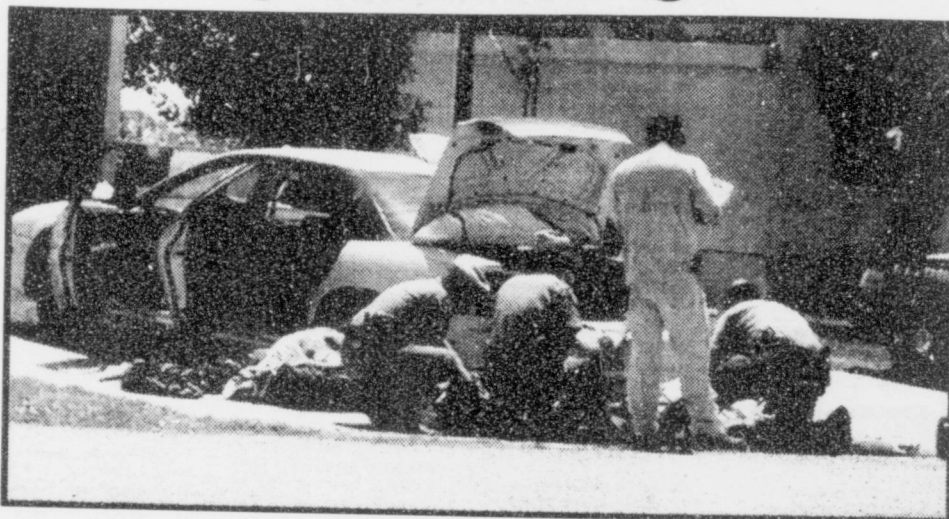
21 of Amarillo, Texas was arrested by Deputy Rick Armstrong on several felony charges of identity theft by device and several outside warrants.

Philip Ray Smith, 43, was arrested on May 11, 2006 for driving while licence is suspended by Trooper Mike Smith.

Those who in custody in the jail this week include Rosalio Rodriguez Barraza, Larry Gene Caviness, Jermy Jerome Dunken, Joshua David Gardiner, Matthew Gillpatrick, Earnest David McDannels, Marco Antonio Pantoja, Javier Osornil Pena, Justin Ray Reynolds, Gene Wesley Rogers, Gary Don Salazar,

Craig Thomas, Brian Keith Trantham, Manuel Jesus Velgara, and Timothy Shane Weaver.

Inmates Brandon Dean Malone and Fredrick Lee Pachall were on their way to their new home in prison at press time.



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UIL

5. Tanner Case Groom
6. Kyle Smith Lefors

Sixth Grade

1. Susie Bhakta Groom

2. Hali Bohr Groom
3. Bekah Roskens Groom
4. Joshua Cain Samnwd.
5. Clay Warner Lefors
6. Junior Mora Kelton

Seventh Grade

1. Samantha Clendennen Groom
2. Michael Kelly Groom
3. Shayley Morriss Lefors

4. Maddie Wieberg Groom
5. Joey Johnson Kelton
6. Ronny Martel Samnwd.

4. Rachael Hopkins Groom and Eddie Chavez Kelton (Tie)

5. None
6. April Ortiz Kelton and Keenan Lott Lefors (Tie)

Eighth Grade

1. Virginia Froese Groom
2. Tyler Case Groom
3. Jes Roskens Groom
4. Lacie Johnston Lefors
5. Seth Fry Lefors
6. Trever Czubinski Lefors

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

- Seventh Grade
1. Roger Smith Lefors
2. Brooke Franks Lefors
3. Erin Finck Groom
4. Haley Kuchler Groom
5. Cassandra Brown Groom

Eighth Grade

1. Ashley Evans Groom
2. Ashley Murray Groom
3. Haley Smith Lefors
4. Billy Corley Groom
5. Gage Zeek Lefors
6. Christina Cook Lefors

Art Fourth Grade

1. McKenna Britten Groom
2. Jonah Cooper Groom
3. Vidal Ybarra Groom

Art Fifth Grade

1. Alex Ragsdale Groom

2. Cassandra Ingle Groom
3. Victoria Moraniec Groom

Science I Seventh Grade

1. Roger Smith Lefors
2. Jacob Torres Groom
3. Samantha Clendennen Groom and Shayley Morriss Lefors (Tie)
4. None
5. Stormy Howard Lefors
6. Paige Lister Kelton

Science II Eighth Grade

1. Seth Fry Lefors
2. PJ Franks Kelton
3. Tyler Case Groom

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Longtime Groom Resident Is Laid To Rest On Monday



Bertha Ellen Neal Knight

GROOM - One of Groom's most beloved residents was laid to rest on Monday. Bertha Ellen Neal Knight, 97, died Friday, May 12, 2006 after a long illness. For nearly 4 decades this kind lady made children of Groom and the surrounding area love books and love coming to the library for the special attention that she gave them.

Services were Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Kelly, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery by

Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Bertha Neal Knight went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, May 12, 2006, at the age of 97 years.

Bertha Ellen was born with a crippled foot to Charlie Washington Neal and Daisy Bradley Neal in Rhea, Arkansas on Jan. 30, 1909. The family moved by train to Durant, Okla., when Bertha was 2 years old. She learned to read by

holding the family Bible while her mother quoted the 91st Psalm. Her mother was a great prayer warrior for the family, and the first time young Bertha prayed out loud was for her mother's healing. When her mother died, in spite of her prayer, Bertha was bitter. She wandered in darkness for years, with the devil as her guide. Bertha's dad made her go to church,

but he couldn't make her listen.

Bertha went to high school in Mead, Okla., and in 1930 she moved to Groom, along with her daddy, her sister and her brothers. At midnight one night, at the age of 23, Bertha had a vision. She saw Jesus standing at the top of the stairs, and she was at the bottom with fire burning her legs. It was at that moment that Bertha begged to be saved and was forgiven for all of those years of bitterness. Since

the devil doesn't give up without a fight, he told Bertha that she couldn't be baptized because of her crippled leg, so she waited.

Bertha Ellen Neal and Floyd Elwood Knight were united in marriage on April 26, 1934, at Sulphur, Okla. After a wedding trip to Moline, Ill., the couple made their home in Groom, and began to pray for children to complete their family. In Groom First Baptist Church, on the morning of Feb. 9, 1951, Bertha heard the Lord say to her that she

could wear a shoe while she was being baptized. That night, as Bro. Bob Lloyd brought Bertha up out of the water with Jesus, it was the happiest moment of her life.

Right away, Bertha was asked to teach the junior girls in Sunday school, which she did for 20 years.

Then, for the next 15 years, Bertha taught the junior boys and girls in Training Union on Sunday nights. Bertha Knight became the Groom Branch librarian in 1951 and retired on July

31, 1990, after 38 years and 61 days of service. She loved every minute of it and set a record having 107 children at story hour one hot summer day. They met in the clubhouse on the north end of Broadway, and they just about smothered because they were crammed in there like little chickens.

Between the junior classes at church and the library, God had answered her prayer - all the children of Groom were hers to love. At First Baptist

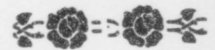
Church, Bertha also enjoyed working with the Women's Missionary Union, and served as president of the Night Circle. In later years, she

was a member of the TEL Sunday school class and was active in the senior citizens organization.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Floyd, on Feb. 3, 1965; her parents; her brothers, A.D. and wife Ethel Whatley Neal, Leslie and wife Dora Brown Neal and William J. Neal; her sister, Nellie Ford; a niece; and three nephews.

Survivors include Bertha's sister-in-law, Floreta Neal of Kansas City, Mo.; several precious nieces and nephews; and many cherished friends.

The family suggests memorials be to Groom Branch Library or First Baptist Church in Groom.



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